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Chapter 1811: This Would Not Be Deemed Respectable

"Doesn't it hurt? Why are you even biting on it?" Han Zhuoling said helplessly as he stared at the bite mark on her lip with his heart aching.

Shi Xiaoya did not say a word and just softly buried her face in his chest, even nudging it a few times.

Han Zhuoling's heart melted into softness just by looking at her.

As her face was buried, it only exposed a bit of her cheek and her fair ears.

Han Zhuoling planted a kiss on the part of her cheek that was exposed. He flipped over and lay on his side, hugging her in his arms.

"Sleep," Han Zhuoling said in a low voice. "Goodnight."

Shi Xiaoya stared at him in surprise. They were... done?

Han Zhuoling laughed. He tapped the tip of her nose and said, "What do you think I will do? I just got together with you and I want to do something to you already? Am I such an immature person?"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

In the end, she was the one thinking too much, as if it was she who was being one-sided.

Han Zhuoling hugged her tightly in his arms. "Although I really want to, I won't be so impatient as to want it at once. This would not be deemed respectable."

"Also, this is the hotel that the production team has booked. This won't do," Han Zhuoling said in a low voice by her ear. "We have a tiring day ahead tomorrow, so how can I torture you at this time?"

He was clear about how he was like. In front of Shi Xiaoya, he just could not control himself.

The moment he started, he was afraid he would probably not be able to let her go so easily.

How would he dare to torture Shi Xiaoya at this time?

When Shi Xiaoya heard him say that, her ears turned red instantly, and she did not dare to show her face after hiding in his arms.

Hugging his beloved girl in his arms made Han Zhuoling feel especially satisfied.

He caressed her soft and thin back a few times with his palms. He lowered his head, found her lips, and kissed them lightly. "Previously, because I was thinking about you, I couldn't fall asleep, so I thought of coming over to hug you to sleep. You will be right in my arms. I know I can see you the moment I open my eyes, so I can finally fall asleep."

Shi Xiaoya thought to herself that though this cold and arrogant man was skilled at everything, when it came to love, he became at a loss for words, as if he was missing a chord.

But tonight, he became such a smooth talker.

Every line he said could make her heart beat faster.

“Now, can you fall asleep?” Han Zhuoling asked in a gentle voice.

“I don’t know, let me try,” Shi Xiaoya said.

What if, because Han Zhuoling was around, she’d feel even more nervous?

But she did not expect that breathing in the scent on Han Zhuoling’s body would make her heart feel exceptionally secure.

She missed him. When she opened her eyes, she could see his chest. Even with a layer of pajamas between them, she could still feel that sturdiness.

When she lifted her head slightly, she would be able to see his face.

She would not keep thinking about him just because she knew he was right next door but could not see him.

Hence, unknowingly, Shi Xiaoya fell asleep.

Han Zhuoling looked down. When he saw Shi Xiaoya’s sleeping face, he gently kissed the corner of her eye before closing his eyes.

He understood for the first time, what a blissful thing it was to be hugging the girl he loved in his arms.

However, though Shi Xiaoya could finally fall asleep, later on, she dreamt that she was trapped by the branches of a sprawling huge tree.

It was as if she had been rooted into the ground by a thick, strong tree. Even the roots of the tree were especially solid and strong.

The roots then wrapped themselves all around her, and she was wrapped fully with the surrounding soil, unable to move an inch.

In her dream, Shi Xiaoya was on the verge of screaming Han Zhuoling’s name for help.

She wanted to move a little but ended up being trapped even more tightly.

Finally, Shi Xiaoya awoke from the pressure.

Yet the first thing she sensed was a solid, strong chest, along with a familiar yet foreign scent.

Chapter 1812: Why Are You So Cute

Shi Xiaoya got a shock at first, then she immediately recalled that the man on her bed was Han Zhuoling.

And she recalled everything that happened last night as well.

Even her lips started to sting a little.

She blinked and lifted her head up slightly, seeing Han Zhuoling’s sleeping face.

