

Mr Han 1401

Chapter 1401: There's Still a D*mn Script?

Since the interview was only a matter of minutes, it was far more convenient to use a single-lens camera.

Done setting up the camera, the chief editor passed a list of questions he'd crafted on the way here to Han Zhuoli. "Please have a look, Young Master Han. We can edit the questions if you find them unacceptable."

Han Zhuoli glanced through them and assented. "They're fine, just ask these questions."

"Do you need time to prepare for them?" the editor asked.

"No need for that, we can just start. It'll be more natural. I know what to say," Han Zhuoli replied.

"Alright, let's start," the editor-in-chief said.

Just as he was about to begin, Han Zhuoli suddenly spoke. "Wait."

"Do you have any other request, Young Master Han?" the editor inquired.

"This isn't natural enough." Han Zhuoli thought for a moment before saying, "Follow me to the district. Pretend that I'm about to go home and you'll ask me as I walk."

Chief editor: "..."

*There's still a d*mn a script?*

"Okay, okay." The chief editor could only nod his consent.

No matter what he says, Han Zhuoli's always right.

And so the editor and his gang followed Han Zhuoli out.

Before they went out, Han Zhuoli told Lu Man, "Be a good girl and stay at home. I'll be back shortly."

Lu Man: "..."

What could she even say?

Obviously, she could only nod!

The editor brought his team with Han Zhuoli, and when they arrived at the gates of the villa, he asked, "Is it alright here?"

Han Zhuoli took a look around. Having no idea what Han Zhuoli was thinking with a serious expression, the editor-in-chief thought Han Zhuoli was picking a filming location.

"Still not natural enough." Han Zhuoli shook his head. "Why not like this, I'll drive my car around and we'll arrive at the entrance together. You'll pretend to block my car and chase me for an interview."

Chief editor: "..."

Hell, he never expected that a two-minute interview would be this tiring.

Luckily, they brought only a normal camera and not a filming camera with them.

They still had to chase that d*mn car!

They're proper reporters, not the paparazzi!

They didn't do stuff like blocking people's entryway, okay?

And now, they still had to race a car!

The editor was screaming "bloody hell" in his brain but maintained his polite smile, saying, "No problem."

His team behind him all paled.

Thankfully, Han Zhuoli had some conscience still and let them board his car as he drove to the district entrance.

When they got off, Han Zhuoli even reminded them to "act more real."

"No problem!" The editor nodded seriously.

Han Zhuoli drove and pretended as if he had just reached the neighborhood entrance.

The editor waved his arm and immediately swarmed up to the car, shouting into the descending car window. "Mr. Han, Mr. Han! Please wait, please wait!"

Han Zhuoli seemed to be considering the stamina of the team, and though he did not stop, he drove at a slow pace.

Just as he was about to reach his house, he stopped by the curb.

This time, Butler Xiao Wang came.

The editor was still in a daze. When had Han Zhuoli told Butler Xiao Wang about this?

He then saw Butler Xiao Wang take the car keys from Han Zhuoli and help him drive the car into the garage.

Meanwhile, Han Zhuoli slipped his hands into his pant's pockets and headed home.

The chief editor hurriedly said, "Mr. Han, the Net is buzzing today. Everyone's curious about the teeth marks on your lips..."

Han Zhuoli walked coldly and haughtily as he turned.

After hearing the question, he showed a rare smug smile. Lifting his chin as if to say something awesome, he replied, "My wife bit it."

With that, he entered his home.

Chapter 1402: They Actually Do This Too

The editor asked them to switch off the camera.

His junior questioned, "What now, chief? Is that it?"

The chief editor had no idea either, but right then, Auntie He opened the door.

"Sorry for the trouble, do come in!" Auntie He smiled courteously.

The editor then brought his team into the house once more. "What do you think, Young Master Han?"

He handed the camera to Han Zhuoli to let him see the filming results.

When he was done, he commented, "Not bad, quite natural."

The editor sighed in relief. They didn't have the stamina to run another round.

"Then we'll use this one?" the editor confirmed.

"Alright, this'll do." Han Zhuoli handed the camera back to the chief editor and said, "All your acting leaves something to be desired. You all should practice sometime. I'll still find you all next time if the need arises."

Chief editor: "..."

What else could the editor-in-chief say?

