

Mr Han 1541

Chapter 1541: Are You Being Sarcastic with Me?

Putting that aside, it was another matter whether Shi Xiaoya would still be willing to work with Jiang Yuhan next time she's free.

So, why would Shi Xiaoya be scared of her?

After being surprised, Shi Feng and Ling Xiaoen came to their own realization and continued watching the show without saying anything.

Xu Fei knew this very well in her heart. She was done with her own makeup and had a lot of free time, so she too watched the show from the side.

A fight between women was not one that would be good for Huang Yilun to intervene in.

Nothing would really happen however it went. At most, it would just be a verbal quarrel.

"Well, thank you very much for giving me this chance." Shi Xiaoya was done playing around with her words and said, "There's still half an hour left to go. Can you cooperate with me and lift up your face?"

However, in Jiang Yuhan's eyes, Shi Xiaoya's words were an admission of defeat.

Jiang Yuhan appeared to be pleased and did not insist on the matter.

Furthermore, they were really almost running out of time, so Jiang Yuhan said, "Alright, let's carry on quickly."

Shi Xiaoya then continued putting on makeup for Jiang Yuhan. As if she never quarreled with her before, she was very at peace.

Jiang Yuhan became displeased yet again.

A mere makeup artist dared to go against her directly?

The more she thought about it, the harder it was for her to be at peace. It would seem as if she was scared of Shi Xiaoya.

And in front of Xu Fei, Jiang Yuhan really did not want to admit defeat.

Yet Shi Xiaoya's actions were really too fast and too precise.

By the time Jiang Yuhan regretted it and wanted to mock her, Shi Xiaoya was already done putting on makeup for her.

She took out a mirror and placed it in front of her so that she could have a closer look. "Do you think this look is okay?"

Jiang Yuhan had to admit that Shi Xiaoya's caliber was really much higher than that of the makeup artists she had hired before.

She really did not understand. They all learned how to apply makeup and these were all the same few steps. How was the difference so big?

Jiang Yuhan wanted to find something to nitpick on and said, "I don't like this eye makeup. It's too light and simple. It's not obvious at all unless you look up close. It's totally not eye-catching."

How could Shi Xiaoya not tell that she was picking on her on purpose? But she still explained, "Because you requested for the emphasis to be on your lip makeup and asked for red lipstick to be put on you. To highlight the lip makeup, the eye makeup should be simpler in comparison. This can then emphasize the lip makeup even more. There always has to be an emphasis and an accompanying foil. Both cannot be emphasized. The competing emphasis would, on the contrary, make the parts that are supposed to be highlighted diminished, and any emphasis would be lost."

"Also, the lip makeup is already very thick. If the eye makeup is made thicker as well, the makeup will look cakey," Shi Xiaoya said. "Furthermore, your eyes are pretty, so the makeup really complements it."

Even though she was praised by her, Jiang Yuhan did not feel happy at all. She still said adamantly, "I don't think so. I've seen many photos of Hollywood female stars on the red carpet. Their eye makeup is still very exquisite."

Shi Xiaoya knew deep down that Jiang Yuhan was just finding something to nitpick on, so she did not seem to lose her cool at all. She gave a faint smile and said, "You can give me an example. I'll go and learn from there."

Jiang Yuhan got angry the moment she heard that. "What's this? Are you being sarcastic with me? Other people gave you a few praises and you really think you are the best in the industry. Whatever you said is right and whatever you drew is good. You won't even allow me to give you some suggestions?"

Shi Xiaoya took out her phone. It was unknown what she was looking for.

If she'd known this early on, she would not have accepted a job from Jiang Yuhan.

Seriously.

Shi Xiaoya even felt like laughing.

"What's wrong? You don't like hearing what I said so you just decided to play with your phone?" Jiang Yuhan raised her voice and said, "You actually dare to be so arrogant right in front of my face. Ms. Shi, is this how you do your work usually? Those praises you got in the past were probably fake, it seems to me. I wonder how those praises came about."

Chapter 1542: Sarcasm

These words were basically implying that those praises were probably spread by people whom Shi Xiaoya found so that she could create a reputation for herself.

Guo Yujie was fuming at the side. If she'd known earlier, she would not have let Shi Xiaoya take on this job!

She had made up her mind not to take on any jobs from Jiang Yuhan in the future!

Guo Yujie was about to go up and confront Jiang Yuhan, but she was patted on the shoulder by Shi Feng.

Shi Feng asked her to calm down and bear with it a little. She was just an assistant. How could she fight against Jiang Yuhan?

She was not Shi Xiaoya, who would not be afraid of offending Jiang Yuhan.

Also, there was another reason.

"I saw just now. Xiaoya seems to be looking for photos. You just wait for a while first," Shi Feng said in a small voice.

