

Mr Han 1321

Chapter 1321: Let Lu Man Fall into a Big Trap

She really could not stand seeing Han Zhuoli and Lu Man showing off their love to the whole country.

From the first time she'd seen Han Zhuoli until now, the Han Zhuoli that she knew had always been exceptionally cold and aloof. No matter who it was, be it guy or girl, he was always cold to them and would distance himself from others, never getting too close to someone else.

Even to Wang Juhuai, he was only slightly more friendly than to other people.

Or else he would not have been clean of scandals for decades. No other woman could get close enough to him.

That was why Wang Qianyun had always thought that she had a chance.

Anyway, given Han Zhuoli's cold mannerism towards everyone, it just showed that he did not have anyone he liked. That meant that she still had a chance.

At least she was a little closer to Han Zhuoli.

However, the man she always thought was cold and aloof in this aspect actually did not care about the cameras at all and gave all his gentleness to Lu Man.

Now, everyone knew that Han Zhuoli was not born to be cold and aloof, that he was not like that to everyone. Before, he just had not met the person whom he would treat so specially.

He'd met that person now, which was Lu Man, so he was just expressing his love for Lu Man without any reservations in front of everyone else.

Wang Qianyun felt so jealous that her organs almost contorted.

Seeing Wang Qianyun's reaction, Lin Jinshu said, "I know you're angry, but what's the point of being angry now?"

Wang Qianyun's face trembled as she said, "I won't let Lu Man have it so easy!"

She coldly browsed through the comments about Lu Man online.

The comments by netizens were both good and bad.

Those bad comments suddenly gave Wang Qianyun inspiration.

"Haha, Lu Man won an award and announced her relationship with Han Zhuoli. It's like she's really winning in life now." Wang Qianyun scoffed and said, "I want to see if she can actually hold on to this award and whether it won't scald her hands!"

Lin Jinshu guessed Wang Qianyun's thoughts and said, "You mean..."

"Han Zhuoli kept saying that Lu Man never got any help from him, that Lu Man won this award with her own efforts. Who really knows?" Wang Qianyun said coldly. "With Han Zhuoli around, who will believe

that Lu Man truly relied on her own abilities? Since Han Zhuoli was worried previously that other people will think Lu Man was relying on a man, then now, I'll let his worries come true."

Lin Jinshu also hated Lu Man to the core now.

If Lu Man had not intervened, how could Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei have escaped from her trap so quickly?

The original plan was favorable to her. She had been on the verge of pushing Xia Qingwei and Wang Juhuai to a dead end.

However, when Lu Man suddenly intervened, the whole situation changed.

She became the target of the public. She was mocked and now on the verge of being driven out of the elite circles in B City through discrimination.

The amount of hate Lin Jinshu harbored towards Lu Man was about to exceed what she felt towards Xia Qingwei.

If Lu Man had not intervened, she would likely have succeeded by now.

Even if she could not separate Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei immediately, she could still have made Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei live in agony and be devoid of happiness!

However, it was all useless now.

Seeing that Wang Qianyun wanted to deal with Lu Man, Lin Jinshu was 100% supportive of her. She immediately felt that she had a common enemy with Wang Qianyun at that moment.

"I still have some connections in B City. I can find some people and blow this up," Lin Jinshu immediately said.

"Good." Wang Qianyun turned to look at Lin Jinshu and said, "Auntie, I know Lu Man ruined your good plans. If not for Lu Man, you would have already succeeded by now. Don't worry, this time, both of us will join hands and definitely set a huge trap for Lu Man."

Chapter 1322: Traps After Traps

Lin Jinshu stared at the screen coldly. "Of course, how can we let Lu Man get all the good things in life?"

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli sat in the car and went home. On the way home, Lu Man's incoming calls were never-ending.

Everyone was calling her, from her past colleagues to *Greedy Wolf Operation*'s and Red Tiger's main cast.

These people all knew about her and Han Zhuoli.

Although she did not say it explicitly back then, Han Zhuoli's high profile as he was visiting the shoots surely made the situation clear to the actors from the production.

Lu Man thanked them one by one. After answering a few calls, she felt her throat turning dry already.

On Weibo, there was suddenly a flood of artistes in the industry who tagged her, congratulated her for the award, and even sent well wishes for her and Han Zhuoli.

She had not crossed paths with any of these people before, not even exchanging a word with them.

She knew that these people were all flocking to her to make themselves known to Han Zhuoli.

