

**Mr Han 1421**

**Chapter 1421: Lesser Court Hymns: Qiao Yan**

Principal Min of Donghua Film Academy also said: “Lu Man’s a really tough young girl, to shoulder such a big task at such a young age. Though we’ve said that it’s not her responsibility, we can’t control what others think. I know that there are some who still pin the responsibility on Lu Man. Lu Man has taken on a lot ever since she started. No matter what the ending is, she deserves to be respected.”

“That’s right! Those who keep making wisecracks like ‘winning is expected or you deserve to lose’ should go and take on the challenge yourselves. Why don’t you ask your conscience if you have the guts to do the same under the same circumstances? Do you have the courage to accept the task? To put it simply, if you talk the talk, then you walk the walk! Don’t put yourselves on a pedestal! If you can’t do it, then you have no right to criticize Lu Man.”

“I always thought that to criticize someone, you should at least have the right—have the same ability as the other person before having the right to pinpoint her faults. Or else, as someone who’s worse than the other party, why do you deserve to look down on them?”

Even so, there were some who still insisted, “What a joke. Don’t you yourself have a sense of how capable you are? If you dared to take on the challenge, shouldn’t you be prepared to shoulder the responsibility and get criticized as well? When you win and the glory’s yours, you can expect to be praised. But when you lose, you can’t stand being reprimanded? Is the whole world your mother? If you have such a fragile heart, then don’t join the entertainment industry.”

“Agreed. If you don’t have the capability, then don’t accept the task. If you took it on, then be mentally prepared. Do you wish to want only the good stuff without paying anything for it?”

“What’s wrong with these people? They’re too much! Did the four principals speak for nothing? How unreasonable are they?”

“We’re reasonable! It’s precisely because we’re reasonable and you all can’t win with your logic that you all are starting to cry, isn’t it?”

“I really don’t understand the mentality of these anti-fans. Lu Man’s fighting for the new generation of our local entertainment industry. You all can just cheer her on if you all can’t help. What’s the point of dragging her down?”

Lu Man thought for a moment before posting: “Their easy and grand words, [Only] issue from their mouths. Their artful words, like organ-tongues, Show how unblushing are their faces. Who are they? They [are like men who] dwell on the banks of the river; And they have neither strength nor courage, While yet they rear the steps of disorder! With legs ulcerated and swollen, What courage can you have? You form plans great and many, But your followers about you are few.<sup>1</sup> —I’m only fighting for my career. I’ve never cared about what the anti-fans thought.”

“Hahahahaha! My Man said it excellently!”

“My Man dominates!”

"I can understand the last line, but the ones in front... Any royal translators around?"

"Yours truly is a language teacher, and I've studied some ancient Chinese. The poem came from Qiao Yan from the Lesser Court Hymns, and it is a famous paragraph among the ancient texts used for insult. The general meaning is that when dealing with rumors, we can differentiate the truth from the false in our hearts. Those blowing their own horns and being boastful waste no energy prattling on. Their artful words sound beautiful and their actions are shameless and despicable. Who are these people? They dwell on the river banks, with neither strength nor courage, only creating chaos. Their legs are swollen with sores, what bravery could you have? You have so many schemes, but how many followers do you have?"

"The person above is impressive!"

"Lu Man's impressive too to actually know those words!"

"These words are beyond apt to describe those anti-fans!"

"That's right, those anti-fans are exactly sharp-tongued and despicable. They're so brilliant at being keyboard warriors, but if you ask them to do anything, they're first to chicken out. They know only how to sow discord and become active whenever they spot something happening. How disgusting!"

#### **Chapter 1422: Explosive**

"Hahahahaha. Flamers, Lu Man's asking, how many followers do you all have?"

"Some just couldn't do it themselves and yet still look down upon others."

"Lu Man's right. We should never care about what the anti-fans say. Whoever takes them seriously loses. We're depreciating ourselves by caring about them!"

"Hahahahaha, Lu Man has never cared about you active anti-fans who keep showing up everywhere. Are you all having fun? Having fun all by yourselves!"

Lu Man finished posting and didn't continue reading after that, for she truly did not care for it.

What's the point of caring about them? There's totally no need for it.

Han Zhuoli just ended his call and said to her, "I've checked, it's Lu Qi."