Guo Yujie only calmed down then and saw Shi Xiaoya taking her phone and showing the phone screen to Jiang Yuhan. "You mentioned female stars from Hollywood. It's perfect that I have quite a few photos here as well."

Aside from looking at the red carpet makeup of local female celebrities and learning from them, she would also look at the red carpet makeup from various major international film festivals.

The features of Westerners differ from Orientals. Their biggest unique features are their eyes and noses.

Much of the makeup that Westerners could use was not suitable for Orientals.

However, Shi Xiaoya felt that she could work hard to develop her career internationally.

Just like how Qin Zigou wanted to aim for the Oscars, Shi Xiaoya too wanted to work hard to venture into overseas production crews.

There was one aspect which films and television dramas in the country cannot be compared to with other countries.

It was the variety of themes.

There were many themes that were banned within the country.

Zombie-themed films remained absent in the local film scene.

She actually really wanted to challenge herself to it.

On the international stage, the challenge makeup artists face are much tougher, and there are more things to learn as well.

She did not want to just do this kind of normal makeup. She wanted even more to challenge herself to try many kinds of special effects makeup.

The first step would have to start from familiarizing herself with the facial features of people from various countries.

Hence, she set up a case file by country. Under each country's case file, she also set up individual case files for some famous female celebrities which contained photos of different styles.

Without exaggerating, as long as Jiang Yuhan could name a person, she could immediately find that person for Jiang Yuhan, so she was not afraid of Jiang Yuhan nitpicking on her at all.

Shi Xiaoya zoomed in on the photo at the eyes. “Red lip makeup has always been a common feature of red carpets. This one here has a red lip makeup on, but look at her eyes. Even her eyelashes were very lightly tinted. It is precisely to avoid stealing the limelight from the lip makeup.

“If you say that one person cannot really prove anything, I have photos of her makeup dating up to 10 years back. Although the specialties of makeup 10 years ago would differ from now, the balance between makeup on different parts of the face would not change.

“If you say that this female celebrity still doesn’t explain much, I also have photos of other currently famous female stars. As long as you can name someone, I have them all here,” Shi Xiaoya said.

Jiang Yuhan’s face was pale from anger. Even the makeup that had just been applied on her face could not conceal her displeasure.

Shi Xiaoya acted as if she did not see it and found the photos of various female stars one by one for her. “You can look at the eye makeup of this lady...

“This one too, you can take a look...

“The makeup of this person here happens to be drawn by the chief makeup artist of the brand she endorses. As for the brand that she endorses, I think you have probably seen it in their advertisement. That chief makeup artist is someone I can never compare to.” Shi Xiaoya gave a small smile.

Other than that, there was no other excess expression on her face.

But in Jiang Yuhan’s eyes, it seemed sarcastic no matter how she saw it.

Shi Xiaoya was clearly saying that if she was not even pleased with Shi Xiaoya, then she probably would not even be satisfied with an internationally acclaimed makeup artist.

Chapter 1543: Han Zhuoling Has Hope

If she doubted Shi Xiaoya, would she then doubt an internationally acclaimed makeup artist?

At that moment, the students from the student council came over and invited the three guests to take their places at the VIP seats.

Jiang Yuhan could not put Shi Xiaoya in the spot even if she wanted to now.

The fact that she was satisfied deep down and just wanted to nitpick and find things to say aside...

Even if she was really unhappy, it would be too late to change things now.

Jiang Yuhan pretended to be magnanimous while being displeased with Shi Xiaoya and sighed before saying, “Forget it. Anyway, there’s no time left. I will just make do with this.”

After saying that, Jiang Yuhan walked out and pretended to have a very good temper and friendly demeanor in front of the students.

It was just that she did not take more than a few steps before she heard Shi Xiaoya saying to Guo Yujie behind her, “Reject all jobs from Jiang Yuhan next time. I won’t take on any jobs with her.”

“Sure,” Guo Yujie answered crisply.

Jiang Yuhan paused in her steps, fuming with rage. She almost could not carry on with her friendly pretense in front of the others.

Even if she did not want to take on jobs with her, she could have waited for her to leave before saying that.

Shi Xiaoya purposely said it at this time so that she could hear it.

How could Jiang Yuhan not be angry?!

Yet when she turned to look, that assistant of Shi Xiaoya’s looked so gleeful and totally did not worry about Jiang Yuhan.

Shi Xiaoya dared to be rude to her, but what right did a mere assistant have to do that?

Jiang Yuhan was about to say something when she heard a man’s voice, which was especially polite, “Ms. Shi.”

Everyone else heaved a sigh of relief. If Jiang Yuhan really raised a ruckus, they’d have had to think of a way to stop the fight.