There were some whom she had really met at the awards ceremony just now, but they either ignored her, did not talk to her, or were with Zhang Lun's circle that discriminated against her.

In the end, they all came out now to act as if they were on good terms with her, as if nothing unhappy had ever happened and congratulated her passionately.

Lu Man did not reply to those people she did not know.

As there were too many, she could not finish replying to all of them one by one, but she did thank everyone for their well-wishes on the whole.

As for those two-faced people, Lu Man did not bother about them at all.

When she finally settled all these, she saw Han Zhuoli using his phone as well.

Lu Man glanced over and saw that he was in the "8864" chat.

Yan Huaian: "@Han Zhuoli, you're really something, you punk. It's either you don't announce it or you announce it with a bang. How does it feel to show off your romance in front of the whole country?"

Han Zhuoli: "It feels damn good. Now everyone knows Man Man is my wife. I can say I'm very proud now."

Wei Zilin: "...I'll hold a press conference tomorrow and announce my relationship again. Will that be too late?"

Qi Chenglin: "Too late, too late. You've been married for so long already. Stop dreaming."

Qi Chengzhi: "Brothers, Zhuo Zi is someone with such a huge presence. One cannot help but admit."

Nan Jingheng: "The thing I really admire is how Big Brother Han brings his marriage certificate around with him. He's got so many tricks up his sleeve."

Yan Beicheng: "Haha, your wives asked me, why don't you guys bring your marriage certificates with you?"

Nan Jingheng: "...Yian also asked me that, as well as whether I ever secretly considered this."

Chu Zhaoyang: "..."

Wei Ziqi: "What's up? Was Old Chu asked as well?"

Chu Zhaoyang: "From tomorrow onwards, bring it with you."

Qi Chenglin: "Zhuo Zi really sinned big time."

Lu Man was reminded of it and asked Han Zhuoli, “How long more do you intend to bring this marriage certificate with you?”

“I will put it back when I’m home. What if I lose such an important thing like this?” Han Zhuoli said solemnly.

Lu Man: “...”

So he lied to everyone that he brought it everywhere with him. Now he wanted to keep it at home.

Was that appropriate?

Han Zhuoli put down his phone and stopped talking to those brothers of his.

He held Lu Man’s hand and smiled in satisfaction. “I can finally do this openly now. This feels great.”

Lu Man solemnly nodded. One of her hands was held by Han Zhuoli, the other hand was wrapped around his elbow.

Han Zhuoli said, “Why don’t we go and shop tomorrow?”

Lu Man: “...”

“There’s nothing I need to buy.”

“Let’s just walk around casually. It’s fine if you don’t buy anything,” Han Zhuoli said.

Chapter 1323: Walk Slower, Easier for Everyone to Take Photos

Lu Man: “...”

This man just wanted to go on the streets to show off his love!

Han Zhuoli was now unleashing himself after suppressing himself for so long.

He was like a fierce tiger springing out of the cage, one that could not wait to just run ten rounds around the field.

This was roughly what Han Zhuoli was feeling right now.

Seeing how this man was behaving right now made Lu Man think that he was just like an excited little child. It was strangely cute. Where was that usual cold and arrogant demeanor of a CEO?

He’d endured it for so long just for her. How would Lu Man bear to reject him?

Hence, she agreed just like that.

In the end, the next morning, Lu Man had not woken up and was still sleeping soundly.

Han Zhuoli woke up first.

Lu Man felt that her ears were itchy, and so was her nose. After a while, her mouth started to itch as well.

She frowned in her sleep and used her hands to try to sweep it away.

However, not long after she did that, her cheeks started itching again.

“Man Man, Man Man.” A low voice rang beside her ear, as if it was a bass voice ringing lightly by it.

Lu Man was still dreaming, so she just stuffed her head into her pillow.

Han Zhuoli chuckled. This lass was actually so cute when she refused to wake up in the morning.

He’d never noticed this in the past.

He carefully tilted Lu Man’s face away from the pillow towards him again.

Han Zhuoli felt a little conflicted. He did not want to disrupt her sleep, so he was really gentle with his actions. However, his ultimate goal was still to wake her up.

However, no matter how light Han Zhuoli’s actions were, Lu Man still woke up from his constant little actions.

She squinted her eyes open and saw Han Zhuoli full of energy and staring at her. He did not look sleepy at all.

Lu Man rubbed her eyes to wake herself up more, but she still felt sleepy. She said in a sleepy voice, “Why are you up so early?”

“Let’s go for a morning jog first,” Han Zhuoli said energetically.