Even if he felt helpless, he could only give "right right right" in response.

Afraid that Han Zhuoli would bring up other demands, the chief editor hurriedly spoke up. "Then we'll hurry back to our company to settle this and publish this news as fast as possible."

The moment Han Zhuoli nodded, the chief editor dashed off with his team.

No matter how Lu Man looked at it, she thought that the editor seemed to have someone nipping at his heels at the speed he was going.

"Is that editor scared of you going after him?" she asked Han Zhuoli.

"How is that possible?" Han Zhuoli said confidently. "It's their honor to be able to interview me. They're running in joy, scared that they'll release the news late."

Lu Man: "..."

How come it didn't look like that based on her judgment?

Over at the chief editor's side, who had rushed back to the company with his team.

The editor had already reported to Nan Jingheng on his way back, so he only had to edit the video after the interview.

Almost an hour later, Han Zhuoli received a call from the chief editor.

"Young Master Han, we've released the news using Nan Yin's official account," the chief editor said.

"Alright, thanks, and sorry for the trouble," Han Zhuoli said.

The editor thought that Han Zhuoli at least still had his humanity. “Not at all, not at all. I see that reactions have been enthusiastic.”

Hence, the conversation ended.

Hanging up, Han Zhuoli called Lu Man over to look at Weibo together.

Only to see Nan Yin’s official Weibo post on the recent interview.

The editor and his colleagues had some skills up their sleeves and were talented. They managed to edit the interview clip perfectly. It was so realistic, in fact, that it had no hints of being edited at all.

Han Zhuoli paused the video and pointed at the image of him turning as he said, “My wife bit this,” saying, “Do I look cool when I say this?”

Lu Man nodded along. “So cool, especially when you said the ‘my wife’ part.”

It was a face full of pride, smugness, and showing off.

A bit foolish, actually.

But to Lu Man, he appeared extremely handsome.

Han Zhuoli scrolled to the comments section.

And saw netizens commenting: “What’s this? When did Nan Yin’s reporters become the paparazzi? Even going so far as to block Han Zhuoli’s doorway.”

“Nan Yin’s reporters do this stuff too?”

Han Zhuoli: “...”

He turned and looked at Lu Man with an expression of confusion. “Should I have used the paparazzi instead?”

“Someone I trust and have a good relationship with is Tang Zi, but he’s now a proper reporter too. Anyways, it’s not a big deal, seeking Nan Yin for help. The netizens are asking for fun; they won’t think much of it.”

Indeed, those who asked did so just to express their shock.

“They actually do this too!”

Chapter 1403: Good That You’re Going

“I reckon it’s ‘cause Nan Yin has a good relationship with Han Zhuoli so they were able to interview him. Han Zhuoli also gave Nan Jingheng face by alighting for the interview after knowing it’s Nan Yin. See how Han Zhuoli actually let someone else drive his car back to the garage? If the reporters were others, Han Zhuoli would’ve ignored them for sure.”

“Haha, see, flammers? Open your precious eyes and have a good look. Han Zhuoli has spoken.”

“Just his words alone can be trusted? There are so many who lie to cover up scandals nowadays; you all believe his words the moment he opens his mouth. How naive can you all be?”

“Some people just can’t bear to see couples having a good relationship. They insist on thinking the worst in every situation. Such a mentality is disgusting and dark. People live their own lives and you all are worrying for nothing.”

Though many still refused to admit the truth, maintaining their horrible thoughts despite the lack of evidence...

The majority of the netizens chose to believe Han Zhuoli’s words.

“CEO Han’s really passionate about public displays of affection now, eh?”

“Bullying (the singles) is a crime!”

Han Zhuoli read the comments and finally felt better.

Tilting his head, he pointed at his lower lip as he looked at Lu Man. “Do you want to come again? Let the teeth marks remain longer?”

Lu Man huffed and pinched the area with the markings. “You’re getting addicted to having teeth marks, huh!”

“Of course, this is proof of our love,” Han Zhuoli said gleefully.

Lu Man pinched him again, refusing to bite one more time.

She felt more embarrassed the longer he bore those marks.

In the blink of an eye, Lu Man’s summer holidays came to an end.

Just before school reopened, she handed up the documents needed as an exchange student.

Teacher Liang also heard of the principal’s arrangement.