Everyone turned at the sound and saw a young man carrying a huge bunch of roses, smiling ear to ear as he walked over.

The person that came was naturally Xiao Zhang.

Everyone who saw, except Jiang Yuhan, all gave an ambiguous smile.

Was this Shi Xiaoya’s suitor?

Jiang Yuhan sized up Xiao Zhang and instantly knew it in her heart.

Having been in the industry for so long, she had developed some observation skills.

No matter how well-dressed this person was, she could tell with one look that he was an average person.

What was there to show off about?

Jiang Yuhan gave a snort of contempt.

Xiao Zhang probably did not even notice Jiang Yuhan and walked right up to Shi Xiaoya.

There was only the future Madam Han in his eyes right now!

“Mr. Zhang,” Shi Xiaoya greeted politely.

“Aye, how many times have I said it? You can just call me Xiao Zhang.” Xiao Zhang smiled and said, “You really don’t need to be so polite with me.”

“Then you shouldn’t use ‘you’1 either,” Shi Xiaoya said with a laugh.

Hearing him say that really felt weird.

Shi Xiaoya suddenly recalled that when she used the formal pronoun on Han Zhuoling, Han Zhuoling seemed displeased as well.

She wondered if he had the same thought as her.

However, she also felt that Han Zhuoling should have long been used to other people addressing him that way and would not feel as uncomfortable as she did.

At that moment, Xiao Zhang laughed and said, "If you call me Mr. Zhang, won't I have to address you formally?"

Shi Xiaoya did not know what to do with him, so she could only say, "Alright. Then I'll call you Xiao Zhang."

Xiao Zhang immediately greeted her back.

He had been sending flowers to Shi Xiaoya these last few days. Shi Xiaoya had been polite but distant initially.

But slowly, Shi Xiaoya's attitude towards him also became softer and softer.

And now, she would even joke with him.

What did this show?

It showed that Shi Xiaoya was no longer as angry at Han Zhuoling as before!

Xiao Zhang felt that Han Zhuoling had hope!

When everyone heard Shi Xiaoya's conversation with Xiao Zhang, they knew that Xiao Zhang was probably not the suitor but someone who came in place of someone else to deliver the flowers.

Chapter 1544: Hopefully Boss Can Do Well

"Ms. Shi, these flowers are from our Boss." Xiao Zhang was very prudent.

He did not know what was going on between Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling, so it would not be good to casually out Han Zhuoling in front of others.

Because if he mentioned Young Master Ling, who wouldn't know who he was?

It was just like how Young Master Han would only be used by Han Zhuoli.

With Han Zhuoling around, no one else would dare to call themselves Young Master Ling.

Shi Xiaoya took the flowers. She glanced at Xu Fei and the rest. None of them seemed to be leaving and seemed to want to stay and watch.

Xiao Zhang did not leave either. As long as they did not know who it was from, Xiao Zhang did not care whether they were looking or not.

He stared with a smiling face at Shi Xiaoya. "Ms. Shi, take a look at the card inside."

"..." Shi Xiaoya said helplessly, "May I look at it later?"

But thinking of Xiao Zhang's determined behavior over the past few days, Shi Xiaoya sighed and did not hope for Xiao Zhang to let her off now. She just resigned herself to go and take the card.

But then Xiao Zhang said, "There's no rush today. You can look at it after you go and sit at the audience seats later."

Xiao Zhang stared at the other people with a smiley face before saying, "It's not very convenient to look at it here either."

And after sitting down, next to Han Zhuoling, she would be able to say whatever she wanted to directly to Han Zhuoling after reading it. Wouldn't that be even better?

He would not need to convey the same message again either.

It's just perfect. Han Zhuoling could personally hear Shi Xiaoya speak to him.

Xiao Zhang calculated it really well. He thought to himself that he could only help this far, and he hoped that his boss could do well.

The corners of Shi Xiaoya's mouth twitched. "Well, thank you very much."

At least he did not insist on making her read the card here, in front of so many people. Shi Xiaoya really would not be able to do it.

"I will leave first," Xiao Zhang said as he smiled.

Shi Xiaoya felt it was strange. "You don't need to stay?"

"No need, I can go home first," Xiao Zhang replied as he laughed.

Shi Xiaoya then smiled and said, "Take care."

Xiao Zhang bade farewell to Shi Xiaoya politely and left.

Jiang Yuhan had heard Xiao Zhang mention the word "Boss." She thought to herself, this person that was courting Shi Xiaoya seemed to be quite rich.

She just did not know how old he was.

Hearing that the man called him "Boss," Jiang Yuhan subconsciously formed an image of a fat, middle-aged man in her mind.

Shi Xiaoya did not know what Jiang Yuhan was thinking and could not be bothered with her either. They left in a single file and prepared to be seated.