“...” Lu Man stared at the time and realized it was not even six o’clock in the morning. “Since when were you in the habit of taking a morning jog?”

This man always exercised at night in the gym at home. Usually, when he was working, he would leave the house too early and had no time to jog.

When the weekends finally came and he had time to rest, he would always hug her and sleep in.

“Since today,” Han Zhuoli said seriously.

Lu Man: “...”

She had a nagging feeling that he was not really going because he wanted to jog.

However, Lu Man was still dragged out of bed by Han Zhuoli.

Seeing that Han Zhuoli was actually changing into his sportswear, Lu Man also went to dig out her running outfit.

In the end, when they left the house, Han Zhuoli wanted to bring her to the car.

“...” Lu Man was confused. “Aren’t we going to jog?”

“It’s not convenient to run here,” Han Zhuoli said.

Lu Man: “...”

What’s not convenient about it?

However, her instinct told her not to ask.

Alas, even if Lu Man did not ask, Han Zhuoli still answered her anyway. "There are too few people jogging here."

Lu Man: "..."

Who especially looks for a place with many people to run in?

It was not as if this was a race.

However, Lu Man was still brought to a nearby park by Han Zhuoli.

There were people practicing taichi and doing morning exercises. There were also people skipping to lose weight.

There was also a huge grass patch in the park, and there were people sitting on the long benches beside it to feed the pigeons.

On the path bordering the square were people slowly jogging around the park.

Han Zhuoli nodded in satisfaction. "There are many people here."

Lu Man: "..."

Alas, Han Zhuoli managed to bring her all the way here but decided not to run. Instead, he just brought Lu Man along with him to loiter around the park.

"We're not jogging?" Lu Man asked.

"We're not running. Save some energy so we can go shopping soon." Han Zhuoli walked around casually and said after a moment's pause, "Walk slower here so it's easier for everyone to take photos."

Chapter 1324: Bumping into Han Zhuoli and Lu Man Everywhere

Lu Man: "..."

She only just realized that many people who were originally jogging had, without her noticing, taken out their phones and started taking photos of them, no longer running.

There were gasps all around them. "This must be Lu Man and Han Zhuoli!"

"They are so compatible!"

"They have just been showing their love publicly last night, yet today they're already out jogging together. This is too much PDA for singles to take."

"Well, they can finally walk together in public openly."

The people around them were either curious about them or well-wishers. The general atmosphere was considered more friendly.

Thinking about it, no one would be so mean as to go up to the couple to talk bad about them.

There were many people taking photos, so the photos got uploaded online immediately.

“It’s rare that I came out to exercise today. I actually met Han Zhuoli and Lu Man. Both of them look really good together. They look 100 times better in real life than in photos!”

“They were being lovey-dovey all the way. Han Zhuoli’s eyes never left Lu Man. His hand was also holding on to Lu Man, as if afraid that he would lose her.”

“Can tell that they are not just putting on an act. They’re not purposely doing it for other people to see. It’s like a natural thing for them to do. I’m so envious of them.”

“Han Zhuoli really likes Lu Man. Lu Man also looks exceptionally happy beside Han Zhuoli. They really have a loving relationship.”

Behind them, cries of envy and well-wishes naturally followed.

Han Zhuoli took Lu Man to walk around for three whole rounds, until many people caught wind of the news online and rushed over to see them. They almost clogged up the whole place before Han Zhuoli brought Lu Man away.

When they got back to the car, Lu Man finally heaved a sigh of relief. “I was so scared that we weren’t going to be able to leave.”

“I didn’t expect everyone to be so passionate.” Han Zhuoli nodded in satisfaction. “Next time, we have to come out more often for people to photograph us.”

Lu Man: “...”

He must have felt that today’s photo-taking session was not enough.

When the two of them got home, washed up, and ate breakfast, Han Zhuoli pulled Lu Man along with him to go shopping and clog up the streets again.

He especially did not let Lu Man wear a cap or glasses so that everyone could recognize her.

Hence, photos like these appeared on Weibo.

“I saw Han Zhuoli and Lu Man on XXX road.”

“I saw Han Zhuoli and Lu Man at XXX mall.”

“I saw Han Zhuoli and Lu Man at XXX restaurant.”

One topic slowly rose to the top. “Running into Han Zhuoli and Lu Man Everywhere.”

Some netizens could not help but ask, “Is Han Zhuoli bringing Lu Man around the whole city today? How is it possible that people can run into them everywhere?”