Though she felt that it was a pity Lu Man still refused to go to New York for lessons, she was glad that Lu Man was participating in the exchange competition.

“Good that you’re going, good.” Teacher Liang nodded in happiness; she had lowered her expectations by now.

The end-of-year examination results were supposed to be released on the day of the announcement.

But due to the ruckus created by the netizens, the results got released early.

With the results out, many had a gauge as to whether they could make it into the team of exchange students.

Today was the day of announcement, and the class had full attendance.

With a whole summer of not meeting each other, they were not like other universities where students were glad to see one another and reminisce.

In fact, probably because of their major, they were chatting about what jobs they'd received during the break.

Such as who took on more advertisements, who had more opportunities working at exhibition platforms, who received work as a model at a fashion magazine.

After a round of comparisons, the jobs as exhibition models or as concierge turned out to be the lowest on the food chain.

Since it was the first day of reunion after the summer break, comparisons became the trend in class discussions.

Only Lu Man, Zheng Yuan, and the other two talked about nothing job-related.

The three of them thanked Lu Man at the beginning.

She had recommended three advertisements for them to do, and though Lu Man could not interfere with the end results, she did give the three of them a big opportunity.

Otherwise, they would still be stuck at exhibitions, having zero chance of attending such interviews.

Fortunately, the three of them all made it.

It might seem like a fair competition, but they knew in their hearts that the companies were giving them the chance because of Lu Man.

Honestly, their competitors were on par with them.

Especially Pan Xue—she felt that she was rather weak as compared to the others.

Chapter 1404: Announcing the Name List

But in the end, she actually got chosen. They wouldn't believe it if they said that Lu Man wasn't part of the reason that they got chosen.

Hence, the three were especially grateful to Lu Man.

Having earned an income during the holidays, they would not only have less burden during the new term, but the three of them would also not be embarrassed if the other classmates questioned them.

This bunch of people so hooked on comparing was indeed grating on the nerves.

"It's also because you're capable enough. Otherwise, if there were many who were better competitors than you, the advertising company wouldn't have cared one bit about who I am." Lu Man smiled and said, "You earned these based on your own abilities."

"Don't say that, we know how big of an influence you are in their decision. Even if we're capable enough, there are so many others similarly well-matched. Why would the company choose us over them? Isn't it still because of you? That aside, you were the reason we've had the chance to go for the interviews. We wouldn't otherwise have known how to go about it."

"That's right," Pan Xue said gratefully. "Lu Man, no matter what happens in the future, no matter how long after, I, Pan Xue, will always support you!"

“Me too.”

“Me too.”

Zheng Yuan and Han Leilei both agreed.

“I wanted to introduce you to some web dramas since web dramas are the rage now and many newcomers become popular because of them. But because of the school rules, I’m afraid I’d get you girls into trouble if you took on the roles, so I introduced you to advertisements instead. You’re in your junior year now. After this year in your senior year, you can take on filming roles,” Lu Man explained.

“We understand.” Zheng Yuan nodded. “Even if you really introduced us to roles in web dramas, we wouldn’t dare to take them too. Even when it was you filming a movie back then, it still also caused such a huge storm.”

Zheng Yuan shrank into herself. “We lost the guts even more. We shall just wait patiently until Year Four.”

“If it wasn’t for Director Sun, I wouldn’t have wanted to get into that mess as well. So I didn’t take on any other roles after Red Tiger.” Otherwise, based on the popularity of Red Tiger, Lu Man would have had plenty of offers for other roles.

When Red Tiger was popular, that had been the best time for Lu Man to capitalize on her popularity.

But the best time for that was now over.

“To be on the safe side, let’s just wait until next year.” Anyway, Zheng Yuan and the others had no fear of receiving no roles with Lu Man beside them.

Han Leilei peeked at Zhuang Tingting’s and Yu Jingxian’s side and said gleefully, “See how Zhuang Tingting and Yu Jingxian always follow after Zhang Xiaoying, but they can’t even land an advertisement, much less depend on Zhang Xiaoying to recommend them to production teams. It’s quite funny looking at them now.”

Just then, Teacher Liang carried a stack of documents in.

Everyone quietened down.

Fan Xiyue asked impatiently, “Teacher Liang, are you announcing the names of the exchange students today?”