He was sleeping soundly, and so peacefully.

The him at this moment did not look anything like the strict, aloof, and arrogant person that he usually did. He looked ever so gentle.

The little stubble around his chin and around the corners of his mouth grew a little longer than it had been last night.

Having it on his face only added a bit more of a manly charm to him.

Shi Xiaoya still felt that she was lacking a sense of reality.

Han Zhuoling to her meant way more than a male idol.

His existence was one that she did not even dare to dream about.

But now, she had actually been hugged tightly by him like this as they slept for one whole night.

Now, he became her boyfriend.

The kind that was especially proper and formal.

His arms and legs were tightly wrapped around her.

Shi Xiaoya finally understood why she dreamt of being wrapped by thick and strong tree roots.

He simply hugged her like that in his sleep for the whole night, and his posture actually never changed at all.

Was he not tired?

Shi Xiaoya shifted her gaze from his face to his chest, and when she looked back at his face, she found herself staring right into his eyes.

Han Zhuoling actually awoke just now at some unknown point in time!

But he did not make a sound and just stared at her with a smile on his face.

His gaze, which had always seemed so stern and cold, became gentle crescents at this moment, smiley and filled with indulgence.

Shi Xiaoya felt her whole body turn weak from his gaze.

How could this man be so alluring even with just his gaze?

“Why are you awake?” Han Zhuoling suddenly turned, pressing her beneath him.

Shi Xiaoya got so nervous that she held her breath, but she saw him stretch his hand, taking over the phone that was left at the head of the bed and checking the time. “It’s only a little over 4 AM.”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

Seriously.

If he was going to check the time, he should just check the time. Doing this action was so misleading!

She even thought... thought that he wanted to do something!

Han Zhuoling gave a light chuckle that emanated from his throat as he buried his head in the crook of her neck.

The lingering breath from his chuckle tickled her, and she could only clutch his shoulders as she shuddered.

“Annoying!” Shi Xiaoya muttered in embarrassment.

Han Zhuoling raised his eyebrow. He held back his laughter as he looked up and asked her, “Why am I annoying?”

Could Shi Xiaoya say that his actions made her misunderstand?

And made her feel so nervous.

How embarrassing.

Shi Xiaoya said, “I had a dream just now that I had been wrapped tightly by tree roots and could not move at all, that’s why I woke up. After I woke up, I realized that it’s your long arms and long legs that were wrapped around me.”

Han Zhuoling could not hold it in and buried his face in the crook of her neck again, chuckling uncontrollably.

Shi Xiaoya found it very strange. How was that funny?

“Xiaoya,” Han Zhuoling called.

Hearing him call her like that gave her an indescribable feeling of intimacy, making Shi Xiaoya’s whole body flush red.

She then heard Han Zhuoling say in a low voice, “Why are you so cute?”

Shi Xiaoya’s face instantly bloomed red.

This man, he was really flirting with her all the time.

Han Zhuoling’s morning reaction was a little bit stronger than usual.

He knew, it was all because Shi Xiaoya was in his arms.

He could not endure it. Slipping his palm to the back of her waist, he pressed down hard against her body.

Shi Xiaoya also felt it. She gasped, then just held her breath like that.

She felt so nervous that she did not know what to do.

Han Zhuoling took in a deep breath of the fragrant scent on her skin, and he could not resist the urge to plant a kiss on the crook of her neck.

Chapter 1813: Now You Don’t Want to Let Me Go?

That numbing and tingling sensation made Shi Xiaoya tremble uncontrollably.

Han Zhuoling sighed. "I have to go. Or else if I leave later, it would not be good if other people saw."

"Okay," Shi Xiaoya answered in a soft voice.

"If I leave, can you still fall asleep?" Han Zhuoling asked, chuckling.

"No, I can't anymore," Shi Xiaoya replied honestly.

"Then I really won't want to leave," Han Zhuoling said in a low voice. He pressed her closer to him and said, "I really want to hug you like this and continue lazing around on the bed."