“I did a map of their journey. These are the places that Han Zhuoli and Lu Man have been to already.” The netizen immediately uploaded a picture of a map from his phone.

The photo marked out the places Han Zhuoli and Lu Man had been to. It clearly showed that they went one whole round around the inner city and were moving outwards.

“This is crazy. Are Han Zhuoli and Lu Man planning to go around the whole city today?”

“No wonder so many people have seen them already. They must be doing this on purpose.”

Lu Man was also dumbstruck.

She had underestimated what Han Zhuoli meant by “shopping.”

At first, she thought that they were just going to walk along a street to shop and let everyone take a look at them being together.

She never expected Han Zhuoli’s goal to be so big. He was aiming to go around the whole city.

By the time they reached home, Lu Man was so tired that she did not feel like moving and lay on the sofa, no longer able to move.

“If you tell me we are going shopping next time, you better tell me clearly!” Lu Man took a gulp of water and continued, “If it’s this kind of shopping, I’m not going anymore.”

Han Zhuoli laughed as he sat down beside her. He placed Lu Man’s legs on his lap then took off her shoes and started to massage her feet.

Chapter 1325: Malicious Discussions

Lu Man immediately stopped him and said, “Hey, I just walked for the whole day.”

She walked around the whole day and had worn her shoes for the whole day. How dirty her feet would be.

Seeing his slender, beautiful jade-like hands, she especially felt even more embarrassed over having her feet held by him like that.

However, Han Zhuoli held her feet in his hands, making her feet seem so petite.

Her legs were small and slender, smooth and fair. Even her toenails were pink.

Only Lu Man thought bad of it. However, Han Zhuoli did not think it was inappropriate at all.

He used his thumb to slowly press and massage Lu Man’s soles.

After walking for a long time, Lu Man could feel her feet becoming a little swollen even though it was not visibly obvious.

Now that Han Zhuoli had massaged her feet a few times, she could feel her feet relaxing.

Just as Lu Man was about to doze off from the comforting massage, Hu Zhonghui called her.

“Xiao Hui,” Lu Man answered.

“Lu Man, you should go online and take a look right now,” Hu Zhonghui said. “There is suddenly a huge wave of malicious discussions targeted at you. They said that you got the Best Newcomer Award all because of Young Master Han and of internal manipulation. I don’t know who started this, but comments like this suddenly surged at the same time and are overwhelming. Many famous verified accounts in the entertainment industry are also spreading the posts.”

Lu Man opened it and saw that there were indeed some famous accounts in the entertainment industry who'd shared the posts. Some of them had even worked with her before.

With these accounts, some netizens even commented and said, "Previously, during *The Performer* and the Chinese Arts Championships, Lu Man had been saying that she could not stand internal manipulations. In the end, she herself got the Best Newcomer Award because of her man. This is really disgusting."

"She kept saying that Han Zhuoli did not help her, but how is it possible that he didn't? I for one don't believe that Lu Man relied on her own capabilities rather than on Han Zhuoli."

Lu Man's fans were upset and retorted, "You MMQB[1]s are really funny, huh? When you didn't know anything previously and saw Lu Man's achievements, why didn't you suspect anything then? Now, people only disclosed the fact that they are husband and wife and there you guys are being all sour about it. You guys really hate to see that others are doing well."

"But the truth is right there. Back then, for the showtimes of *Fighting Hero* and *Attack Force*, wasn't the Han Corporation the one that pressured them until their films were cut? If not for that, how could Lu Man have gotten such a good win?"

"That's a separate issue. Han Zhuoli is her husband. Back then, Zhang Lun and the others fell out with Lu Man. What's wrong with a husband supporting his wife? But that's not related to the film festival this time around, right? The award prioritizes acting skills, not those achievements Lu Man got in the past. If you guys are talking about the showtime issue, it is indeed Han Zhuoli who helped her. However, now that Lu Man has won an award, you guys also said that it's because of Han Zhuoli. Where's your proof?"

"Proof? The situation is so obvious. What's there to prove? Let's not talk about the many other actors who are more outstanding than Lu Man but did not get nominated. Within the nominated list, which of them is worse than Lu Man? Be it Qiao Luna, Jiang Yuhua, Chang Yachen, or Fu Kaiqi, all of them are not any worse than Lu Man. They have outstanding acting skills, their roles stand out, and so do their characters. Why should the award just go to Lu Man? You're telling me Han Zhuoli was not involved? I don't believe it."