At this moment, in the school's auditorium.

The students were already seated.

The school did not price the tickets for this welcome party.

The total number of students in the National Film Academy was not a lot. There were only so many students that the school accepted every year, so they adopted a business model approach.

There was a class for each profession, and there were at most 40 or 50 people in a class.

This big auditorium was good enough for a venue.

Outside of the VIP seats, the rest of the seats were filled completely.

However, there were some students who still did not manage to find a seat. Luckily, they prepared many chairs beforehand and placed them at the aisles on both sides. It was good enough for them to sit on for a while.

Principal Liu brought the school's leaders to come and receive Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling.

Lu Man saw that Zheng Yuan and the girls had saved a seat for her when she came in and were waving to her.

Lu Man then told Han Zhuoli, "I will go there and sit. They saved a seat for me."

Han Zhuoli glanced over and saw that it was a bit far.

"I'm already here, why do you still have to sit separately from me?" Han Zhuoli held on to her hand and did not want to let her go.

Principal Liu smiled and said, "Lu Man, you can just sit with Young Master Han. I have long since prepared a seat for you in front."

When Lu Man heard that, she said, "Alright, then. I will go and tell Zheng Yuan and the girls."

Han Zhuoli nodded. Lu Man then walked over to let Zheng Yuan and the girls know.

Chapter 1545: Saving a Seat

"You go ahead. We saved a seat for you just in case. We know that you will probably sit with Young Master Han, but we were worried that the school did not leave a seat for you. Anyway, we saved a seat for you only so you won't be left stranded."

Lu Man smiled and thanked them. Coincidentally, a few students did not have a seat, so Zheng Yuan let them in.

Lu Man then went to find Han Zhuoli.

She had just walked over to Han Zhuoli's side when she heard Han Zhuoling ask Principal Liu, "Is there an extra seat that can be arranged beside me?"

The first row was definitely impossible to fill up. Aside from the school leaders, there were Han Zhuoli, Han Zhuoling, and the old artistes from the entertainment industry, like teachers Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang. There were also the Best Actor Zhang Shuidong, the Best Actress Hu Jingwen, the A-list superstar actress Shao Yuqi, and the internationally acclaimed movie star Cao Jingcheng.

On the second row sat the deans of the various majors and some school leaders. There were also Huang Yilun, Xu Fei, Jiang Yuhan, and some young actors who were rising in popularity. Although they were famous, they were at most C-list actors.

On the third row sat the exchange students.

Even if the first row was not completely filled, they would not move people from the second row, who were arranged to be seated there according to various conditions, up to the first row.

Hence, the first row really had a few empty seats.

Han Zhuoling explained, "I have a friend who came as well."

Principal Liu thought to himself that everyone who came all received an invite, but all who had been invited had already been assigned seats.

If he suddenly changed their seats, he was afraid that the guests would have objections to it.

The few people who came were not to be trifled with.

Lu Man could tell what Principal Liu's concerns were and asked Han Zhuoling, "Big Brother, it's Xiaoya, right?"

Han Zhuoling did not say anything and silently agreed.

"Is it Shi Xiaoya?" Principal Liu knew that Shi Xiaoya had been engaged by Jiang Yuhan for makeup services.

As Shi Xiaoya was hard to invite, many artistes would use her name to brag when they finally managed to invite her.

Jiang Yuhan was no exception.

She wanted to brag, but at the same time felt, why should Shi Xiaoya be so difficult to hire?

She was just a makeup artist and that was nothing remarkable.

She just did not want to think highly of Shi Xiaoya and wanted to beat down on her.

She only accepted A-list jobs?

Ha!

How arrogant she was!

As she was unhappy with Shi Xiaoya previously, it made Jiang Yuhan very insistent on finding fault with Shi Xiaoya.

Hence, Jiang Yuhan wanted to show off while trying to find fault with her at the same time. This kind of conflicting psychological feeling was very hard to understand.

Han Zhuoling finally nodded his head.

Principal Liu heaved a sigh of relief. As Shi Xiaoya came as a staff worker, the school did not arrange a seat for her.

If she wanted to watch, she could find a random spot to watch. If she did not have time, she could leave right after as well.

“That’s not a problem.” Principal Liu smiled and said, “I’ll go and arrange it now.”

As Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling sat on the first row, Lu Man’s being Han Zhuoli’s wife would make others unable to find fault with her.

But Shi Xiaoya stood out a little too much.

It was not possible to make the other guests move to the side, so only the school leaders could shift on their side.

Moving left or right was not such a big issue. They did not care about that.

It was those artistes who minded it a lot. One seat could prove their status in the industry.

Han Zhuoli, Lu Man, and Han Zhuoling sat in their seats.

