

Mr Han 1631

Chapter 1631: I'm Scared of You

Although she would be gone for four days, the filming would take only two days. An extra two days' time was included out of concern that time would be too tight.

However, the luggage with her belongings was a 28-inch one.

When Shi Xiaoya was dragging it, the luggage was almost at her hips.

It looked especially big.

But at this moment in Han Zhuoling's hands, the huge 28-inch luggage was only just at his thigh. It looked unusually small, just like how she looked when she was dragging the 24-inch one. It was no sweat to him at all.

Gate 5 was right near the entrance and Guo Yujie had already arrived there. She'd just sent a photo to Shi Xiaoya to let her know where she was. It happened to be near Gate 5.

Shi Xiaoya looked around after entering and spotted Guo Yujie. She was busy sending her a voice message over WeChat while waving to her. "Yujie, I'm here, we are at Gate 5."

Guo Yujie felt that it was strange. Why did Shi Xiaoya say "we." Yet when she spotted them, she almost got scared out of her wits and collapsed to the floor.

Why did Han Zhuoling come along as well?!

This almighty god was even helping Shi Xiaoya to pull her luggage along. One in his left hand and one in his right. He looked so dedicated.

She wondered how Shi Xiaoya did it!

Guo Yujie hurried over. "Xiaoya."

And then, very carefully, she greeted, "Young Master Ling."

Han Zhuoling nodded. "I'll help you both with the check in first."

Guo Yujie also brought along a huge 28-inch luggage as well. As she did not need to carry a makeup box like Shi Xiaoya did, she had one less luggage to bring.

She was pulling it by herself and did not dare to trouble Han Zhuoling to help her.

Anyway, only Shi Xiaoya could have such treatment; no one else would dare to ask for it.

Han Zhuoling walked in front while Guo Yujie asked Shi Xiaoya in a small voice, "Why is First Young Master Han here? He came here especially to see you off?"

Guo Yujie twitched her brows and threw glances at Shi Xiaoya as she said that.

This time, Shi Xiaoya could not deny it.

Didn't Han Zhuoling clearly come specifically to send her off?

Shi Xiaoya had mustered the courage to ask, but he just dismissed her question with the words “it’s on the way.”

So now, Shi Xiaoya herself did not know how to explain. She could only throw out Han Zhuoling’s exact reply. “He said it was on the way.”

Guo Yujie tsked at her. “From his house to your house and sending you to the airport before going back to the Han Corporation, this is a really long journey to be ‘on the way.’”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

“I didn’t say anything else, why are you blushing?” Guo Yujie teased her in a small voice.

Shi Xiaoya’s hands were empty now and felt especially carefree, so she went to poke the side of Guo Yujie’s waist.

Guo Yujie was sensitive to tickles, so she dodged as she laughed and said, “Hey, fine, I’m scared of you. I’m scared of you. Don’t do that, don’t do that.”

Perhaps it was because he heard them playing around behind him, Han Zhuoling turned and saw Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie almost entangled with each other.

Seeing that he’d turned, Shi Xiaoya quickly stood up and did not dare to make a scene with her face still reddened.

Han Zhuoling’s lips curved slightly as he asked, “Is your flight economy or first class?”

“First class,” Shi Xiaoya said.

The flight to Man City was long, but she did not need to rely on her family—her own work studio was pretty generous, and booking first class flights for work trips was nothing much for them.

If it was possible to make the journey more comfortable, it would be made as comfortable as possible.

Whenever she brought Guo Yujie along for work trips, they would both sit in a first class flight together.

Guo Yujie even said that Shi Xiaoya was the most generous boss she had ever met.

Han Zhuoling nodded and pulled the luggage along to the first class check-in passageway.

There was no need to queue there. Shi Xiaoya passed hers and Guo Yujie’s identity cards over and said that they were headed to Man City.

Chapter 1632: Both of You Are Dating Already?

Han Zhuoling carried Shi Xiaoya’s luggage up and placed them on the check-in conveyor belt.

He did not let Shi Xiaoya lift a finger the whole time. He did not say much, but his every move seemed exceptionally gentlemanly.

Shi Xiaoya had always felt that ever since she had decided to come out and live independently, she did not want to trouble her family over these little things.

So no matter whether she went out for work trips or for other things, she had always settled it with Guo Yujie and did not need her family to send someone over to send them off.

It had been a long while since Shi Xiaoya enjoyed such treatment.

With Han Zhuoling caring for her the whole time, it did not seem like he was sent to her by her family, so he just simply came to help her.

With Han Zhuoling by her side, it gave her a strong sense of reliability, and somehow, also a sense of closeness.