"What you think doesn't determine the facts on this. Who do you think you are? You think whatever you say is right? Do you have to insist that Lu Man won the award by walking the back door just because you don't believe she didn't?"

Lu Man was scrolling through these comments when suddenly, the video of Liang Chengbing's interview a few days earlier got drawn into the discussion.

Chapter 1326: All Afraid of Offending Han Zhuoli

Cuts of the footage featured the scenes where Liang Chengbing had opined how Lu Man would not get the Best Actress, Best Supporting Female Lead, and Best Newcomer Awards.

"This was Director Liang himself who said it. As he's a famous and experienced director, his judgment of actors should be accurate, right?!"

"C'mon, who doesn't know that Liang Chengbing and Lu Man had a feud? He simply dislikes Lu Man and just wants to abuse his authority to get back at her."

“Sure, but why don’t you think about why there are so many people who have a feud with your Lu Man? Probably time to do some soul-searching on Lu Man’s part, eh?”

Meanwhile, Liang Chengbing was elated when he saw that Lu Man had suddenly fallen out of favor with the public.

As a director, he had his own connections, so he seized the chance to contact studios and paid posters to start crazily smearing Lu Man’s name.

He did not know who the people who first started sullyng Lu Man’s reputation were. After all, there were quite a few people whom Lu Man had offended before.

However, because she had gone public about her relationship with Han Zhuoli, her enemies would not dare to come out openly to smear Lu Man’s name no matter how brave they were.

They were all scared of offending Han Zhuoli!

Hence, the mastermind controlling the people smearing Lu Man’s name behind the scenes this time was definitely one of Lu Man’s enemies.

Liang Chengbing even thought gloatingly that it would be best if there were several waves of malicious comments directed towards Lu Man. After all, there were quite a lot of people whom Lu Man had offended.

Lu Man had indeed been caught off guard by the malicious comments. Han Zhuoli was by her side and immediately pulled Lu Man over to look at the same phone as her.

Of course, he understood what the whole thing was about by looking at it.

Before waiting for Lu Man to say anything, Han Zhuoli had already called Zheng Tianming and asked him to find out who the mastermind was hiring paid posters to smear Lu Man’s name.

Meanwhile, Lu Man glanced through the famous accounts sharing such topics and realized that Eight Skin Entertainment seemed to be missing.

She could continue working on good terms with Eight Skin Entertainment, then.

As for those accounts she had once worked with but totally disregarded their past work relations and focused solely on garnering likes and viewership, Lu Man also took screenshots and noted down these accounts.

There was no chance that these accounts would still be working with her.

Very soon, Zheng Tianming replied.

After Han Zhuoli finished listening to him, he said to Lu Man, “The wave of comments posting Liang Chengbing’s videos originated from Liang Chengbing’s studio and the paid posters he hired. As for the very first wave, they are a little more discreet, so we still need to dig more.”

Lu Man nodded. It was enough that they found out Liang Chengbing first.

She would start with Liang Chengbing, then.

Lu Man also had a familiar studio she was working with and called them.

Lu Man's strategy of knocking out those who smeared her name was very simple. She would keep the topic on herself but skew the conversation a little.

Not long after, a new thread of discussions appeared online.

"If Lu Man really got the Best Newcomer Award by pulling strings, why would she even get the Best Newcomer Award?! If what you guys said were true, that Han Zhuoli had so much influence internally, she might as well have won the Best Actress Award, right? Or if not that, a Best Supporting Female Lead Award would have been good as well. These two awards are both worth much more than the Best Newcomer Award."

"What the person above said is true. The duration of the Fei Yue International Film Festival is not very long on its own. The Best Newcomer Award is also a new award during this year's festival. The effect of it, whether the award will be continued and the level of recognition granted by outsiders to this award, also remains to be seen. You think, with Lu Man's brains, she won't be able to think of this? If she wanted to plate herself in gold, she should at least have gotten the Best Supporting Female Lead Award. What's the point of playing around with a Best Newcomer Award? Only some people would think it's oh-so-important."

Chapter 1327: Lu Man Retaliates

"Yeah. If Han Zhuoli really made a move, just like what you all said, he can get whatever he wants. Why would he just want the Best Newcomer Award?"

Such logic would not hold out well actually. However, most people would just follow what others were saying.

When they saw so many people saying the same thing, it made them think that there was some logic to it.

Lu Man did not hope that she could rely on these to defeat the malicious rumors about her. She only did this to buy time for herself.

In the time she bought using these fake comments, Lu Man contacted Eight Skin Entertainment.