Ma Xianghuan and the rest were led to their seats as well.

Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang were considered to be familiar with Han Zhuoli because of the Chinese Arts Championships previously.

Both of them smiled and greeted Han Zhuoli.

Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang also smiled warmly at Lu Man, saying that they were fated to meet again.

Who would have expected that the young lady they judged back then would actually become Han Zhuoli’s wife?

Chapter 1546: Come and Sit

Both of them were not stupid. They naturally recalled how much Han Zhuoli had helped Lu Man back then. The two of them must have already been together at that time.

But to be honest, even without this relationship, Han Zhuoli was not being biased either.

The first three judges had indeed been unfair in the beginning.

Lu Man was capable enough by herself as well. Her acting skills made the cut, and there was no need for Han Zhuoli to be biased towards her for her to attain high marks for herself.

The marks that Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang awarded were honestly given. They took into account no one else when awarding marks.

Hence, even when they found out about Lu Man and Han Zhuoli’s relationship later on, both of them did not feel that it was a big deal. They also did not view Lu Man differently because of that.

Shao Yuqi and Zhang Shuidong also came over and sat beside Lian Fang.

Both of them first greeted Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling.

Zhang Shuidong and Lu Man could be considered to be old acquaintances, so both of them smiled and chatted for a bit.

Afterward, he took the initiative to introduce Shao Yuqi to Lu Man. "Xiao Shao, you haven't met Lu Man, right?"

Shao Yuqi was quite polite. She smiled and said, "I watched Lu Man's films before. She acts very well."

"I'm still very new to acting. Hope to have a chance to learn from you, Teacher Shao," Lu Man said modestly.

"Why are you calling me Teacher Shao? That sounds too polite." Shao Yuqi seemed quite forthcoming. "If you don't mind, you can call me 'Sister.'"

It's not strange that Shao Yuqi would be so polite towards Lu Man.

If it were other people, Shao Yuqi might be polite, but she would not have taken the initiative to say that.

Wasn't it all because of Lu Man's relationship with Han Zhuoli?

Even if Shao Yuqi did not give others face, she could not not give face to Han Zhuoli.

Lu Man knew that very well and smiled and said, "Then I will be thick-skinned and call you Sister Yuqi."

Both of them chatted for a while before Shao Yuqi went back to her seat.

She was five seats away from Lu Man, so it was really not convenient for them to chat.

At that moment, Shi Xiaoya and the others came out as well.

Shi Feng and Ling Xiaoen also wanted to use this chance to get to know some artistes. It would be good for their jobs, so they stayed as well.

Shi Xiaoya had not decided if she wanted to stay when she heard someone call her. "Xiaoya!"

Shi Xiaoya looked to the source of the sound and saw Lu Man sitting there and waving to her.

Lu Man thought that Han Zhuoling probably would not directly call Shi Xiaoya over and worried that Shi Xiaoya might just look for a random seat at the back or even leave straight away.

This Big Brother was really a headache.

Hence, Lu Man did not wait for Han Zhuoling to show any signs of expression and called Shi Xiaoya over first.

Shi Xiaoya was holding a huge bunch of flowers, which made her feel a little uncomfortable.

Under the eyes of everyone else, she walked over to the first row.

Jiang Yuhan and the others sat down on the second row.

Seeing Shi Xiaoya actually standing in front, Jiang Yuhan looked over and frowned.

She actually seemed quite close to Lu Man, which was unexpected.

Lu Man pointed to the seat beside her and asked, "Do you have anything else after this?"

“Nope.” Shi Xiaoya did not suspect anything amiss and just answered honestly.

Lu Man happily pointed to the seat beside her and said, “That’s great, then. There’s a seat for you. You can come and sit.”

Lu Man did not say who had saved the seat for her.

If she just said it was Han Zhuoling, she was afraid Shi Xiaoya might feel uncomfortable, so she decided to just skip the pronoun.

When Shi Xiaoya heard that, her first reaction was to think that Lu Man had saved a seat for her.

It was because the seat was right beside Lu Man and Han Zhuoling was sitting on the other side.

Principal Liu did not care how they arranged their seats and simply saved two seats for Han Zhuoling.

When it came to the seating arrangement, Han Zhuoling was still the one to decide.

When Han Zhuoling had been about to sit right next to Lu Man, Lu Man had stopped him and said that reserving that seat for Shi Xiaoya would be more convenient.

Chapter 1547: That Sound Seemed to Have Rolled Over His Throat

“Or else if she saw she’s to be seated right next to you, Big Brother, I think Xiaoya might just feel too scared to sit down,” Lu Man explained.

Han Zhuoling: “...”

He quietly shifted to leave the seat between him and Lu Man empty.

People who did not know the truth would even think there was some unhappiness between Han Zhuoling and Lu Man.