This time, Shi Xiaoya could not hold back her laughter.

She wrapped her arms around Han Zhuoling's waist.

His was thinner than she expected, and it was very solid.

"Now it's you who don't want to let me go?" Han Zhuoling asked jokingly.

"No!" Shi Xiaoya quickly let go.

"Continue denying it," Han Zhuoling said resignedly and kissed her again. "I'm leaving. See you in a bit."

After his reminder, Shi Xiaoya remembered that, right, in two hours, they would see each other again.

This felt so good.

"See you soon," Shi Xiaoya said.

Han Zhuoling really left this time.

Or else, if he left a little later, he'd run into the staff from the production team who would be coming out to prepare for the filming today.

He hurriedly returned to his own room. He did not go back to sleep but went to the bathroom instead.

Seeing his morning reaction, he went to take a bath resignedly.

He'd left so readily this time and did not hug Shi Xiaoya and linger around more precisely because of this.

He was afraid that if he continued staying there, he would not be able to restrain himself and do something to Shi Xiaoya.

Just now, he'd really wanted to continue.

He sighed, then took care of it himself in the shower.

After Han Zhuoling left, Shi Xiaoya indeed could not sleep.

She flipped around and buried her head in the pillow.

The pillow beside was the one that Han Zhuoling had just slept on.

The pillow, as well as the space on the bed beside her, was all filled with Han Zhuoling's scent.

Shi Xiaoya breathed in deeply and wrapped herself with the side of the blanket which Han Zhuoling had slept with.

The feeling of Han Zhuoling hugging her just now had not disappeared.

Shi Xiaoya suddenly started giggling foolishly to herself.

She only realized now that, actually, she had a bit of vanity in her.

Because, she now felt very proud.

Because Han Zhuoling was her boyfriend!

After giggling like a fool for a while, Shi Xiaoya stood up, showered, and dried her hair before putting on makeup for herself that was suitable for going on screen, yet was not thick.

This kind of makeup would make her look close to having no makeup on screen, and it gave off a very fresh feeling.

This was a competitive game to begin with. If she dolled up too exquisitely, it would actually not be good.

Shi Xiaoya packed her things. It was already past 6 AM.

However, the director had already said last night that the filming would only start from 9 AM. The hotel would start providing breakfast from 7:30 AM onwards, so the guests need not rush.

The missions for the filming today were not very intense.

To prevent any delays in the guests' makeup time, Shi Xiaoya and the other five makeup artists all went early to eat breakfast quite coincidentally.

At 7:30 AM, when the hotel just started providing breakfast and before all the buffet dishes had been served, they had already gone over.

Seeing everyone there, they all started to laugh.

"Looks like we all had the same thought," Shi Feng said as he laughed.

The six of them decided to just sit together. Liu Enxiao said, "I heard the director say yesterday that the missions for today's filming are not intense, so we should be able to end earlier."

"Sister Xiaoya, how does it feel like to film for a show?" Hong Qiaoxian asked curiously.

"Erm..." Shi Xiaoya thought about it and said, "When I first faced the camera, I felt a little uncomfortable. But afterward, the missions were all so tough, so I subconsciously forgot that the camera existed and got used to it thereafter."

Chapter 1814: Very Aggrieved

Everyone was chatting along when suddenly, the rest of them all looked towards Shi Xiaoya's back with a shocked face and even a hint of nervousness.

Shi Xiaoya was beginning to feel weird when Hong Qiaoxian said, "Why is Young Master Ling walking over towards us?"

"Xiaoya, is he coming to look for you?" Duan Pingxian asked first, smiling.

Shi Xiaoya turned around in surprise and saw Han Zhuoling walking straight towards her.

He seemed to have just come and had not even had breakfast yet but was heading straight to find her.

The other guests had already arrived and were staring in their direction, smiling, before they went to get their breakfast.

She wondered if Han Zhuoling came in with the other guests.