"So many big entertainment accounts are flaming me right now, but only you didn't. Many thanks," Lu Man said with a smile.

"I'm not doing this because I'm afraid of Young Master Han, okay?!" Eight Skin Entertainment replied immediately.

Lu Man could not help but laugh.

"Is Young Master Han not by your side?" Eight Skin Entertainment asked.

"He is," Lu Man replied.

Unexpectedly, the next thing Eight Skin Entertainment said was: "Young Master Han, I am firmly on Lu Man's side. Please be assured!"

Lu Man: "..."

Han Zhuoli chuckled. "This person you know is quite interesting."

"I've worked with him the most. I personally think our ties are not bad. Through this incident, I can tell that he is someone worth being acquainted with, and I'm not the only one who thinks we share a good relationship."

Next, Eight Skin Entertainment sent another message. "Those other accounts are not afraid because they know that the Han Corporation would not be able to intervene in this area. They said that they would not suffer any losses from this and would only stand to gain. They're not like those actors and directors who have many considerations and even need to hire paid posters."

"When you were messaging me, someone came to ask me as well, but I rejected them. Our working relationship is quite good, so I also don't want to end our friendship just because of this little bit of short-term gain." Eight Skin Entertainment continued sincerely, "I don't know if you can tell, but I work with you because I really treat you like a friend. I'm not the kind who cuts off all ties after the bill is settled."

"I know. I also treat you like a friend. I was afraid that I was being presumptuous about our ties at first, but thankfully, you are righteous enough," Lu Man said as she smiled.

"You can't possibly just be interested in thanking me, right? Tell me, what can I do?" Eight Skin Entertainment said very frankly.

"I have some information on Liang Chengbing here. However, unlike before, I don't have evidence that I can show directly." These pieces of information came from Sun Yiwu, Ji Cheng, and Yan Zhiqing.

When they were judging as a panel, there were no accurate records, so they could only rely on witnesses.

However, Lu Man would definitely not drag Sun Yiwu and the rest into this and ask them to prove it or anything.

This was originally between her and Liang Chengbing to begin with.

People told her what happened internally, but this did not mean she could just make use of them.

"However, those paid posters that are flaming me right now have no evidence either. Hence, it would be enough even if I didn't show any evidence on my end," Lu Man said.

"Tell me, what is it?" Eight Skin Entertainment asked.

"The reason Liang Chengbing got cut off from the film festival's panel was not because he had other work to do. I will ask other people to check and find out about all his upcoming work arrangements to prove that he really had nothing especially important to attend to such that he had to reject the position of judge on the panel," Lu Man said.

"The reason he was removed from the panel was because he was unable to judge in a fair and unbiased manner and abused his authority as a judge." Lu Man explained all the things Liang Chengbing did previously.

“This can explain why Liang Chengbing kept saying that I would not get any award in his interview previously.”

Chapter 1328: Don't You All Forget What Lu Man Does for a Living

Eight Skin Entertainment was stunned and totally did not expect there to be such a cause behind it. “If this gets out, it won't be small news.”

“Since they can slander me without evidence, we won't need evidence on our end either. But at least I know that whatever I'm saying is true,” Lu Man said.

On this side, when he heard her speak, Han Zhuoli already asked someone to go and check what Liang Chengbing's upcoming schedule was.

This was much easier to find, so he asked someone to go and look it up.

Not long after, Liang Chengbing's full schedule after relinquishing his position as a judge was sent over.

Lu Man directly forwarded it to Eight Skin Entertainment.

Eight Skin Entertainment understood it at once when he saw the schedule. “This is considered a more favorable indirect evidence. Of course, there would still be people who would refute this just for the sake of refuting, but this is enough to convince most people.”

That was what Lu Man thought as well.

“Nice, I'll get to it now.” Eight Skin Entertainment gave a cheerful reply and dropped her a “rushing off” emoji before leaving to work on it.

Those slamming Lu Man online had even picked up steam now. As Lu Man hired paid posters to tweak the discussion topic a little, the malicious discussions around Lu Man became a little less intense.

However, Lu Man remained the topic of discussion.

Not long after, Eight Skin Entertainment posted a new topic.

It exposed the real reason behind Liang Chengbing's removal as a judge.

After working with Lu Man for a long time, Eight Skin Entertainment was also very experienced.

He did not say it outright the moment he went online but instead used another account to stage a revelation before taking screenshots and posting it online.

Other account: “Eight Skin Brother, I have some news for you. It's regarding Director Liang Chengbing.”