“Yes.” Teacher Liang smiled gently. “I’m announcing them today. But don’t be impatient, listen to me first.”

Everyone listened in silence.

Teacher Liang then continued, “When the results were uploaded to the Net previously, extra credits were not factored in. Because of the school’s consideration, extra credits are more important than this, so it’ll affect the rankings. So it’s better to announce the names face-to-face. If anyone has any questions, it’s also easier to ask and I’ll explain on the spot.”

Everyone nodded, feeling that the school’s considerations were well thought out.

Chapter 1405: What Other Opinions Could They Have?

“Of course, Lu Man’s first position will remain unchanged. Full marks for extra credit is 50 marks, and Lu Man scored 50. This is because in her sophomore year, Lu Man attended the Chinese Arts Championships in the name of our school and was the champion, bringing glory to our school. This allowed our school to surpass the National Drama Academy once more after four years, and the extra credit for this is quite big, 30 marks.

“Additionally, at the Fei Yue International Film Festival, Lu Man clinched the Best Newcomer Award and became the first student in our school’s history to win a film festival award. Some students were famous when they were young and won the award before coming to university, while others won the award after they graduated. Lu Man got the award during her student days, so that brought prestige to our school’s name.”

Winning an award outside of school, even if you were about to enroll or have graduated from there, meant that the focus was more on you as a person than about the school.

But now that Lu Man had won the award as a student, more people would shift their focus to the National Film Academy.

And this allowed the National Film Academy to be very glorified and proud.

Without a doubt.

“Hence, the school awarded Lu Man another 20 marks, and the total comes out to be 50 marks,” Teacher Liang explained. “Does anyone have any opinion on this?”

What other opinions could they have?

It’s a fact that Lu Man was the champion of the Chinese Arts Championships. It’s also true that she won the Best Newcomer Award at the Fei Yue International Film Festival.

Even if people felt that the school awarded her slightly more than deserved, it’s not unacceptable that they gave her full marks.

With both her areas of accomplishments, it’s possible to get more or less 47 or 48 marks, and this was not far from scoring full marks.

For no matter whether it was 48 marks or 50 marks, this was far, far ahead of other students already.

They had no hopes of catching up.

Since Lu Man was ranked first based on exam results, adding in the extra credits would only widen the gap between her and the second-ranked, so far apart they couldn’t even catch up to her on a horse.

Many turned to look at Zhang Xiaoying.

Because Zhang Xiaoying was ranked second!

Zhang Xiaoying’s face wore an extremely ugly shade.

Lu Man was first, so what were they looking at her for!

Because her reputation had suffered a beating due to the filming incident before, she reined herself in during the last semester and dared not take on new roles.

But because she also took part in the Chinese Arts Championships, as the top ten within the school, she should also have quite a significant amount of extra credits.

Just not more than Lu Man, that is.

“The second is Zhang Xiaoying. Because she joined the Chinese Arts Championships and represented us as one of the school’s top ten, she also has extra credit for that. But since she did not make it to the top ten of the Chinese Arts Championships despite being the top ten within the school, she can only get 10 marks.”

Since Lu Man was first and she only got 30 marks, Zhang Xiaoying, who did not make it to the top ten of the Chinese Arts Championships and made it only as the school’s representative, could reasonably get only this 10 marks.

Putting aside the exam results alone, Lu Man had already surpassed Zhang Xiaoying by 40 marks. Adding on the exam results, Lu Man’s overall score was a full 100 marks ahead of Zhang Xiaoying’s!

This was really a gap that Zhang Xiaoying couldn’t match.

The others in the class could not even make it to the school’s top ten representatives.

“Next, the third,” Teacher Liang said.

Yu Jingxian sat up straight confidently.

Because the rest of them did not have extra credits for the Chinese Arts Championships and had no other significant contributions, they could only compete purely based on their exam results.

Based on the results, Yu Jingxian was ranked a solid third.

In that case, she made it to the name list of New York exchange students.

Chapter 1406: Looking Extremely Upset

Thinking about this made Yu Jingxian uncontrollably agitated. Her whole body started to visibly shake from agitation as she tried her best to suppress her emotions.

She secretly clenched her fists under the table to suppress the agitation in her heart. However, her face was still flushed with excitement. It was impossible to hide it.