Shi Xiaoya was standing half a step behind Han Zhuoling, watching him busy himself for her.

It was such a huge luggage. If it were her, she'd have found it very troublesome to lift it up.

However, in Han Zhuoling's hands, it just seemed unusually light and easy to carry.

Han Zhuoling helped Shi Xiaoya to lift the luggage up and came over to help Guo Yujie carry hers.

Guo Yujie was so shocked that she stuttered, "No-no-no need, Young Master Ling, I can do it myself!"

"No worries." Han Zhuoling took over Guo Yujie's luggage and lifted it up as he'd said that.

Guo Yujie secretly said to Shi Xiaoya as Han Zhuoling was carrying the luggage over, "I really didn't expect that in my life, I'll actually be able to enjoy the special treatment of having First Young Master Han helping me to lift my luggage. It's all thanks to you."

Shi Xiaoya was extremely embarrassed. "Stop speaking! He might just hear you."

It was fine if it was a joke made privately and no one knew about it.

Now that the person involved was right here, how awkward would it be if he actually heard it?

Guo Yujie stuck out her tongue and said, "I won't say anything more, I won't say anything more."

Right after she said that, Han Zhuoling came over and said, "It's all done. Let's go."

Shi Xiaoya looked and saw that Han Zhuoling was about to send them over to the security clearance.

At the door to the security clearance, Han Zhuoling finally said, "I'll get going first."

"Okay. You go ahead. I took up quite a bit of your time this morning," Shi Xiaoya said.

Han Zhuoling nodded. With Guo Yujie around, it was not really convenient for him to say much.

Han Zhuoling thought for a moment and said, "Let me know when you reach the hotel. See if you're missing anything then, and you can tell me."

Shi Xiaoya's face blushed red as she answered, "Okay."

Seeing that Han Zhuoling had left, Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie then went in for the security clearance.

Guo Yujie asked her in astonishment, "Xiaoya, are you guys already dating?"

"No!" Shi Xiaoya got a shock. "Don't spout nonsense."

“But judging from your interactions, it really looks like the two of you are dating.” Guo Yujie was tongue-tied. “If it was a normal friendship, why would he say things like telling you to let him know when you reach there. He’s so worried about you that all three sentences he said showed concern for you. First Young Master Han is being way too obvious here.”

“Stop saying that,” Shi Xiaoya said seriously. “This kind of thing, it’s not good to say too much about it. Anyway, he didn’t say anything before. What if we misunderstood him?”

Guo Yujie thought so too. Such matters were not to be trifled with.

If she really aroused Shi Xiaoya’s interest, yet Han Zhuoling did not have any reaction...

Shi Xiaoya would still be the one being hurt.

Guo Yujie felt that Han Zhuoling’s performance really did not seem like there was nothing going on at all.

Even so, Guo Yujie still stopped talking about it. She changed the topic and began talking to Shi Xiaoya about work matters.

Chapter 1633: Saw Your Ex-husband

Both of them did not notice that from afar, a woman had been using her mobile phone to snap pictures of Han Zhuoling helping Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie to carry their luggage and sending them off at the security clearance area.

She followed them and joined the queue which Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie were in for the security clearance.

It was just that she went over too late, so there were many people between her and Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie.

She could not catch up with them.

The people queuing in front of her were all talking noisily, so she could not hear what Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie were talking about.

She could not do anything, so she could only open up WeChat and send the photos she had just taken out.

“Yixin, I saw your ex-husband at the airport.”

Xia Yixin was still staying at the Xia family home now.

Previously, Xia Zhancheng had said that he would chase Xia Yixin out of the Xia family, but that was because he was terrified of getting revenge from the Han Family.

He’d wanted to act as if he’d chased Xia Yixin out to let the Han Family people know that Xia Yixin did not end up in a good state, so they would not take it out on the Xia family.

But the Han Family still did not intend to let off the Xia family.

That was why the Xia family’s assets continued to diminish.

The market shares of the malls owned by the Xia family were reduced to a single digit value.

Xia Zhancheng had had no choice but to close down his malls in some of the smaller to medium-sized cities and only keep the malls in the Tier 1 cities and emerging first-tier cities with high purchasing power.

Even so, there was only that one mall left in each of those cities, and they could be counted with both hands.

The Xia family suffered devastating losses. The Han Family did not intend to finish them off in a single blow. After all, they still had to consider their own interests.

When dealing with the Xia family, they would cripple them first before slowly finishing them off.

The Xia family was the epitome of the saying “a centipede dies but never falls down.”