They really only just separated earlier on, but seeing Han Zhuoling now made Shi Xiaoya suddenly feel nervous and at a loss for what to do.

In front of everyone, she felt at a loss at how she should interact with Han Zhuoling.

In the end, she saw that Han Zhuoling had already walked over and placed his hand very naturally on the back of her chair.

This series of movements no longer seemed strange to the other guests and many of the staff.

When they were playing PUBG yesterday, Han Zhuoling already pulled this move, so everyone had already been shocked once. Now, they were very used to it.

But yesterday, the other five makeup artists were not around, so it was still their first time seeing it. All of them were stunned on the spot.

"Why did you come down by yourself without waiting for me?" Han Zhuoling frowned, feeling very aggrieved.

He even wanted to have breakfast together with her.

Yet the moment he went to press her doorbell, she was no longer there.

"I came down earlier to eat, so there's more time to get to work later, that's why I didn't call you." Shi Xiaoya followed Han Zhuoling's attitude and became more natural with him.

She was also not afraid of other people knowing about her relationship with Han Zhuoling.

Anyway, Han Zhuoling did not mind other people knowing, so she need not worry either.

So she just interacted with him naturally.

Han Zhuoling looked at her plate. Shi Xiaoya immediately picked it up and said, "Then, shall I eat with you?"

Han Zhuoling's face instantly lit up happily.

Compared to his look now, he looked very aggrieved just then.

Shi Xiaoya picked up her plate guiltily and went to a table far away from other people to sit with Han Zhuoling.

"This is my first time falling in love. I don't have much experience, and I don't know how to interact," Shi Xiaoya said guiltily. "Next time, I will always call you and won't act on my own anymore."

Having been single for a long time, she already got used to doing things alone.

Hence, she did not know whether she should have called Han Zhuoling to come along with her or not this morning.

Han Zhuoling chuckled and nodded. "Okay."

"I haven't finished eating, so I won't go and take more food. You go ahead, I'll wait for you," Shi Xiaoya said.

"Okay." Han Zhuoling then went to get breakfast.

As the whole hotel had been booked, there were only the people from the production team and the cast in the restaurant, so there were not a lot of people.

Hence, no matter where Han Zhuoling was, he could be clearly seen.

Shi Xiaoya could not help but follow Han Zhuoling with her gaze.

Wherever Han Zhuoling was, her gaze followed him along.

She did not even realize this herself.

When Han Zhuoling got his breakfast and started walking back, he happened to see Shi Xiaoya not even eating and just staring at him.

Han Zhuoling felt that he seemed to have been poisoned by a drug called Shi Xiaoya.

The moment he saw Shi Xiaoya, he would subconsciously feel happy and want to smile.

He no longer had that cold, arrogant look on him.

When Liu Enxiao and the rest saw that, they all could not believe their eyes.

"Say, what exactly is going on between Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling?" Liu Enxiao asked in a low voice. "Previously, I already felt that Han Zhuoling treated her differently and had been helping her all the way."

When the men in black put the blindfolds on the guests and led them out, Han Zhuoling was worried that she would be afraid, so he kept holding on to her hand and did not let go.

Chapter 1815: Internal Arrangement

Given Han Zhuoling's temperament, if any woman took the initiative to get close to him, she would surely have been scolded to death by him a long time ago.

Not giving her face was him going easy on her. How would he even extend a hand to help?

However, they were all standing behind Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya, so they did not manage to see that indulgent smile when Han Zhuoling turned to look at Shi Xiaoya.

Hong Qiaoxian took a quick glance at Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya and said, "Tell me, guys, are they together?"

Both of them were eating together by themselves.

Tong Chunian and Guo Yujie clearly came together with them but did not sit together with them.

Given Han Zhuoling's temperament, how would he just casually sit together with a woman by themselves to eat together?

He clearly came in together with the other guests, yet he came alone to find Shi Xiaoya.

He did not sit with Lu Dongliu, nor with the other guests.

From how he was like just now, he seemed to be insistent on eating with Shi Xiaoya.