Zhuang Tingting glared at Yu Jingxian coldly. She looked extremely upset.

How could she not be?

All along, it had been her and Yu Jingxian currying favor with Zhang Xiaoying. She always felt that Yu Jingxian and her were the same kind.

Yet now, the little buddy whom she thought was not that capable suddenly shot to the sky and was about to be selected into the most precious 3-man list that would allow them to further their studies in New York.

How could she remain calm?

It was impossible to remain calm about this!

“This time, we wanted to explain the additional points segment in front of everyone because, apart from the Chinese Arts Championships results, we will also give additional points for the activities everyone did over the summer. The points will be based on the level of influence of the activities you participated in,” Teacher Liang said.

Everyone instantly felt hopeful and broke into hushed discussions among themselves excitedly. “Are they going to count the work we did over the summer into our additional points?”

Yu Jingxian and Zhuang Tingting’s clique instantly felt uneasy.

Zhuang Tingting was still fine. Her exam results did not rank very high either. Even if she added additional points, she still would not get anywhere.

She knew long ago that she did not stand much of a chance in the competition for the exchange student spot. Even though she was angry when she saw that Yu Jingxian stood a chance, she knew very well where she stood.

Hence, when she heard what Teacher Liang said, her emotions did not have much of a change. Anyway, no matter how many points were added, it would be none of her business.

In contrast, things were different for Yu Jingxian.

Yu Jingxian had been giving her all to be chosen as part of the team to go on exchange. She performed extremely well just like she did in the previous final exams, which made everyone shocked.

So when she heard Teacher Liang mention this, Yu Jingxian’s face immediately fell.

With this turn of events, her total score might not secure her position in the top three.

When she was chatting with the others just now, she also found out what the others went to do over the summer. Some of them shot advertisements, some were in MVs, while some went to be commercial print models.

Hers seemed to be lacking a little. She just went to shoot a print advertisement, and it was for a small brand. It was not widely promoted, so the popularity level was low.

In this case, she would not have much of an advantage in getting additional points.

There was not a huge difference between her score and the people behind her to begin with. She was not like Lu Man. Even if Lu Man did not consider her additional points, her exam results alone would still be higher than Zhang Xiaoying’s, who was in second place.

It was different for her. The gap between her score and that of Han Leilei, who was in fourth place, was not very big.

If a sudden mishap were to occur, her points might just be taken over by Han Leilei.

What did Han Leilei do over the holidays?

Yu Jingxian turned to Han Leilei. She did not hear about Han Leilei and her clique getting any big activities. They seemed to have been ushers at an exhibition last year, so they probably would not have done any better this year.

Yu Jingxian turned her gaze away quietly.

She did not know that there was someone else more anxious than she was at the scene.

That person was Lu Qi.

Lu Qi had been focused on getting into the good books of the teachers over the summer, so she probably never thought of going to find any work.

She was no longer popular now, yet she still felt like she was a big star.

She was disdainful of the small events, yet the big events were disdainful of her.

Hence, she did not do anything for this whole summer.

She did not know that even this could be considered for additional points. There was no such thing in the past.

Although she was no longer eligible to participate in the competition, she still had a little bit of hope.

Chapter 1407: Almost Cried from Anger

What if she could?

In the end, her hopes were completely dashed.

“The school knows that everyone used their time over the summer to take on jobs like shooting advertisements. Hence, the school decided to count these as social practice points,” Teacher Liang said. “The amount of points awarded will be based on the results and level of influence of the work that everyone did.”

Teacher Liang named everyone, what kind of jobs they did, the number of points awarded to them, and the rationale involved in awarding the points.

Every part of it sounded logical and reasonable, making it hard for anyone to find fault with it.

However, the whole class would now know what the others did over the summer vacation.

Not everyone would have been able to make use of their summer to land a job opportunity.

There were people who managed to find jobs on their own without connections. However, there were not many of such people. Furthermore, most of it were not very good events. Most of them were for exhibitions or as brand models.

When Zheng Yuan and Pan Xue’s name were called out and their work over the vacation was revealed to be shooting advertisements for a pretty well-known, big-name brand, everyone was shocked.

How did they find such a good opportunity?!

Because of these additional points, Zheng Yuan immediately jumped to fifth place from her original tenth place.

Pan Xue's ranking shot up to 15th from her initial spot at 21st.