Could it be that this First Young Master from the Han Family was displeased with Lu Man?

It seemed like Lu Man’s journey to becoming a rich man’s wife did not look as smooth as it appeared to be.

Thinking of it made sense as well. She was not exactly very outstanding and did not have a very glamorous background, so she was as good as being all alone when she married into the Han Family.

How could it be possible that no one in the Han Family was disdainful of her?

It would probably be difficult for her to establish herself in the Han Family.

She appeared to be leading a good life with Han Zhuoli on the outside, but who would know of the tears she had shed secretly?

Lu Man did not even think that one act of hers to simply prevent any awkwardness between Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya would actually be interpreted as such baseless nonsense.

The venue had a long table setting, so one needed to walk past every seat starting from the outermost seat.

The people sitting on the outer seats would have to stand up and make way.

Lu Man was all smiles as she said, "You can put your flowers here first, or else it wouldn't be convenient if you walk in while holding it."

Shi Xiaoya turned to Guo Yujie and said, "There's no more work after this. If you don't want to watch this, you can get off work earlier. If you want to watch, you can go find a seat."

Although Guo Yujie really wanted to stay and watch the follow-up developments between Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling, she also felt that she needed to leave a chance for Han Zhuoling!

She could not possibly keep following Shi Xiaoya and being a third wheel.

After weighing things for a while, Guo Yujie decided it was better if she left first.

"Then I won't stay here any longer. Since I have time today, I'll go back home to take a look," Guo Yujie said.

"Okay. Take care on the way back." Shi Xiaoya did not make her stay.

Guo Yujie quickly left.

Shi Xiaoya then put the flowers on the chair.

She walked to the end of the long table and walked sideways inwards.

Zhang Shuidong and Shao Yuqi both stood up to make way for her. Shi Xiaoya felt especially embarrassed as she greeted, "Teacher Zhang, Sister Yuqi."

Shao Yuqi did not engage Shi Xiaoya to do her makeup this time. She did not look for a specific makeup artist.

She felt that this was not some big occasion, so she just did her own makeup and came over.

Seeing that Shi Xiaoya looked quite embarrassed, Shao Yuqi gave her a kind smile.

Although it was not good for her to say much, at least she could make Shi Xiaoya feel less uncomfortable.

Aside from having a good personality, Shao Yuqi was a smart person to begin with.

Seeing Lu Man's attitude towards Shi Xiaoya, it did not seem to her like they were just friends.

Shao Yuqi glanced at them from afar and had a nagging feeling that it was somehow related to Han Zhuoling.

Although she thought that this thought was quite ridiculous, she could not help but think that way.

In front of Shi Xiaoya, she was naturally polite.

Shi Xiaoya apologized to them as she walked in.

Compared to these few people, she was really a nobody, yet she was to sit in a more central position than they did. It made her feel indescribable guilt.

Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang did not care about this at all. Both of the old artistes were all smiles and felt that the young people were quite interesting.

And then Shi Xiaoya reached Han Zhuoling, and Han Zhuoling stood up as well.

A tall, big man like him suddenly stood up and instantly cast a shadow above her head.

Shi Xiaoya was instantly stuck. Her throat seemed to be in a deadlock; she wanted to say something but no sound came out.

She shifted towards the table uncomfortably.

Han Zhuoling leaned backward to give her space, but the space available was only so little. It was no use no matter how much he avoided her. There was no significant change to the amount of space.

Shi Xiaoya braced herself and greeted, "Young Master Ling."

"Hm." Han Zhuoling gave a plain reply. That sound seemed to have rolled over his throat.

Chapter 1548: This Was Meant for You

Han Zhuoli and Lu Man almost died from anxiety watching them from the side.

Why did he just stop at "Hm"? He should at least say a few words.

Han Zhuoling was then seen pointing to the seat where the flowers were placed and said, "Sit."

Shi Xiaoya already felt a lot of pressure just standing here.

She felt that she was not suited to sit here no matter how she looked at it.

But she had already walked in here and could not regret it anymore.

She braced herself and bent down, about to pick up that huge bunch of flowers.

Yet someone beat her to it.

Shi Xiaoya looked up in shock and saw that the flowers were already in Han Zhuoling's hands.

He was donning a suit, looking graceful and poised. Holding a bouquet of flowers in his hands right now made him look really eye-catching.

As if he came personally to woo someone.

They clearly knew it wasn't the case, but he looked way too good right now that so many people already started taking out their phones to snap secret shots.

After today, they won't even know if they would get a chance to see such a scene.

Shi Xiaoya remembered how these flowers were originally from Han Zhuoling. Although the bouquet was entrusted to Xiao Zhang to deliver, the intent was still his to begin with.