And he even felt a little resentful that Shi Xiaoya actually did not wait for him.

This treatment was way too special.

No matter how they looked at it, the two of them seemed to be together.

Shi Feng and the others exchanged glances and were cautious enough not to express their views.

They did not dare to gossip about Han Zhuoling behind his back. If Han Zhuoling found out, what if he felt unhappy?

They could not afford to risk it.

Liu Enxiao lowered her eyelids and started to play with the sunny-side-up egg. She then poked the egg yolk with her fork, letting the egg yolk run out.

"There's something you guys might not know," Liu Enxiao said.

Hong Qiaoxian asked curiously, "What thing?"

"Yesterday, when Jiang Yuhan was canceled as the sixth guest and the drawing lots method was used to pick a new guest," Liu Enxiao said, "in actual fact, they had already internally arranged it to be Shi Xiaoya."

"As to why Jiang Yuhan had been removed, I believe you guys know roughly what had happened," Liu Enxiao said.

Everyone fell silent.

She'd made such a scene that night. They just did not dare to come out to watch, but they could still hear her.

There were some words they could not hear clearly.

But a female celebrity going to knock on Han Zhuoling's door in the middle of the night... What else could it be for?

Although they were makeup artists, they also worked in the entertainment industry, so they were not unfamiliar with these things and knew very well what they were about.

"It was Han Zhuoling who said that he would not allow Jiang Yuhan to stay no matter what, so they could only replace her with someone else. At first, Director Lu was thinking that if they really could not find someone, they would just make do with five guests. It was also Han Zhuoling who recommended Shi Xiaoya," Liu Enxiao said in a low voice.

"How did you know all these?" Hong Qiaoxian asked, feeling strange.

Liu Enxiao laughed and said, "Did you forget? I'm a makeup artist from the production team to begin with. It was just because of Yuan Yina's incident earlier on that I had been swapped over to fill the gap. Afterward, I then stayed on to help the guests do their makeup."

Liu Enxiao smiled. "Speaking of Yuan Yina, it was also because she went overboard when she was putting on makeup for Han Zhuoling that she got switched out by him. He then personally picked Shi Xiaoya to put on makeup for him."

"Other women cannot even get a little bit closer to him, only Shi Xiaoya can." Liu Enxiao smiled. "You tell me, do Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling have nothing going on? I won't believe it."

"Why would the production team choose Shi Xiaoya to be the sixth guest?" Hong Qiaoxian was perplexed.

Shi Feng explained, "Actually, it's quite easy to understand. Among us few, Shi Xiaoya is the most famous one. She has the most Weibo fans and has a huge fanbase both in the domestic and international video channels, as well as on social media sites. She is pretty as well, so she will look good on camera. The production team is looking out for industry experts, and Shi Xiaoya is indeed one of the top few most famous ones in our industry."

Chapter 1816: Even Got Taken for a Bad Person?

"Did they really have to choose from our industry? Aren't there also cameramen, directors, and so many other people?" Liu Enxiao said.

Duan Pingxian laughed and said, "But how popular are they? The production team needs to follow the rules set by the higher-ups in the department. They have to publicize the experts in various fields and industries, have to make sure it's entertaining and interesting, and also have to make sure that the audience would like to watch it. If the person does not have a lot of fans, and not many people know about her, what would the audience watch them for? Every one of us is just a common person, why should I watch you on TV?"

"Of course they want to watch someone with many fans, someone whom they can't usually interact with, so that they will be curious as to how they are like usually. They would want to see how interesting it would be for these people to play with each other. As for the things you mentioned, if their popularity is not high enough, the audience would not be interested in them, and it would only generate the reverse effect, making them lose interest in watching this show. The production team is going for the

viewership ratings. They have to choose the industry experts, and they also have to choose someone who is famous enough for everyone to be interested in.”

“To fulfill all these conditions would not be so easy. After searching here and there, of course Shi Xiaoya is the only one who is suitable,” Duan Pingxian said.