Although they’d suffered great losses, Xia Zhancheng knew it was the work of the Han Family, so he took decisive action and quickly wound up his malls.

Although the Xia family suffered a huge blow and could never regain their status as a great family again, they were still slightly better off than the average rich folk.

And since the Han Family would deal with the Xia family no matter what, it would not matter how Xia Yixin ended up.

Hence, Xia Zhancheng still took Xia Yixin back in to stay with the Xias.

Xia Yixin was still enjoying life as a rich young mistress.

However, because the Xia family had suffered devastating losses, and these were all because of Xia Yixin, Xia Zhancheng no longer treated Xia Yixin as he did before and did not let her live a lavish and extravagant life.

To ensure that she had a comfortable life for sustenance, he just gave her 30,000 yuan worth of allowance every month.

But how was this pittance enough for Xia Yixin to spend?

One bag of hers would already cost tens of thousands of yuan. This 30,000 might not even be enough for her meals.

She still feared that she might not be able to continue living in the future.

Without such a worry now, she’d started to ungratefully complain that she did not have enough money to spend.

In such days, Xia Yixin suddenly recalled the good in her marriage with Han Zhuoling.

Han Zhuoling did not have feelings for her, and he’d rarely come home when they were together.

But similarly, whatever she did, as long as she did not cross the line, Han Zhuoling would not care about her either.

He gave her ample money to buy whatever she liked.

No matter whether she was satisfied with her marriage or not, at least in the eyes of outsiders, she was the envy of many.

Now Xia Yixin felt again that actually, life like that in the past was really not bad.

She began to have restless thoughts and wondered if she could revive her marriage with Han Zhuoling.

That man Han Zhuoling probably might not fall in love in his whole life ever.

It would probably be extremely difficult for him to find someone else to marry him again.

Hence, Xia Yixin felt like she stood at an advantage.

If he wanted a child and a successor, then she could just give birth to one for him.

Chapter 1634: Don't Know Which One of Them He Is in Love with

If he wanted to work, she would just let him be.

She would not ask for real love from him, she just needed assurance that she would be able to lead a life of luxury.

Besides, when she thought about it, Han Zhuoling was really good-looking.

Even if she found someone else next time, she probably would not be able to find someone as handsome as him.

When both their families arranged the marriage back then, when she found out that she was going to marry Han Zhuoling, she was actually really happy.

Simply because of Han Zhuoling's looks.

He was good-looking, handsome, and successful.

Xia Yixin really held thoughts of a positive future in getting married.

But reality gave her a slap in the face. Han Zhuoling did not love her.

However, Xia Yixin suddenly thought things through again now. Even if she found someone who loved her, one, he would not be as handsome as Han Zhuoling, and two, he would not be as rich as Han Zhuoling.

It was fine if Han Zhuoling did not love her. It would be good enough to look at Han Zhuoling's face every day.

Han Zhuoling was like a work robot, and a wife to him was just an ornament for show.

Didn't he just want an obedient wife there for show who would not disturb him?

All these, she could already do.

Rather than going to find someone else again and request other people to do the same things he'd done, needing to adapt all over again, she might as well get back together with Han Zhuoling and revive their marriage.

Both of them needed not to adapt to each other yet would still probably have quite a lot of chemistry together.

Xia Yixin thought that her idea was pretty good. Given her "understanding" of Han Zhuoling, that robot-like man would not love somebody else for the rest of his life, she knew he would not know what love is and would not know how loving someone felt like.

Only she would be able to stand it.

Just as Xia Yixin was thinking of that, she received a WeChat message from her best friend, Guan Qiaoxin.

She was the lady who took the photos at the airport earlier on.

Guan Qiaoxin was one of the few people whom Xia Yixin still kept in contact with after her divorce.

Both of them were on pretty good terms as well.

After she got into trouble, Guan Qiaoxin did not hit her when she was down.

Compared to Dai Yiran, she was really much better.

Xia Yixin opened her chat with Guan Qiaoxin and saw the photos that Guan Qiaoxin had sent over.

"Yixin, I saw your ex-husband at the airport."

Xia Yixin opened up the photos to take a look. She could not believe the man in the photos was actually Han Zhuoling!

Han Zhuoling could actually smile!

Although his smile was very faint, his expression was unprecedentedly gentle.

This was something Xia Yixin had never seen before.

What a joke that she was once Han Zhuoling's wife yet had never seen such a gentle side to her husband!

Seeing how Han Zhuoling actually personally helped the two women in the photos carry their luggage, and seemed like a completely different person from who he was before, she found him to be almost unrecognizable.