Lu Man did not hesitate and contacted Da Xiong instantly. After knowing it's Lu Qi for sure, the two of them, who were familiar and had good chemistry, decided what to do.

Da Xiong still had the recording so Lu Man didn't have to send it to him.

"Just perfect. If we seize the chance to upload now, we can divert some of the netizens' attention," Da Xiong said.

Lu Man thought so too. She didn't feel any burden using Lu Qi to divert attention.

"I'll find a few accounts to post and raise popularity," Lu Man said.

Soon, Lu Man had contacted several accounts.

She didn't contact Eight Skin Entertainment this time as Eight Skin Entertainment was too iconic.

As long as Eight Skin Entertainment published anything, the netizens' first reaction would be to think that Lu Man was related to it.

Eight Skin Entertainment had worked with Lu Man for far too many times, and as Lu Qi was involved this time, it would only serve to reinforce the netizens' initial reaction.

Hence, Lu Man felt the need to do it more discreetly.

But she did inform Eight Skin Entertainment beforehand.

The two of them did have a good relationship—more than a mere working relationship, they were more like friends.

Lu Man did not want Eight Skin Entertainment to misunderstand and feel uncomfortable.

Eight Skin Entertainment never thought that Lu Man would be so considerate that she'd even explain the situation to him.

Naturally, he didn't feel uncomfortable and was extremely understanding.

"Okay, then, after Da Xiong has released it and after the other accounts have reposted once, I'll then repost it too. Otherwise, it'll be really suspicious and unusual if I didn't repost news about the entertainment industry," Eight Skin Entertainment said.

Lu Man thought so too.

Not long after, Da Xiong posted the clip online and informed Lu Man, "It's up, but I reckon it'll be deleted soon since the recording is, well, \*that\*. It won't be allowed to spread for sure."

"Right. But this little time is more than enough, there'll be people who'll download it," Lu Man predicted.

As long as there were downloads, there would be a private circulation. It's enough for Lu Qi to die once.

Because Lu Man had already arranged for massive repostings and a surge in topic discussion, the subject reached the top of the most-searched entries within a short minute.

The netizens who hadn't seen it clicked it curiously.

And saw Da Xiong's post: "Unnamed female star had a battle in boyfriend's office blatantly. Her voice is so loud, it can be heard in space. All are welcome to guess her identity based on her voice."

An audio clip accompanied the post.

"My goodness! Explosive!"

"Download quickly!"

The netizens downloaded it hurriedly.

Indeed, within another minute, Da Xiong's post was deleted.

“Deleted! It’s deleted!”

“That’s expected. Such obscenity will be removed for sure. Luckily, I’ve downloaded it just now.”

### **Chapter 1423: Exposed**

“D\*mn, I came late. Any friends have the resources? Send to me please!”

And so, now there was no one guessing who the star in the recording was. The only two topics were about wanting and giving the recording.

“The cloud drive failed, upload another one!”

Lu Man found another batch of people to promote this in other forums and in Tieba.

Since Lu Qi was looking for trouble, then she’ll help Lu Qi become famous.

After the round of resource sharing came to a close, various guesses then surfaced on the Net.

Lu Man also contacted people to pretended to be netizens and lead them to the correct guess.

“The voice sounds similar to Lu Qi’s. This is a previous clip of Lu Qi’s interview.”

“But the voice during \*those\* sessions is different from the normal speaking voice.”

“Can’t be helped. Lu Qi has no new shows and all her shows before were dubbed over. We don’t have her original voice.”

“I remember seeing some behind-the-scenes of Lu Qi’s filming. It’s not dubbed over. I’ll go and find it. Thanks to the reminder, her voice does sound like the one in the recording.”

After the person finished commenting, another person found the video. “Is it this? The male and female leads have a crying scene and Lu Qi sounds really coquettish.”

“Right, right, right. When I saw this, I felt that her voice was a bit... heh heh heh. Not sure if she’s doing it on purpose. She doesn’t talk like this usually. ”

“Any experts out there who can produce an audio comparison?”

“This is really Lu Qi. Isn’t her boyfriend He Zhengbai? This was her with He Zhengbai in He Zhengbai’s office at his company. The workers in the office all heard them then. My friend’s an employee of He Zhengbai’s company and had told me before. This happened some time ago, but not too long ago either, probably a couple of months back. Not sure if Da Xiong just received this news or have kept it until now.”