Hong Qiaoxian nodded at the side. “So that’s why.”

Liu Enxiao pursed her lips. She put down her fork, took a sip of coffee, and said, “I know all these, and I can understand too. Also, I didn’t think I could participate in any show since I am not popular. The one thing I am disgusted with is that, since the production team had already internally agreed on casting Shi Xiaoya, why did they have to put on an act and let us draw lots to play around with us?”

“They gave us hope, making us think that we can really appear on the show based on pure luck to let more people know about us. Yet afterward, we found out that this had all been planned earlier on. And Shi Xiaoya? She still acted as if she did not know anything.” Liu Enxiao scoffed. “I don’t believe she really did not know anything.”

“Whether Shi Xiaoya knew it or not, I don’t know. But whether she knew it or not, the result would not change. Anyway, this was the production team’s idea to begin with. The production team needs the viewership ratings, needs the variety effect and surprise element. I am leaning towards the idea that Shi Xiaoya did not know. Unless her acting is so good that she can make that dumbstruck look on her face look so real at that moment. Then it would be a pity if she did not go and be an actress,” Shi Feng said.

He picked up his plate and said, “Even if she really knows, and she acted out the surprised and dumbstruck expression and all, that’s nothing much. Coming out to work, who won’t have some tricks up their sleeve? Nobody really treats each other sincerely and pours their hearts out to other people nowadays. If there was really someone like that, other people would call them a fool.”

Shi Feng also stood up and said suggestively, “No one is a fool.”

“I’m done eating. I need to go earlier to prepare. You guys enjoy your meal.”

After saying that, Shi Feng left.

Hong Qiaoxian did not dare to stay for long with Liu Enxiao.

Just now, when they were with Shi Xiaoya, Liu Enxiao had been so friendly to her.

When Shi Xiaoya left, Liu Enxiao started saying all these things.

Who knew if Liu Enxiao would talk bad about them too behind their back?

No one would dare to hang out for long with this kind of person.

“I’m full too,” Hong Qiaoxian said as she picked up her plate. “I’ll go off to prepare now too.”

“What do they mean by this?” Liu Enxiao said aggrievedly. “I was just telling them what I know. I even got taken for a bad person?”

Duan Pingxian laughed dryly and said, "If you'd said those words just now in front of Shi Xiaoya, then you would have been an honest person. But when Shi Xiaoya was here, you did not say it. It was only after she left that you started saying all these..."

Chapter 1817: Sowing Discord

"Haha." Duan Pingxian laughed dryly. "I am done eating too. Enjoy your meal."

After Duan Pingxian left as well, only Liu Enxiao and Ling Xiaoen were left at the table.

Liu Enxiao said aggrievedly, "Brother Ling, do you think I'm bad too? I was just telling you guys what I know. I treat you all as friends. I don't want you guys to be kept in the dark, that's why I said it out of goodwill. Who would have expected that in their eyes, I'd actually be seen as the bad person?"

Ling Xiaoen gave her a patronizing smile. He knew exactly what kind of thoughts she harbored in her mind.

As Shi Feng had said, no one was a fool.

They had been out and about working for so long, so they had seen their fair share of all kinds of people.

No one would be tricked by Liu Enxiao just like that.

Even Hong Qiaoxian, who did not have much experience, knew who she should side with.

Of course, they'd left immediately also because Shi Xiaoya was indeed very famous within the industry.

No matter what kind of relationship she had with Han Zhuoling, the two of them just seemed to be on good terms right now.

And she had a friend like Qin Zigou.

They were not sure exactly what kind of background Qin Zigou had, but they knew it was definitely not a humble one.

Or else, how was it possible that ever since he'd made his debut, his opponents who had higher statuses than him in the industry and who wanted to ruin him all failed and ended up in terrible misfortune?

No one would believe that there was no catch in this.

Given Shi Xiaoya's own capabilities, as well as her connections, was it not obvious which side they should stand with?