Great. Now, the original sender of the flowers was holding them himself. Shi Xiaoya's ears turned hot as she thought about that.

When she sat down, Han Zhuoling sat down as well.

Shi Xiaoya felt embarrassed to ask the bouquet of flowers back from him, as if she really wanted it and treated it as something very important.

But she could not just let Han Zhuoling hold it like this. She turned and was about to ask when she saw Han Zhuoling looking down at the bouquet.

He suddenly turned to look at her and asked, "You haven't seen the card inside?"

The envelope had not even been opened and was perfectly intact.

Shi Xiaoya could only explain, "When Xiao Zhang came to deliver the flowers, there were some people at the side, so it wasn't a good time to look."

Han Zhuoling nodded with a very understanding look on his face.

Shi Xiaoya heaved a sigh of relief and said, "Thank you. You can pass it to me now."

Han Zhuoling raised his eyebrow. "This was meant for you. It's not like I'm going to take it away."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

That's not what she meant!

This was exactly what she was worried about just now. She worried that Han Zhuoling would misunderstand!

Since she had already said it, Shi Xiaoya decided to take the flowers back. Alas, Han Zhuoling did not give it to her. He picked up the envelope in it and stuffed it into her hands. "Read it now."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Han Zhuoling was holding on to her flowers and not returning them. That posture looks as if he regretted giving them and did not want to return them to her.

"There's still some time before the welcome party starts," Han Zhuoling said. "I'll hold the flowers for you. You can read the card first."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Did he want her to read it in front of him?

Was this an upgrade?!

She used to read it in front of Xiao Zhang, and now she would read it right in front of the sender.

Shi Xiaoya almost laughed in anger.

Did people apologize like this?

He was almost stalking and coercing someone into forgiving him.

Han Zhuoling was really flowing with dominance from inside out.

Resigned, Shi Xiaoya could only open the envelope under Han Zhuoling's pressuring gaze.

When she read it in front of Xiao Zhang, she still felt fine. She felt a little uncomfortable at first but she was fine afterward.

But now that the person in front of her had changed to Han Zhuoling, she simply felt too embarrassed to read it.

She did not even dare to look at Han Zhuoling's face right now. She lowered her head uncomfortably and said, "May I look at it when I go back?"

"No," Han Zhuoling said firmly.

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Was this seriously the attitude of someone who's apologizing?

This man, Han Zhuoling, was even so domineering when apologizing, as if she was the one in the wrong instead.

She was clearly not at fault, yet she felt incredibly guilty.

Shi Xiaoya got so angry that she raised her head and glared at him.

Yet she saw that Han Zhuoling's expression was completely different from how cold and domineering his words had sounded.

That good-looking face actually became gentle and even revealed a hint of helplessness.

Chapter 1549: Being Adeptly Single

"Take a look," Han Zhuoling said.

It was the same tone of voice, but his expression was incredibly gentle.

If one didn't look at his expression, his words would actually sound really strong-headed.

But when paired with his expression, it made his voice seem even less cold and domineering. There was even an additional hint of pleading in it.

Shi Xiaoya did not expect to see such a side to Han Zhuoling, and she could not help but stare at him for a while more.

It was just like what Han Zhuoli had said. Although Han Zhuoling sent flowers every day, those were all left to Xiao Zhang to send.

The effects of leaving it to a third party would not be able to compare to him doing it himself.

At least now, Shi Xiaoya's experience would be much more direct.

Although she received the flowers previously, she did not see him in person, so she totally could not imagine what he was thinking.

She just felt that if he left it to someone else, he probably did not take it to heart.

It was not until now, in front of Han Zhuoling, that she realized that he had been thinking of this matter all along.

Actually, it had been such a long time since the misunderstanding between the two of them passed, but he'd been keeping it in his heart all this while and kept apologizing to her.

Thinking of how a person like him, who thinks of work all the time, actually kept it in mind to apologize to her and seek her forgiveness all this while made Shi Xiaoya less angry.

She even felt that she might have gone a little overboard and... exaggerated the matter?

For a big man like him to apologize to her modestly was not very easy either.

Shi Xiaoya opened the envelope and took out the card in it.

She saw a line of words written on the card. "Can you forgive me today?"

And the sign off below: Han Zhuoling.

Thanks to Xiao Zhang delivering flowers to her every day, she would also receive a new card every day.

After reading many such cards, she could be said to be very familiar with Han Zhuoling's words now.

She could tell from one look.

Shi Xiaoya lowered her head and stared at the words in the card. She could not help but laugh.

Han Zhuoling could only see the top of her head and could not see her expression.

Hence, he was still very nervous right now.

"You haven't finished reading it?" Han Zhuoling asked anxiously.

There were only a few words. How long did she need to read it?