That workaholic actually allowed his time to be wasted on this!

Afterward, she saw another photo. It was in the security clearance queue. Han Zhuoling was talking to the two women in the photo.

From the photos alone, she really could not tell to whom Han Zhuoling's gentleness was directed.

Xia Yixin got so angry that she immediately called Guan Qiaoxin. “What’s going on? Of the two women, which one is the vixen?”

“I don’t know either,” Guan Qiaoxin said. “I don’t even know who they are. I was scared that I would be found out, so I purposely stayed quite far away. I can’t hear what they were saying either.

“It’s just that I often hear you saying that Han Zhuoling seems very cold and aloof, as if he had no feelings. Yet now I just saw that it doesn’t seem to be the case. He seems like he has a good temper and even busied himself for both of those women. From the looks of it, he’s probably in love with one of them.”

“That’s impossible!” Xia Yixin screeched in denial. “He just had a divorcee not too long ago, how can he possibly get together with someone else so quickly?”

Chapter 1635: Blacklist

“Furthermore, that man Han Zhuoling just has no feelings. Would he know what love is? Would he love someone?” Xia Yixin refused to believe it. “It’s only been so long since our divorce. He could fall in love with someone in such a short time? I don’t believe it!”

She had been married to Han Zhuoling for so long, yet Han Zhuoling had never fallen in love with her, ever.

Yet now, her friend was telling her that in this short period of time, Han Zhuoling had fallen in love with another woman?

Someone who had never fallen in love in his thirty years suddenly knew how to love someone?

Xia Yixin did not believe and refused to accept it!

As his ex-wife, she could not even make him take a longer look at her. Yet now, he actually actively went to take care of another woman?

How could she accept this?

But there was a saying that Xia Yixin forgot.

It’s not that one did not love, or did not know how to love. It’s just that one had never met the right person.

Once they’d met, sparks would fly in an instant.

Falling in love at first sight was quite hard to happen for Han Zhuoling.

But the initial good feeling remained. As with most interactions, this good feeling would either deepen or fade.

With regards to Shi Xiaoya, Han Zhuoling’s good feeling continued to deepen, until he could understand that this was love.

It was not considered love at first sight—it was just that the right person finally came.

“That, I wouldn’t know. Anyway, I just saw them at the airport and took some photos for you to see. Exactly what it is, I can’t confirm anything for you.” Guan Qiaoxin pursed her lips.

After Xia Yixin and Han Zhuoling divorced, she did not hit Xia Yixin at her lowest and even maintained the same attitude towards her. She did not look down on her because of this or look at her in a different light.

But to be honest, Guan Qiaoxin privately thought that Xia Yixin was really quite stupid.

Xia Yixin had said before that she did something to let Han Zhuoling down because Han Zhuoling did not love her at all and was unable to fulfill her emotional needs.

However, Guan Qiaoxin felt that Xia Yixin herself never put in the effort before either.

Given Xia Yixin’s character, unless it was real love, who would fall in love with her out of their own accord?

Given that, she still did not check herself and try her best to make Han Zhuoling like her. Instead, she dug her own grave.

She had a much better foundation to work on compared to other people.

She had her marriage with Han Zhuoling as her foundation, which made it easier for her to win Han Zhuoling’s love compared to other people.

Yet, not only did Xia Yixin not put in effort, she was even disdainful of Han Zhuoling.

To be honest, a man who did not love her that could actually stay loyal to his marriage and not do anything to let her down, that kind of man was so nice that they were almost extinct.

Even with that, Xia Yixin still did not know how to treasure it.

If it was her who’d had the fortune of marrying such a good man, she would not have been as dumb as Xia Yixin was.

Now, Xia Yixin wanted to patch things up with Han Zhuoling; she was really daydreaming.

It was just that while Xia Yixin was daydreaming and refused to heed anyone else’s words, she did not want to put herself out there as the bad person either.

Guan Qiaoxin did not want to listen to Xia Yixin ranting over there and said, “It’s almost my turn for the security clearance. I’ll hang up first.”

With that excuse, she quickly ended the call.

At that moment, Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie had actually also passed the security clearance, and both of them went to the VIP lounge.

Xia Yixin hung up, but she still could not calm down.

If she did not find out whether Han Zhuoling really found a new love, she would not be able to put her heart at ease.

Xia Yixin flipped through her contacts. She remembered she had Tong Chunian's contact number.

Xia Yixin immediately contacted Tong Chunian. However, no matter how many times she called, there was no response.

Xia Yixin realized that Tong Chunian had put her contact into the blacklist.