“Person above, are you sure it’s alright to sell out your friend like this? If your friend is really He Zhengbai’s employee, wouldn’t he or she be found out quickly?”

“It’s okay. If I dare to say it, it means it’s alright. I won’t say more, however; don’t want to get my friend into trouble.”

Hence, more and more people appeared to prove that that was Lu Qi.

Someone even posted a screenshot of their WeChat conversation.

It was all sent when their friend was working at He Zhengbai's company.

"My friend's decided to quit anyway. He Zhengbai's company sucks. The pay is low but there's so much work. Point is, He Zhengbai never even receive any huge projects. There's no prospect working in his company at all; it's useless no matter how hard you work." The comment was followed by a screenshot of the complaints made by the netizen's friend.

Their conversation also showed that the netizen had just sent a question: "Lu Qi's recording is exposed on the Net, and everybody's guessing that that's her."

"That's her, alright."

Netizen: "Then do you mind me saying it out?"

"It's fine, I've quit anyway. He Zhengbai can't control me now."

"Okay, then, I'll post our conversation directly. I'll censor your details."

Based on the conversation, the two seemed close, so after the other party agreed, the netizen then posted the screenshot.

As for the audio comparison, Lu Man did not know any experts in that area so she could only consult Han Zhuoli.

#### **Chapter 1424: Wen Family**

"Do you know anyone in this area?" Lu Man asked. "If a comparison is done, it'll be more trustworthy."

Han Zhuoli thought for a moment before saying, "Jingsheng has someone on his team, but they're the police, after all. I'm afraid of getting him into trouble for seeking him out for private purposes."

He considered, then said, "I'll ask the Wen Family. They might have someone."

"Wen Family?" Lu Man was stunned.

"The Wen Family on the Mount Lan Compound," Han Zhuoli explained.

Lu Man really inhaled in shock this time. "It's really the one on the Mount Lan Compound? When you mentioned it just now, I didn't even dare to think that. But I felt that apart from the one on the Mount Lan Compound, there are no other families you'd name directly as the Wen Family."

The Wen Family on Mount Lan Compound was renowned nationally. Strike that, it was renowned internationally.

Currently, the two biggest organizations globally were the local Mount Lan Compound and the foreign Spines.

As for the yakuza and mafias, they were considered a child's play as compared to the two major groups.

The yakuza and mafias were terrifying in the eyes of the common folks who dared not offend them.

But they were nothing compared to Mount Lan Compound and the Spines.

Mount Lan Compound and the Spines had well-rounded development in all areas.

From intelligence, foreign affairs, and internal affairs to research departments, et cetera, et cetera, there were many more subdivisions within each department.

And the composition of personnel in every department was both widespread and complicated.

Each had their own armed forces; they were not worse than the military. In fact, they were even better.

The headquarters of the Spines was in the States, and they mostly worked with the government over there.

But the headquarters of Mount Lan Compound was in T City.

Focusing on Mount Lan Compound...

It was located on the top of Mount Lan in T City. There were few who didn't know this in the country.

Hence, Mount Lan became T City's famous tourist destination.

Of course, the tourists could only gather at the foot of the mountain for a look and couldn't enter the premises.

But from the foot of the mountain and through the dense canopy of the forest, they could still spot the unbroken line of magnificent historical buildings from the mountain waist to the mountain top. Those made up Mount Lan Compound.

The Wen Family, from their own technology research department to their healthcare department, was fully well-equipped.

Not to mention their famous secret forces.

Three secret forces and hidden guards for protection were the Wen Family's strongest shield.

Hidden Shadows—that was the Intelligence Department.

Under Hidden Shadows were the Day Shadows, Night Shadows, and the Unshadowed, all with their own respective jobs.

The Day Shadows handled day operations, while the Night Shadows handled night operations. But the Unshadowed were the *creme de la creme* of the Hidden Shadows, always responsible for the hardest missions.

There was an even more secretive department, and that was the Hidden Gleam; they were responsible for assassinations.

Even the country's special forces would train at the Wen Family for a period of time every year.

And matters which were unsuitable for the armed forces or police to handle were passed to the Wen Family to do.