"What the! These two must be cheating!"

"I remembered they were only ushers at an exhibition last year, but they straight away went to shoot an ad this year? And it's for a big company. Why would they look for them instead of other celebrities?"

"Did you forget? They are on good terms with Lu Man. Such a good opportunity must definitely have been introduced to them by Lu Man. Or else, how could they shoot an ad in Year 2 when they could only be ushers in Year 1? I never heard of them having such connections before this."

"No wonder. When I received a call from the school previously asking if I took on any jobs during the summer vacation period, I got a shock and thought that the school was not even allowing us to take on jobs over the summer anymore."

"Me too, me too. They even promised me that it is definitely not that they do not want to let me take on the job. On the contrary, this would be beneficial to me next time, that's why I told them."

Teacher Liang then said, "Next will be Han Leilei's points. Han Leilei shot an ad for You Chun Dairy Group's You Chun cultured milk drink. Based on the coverage of the ad and data from various other aspects, 25 points will be added for Han Leilei."

Everyone exclaimed in surprise. In this way, Han Leilei's rank would immediately be brought up to third place, narrowly surpassing Yu Jingxian by three points after Yu Jingxian's additional points were added to her total score.

Yu Jingxian almost spat out blood. It would be fine if the difference was huge. She would not dwell on it too much either, nor would she find it a pity.

However, her original score was much higher than Han Leilei's to begin with. Han Leilei suddenly surpassed her with the additional points, and it was only by three points. How could she not be depressed?!

This spot should have been hers!

Yu Jingxian was so angry that her face contorted with rage.

Ever since the summer vacation when the school announced the results early, she had been very excited and could not control her excitement.

She always thought that she would definitely have a spot to go on exchange to New York.

Yet now, the spot that was originally hers was suddenly gone!

Yu Jingxian almost cried from anger! Then what were her efforts over the past two years for?!

When the announcement of the results and rankings were done, Teacher Liang said, "Now, we will do a final ranking based on the previous scores." She used the projector to show the results ranking on the screen.

“The first part is last year’s results. The second part is the results that had just been announced. This is the final ranking based on the sum of both scores,” Teacher Liang explained. “In first place, we have Lu Man.”

Chapter 1408: Doubt

No one doubted that Lu Man’s total score came in first.

She was on a roll. She had been first last year, and she still came in first this year.

It would be strange if she was not the first.

In second place was Zhang Xiaoying. After the scores from the previous year and this year were added, her total score ranked at second place.

The third place actually went to Han Leilei.

As she had extra-curricular social practice points added to her score this year, her ranking increased significantly.

In the previous year’s exams, only Lu Man and Zhang Xiaoying had additional points.

Hence, this time, Han Leilei’s advantage was way too obvious.

Yu Jingxian’s emotions were on a roller-coaster. She was not well at all. It seemed as if she was about to have a mental breakdown if she suffered a little bit more agitation.

“Then, according to the total score ranking, the top three students will be able to go to New York University as exchange students in the Performing Arts studies.”

Yu Jingxian stood up and said, “Teacher Liang, I have a question.”

She could not care about anything else now. She watched her chance of getting a spot being taken by someone else right before her eyes. She could not care less anymore.

If she did not say anything, her chance would really be gone.

Since she was going to lose her chance anyway, Yu Jingxian decided not to hold it in.

Teacher Liang looked at her calmly and said, “Speak.”

Yu Jingxian said, “I have doubts about Han Leilei’s additional points in the assessment this time.”

Teacher Liang did not find it strange that Yu Jingxian had doubts about Han Leilei. Neither did everyone else.

“Which part are you curious about? You can bring it up,” Teacher Liang said.

Yu Jingxian said, “Zhang Xiaoying was one of the top ten representatives of the school when she participated in the Chinese Arts Championships, yet she got only an additional 10 points. Han Leilei only went to shoot an ad, so why was she able to get 25 points? This is what I want to ask about.”

Nobody expected that before Teacher Liang could reply, Zhang Xiaoying would speak first. "As someone directly involved in this, I didn't even question the fairness of the points awarded. Why are you worrying for me?"

Zhang Xiaoying said in a cold voice, "You were surpassed by Han Leilei by three points. If you think the difference is not too huge and want to try a bit harder, do it yourself, don't drag me into this."