Chapter 1636: Asking You for Help

Xia Yixin hung up angrily and then called Lu Man.

Her divorce only happened a while after she came back. Before that, as Lu Man's elder sister-in-law, she had also exchanged phone numbers with her before.

However, when she called, it actually returned the same result as Tong Chunian's number.

The call could not go through at all.

Lu Man also blacklisted her!

Why did she not think about how thoughtful Lu Man was as a person?

When Xia Yixin and Han Zhuoling made such a scene of their divorce back then, Lu Man already knew that there would come a time when Xia Yixin would regret it.

But there was no use even if she regretted it. It was too late for regrets.

Xia Yixin definitely would not dare to go and find the Han Family people, so the most likely person she would look for was Lu Man.

Hence, before the two of them successfully divorced, Lu Man had already blocked her number, lest some things implicated her and put one in a difficult spot.

Xia Yixin furiously slammed her phone on the bed and started to think of finding a private detective to check it out.

She did not know who Shi Xiaoya was and had not been on Weibo for a very long time.

It was because of her divorce with Han Zhuoling. Though the Han Family did not specify the reason for divorce...

Many people had still guessed it.

Many people went to bash Xia Yixin as a result.

They did not stop even until now.

Xia Yixin decided not to look at it, lest looking at it would bother her more.

Hence, she did not even know that there were fans who shipped Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya together.

Meanwhile, Han Zhuoling returned to the Han Corporation and still arrived earlier than the average employee.

The usual starting time for work at the Han Corporation was 9 am. Han Zhuoling sent Shi Xiaoya off and took a roundabout turn before going to the office, but it was not even 8:30 am yet.

Han Zhuoling was a person who always planned his actions in advance.

He had already listed out all the work that needed to be done for the day, and Tong Chunian was already in his position.

Tong Chunian then sent a cup of coffee over to him.

Han Zhuoling took a sip of coffee to energize himself and then gave Wei Zilin a call.

Wei Zilin had just reached the office when he received Han Zhuoling's call. He was quite surprised as well. "Yo, Brother Ling."

He also saw the fiasco online. He did not expect to receive Han Zhuoling's call the very next day.

"I want to ask for your help with something," Han Zhuoling said directly.

Wei Zilin had gotten used to Han Zhuoling's directness in his requests.

It was quite good, no need for all those formalities.

Having to always say some formalities to start off could make one feel awkward as well.

Anyway, they both knew each other so well already.

"Hey, what's with 'asking for help'?" Wei Zilin smiled and said, "What is it, just tell me."

"There's this makeup artist called Yuan Yina," Han Zhuoling said.

At the mention of makeup artist, Wei Zilin understood immediately. "What's wrong? She bullied Shi Xiaoya?"

Han Zhuoling raised his eyebrow and his eyelids twitched as well.

Wei Zilin snickered and said, "I also saw the Weibo posts last night. There are signs of paid posters leading the sway of the discussion."

He was no doubt the top PR manager in the industry. He could see through the problem at once.

Before Lu Man appeared, Wei Zilin had always been the best in the industry.

Afterward, when Lu Man appeared, she became the only PR manager who could stand on par with Wei Zilin.

However, both of them usually focused on different areas and had never really crossed paths with each other.

Wei Zilin was mainly in charge of commercial brands' public relations, while Lu Man focused on the entertainment industry. There was never any overlap between their work.

Actually, it would be more suitable to look for Lu Man this time. Lu Man was the most familiar with dealing with shady people in public relations.

However, thinking of how she needed to prepare for her competition, Han Zhuoling did not feel good to bother her with this.

“Yeah. Yuan Yina was the one who took the opportunity to hire paid commenters to smear Shi Xiaoya,” Han Zhuoling acknowledged.

Chapter 1637: The Iron Tree Blooms

“So? How do you want me to deal with this?” Wei Zilin asked jokingly.

“I have collected incriminating information on Yuan Yina. I’ll pass it to you. Exactly how to go about doing it, you would be more knowledgeable than me in this field,” Han Zhuoling said.

He did not ask about the details, as long as it was done.

This was Han Zhuoling’s habit as a boss.

Or else, if he had to ask about everything personally, how would he have the time to handle everything?

“Sure. This small matter is no problem,” Wei Zilin said and smiled.

He still had a long queue of people asking him to personally handle their public relations.

He had endless work coming in, but when it came to Han Zhuoling, he was simply doing it out of personal ties.

“Then I’ll have to trouble you for this,” Han Zhuoling said seriously.