And this was why even though the Wen Family had expanded and amassed such great power, it was still standing and was not targeted.

They had cleverly found a way for them to expand safely while knowing their place.

And as for the audio comparison matter that Lu Man spoke of, it was like swatting a fly for the Wen Family, but it was still handled by the Hidden Shadows.

“Finding Jingsheng might cause them trouble, but it’s alright finding the Wen Family.” It’s not like Han Zhuoli couldn’t seek out others, but it wasn’t as convenient as approaching the Wen Family.

### **Chapter 1425: Wei Wucai**

Lu Man had no idea that Han Zhuoli was on good terms with the Wen Family.

Han Zhuoli contacted the manager of the Hidden Shadows department, Fang Boran. As the head of intelligence of the Wen Family, he was called the “Skin-peeling Vampire” by others.

Not because he looked terrifying like a vampire.

Reality was a sharp contrast. Fang Boran was young and handsome.

His father was, coincidentally, the previous manager of the Hidden Shadows department. It could be considered that he had inherited his position.

Fang Boran always had a head full of short mussed hair as if he just woke up and hadn’t combed it; this and his eyes made him look like he was perpetually napping.

The information on his hands was so detailed that he knew even the time you went to the bathroom, whether you pooped or peed, and how many bowls of rice you ate for lunch.

When talking conditions with him, one would frequently be frustrated beyond belief, but he would still be expressionless, looking exhausted and ready to keel over anytime.

“Vampire” referred to that.

As for skin-peeling, it was because the information he had was more than enough to bare one to the world.

But fortunately, the eight great families had good relations with the Wen Family.

The Wen Family did have information on the eight great families, but the Wen Family had never used it.

Though particulars about the eight great families weren’t that much, there were bound to have been some black sheep among the families.

For example, the Han Family had strict control and standards for themselves, but a person like Han Dongping still appeared.

Han Dongping definitely used underhanded and dirty means when doing business.

For many similar people, Fang Boran had many of such similar information on hand.

But because of Han Zhuoli, Chu Zhaoyang, and the others who had a good relationship with him, the Wen Family did not target any of their families’ members.

Fang Boran picked up quickly, and Han Zhuoli spoke simply and clearly.

“Help me find someone to compare audios. Best if there’s a detailed explanation of the comparison process so that the layman netizens can understand too and confirm that it’s Lu Qi’s voice.”

“It’s a small matter. I’ll let Wei Wucai handle this. I’ll ask him to contact you, you just have to hand the stuff over to him.” Fang Boran agreed readily.

He hung up and Wei Wucai contacted him within the minute.

Han Zhuoli sent both audio clips to Wei Wucai.

Over at the other end, Wei Wucai dangled a lollipop in his mouth. “Right, it’s what just happened on the Net. Deal. Give me 10 minutes and you’ll have the analysis.”

As Fang Boran’s subordinate, how could Wei Wucai not pay attention to such things?

Han Zhuoli introduced him to Lu Man. “Wei Wucai is a member of the Wei Family.”

“Wei Family?” Lu Man felt that she was overloaded with new information today. “Wei Zhiqian’s Wei Family?”

“Yes. His grandfather and Zhiqian’s grandfather were brothers, so Wei Wucai isn’t considered to be in the main lineage in Zhiqian’s branch and has no chance of inheriting the family’s head position. Wei Wucai’s branch controls a part of the Wei Family’s properties in T City, so he was sent to Mount Lan Compound at a young age. This is also why the Wen Family can have such close relationships with the eight great families—there are people from the eight great families working for the Wen Family,” Han Zhuoli explained.

“Because the families have confusing compositions, it’s difficult to tell you all at once.” Han Zhuoli continued to explain, smiling, “Just like this, I can only tell you when we encounter it.”

Lu Man had found it strange why Han Zhuoli was telling it to her with so much details.

Now that she understood, she smiled and nodded.

After ten minutes, just as Wei Wucai had promised, he sent a video back.

### **Chapter 1426: You Arrogant Dog**

Wei Wucai very considerately did a screen recording of the whole process of him comparing the audio frequency and attached a voice-over explaining the process.

Lu Man had never seen Wei Wucai before. The first time she heard the voice in the video, she realized that Wei Wucai’s voice was really nice.