Anyway, Zhang Xiaoying's second place was fully secure. No one doubted her, and no one could surpass her.

Her gap with Lu Man was becoming wider. Although she could not accept it, it did not mean that she was willing to let herself be used by others.

Especially since she had long been unhappy with Yu Jingxian. Her motives were so deep, and she even treated her like a fool to play around with.

She was clearly full of ambition, yet she wanted to hide it and thought that she was so smart.

If Yu Jingxian had openly admitted it, Zhang Xiaoying would even have admired her frankness. She wouldn't feel so strongly against her like she did now.

Yu Jingxian was clearly doing this for herself, yet she had to pull her in like this. Did she really think she was stupid enough to cooperate with her?

Zhang Xiaoying also stood up. "Teacher Liang, I don't have any doubts about Han Leilei's additional points. I completely agree with it."

Even if she did not agree, she would still say she agreed to it. She simply wanted to disgust Yu Jingxian.

Anyway, it would not affect her spot no matter what happened.

Zhang Xiaoying completely did not want to associate herself with Yu Jingxian now.

During the previous year's final exams, Yu Jingxian had already disgusted Zhang Xiaoying.

Ever since then, Zhang Xiaoying treated her a little less than kindly.

This time around, Yu Jingxian wanted to fight for her spot, yet she wanted to use Zhang Xiaoying to do that.

Chapter 1409: Don't Use My Name

Zhang Xiaoying decided not to play along with Yu Jingxian anymore. She just told Yu Jingxian in front of Teacher Liang and everyone in the class, "If you think it's not fair, you can question it using your own name. Don't say it using my name. I don't need you to air grievances on my behalf, because I personally don't think there is any unfairness in this."

After saying that, Zhang Xiaoying sat down.

Yu Jingxian's face was pale, stricken, and extremely stiff.

Everyone could tell that Zhang Xiaoying finally could not take it anymore after being played by Yu Jingxian twice.

No matter whether Zhang Xiaoying truly thought so in her heart, at least she could stop Yu Jingxian by saying that.

At this moment, Teacher Liang explained, "This is decided based on the level of influence. As an inter-college competition between various performing arts colleges, the popularity of the Chinese Arts Championships is not that high. It is only this year that the Chinese Arts Championships was broadcasted on Xing Ke Station, and it is only streamed online. Furthermore, only the finals were aired, so the level of influence is reduced. What will really increase the prestige of the school is when students enter the finals of the Chinese Arts Championships.

"Although Zhang Xiaoying went to participate as part of the top 10 students in the school, she was eliminated and did not make it into the finals. Hence, the level of influence is not significant. The level of influence is only restricted to the school, and that's why we gave her 10 points," Teacher Liang explained.

However, when she explained it, wasn't it clearly saying that Zhang Xiaoying did not bring prestige to the school when she could not even get into the finals?

Teacher Liang was telling the truth. However, Zhang Xiaoying could not keep her cool when she had been exposed like this.

She became even more angry at Yu Jingxian because of this.

If Yu Jingxian had not found trouble and used her as a stepping board, why would she even be subjected to such humiliation?!

"On the other hand, Han Leilei shot an advertisement and the advertisement has also been released. The coverage of the advertisement is also much higher than that of the Chinese Arts Championships. The amount of publicity done for the school also exceeds that of Zhang Xiaoying. That's why Han Leilei was given 25 points," Teacher Liang explained. "What else are you puzzled about? I can explain it to you."

"I'm not puzzled about why Han Leilei's points are higher than Zhang Xiaoying's, but isn't 25 points a little too much?" Yu Jingxian minced her lips together. She clearly knew that she did not have much hope, but she still wanted to pitch the last struggle for it.

Before Teacher Liang could say anything, Zhang Xiaoying said sarcastically, "If 25 points is too much, then would 21 points be just nice? Then she would have one less point than you. Wouldn't you be in third place and successfully get into the team of exchange students?"

When Zhang Xiaoying said that, someone sputtered out laughing from a corner of the class.

Yu Jingxian's face immediately turned beet red.