Wei Zilin gasped and said, “What’s this? The iron tree finally bloomed? Brother Ling, we’ve known each other for so many years, but I’ve never seen you put in so much effort for any woman. You even specially asked your friend to come and settle this.”

He even went to dig out incriminating information on Yuan Yina.

Han Zhuoling: “...”

He could feel the low air pressure even over the phone, so Wei Zilin laughed awkwardly and said, “Let’s talk about serious matters, serious matters haha.

“After you pass Yuan Yina’s incriminating information to me, do you want me to release them all at once or do it in two waves?” Wei Zilin asked.

Right after that, he explained why he asked this. “If you release it all at once, it would greatly damage her reputation in a single blow. However, it would be hard to assure that she would not have a chance to make a comeback later on. Based on what you said, Yuan Yina is very ambitious. This kind of person will not admit defeat and back out so easily. She will try to think of all kinds of ways and find opportunities to make a comeback. And you can’t possibly keep your eye on her your whole life.

“If you do it in two waves, then it would be teaching her a lesson the first time round and withholding some of the incriminating information first. Given Yuan Yina’s character, she would probably kick up

some other scandal after some time. 'Til then, no matter who she has a conflict with, we can blow up the conflict so that there's more visibility and increased impact, and we will then release the other portion of incriminating evidence."

Hearing this, Han Zhuoling knew that such an effect would be far better than the first.

"Then split it into two waves," Han Zhuoling said.

"Okay. I'll keep an eye on this for you," Wei Zilin said. "You don't have to bother about it anymore."

Han Zhuoling ended the call and let Tong Chunian handle the matter, digging out all the things Yuan Yina had done in the past.

Back then, when Yuan Yina and Shi Xiaoya were competing to be selected to enter the production crew of Son of Heaven, Yuan Yina had hired paid posters to smear Shi Xiaoya's reputation, saying that she'd relied on underhanded means to make a name for herself.

On the contrary, it was Yuan Yina who actually really did so.

Furthermore, such secrets could not be hidden in their industry.

Those things all left traces, and it was actually very easy to find them out.

Yuan Yina was really not a smart person. She did not exercise caution even when she went around hooking up with other people.

Hence, within two days, Tong Chunian had managed to find all the things that Han Zhuoling needed.

"There are still some left, which is this batch. But I think, since we are going to split it into two waves, I can slowly consolidate the remaining information that is less complete, so these should be enough for now," Tong Chunian explained.

If he were to really gather complete information, it would be quite time-consuming as well.

Han Zhuoling nodded. "Continue gathering the information."

"Yes."

Han Zhuoling sent the information he had on hand over to Wei Zilin.

Wei Zilin was very efficient and crisp in handling his work. That very night, news of Yuan Yina relying on underhanded means to get into her current position, news of her having improper relationships with many artistes, including artistes that were old enough to be her father, as well as with rich artistes, surfaced online.

Chapter 1638: Getting Ahead of Herself

It was precisely her reliance on these that gave her better work opportunities in return time and again.

Wei Zilin did not give explicit evidence but just let out the rumors first to make people guess.

For the next few days, he let people leak such rumors online first.

Wuth rumors such as this, evidence was not needed. As long as someone said it, netizens who loved the drama would just join in and treat it as if it was real.

Yuan Yina had way fewer fans than Shi Xiaoya.

Even if they wanted to protect her, they were unable to do it.

Even without releasing the evidence, it had succeeded in planting such a negative image of Yuan Yina in the minds of most netizens.

Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie came back from Man City.

After alighting, both of them sat in the car sent by their work studio, extremely tired out.

Man City was really too cold. Even if they were both in the Northern regions, they still could not take the coldness of Man City.

Returning back to B City instantly made them feel like B City was as warm as springtime.

Within a short span of four days, Shi Xiaoya's skin had become rough from the harsh, cold winds of Man City.

Her cheeks still had a hint of redness that had not gone away completely.

Guo Yujie was also extremely tired out. The show, Survivor, could really test peoples' limits.

They went to such a cold place, because they said they wanted to let the audience experience the weather there vicariously as well. They did not want to let that thick snow scenery go to waste and wanted to highlight the difficulty of the games.

Hence, they set the program of the second episode outdoors once again.

Guo Yujie was better off. She did not need to follow the artistes, but Shi Xiaoya had had to wear snow boots and try her best to walk through the thick snow.

Even with snow boots, her feet still felt chilly cold.

Even though Guo Yujie was tired now, she did not feel like sleeping.

So she decided to take out her phone and scroll through it.

She lowered the back of her chair and lay back. Once she'd refreshed her feed, she got so shocked that her phone almost slipped and dropped on her face.