When Han Zhuoli heard Lu Man’s casual comment, he scratched his head and glanced at her, raising his eyebrow as he asked, “Then does his voice sound nicer, or does my voice sound nicer?”

Lu Man honestly felt that a person’s voice in a device would surely sound a little different from their actual voice. Exactly how nice his voice was, she could only be sure when she heard it in person.

Wei Wucai was not like those professional voice actors who had their own professional audio equipment.

It was just like how Wei Zilin's voice-over works were not much different from his real voice.

However, Wei Wucai had clearly recorded it casually.

However, there was no choice. Han Zhuoli was still a jealous lover. His motive for asking this was way too obvious.

Lu Man's wish to live can be said to have been honed very well by Han Zhuoli's training. She immediately said, "Of course your voice sounds nicer. It's sooo nice!"

Right after downloading the video file, Han Zhuoli moved it to a different location and asked again, "Then is my voice nicer, or is Wei Zilin's voice nicer?"

Lu Man thought to herself, what an arrogant dog he became!

He even dared to compare himself to the god of voice-overs!

Although Wei Zilin was the boss of "Lin Yi," he had once been called over suddenly to help out a good friend's movie that was lacking a voice-over actor. He did the voice over for the second male villain in the movie.

Who knew that the second male villain character that he did the voice over for would become even more popular than the male lead and would even rise to great popularity?

Of course, his voice was even more popular than the second male lead himself.

Hence, there were many films that wanted Wei Zilin to be their voice actor, but Wei Zilin was not someone who would take on any kind of role. This was not even his main job.

He accepted jobs only occasionally.

Most of the time, Xu Moyan was the one who made the decisions on it.

Before marrying Wei Zilin, Xu Moyan was already a huge fan of his.

After marrying Wei Zilin, she would want to listen to his voice-over works from time to time.

Hence, Wei Zilin directly handed over the task of choosing scripts to Xu Moyan.

Whatever she wanted to listen to him do a voice-over for, he would go do it. He was utterly spoiling his wife.

"Your voice is really nice!" Lu Man said very confidently. "Although, from an objective point of view, both your voices are equally nice, so it's hard to say which is nicer. But you're my hubby! There are additional subjective points to be added for that. So from my subjective perspective, your voice sounds nicer than Wei Zilin's!"

Lu Man's words could be said to be extremely sincere. She felt that she articulated her words very skillfully.

If she'd immediately said that Han Zhuoli's voice sounded nicer than Wei Zilin's, that would have been too fake.

After all, Wei Zilin's voice had already been recognized publicly by netizens as the top in the country.

That male god-like voice of his is utterly mesmerizing.

And to tell the truth, Han Zhuoli's voice did sound nice as well, and it was of a different style from Wei Zilin's.

Furthermore, doing a voice-over required vocalizing skills as well.

Comparing their actual voices, their difference was actually not that big.

However, Lu Man did not expect Han Zhuoli to become so arrogant. When he heard such a sincere answer from her, he actually sputtered out laughing. "In your heart, there shouldn't even be anyone who has a nicer voice than mine."

Lu Man: "..."

That was too arrogant of you, Mr. Han!

"Yes, in my heart, there is indeed no one who has a nicer voice than yours," Lu Man said very discerningly.

Only then did Han Zhuoli open the video that Wei Wucai just sent to watch it together with Lu Man.

"Wei Wucai worked really hard on this. He's too detailed. Even a layman like me can understand it clearly," Lu Man said. "I have to thank him properly for this."

#### **Chapter 1427: Went Off-Topic Because of the Voice**

"No need to stand on formalities. We're all brothers," Han Zhuoli said.

Wei Wucai was from the Wei Family. Didn't that make him like family to Han Zhuoli?

"Then why did you not ask him for help directly from the start?" Lu Man asked. "You still had to go through Fang Boran first."

"Mount Lan Compound has a very strict system, and Fang Boran is Wei Wucai's superior. Even if it's for personal matters, it's still better to go past Fang Boran first. Although Fang Boran would not manage this aspect, we can try our best to avoid situations that can put Wei Wucai in a spot," Han Zhuoli explained.

Lu Man nodded and sent the file with the audio comparison video over to Da Xiong.

"You are really fast indeed," Da Xiong exclaimed. Things could really get done easier with people around.

With a huge backer like Han Zhuoli, everything could be done conveniently.