Even if they only looked at the pros and cons without looking at who was right or wrong, of course they would still choose Shi Xiaoya.

They really did not know what Liu Enxiao was thinking.

With such a pea brain, she still dared to sow discord?

Ling Xiaoen stood up as he smiled and said, "I'm fine with it, even if they'd already internally arranged for the guest to be Shi Xiaoya to begin with. But at least the production team's method allowed us to

show our faces. Given the popularity and viewership ratings of *Survivor*, it will definitely help to boost our own popularity, which will be much better than before.”

“You asked just now why the production team had to pull this stunt to play with us since they already set their eyes on Shi Xiaoya? I don’t actually think they are playing with us. It’s like what you said, besides the point about creating the variety effect, the production team can really just let Shi Xiaoya join in without having the drawing of lots. But in this way, we wouldn’t even have had a chance to be on camera.”

“The production team was already being considerate with us, so what is there to complain about? If they don’t show our faces, how many people would know that I am actually the one doing the makeup behind the scenes?” Ling Xiaoen minced his lips before saying, “I really am not as capable or as famous as Shi Xiaoya. When I reach that level of capability and fame and the production team still doesn’t choose me, then I will complain that it’s unfair.”

After saying that, Ling Xiaoen left as well.

Hence, in the end, the only person left on this huge table was Liu Enxiao.

Liu Enxiao was pent up with anger and frustration.

Didn’t Ling Xiaoen’s words mean that she was not at that level and did not have the right to feel that it was unfair?

She threw a resentful look at Shi Xiaoya. She wondered how she did it too, to be able to seduce Han Zhuoling.

It was fine if it was the production team who thought of looking for Shi Xiaoya.

But it was Han Zhuoling who’d suggested it of his own accord to let Shi Xiaoya join in.

Han Zhuoling usually did not care about other people, yet he actually took the initiative to recommend Shi Xiaoya.

The night before, Jiang Yuhan went all the way to his door, but Han Zhuoling still asked Lu Dongliu to chase her away.

Yet when it came to Shi Xiaoya, Han Zhuoling took the initiative so actively.

Chapter 1818: Waiting for You

Why should she get it!

Shi Xiaoya had already put on her makeup when she was in the room by herself.

So after Han Zhuoling was done eating, she put on makeup for Han Zhuoling right away. By simply brightening his skin tone, she was done.

The filming for the second day of the show started officially.

Lu Dongliu said behind the camera, "Yesterday, Han Zhuoling who came in first place already received the prize for the winner. He has an important item with him, and it might even be possible for him to revive someone from the dead. This prize can be snatched away."

Shi Xiaoya thought to herself, Lu Dongliu was really scheming!

Not only did he reveal the prize for the winner, but he also made Han Zhuoling everyone else's target.

The other guests might very possibly work together to target Han Zhuoling.

In this way, Han Zhuoling would have a lot of pressure, because it was as good as a one-versus-four game.

"Of course, to prevent a situation where everyone just targets one person, there is another item that can be used to protect the prize item. That item will have to be found from deciphering the clues," Lu Dongliu said.

"Now, we will invite the guests to leave in five-minute intervals according to their ranking from passing the levels yesterday," Lu Dongliu said.

Shi Xiaoya heaved a sigh of relief.

In this way, at least Han Zhuoling could still find a place to hide first, then think of a way to find the item that could protect the pocket watch.

Luckily, Lu Dongliu did not say what the item Han Zhuoling had looked like.

Or else, he would have sold Han Zhuoling out completely.

Shi Xiaoya glanced at Lu Dongliu. Director Lu really gave his all to create eye-catching scenes for the show. He even dared to set a trap for Han Zhuoling.

Indeed, Lu Dongliu had a guilty look on his face as he hid behind the camera.

He clearly knew he was setting a trap for Han Zhuoling and was feeling nervous right now.

"Now, the filming officially starts." Lu Dongliu pressed on the timer and said, "Han Zhuoling, please proceed first."

Han Zhuoling gave Shi Xiaoya a look and went off first.