Eight Skin Entertainment: “Director Liang? To be honest, his popularity can't make it. Your news must be quite lame for you to say this.”

Other account: “No, this piece of news is definitely explosive. And it's got to do with Lu Man, who's been the hot topic lately.”

Eight Skin Entertainment: “Really? Tell me about it.”

Other account: "Remember to mosaic my name. Although I'm just a small account, I'm also afraid that other people will seek me out because of this."

Eight Skin Entertainment: "Don't worry. Why would your Eight Brother not know this too?"

Hence, Eight Skin Entertainment's self-directed other account exposed the reason behind Liang Chengbing's removal from the panel of judges.

After Eight Skin Entertainment uploaded the screenshot, he commented, "No wonder Director Liang kept latching on to Lu Man."

There were many other people who did not participate in the discussion on Lu Man. At first, they were just watching the good show, but now, they could no longer sit on the fence and watch.

"Is this for real?"

"If this is real, this Liang Chengbing is really shameless."

"So the one veto vote can actually be used like that."

Right after that, Lu Man and Eight Skin Entertainment contacted a third party to act as someone who had just joined the discussion and post Liang Chengbing's work schedule after ending his post as a judge.

"Don't ask me how I got it. Anyway, this is really Liang Chengbing's work schedule after he ended his post as a judge. I can assure you it's real. If any of you guys know people from Liang Chengbing's work studio or contact their work partners according to this schedule, you can all go ahead and verify it."

The moment this information was published, the whole thing really blew up.

Everyone shifted their attention away from Lu Man and all went to focus on Liang Chengbing.

"Director Liang, is this true?"

"Don't you all forget what Lu Man does for a living. This could be one of her tricks to shift our attention elsewhere."

"Let's not care about whether or not it's her tactic to shift our attention. Something that's true can't be fake."

Chapter 1329: How Did It End Up on Him

"These schedules are really not very important matters. Compared to being the judge of a grand film festival, these matters are way too obscure. If he gave up on being a judge just to attend to these matters, it's really strange and unusual."

Although they were not sure how true the news was, some netizens came out to say, "I went to verify with the partners written on his schedule. This schedule is real."

When Liang Chengbing saw the torch being thrown on him, he almost became dumbstruck.

How did it end up on him?!

Before he struck, Liang Chengbing also contacted professionals so that he could proceed with the slandering step by step.

Of course, he could not fight a war without making preparations.

Right now, Li Yibo, the person he hired to be in charge of the public relations department in his studio, was in Liang Chengbing's office.

When Li Yibo saw the sudden turn of events, he said, "This was definitely done by Lu Man. By changing the subject to you, she managed to extract herself from this. Look, there are no longer many netizens talking about Lu Man. Instead, they are all talking about you now."

"You don't say!" Liang Chengbing said curtly. "Even I know that this was definitely done by Lu Man. Aside from her, no one else would be so evil!"

Funny how Liang Chengbing himself did an evil thing first, yet he was scolding Lu Man for being evil now.

"Then what do we do now? So many people are questioning me about this. Are we just going to let Lu Man escape?" Liang Chengbing could not take it lying down. "In the end, I am the one in trouble, yet she got nothing on her at all?"

Li Yibo thought about it and said, "We can't. Didn't she change the topic to you? We can just change the topic back. We can increase the intensity of the paid posters. A lot of the netizens are commenting on you right now. Then we can let the paid posters come and overpower their voices, such that the topic is once again shifted back to Lu Man."

"Good. Let's do it, then!"

At this moment, on Lu Man's side, she saw that Sun Yiwu had sent a message calling for her.

The moment she opened the message, Ji Cheng was in there too.

"Uncle Sun, Brother Ji," Lu Man replied to them and guessed that it had something to do with the discussions online.

Indeed, Sun Yiwu said, "Man Man, you know about the topics online, right?"

Seeing a whole bunch of people talking about Liang Chengbing, Sun Yiwu was 80-90% sure that this was done by Lu Man.

"Yeah, I know about it. I am settling it now." The moment Lu Man said this, Sun Yiwu knew he had guessed correctly.

"I'm just asking, do you want us to come out and testify for you?" Sun Yiwu asked. "I saw that Eight Skin Entertainment had exposed the real reason why Liang Chengbing was removed from the panel of judges. However, you guys definitely won't be able to bring out solid proof. Gao Zishan and the rest will definitely not come out to say anything."