It made him even more assured of his determination to maintain outstanding working relations with Lu Man. Good was no longer possible. It had to be outstanding.

And he could not be calculative about gains and losses. As long as Lu Man stood to gain, he stood to gain as well!

“As for how to put it out exactly, you have the experience, so you can do as you deem fit,” Lu Man said. She could not always have the final say.

Anyway, Da Xiong was not a pushover.

“Okay, don’t worry.” Da Xiong accepted the file.

After ten minutes, it was put up online.

He did not borrow the identity of a netizen but simply posted it as Da Xiong himself.

Da Xiong: “To prove the accuracy of the information I posted, my friend just found a professional in voice comparison. Everyone can take a look at the details yourselves.”

There was a video below.

The netizens opened it and listened to Wei Wucai’s explanation. As they listened, they came to have a clear understanding of the similarities between the voices, as well as evidence that the voice and video were not faked.

However, the subject of the netizens’ discussion seemed to go off-topic. “Who did this? His voice is sooo nice! As a fan of nice voices, I am dying from listening to him.”

“Brother Xiong, quick, hand over this male god!”

“Who is this male god? His voice is too nice to hear. How old is he? Is he a handsome cute boy?”

“Stop dreaming, y’all.” From this tone, it was obvious that it was a male netizen. “People who have a nice voice usually have a sentimental face<sup>1</sup>. Good-looking people usually destroy all illusions about themselves when they open their mouths.”

“Please check out Wei Zilin.”

“Hahahaha, right! Wei Zilin, our male god Yu Linling. He has a nice voice and is handsome as well!”

“So I believe this cute boy is also a handsome cute boy. He has great computer skills, a silky voice, and such a cute persona!”

Da Xiong: “...”

What the f\*ck, weren’t they supposed to screw Lu Qi up?

How did they go off-topic because of this expert that Lu Man had found?

Da Xiong was helpless as well. He quickly looked for Lu Man and told her, “Lu Man, have you seen the situation online? This scenario doesn’t look right.”

Lu Man: “...”

“I noticed it too...” She had also been thrown off-topic when she heard Wei Wucai’s voice just now and actually forgot about Lu Qi.

“Don’t worry. Find a few paid posters to bring back the rhythm,” Lu Man said. “Send the video to a few other partner entertainment accounts. Let them adjust the speed a little. This would also change the

sound of the voice as well. By that time, the netizens' concentration will no longer be on the voice itself."

"Right," Da Xiong replied. "I was anxious and actually did not think of this."

Lu Man smiled and sent him an emoji.

Da Xiong immediately contacted a few partner accounts.

Not long after, the Internet was filled with this news again.

When Lu Qi saw this Weibo post, things had already gotten out of hand.

### **Chapter 1428: Let's Not Meet**

After Lu Qiyuan recovered, he realized that the company's financial situation was in a bad state, so he sold Yi Lu.

Lu Qi lost her very own management company. She did not have any dramas to shoot now and did not even have a manager.

If she did not have any activities, her manager would not have any commission. If they were to receive only a wage, no experienced manager would want to do the job.

And Lu Qi did not even want to give out basic wages.

Hence, she did not even have a manager now.

She even did away with having an assistant.

Previously, Xia Qingyang was Lu Qi's manager, but because of the *Red Tiger* incident, Lu Qi had been badly affected by Xia Qingyang. So now, Lu Qi did not dare let Xia Qingyang be her own manager, so she just let her busy herself at home.

That's why up until now, Lu Qi had been surviving on her own.

As her career hit rock bottom, even her close friends' group from before cut off contact with her.

Especially since negative news about Lu Qi surfaced time and again, those "close friends" turned out to be afraid that Lu Qi would drag them down.

Usually, in such situations, netizens would think they were birds of a feather that flocked together.

Lu Qi did so many shameless things, so how would those close friends who constantly swarmed around her be any better?

This was what most people felt. Even if they immediately severed ties with Lu Qi, they still could not escape the judgment from people that they were heartless and superficial "sisters" in the end.

Anyway, no matter what, they would not end up in a good state.

The only option they had was to let themselves suffer less damage.

Therefore, the information Lu Qi could get lagged behind.

She did not have an assistant or manager telling her about the news online at the first instance, nor any friends to remind her.