"Hahahahahaha!" Guo Yujie laughed exuberantly in joy.

Shi Xiaoya was still in a blur. She did not fall asleep, but just felt tired.

Previously when they were on the plane, she'd slept for a long time as well.

"What is it?" Shi Xiaoya turned and saw Guo Yujie smiling like a lunatic.

"I never expected that Yuan Yina would have this day." Guo Yujie laughed and said to Shi Xiaoya, "Everywhere online is rampant with rumors that her makeup skills are ordinary and that she just relied on sleeping with other people to get resources."

Shi Xiaoya's mouth fell wide open in shock.

"However, there is no evidence online. Those are just rumors spreading. It's all like some insider exposed this, or some insider relative said this—friends or people who had knowledge of it revealed all these things under various circumstances," Guo Yujie said. "Anyway, it's just the common ways of spreading rumors. Even if there's no evidence to back it up, netizens would believe it to be true as well."

"How did it suddenly—" How did Yuan Yina's scandals suddenly break out?

Shi Xiaoya stopped in the middle of her sentence.

It was because she remembered that that morning when she was going to Man City, Han Zhuoling had come to send her and even especially mentioned Yuan Yina.

He'd said that the paid commenters that were swaying the discussion were hired by Yuan Yina.

Yet a few days after he mentioned it, something similar happened to Yuan Yina.

This made Shi Xiaoya uncontrollably think of Han Zhuoling, and she wondered if this was done by him.

But she felt that she was probably getting ahead of herself to even think in that way.

Who was she?

Was she worth Han Zhuoling wasting so much effort to stand up for her?

It was impossible. She must stop thinking so highly of herself.

She initially felt like asking Han Zhuoling, but she now suppressed those thoughts.

"Yeah, why was it so sudden?" Guo Yujie was curious as well. "I wonder who Yuan Yina offended?"

Shi Xiaoya did not tell Guo Yujie about Yuan Yina hiring paid posters to sway the discussion about her.

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Hence, Guo Yujie still did not know.

"But it's not that strange either. Given Yuan Yina's temper, oppressing the weak but fearing the strong, sucking up to the rich and powerful while stepping on others, she surely offended quite a number of people," Guo Yujie said as she pursed her lips.

Right at this moment, Shi Xiaoya's phone rang.

Shi Xiaoya got so nervous that her heart started beating faster, wondering if it was a call from Han Zhuoling.

She took out her phone and saw that it was from Lu Man.

Shi Xiaoya could not hide the slight disappointment on her face.

“Lu Man?” Shi Xiaoya answered.

“Xiaoya, I calculated the time and guessed that you should be back by today,” Lu Man said as she smiled.

Shi Xiaoya even felt it strange. She did not tell Lu Man about her schedule before, so how did Lu Man know?

Although she belonged to the Han Corporation, and her work studio was under the Han Corporation, she still had autonomy over her own work, so she did not need to report her schedule to the Han Corporation.

Lu Man was almost like a god. She could tell what she was thinking over the phone and smiled as she asked, “Are you curious about how I knew this?”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

Lu Man smiled happily as she said, “Of course I asked from Big Brother!”

Shi Xiaoya blushed and heard Lu Man continue saying, “I didn’t expect Big Brother to know your schedule so well. The moment I asked, he did not even hesitate and immediately told me when you would be back.”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

“Oh, right, I called you because I wanted to ask, are you free this Sunday night?” Lu Man explained. “It’s like this. Our four performing arts schools are going to hold a friendly competition with the exchange team from New York. The time is set for this Sunday night, 7:30 pm. I would like to invite you to come and help me do my makeup.”

“That’s no problem for sure,” Shi Xiaoya immediately said. “I haven’t arranged my work for this week after I returned, so I happen to be free on Sunday.”

“Then I’ll really have to thank you for this,” Lu Man said as she smiled. “The friendly competition will be held at the National Film Academy, and tickets are sold to the public as well. You can just come to the backstage in the National Film Academy to help me do my makeup.”

“Oh, right, are you interested in watching our competition? If you are, I’ll leave some tickets for you,” Lu Man said.

“I do want to watch. Wait a moment, let me ask my assistant if she wants to watch.” Shi Xiaoya covered her phone and turned to ask Guo Yujie, “There’s a friendly competition held at the National Film Academy against the exchange team from New York on this Sunday night at 7:30 pm. The tickets are sold to the public. Lu Man asks if you want to watch. If you do, she’s thinking of setting aside an extra two tickets for us.”

“I want, I want, I want to watch!” Guo Yujie immediately nodded her head. “I will go just for Shana and Howard. Of course, there’s also Lu Man.”