"It's no issue. Please don't come out and speak. Tell Brother Ji not to come out and speak either. I still have to tell Zhiqing about this too. There are two different groups of people slandering me right now. One of them, I am very sure, is Liang Chengbing. The other group, I am still finding out. So I am dealing

with Liang Chengbing first. Liang Chengbing said all these about me without any evidence at all. He is just slandering me. Then I can also accuse him without any proof. Furthermore, I had his work schedule uploaded afterward. It's already pretty good as an indirect proof. You guys don't need to come out again. I don't want to drag you guys into this mess."

At first, Sun Yiwu and the rest were on good terms with her and were judges as well, so the issue was already a bit more sensitive. If they came out at this time, it would be very easy for other people to accuse them as well.

Sun Yiwu also knew that and said, "You do what you deem fit first. If you need us, just let us know."

"Alright." Lu Man did not stand on formalities with him either.

Chapter 1330: I'm Going to Reason

After thanking them, Lu Man quickly called Yan Zhiqing to tell her not to speak up for her.

Given that fiery temper of Yan Zhiqing, she was not someone who would care about this and that, much less whether she would be targeted if she stood up for someone.

She had never been scared of it.

Yan Zhiqing was prepared to take out her phone to start scolding people online. Her manager, Mou Danqiong, understood her really well. She immediately rushed up to Yan Zhiqing and snatched her phone away.

"Are you going to scold other people online again?" Mou Danqiong managed to ask after running some distance away.

"..." Yan Zhiqing was so stunned that she kept silent for a few seconds before she said, "Look at what you're saying. I'm not going to scold other people, I'm going to reason with them."

"Oh, is that so? You think I don't know how you're like? What reason? Look at that fiery temper of yours, you're obviously going to scold someone." Mou Danqiong would not believe her words. "Let me tell you, you're not allowed to do that! Or else, there will surely be a huge bunch of people who are going to say you're arrogant."

"It won't be the first time they'll say such things about me. Just let them say it, then. What can they do to me?" Yan Zhiqing ran over and was about to snatch her phone back.

"My dear lord, can you please stop for a moment? Now that Lu Man and Young Master Han's relationship is out in the open, everyone also knows that the Yan Family has solid ties with the Han Family. The moment you come out to speak, there will definitely be people who will link your good relationship with Lu Man to your status as a judge at the film festival. Would you have cast a vote for Lu Man out of personal ties for her Best Newcomer Award rather than out of impartial judgment?" Mou Danqiong analyzed it very logically.

"I didn't do it because of personal relationships. My judgment is entirely based on the production and the skills of the actor or actress. If they're good, they're good. If they're bad, they're just bad. I won't choose whoever just because I have a good personal relationship with them," Yan Zhiqing said. "In this aspect, I think I am very impartial and fair. I have a clear conscience."

Mou Danqiong sighed. Yan Zhiqing's character of abhorring evil and being clear on what she hated and loved had not changed a single bit after so many years.

When she saw someone she did not like, she would turn her face away immediately. She did not care about who that person was.

It was also because she had the Yan Family backing her up that, no matter how arrogant she was, no one dared to do anything to her.

Or else, given this temper of Yan Zhiqing's, how would she have been able to survive in the entertainment industry?

In the entertainment industry, there were only Yan Zhiqing and Lu Man who were like that.

One of them would go up to you and scold you.

The other would just play you out.

Yet the backgrounds of these two people had to be so strong that it made everyone choke speechless, unable to do anything to them.

In the whole entertainment industry, Lu Man and Yan Zhiqing were the only two people who were like that.

"Yeah, I know your temper. Those who know you understand it as well. But what about those who don't understand you?" Mou Danqiong sighed. "Don't even talk about those people who are smearing Lu Man's name. They don't care about the truth at all. They can twist the facts however they like. Why would they care whether what you said is true or not?"

"If you suddenly go online and talk like that, you might not even be able to help Lu Man. Worse still, those people will seize the chance to slander you for voting for Lu Man based on personal relations and prove that Lu Man really relied on underhanded means. Besides not being able to help Lu Man, you will also be bringing trouble upon yourself," Mou Danqiong explained.

Yan Zhiqing pursed her lips. After a moment, she said, "Even if I don't come out to speak, they will still make an issue of the judges sooner or later and talk about me."

"Yes, there is such a possibility. That's why I am going to contact the public relations department right now to prepare for and preempt such a situation. If it really happens, we can immediately respond. So please, my dear Miss Yan, you still have a huge pile of matters waiting to be settled, so don't worry about Lu Man for now," Mou Danqiong persuaded her earnestly.