When she found out about it, even a voice comparison video had come out on the Internet already.

And this was actually told to her by He Zhengbai.

When she got He Zhengbai's call, He Zhengbai said, "Let's not meet again during this period."

Lu Qi was shocked. As she did not know about what had happened online, she thought this was the first sign that He Zhengbai wanted to break up with her.

Lu Qi stood up in shock and said, "Zhengbai, what do you mean? Why do you not want to meet me again? Are you trying to break up with me?"

Despite the fact that He Zhengbai really did want to break up with Lu Qi now, he simply could not.

Hence, he could only reign in his temper and say, "Qi Qi, don't think so much. Our relationship is great. Why would I think of wanting to break up with you?"

Lu Qi heaved a sigh of relief and immediately switched to a bright smile. "I thought so too. We are on good terms, but why would you suddenly say this?"

"Didn't you see the news online?" He Zhengbai was shocked.

"What news online?" Lu Qi really did not know.

He Zhengbai pretended to look guilty. Over the phone, he sighed and said, "It's my fault. I was too rash that day.

Lu Qi had a hiccup and said, "What is it? Don't scare me! You... Did you do something to let me down?"

He Zhengbai acted like he was stunned for words. "Qi Qi, how could you think so? How can I do anything to let you down?"

Lu Qi heaved a sigh of relief. "You said that it was all your fault. What are you referring to?"

He Zhengbai said, "It's about that time when you came to my office and we..."

When Lu Qi thought about their rendezvous, she could not help but feel her body turn warm just thinking about it.

Luckily, she had not been blinded by that feeling, so she instantly felt that something was wrong.

"Don't tell me someone knew about it?" Lu Qi exclaimed in shock.

#### **Chapter 1429: Think About It**

"It's probably our workers who leaked it to the paparazzi," He Zhengbai said.

"Who did that?!" Lu Qi immediately broke out in a cold sweat.

“I can’t figure out who it is right now. Previously, a lot of people suddenly resigned. Even if I want to find out who’s responsible for it, I don’t know who to look for either.” He Zhengbai did not intend to pursue the matter either.

Anyway, his voice was not in the recording, so he did not stand to lose at all from this incident.

Lu Qi was the one who was thrown into the center of heated public discussion.

So he was not anxious at all and was not willing to look for trouble himself.

“And now is not the time to care about this. Most importantly, we need to resolve the issue at hand now. Your recording is already going viral online. Although Weibo removed the post for ‘maintaining harmony’[1], there were many people who had already downloaded the recording and spread it around privately through messaging apps.”

Lu Qi panicked. “I... I’ll go and post an announcement now to deny that it was me. I was wronged, and I’ll say that if anyone continues to spread it, I will definitely take legal action.”

This was a very common method.

If you let people know that you were taking things seriously, the matter would surely die down after some time.

Alas, He Zhengbai actually said, “It’s no use. There is already a video of your voice comparison. That video put the recording together with a video of you shooting behind-the-scenes highlights that had your normal voice and explained the similarities. There is already sufficient evidence that the voice in the recording is yours.”

“What... What am I supposed to do now?!” Lu Qi was about to go crazy. How could she face other people like this?!

What kind of shows could she take on with such a scandal going on!

“That’s why I said, let’s not meet again any time soon. The reporters will surely keep their eyes closely on us during this period. If news of us meeting up keeps coming out, your scandal will be out in public for a longer time,” He Zhengbai said.

Lu Qi was not in the mood to feel happy that He Zhengbai was not distancing himself from her anymore. She said anxiously, “But what am I supposed to do! I’m doomed... I’m doomed...”

“There’s only one way now,” He Zhengbai said.

“What way?!” Lu Qi felt as if she was hanging by a thread to save her life while waiting for He Zhengbai’s answer.

“Now that the voice comparison is out, you can only answer personally to say that it is true, but you did not expect that people will secretly record it down. Actually, this is not your fault to begin with. We are lovers, and there will surely be times when we can’t control our feelings! It’s not like we did anything in public. It’s the people who recorded it that are in the wrong. As long as you are sincere and act pitiful, you can get quite a few sympathy votes even if the whole issue can’t be resolved. At least you can make some of the netizens stand on your side. Slowly, things will die down and it will be fine.”