"I'm done." Shi Xiaoya put the card back into the envelope and put it into her bag in front of Han Zhuoling.

By her putting it away so nicely, Shi Xiaoya's feelings were already very obvious.

Yet she heard Han Zhuoling ask, "What do you say?"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

What am I supposed to say?

Was her performance not obvious enough?

Lu Man had been perking her ears and watching from the side all along. When she saw Shi Xiaoya carefully placing the card in her bag, she thought, what was there to not understand?

Beside her, Han Zhuoli even secretly showed her an "OK" sign beneath the table.

Yet something that even Han Zhuoli understood, Han Zhuoling actually failed to understand!

Hearing Han Zhuoling's question, Lu Man finally could not stand it and stared at Han Zhuoling with a dumbstruck look on her face.

This move really lived up to his name of being adeptly single!

To make herself clear, Shi Xiaoya had wanted to tell him straight away.

Alas, the welcome party started at this moment.

The lights dimmed down, and two students from the Broadcasting department were the emcees for tonight.

The words that Shi Xiaoya were about to say could not be said, so she could only hurriedly say to Han Zhuoling, "I'll tell you again after this ends."

They could not possibly let the people on stage see them chattering and whispering into each other's ears without paying proper attention to the event.

Although Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling both attended, they refused to go up and give a speech.

After Principal Liu gave his speech, Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang went up on stage to say a few words.

They even performed on the spot a short skit from a film they'd acted together in during their younger days.

Chapter 1550: Emotional Imbalance

When both of them were young, they were idols whom the whole country raved about as well.

The standard of preferences at that time was not the same as now, but the two of them also had thousands of fans back in those days.

During those times, not many families had a television at home.

Those who had them had mostly black and white televisions. There were rarely color televisions around, which had proliferated only much later.

The peak of their prime coincided with the period of crossover from black and white to colored television.

At that time, there were few families with a television at home. When it was time for the television channel to play a film, everyone in the neighborhood would gather over at the house of the family with a television to watch.

At that time, it would not be an exaggeration to say that the whole town turned out, emptying every alleyway.

Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang were both very good-looking when they were young. Back then, there were so many young ladies who liked Ma Xianghuan and so many young men who saw Lian Fang as their goddess.

Although both of them were old now, when both of them reenacted a scene from one of their classic films, it was still indescribably moving.

Even if the audience seats were filled with students, they had also watched these old classic films together with the elders in their family when they were young, and they did not watch them just once.

Watching the performance by the two teachers right now instantly made them recall these memories.

On the big projector screen behind them, English subtitles were provided for the exchange students to understand the performance.

Aside from the two teachers, the others like Shao Yuqi and the rest of the guests also performed a short skit on stage. This allowed the students to watch the performance standard of a Best Actor and Best Actress from such a close distance for the first time.

The exchange student also prepared a segment in order to showcase the friendly exchanges between the two sides.

It was the teacher-in-charge of the exchange team and a few professors who performed a short skit of the theatrical play, *Hamlet*.

The students from the exchange team all lifted their arrogant chins in pride.

Howard said arrogantly, "Let these people have a look and see what a real performance is. Such a bunch of bumpkins."

Leo shook his head as he said, "It was only those two old people just now and that Best Actor and Best Actress who performed decently. The rest of those that went up on stage, what were they even acting? It's so bad. Is this the standard of their actors who had already become famous? With that kind of standard, they won't even be able to graduate in our school."

Nottingham said, "If Luzern did not insist that we not reveal our capabilities, we would be able to overshadow them if we went up ourselves."

"It's rare for this bunch of people to have the chance to see a real performance. This is a feast for the eyes. It's all thanks to us for coming over here, so they could expand their world view," Colleen said.

"Haha, that's true. Look at them, they are all silly-eyed from watching. This is a palace-level performance," another girl, Heisi, said.

As no one bothered to listen to what they were whispering about, this night's party ended considerably harmoniously.

To maintain order, the school let the various guests leave the venue first.

Lest the students could not control their emotions and want to take photos and ask for signatures. There were so many students, so the situation would really be too messy.

When Jiang Yuhan saw Lu Man, her face became so stiff that she could not show any expression.

When she participated in *Classic X Files* together with Lu Man back then, she was still looking down on her quite a lot and even did not take her seriously.

Even after Lu Man had totally eclipsed her fame, Jiang Yuhan still did not think that Lu Man was any better than her.

Until afterward, when Lu Man suddenly became Mrs. Han.

Hence, Lu Man actually became someone she could never compare to, let alone surpass.

Someone who was clearly not as good as her before actually got ahead so much further than her simply because of good fortune. How could her heart feel at ease?

But she still politely smiled at them and greeted, "Young Master Han, Young Master Ling, Lu Man."