It was really not easy to see popular international artistes in the country now, especially their live performances. Of course Guo Yujie wanted to go. She would not know if she would get such a chance to watch in the future.

However, she did not forget Lu Man. If she let her hear that she only wanted to watch Shana and Howard, that would not be very nice.

Shi Xiaoya could not help but laugh as she threw her a glare, signaling that she should restrain herself.

Guo Yujie stuck out her tongue. "I mean, it's mainly because I get to see Lu Man all the time. Shana and Howard are people I'll probably only get to see this once in my lifetime."

"Aiya, this mouth of yours." Shi Xiaoya was almost losing her temper. "You are quite good with words usually, what's wrong with you today? I, your boss, still want to make it big in the international realm. If you say this, are you saying that I won't be able to make it to the international stage for the rest of my life?"

Guo Yujie: "..."

"Boss, it must be because I'm too tired after just coming back from Man City. Please don't take my words seriously, and don't let Lu Man take me seriously," Guo Yujie said with a sad face.

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Guo Yujie also reacted quickly now. If she said that Lu Man was commonly seen, it would mean that she did not care about seeing her after seeing her so many times. How offending would this be?

Guo Yujie hated that she could not just slap herself.

If she asked if she wanted to go and watch, she could have just said yes, why would she need to say so much?

Although Shi Xiaoya was covering the phone, Lu Man still heard it.

However, she did not mind it at all.

The other party did not mean it that way. If she were to mind such words as well, she would really be too petty.

It was just like an ordinary joke, said in jest. Why would she get angry so easily?

Shi Xiaoya knew that Lu Man was not such a petty person, so she brushed it aside and said to Lu Man, "My assistant also wants to come and watch. Please leave two tickets for us, thank you."

"Why are you being so polite with me?" Lu Man secretly added on in her heart: *future elder sister-in-law*.

Both of them agreed on it and ended the call. Shi Xiaoya then said to Guo Yujie, "You girl. You're usually very alert and sharp-witted, how come your brain turned so slow today? Luckily, Lu Man is not a petty person. Even if she heard you over the phone, she won't take it to heart and know that you are just saying it for fun. But if it was someone else who was slightly more petty, that person will bear a grudge with you."

"Although Lu Man would not mind, you have to bear this in mind when you're around other people," Shi Xiaoya reminded her.

Guo Yujie put her palms together and said, "I don't know what's with me either, my words don't cross my mind before saying them. I definitely won't do this again."

Shi Xiaoya did not say anything more after that.

Lu Man was in Han Zhuoli's office at this moment.

She had just finished rehearsals and came to find Han Zhuoli.

These last few days, it had been the school teachers who had been guiding them in their rehearsals. Come Saturday, Deng Xu would go to the school again to give them one final rehearsal and give more pointers to the shortcomings of each person.

Lu Man did not have much problems when it came to acting. Teacher Yao, Teacher Hong, and Teacher Wan did not feel good asking her to stay behind to continue rehearsing with others.

Lu Man acted out her own role very well and had a deep understanding of her role.

Only a few other students were still lacking a bit in their acting, holding the rest back.

Hence, the three teachers made these few students who were still lacking in their acting stay behind individually.

Lu Man was then released.

After ending her call with Shi Xiaoya, Lu Man cupped her chin and asked Han Zhuoli, "Will Big Brother come up today?"

Han Zhuoli looked up from his pile of documents.

Lu Man did not want to disturb him from work at first. However, Han Zhuoli insisted that Lu Man stay here to accompany him, and he did not think she was bothering him at all.

Han Zhuoli said that whenever he was tired from work, he would be able to see her the moment he lifted his head, which made all his tiredness disappear.

Simply looking at her made him feel much less tired and feel relaxed.

Hearing Lu Man's words, Han Zhuoli looked up and saw the pretty view of Lu Man cupping her cheeks. She probably had no other things to do by keeping him company there, so she was radiating a sense of laziness all over.

The sunlight happened to fall on her, enhancing her charm with her eyes that curved into crescents when she smiled.

Indeed, letting Lu Man stay was a good idea.

Looking through documents made his head spin and his eyes water, yet when he looked up and glanced at Lu Man, he immediately regained his spirits.

When Han Zhuoli heard Lu Man ask this, he immediately knew what she was thinking of.

“Playful. You want to make fun of Big Brother?” Han Zhuoli said with a laugh.

Lu Man puffed her cheeks and held her laughter in as she said, “Why would I make fun of him? I just want to ask Big Brother if he wanted to come and watch my competition. And also...”