Lu Qi still could not get over it. This method to her was the last resort.

"I got it. Let me think about it," Lu Qi said.

He Zhengbai laughed soundlessly. "Okay. I especially asked my company's Public Relations expert for this. He said that this was the best solution at the moment. You can think about it first."

Lu Qi minced her lips together. As she knew Lu Man, she kind of looked down on those so-called PR experts.

Lu Man always pulled off interesting tricks, but what about those PR experts?

They would only use normal methods, which were totally useless. Once they went against Lu Man, not a single one of them could win.

Yet, the two best PR experts in the country right now had to be Lu Man and Wei Zilin.

[1] Chinese internet expression for censorship on social media sites.

### **Chapter 1430: Walked in with a Glum Look**

Lu Man would definitely not help her.

Wei Zilin just had to be Lu Man's husband's good friend. Could he possibly help her?

Lu Qi felt so depressed that her chest hurt.

After ending her call with He Zhengbai, she heard Xia Qingyang's shrill and shocked voice coming from the living room.

"Qi Qi! Qi Qi!" Xia Qingyang held her phone as she rushed over, coincidentally bumping into Lu Qi, who was walking back.

"Online... Online..." Xia Qingyang said urgently.

"I know. It's about that recording, right?" With Xia Qingyang being so anxious, Lu Qi conversely calmed down.

"How are you not anxious at all?!" Xia Qingyang exclaimed.

"How can I not be anxious? But if you're already panicking like that, one of us has got to be the one with a clear mind, right?" Lu Qi was utterly annoyed.

Every time something happened, aside from being anxious, what else could Xia Qingyang do?

She could not help with anything and could only care about being anxious.

Xia Qingyang did not seem to notice that Lu Qi was annoyed with her. She even exclaimed proudly, "My daughter is someone who can accomplish big things!"

She was still so calm now.

"Then have you thought of an idea yet?" Xia Qingyang asked.

“No. What idea can I have?” Lu Qi said in vexation. “If there is really no other way, I can only apologize publicly and act pitiful.”

“How can we do that? If you admit it, you’re finished!” Once Xia Qingyang panicked, she would give absurd ideas. “Why don’t... Why don’t you go and find Han Zhuoli! He is still your brother-in-law no matter what! We are in-laws! How can he not help at times like these? As long as he’s willing to help, this will surely not be a problem!”

Lu Qi scoffed. “In your dreams! It’s good already if he doesn’t completely censor me off. You still want me to go and beg him?”

Lu Qi had not forgotten how she had ended up when she tried to seduce Han Zhuoli.

Lu Qi could not help but frown. Lu Man probably did not know about that, right?

Han Zhuoli definitely would not tell Lu Man. If he told Lu Man of his own accord, wouldn’t he be looking for trouble?

Han Zhuoli was not that stupid either.

Furthermore, she did not see any reaction from Lu Man afterward.

Thinking of this, Lu Qi suddenly froze.

The recording incident this time, could it have been done by Lu Man?

No.

Lu Qi thought about it. If it was Lu Man, why would she act only after such a long time?

Lu Qi quickly went to dig through Weibo. The first to post all these was a paparazzi account. Afterward, there were many entertainment accounts that shared the post for views.

Eight Skin Entertainment was naturally one of the accounts. However, like the other accounts, it only shared the post and did not attach any opinions or analysis along with it.

She knew that Eight Skin Entertainment and Lu Man were on good terms. However, this did not seem like Lu Man’s doing, because Eight Skin Entertainment did not really have much of an effect on this.

Lu Qi and Xia Qingyang were both so troubled about this that neither of them heard the gates opening.

Until they heard the auntie in the house call, “Sir is back.”

Both of them finally regained their senses. They turned and saw Lu Qiyuan walking in with a glum look on his face. He did not even respond to the auntie.

“Qiyuan? Why did you come home at this time?” Seeing the look on Lu Qiyuan’s face, Xia Qingyang had a bad feeling in her heart.

“Dad?” Lu Qi called out timidly.

Alas, Lu Qiyuan remained silent.

Usually, in such moments, as long as Lu Qi called him, Lu Qiyuan would already reply to her with a gentle and loving look on his face.

However, now, Lu Qiyuan seemed to have become even angrier when he heard Lu Qi's voice.