"The additional points is not a decision I made on my own. It's decided by a discussion group formed by the teachers in the school," Teacher Liang said. "I believe everyone received a call from the school before asking about your summer vacation work plans. The school verified your claims before the

discussion group formed by the teachers discussed and awarded the marks. That is how we arrived at the current marks. No one had any objection about the points we have given everyone just now. The reason behind Yu Jingxian's objection is worth discussing. In that case, the points would not change, so the third placer will still be Han Leilei."

Yu Jingxian sat down reluctantly. Tears could not help brimming in her eyes.

She'd worked so hard for so long, yet something like this happened right when she was about to get it.

It was just because Han Leilei was Lu Man's friend, that's why the school gave Han Leilei preferential treatment, right?

It must be!

But why didn't she think that if there was really preferential treatment, why were Pan Xue and Zheng Yuan, who were also Lu Man's friends, left out of it?

Chapter 1410: This Is Unfair

She was just finding excuses for her own failure.

"Now, I will announce the three students that will be part of the team to go on exchange to New York University from our school. They are Lu Man, Zhang Xiaoying, and Han Leilei," Teacher Liang said.

Zhang Xiaoying felt that she would rather be in a team with Han Leilei than with Yu Jingxian.

"Wait!" another voice called out.

Teacher Liang sighed inwardly. Why were there so many things going on today? Couldn't they just be content with what they had?

She looked over and saw that it was Lu Qi who stood up.

When Teacher Liang saw her, she felt like she knew what was coming.

Indeed, Lu Qi asked, "Teacher Liang, from what I know, Lu Man had already rejected the chance to go to New York University to study for a year. Why is Lu Man still allowed to hold on to a spot? This is unfair."

Everyone was shocked when they heard Lu Qi say that.

"What? Lu Man gave up the chance to go to New York University to study?"

"Why?"

"With Han Zhuoli as her husband, any kind of opportunity is fluff in Lu Man's eyes. What opportunities would she not have if she wanted them? Lu Man did not even care for a spot that everyone was fighting their heads off for. Why does it sound so hateful saying it out like this?"

"I personally heard you discussing this with Teacher Wang when I was in your office, Teacher Liang. Lu Man has already officially rejected the chance to go to New York University as an exchange student," Lu Qi said. "Since that's the case, we can't just let Lu Man hold on to that spot for nothing. If she's not

going, don't tell me this spot will still be hers? Since she's already not going, this spot should be given out for someone else who wants to go more."

Lu Qi even eyed Yu Jingxian when she said that.

Anyway, it was impossible for her to go. If she found someone to replace Lu Man and Lu Man ended up not being able to go, she would be happy as well.

Teacher Liang's face finally darkened. She completely disliked Lu Qi as a student now.

Aside from the fact that she was about to end up dead by her own hand, even back then when Lu Qi was at her peak, Teacher Liang would still dislike her if there was a reason for her to dislike her.

"Lu Man had indeed rejected the opportunity before. However, after a discussion with and persuasion by the school, we have already come up with a possible resolution," Teacher Liang said. "What we were discussing back then was Lu Man's personal opinion. I also told you back then that the final decision had not been made."

"Then has Lu Man decided to go?" Lu Qi asked.

"You guys will know sooner or later anyway. Not long after, the school will release a public announcement about it," Teacher Liang said. "Lu Man does not need to go to New York for exchange, but she will retain her spot as an exchange student so that she can participate in the friendly competition at the end."

Everyone was shocked.

This treatment was way too good.

Such a special treatment would probably only be enjoyed by Lu Man!

"This is unfair!" Lu Qi and Yu Jingxian said almost at the same time.

Yu Jingxian was not going to pretend anymore.

In front of the opportunity to go to New York, everything else was fluff.

However, Yu Jingxian still felt that it was not good for her to say it at the same time as Lu Qi.

That would make it seem like she was colluding with Lu Qi.

But that was not the truth at all!

She would not stoop to colluding with Lu Qi.

Hence, right after she said that, Yu Jingxian stopped talking again so as not to seem as shameless as Lu Qi.

Zhang Xiaoying could see through Yu Jingxian's hesitation and scoffed. This was a classic example of a person who leads the life of a whore while pretending to be chaste.

When Lu Qi saw that Yu Jingxian was bent on not speaking, she gritted her teeth in anger and could only say it herself. "Since Lu Man had already given up the chance to go to New York to study, why is she still allowed to hold on to that spot? Since she doesn't want to study, isn't she just..."