After five minutes, Shi Xiaoya was the second to move out.

But the moment she walked out of the main entrance of the castle hotel, she saw Han Zhuoling standing right in the center, waiting for her gracefully.

Shi Xiaoya felt a little shocked. He'd set off five minutes earlier. Adding on the time she took to come out of the hotel, it would be around more than ten minutes.

He actually never left and had been standing there waiting.

Shi Xiaoya quickly ran over.

The director and the videographer brother following them both had a hopeless look on their faces.

Young Master Ling clearly did not come to film for the show.

He came here to date!

He did not make use of the time to look for the clues and insisted on waiting for Shi Xiaoya here.

This scheme actually worked?

“Why haven’t you left?” Shi Xiaoya stopped and steadied herself in front of him.

Han Zhuoling smiled and said, “Waiting for you.”

He extended his hand and lightly flicked Shi Xiaoya’s forehead. “I’m afraid they will bully you and eliminate you first.”

Shi Xiaoya covered her forehead reflexively, not letting him flick it anymore. “The item is with you, so they will surely want to work together to snatch the item away from you. You’re in more danger since you waited for me here.”

“It doesn’t matter. Isn’t there still five minutes?” Han Zhuoling held Shi Xiaoya’s hand and said, “Let’s go.”

Shi Xiaoya looked down at their hands that were clasped together. In front of the camera, Han Zhuoling did not attempt to hide anything at all. He was behaving openly and did not intend to hide their relationship.

The female director following Han Zhuoling boldly asked, “Young Master Ling, if both of you keep doing this, the post-production editing will be very difficult.”

Han Zhuoling looked at the director with a half-smile on his face.

Chapter 1819: Give You a Thumbs Up

The director felt that Han Zhuoling had seen through the little thoughts she had.

She was afraid that if she asked whether they could air the scenes directly, Han Zhuoling might not be happy.

It might seem as if their production team wanted to make use of Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya’s relationship to create hot topics and boost the viewership ratings.

That was why she asked it in a different way, to let Han Zhuoling know that their production team definitely, definitely did not have the intention to make use of Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

But very obviously, Han Zhuoling guessed all her small concerns.

But luckily, although the director harbored those thoughts, they were not with bad intentions. For the production team and Han Zhuoling’s sake, she struck a good balance between both considerations.

Han Zhuoling then said, “There’s no need to deliberately edit them out. Do what is necessary, just like how you usually edit the scenes. Just make sure you can achieve the intended effect after airing.”

The director was utterly surprised. She almost wanted to tell Lu Dongliu right now that the third episode of the show would certainly burst through the roof in viewership ratings!

“Let’s go quickly,” Shi Xiaoya reminded him. “Or else once the others come, they will target you.”

“Alright.”

Both of them first found a more secluded area to stop first.

“Actually, they might not come and snatch away my pocket watch the moment they enter,” Han Zhuoling explained. “We will surely find a place to hide first, so they won’t be able to find us at the first instance.”

“In this way, what they can do is to be a step ahead of us and try to find the item that can protect the pocket watch first,” Han Zhuoling said. “When the protection item is gone, they can then easily snatch the pocket watch.”

“But at least the Director did not tell them what the item I have is. They don’t know that it’s a pocket watch,” Han Zhuoling said.

At this moment, the sponsored phones provided for the production team for use by the guests received a mass text message from the production team.

It was a clue for finding the item.

“We need to go to the city to find Lu Ban’s successor?” Shi Xiaoya saw the clue in the message. “That means we need to go and find something related to woodwork?”

Then won’t everyone gather at the same place in the end?

That would be too dangerous.

“Let’s go, we’ll go and walk along the streets first,” Han Zhuoling said.

“You’re not afraid of meeting them and fighting with them over the item?” Shi Xiaoya asked.

Han Zhuoling slowly took out a small porcelain bottle that looked really ancient from his waist bag. There was a small pill-like thing inside of it.

“What’s this?” Shi Xiaoya asked in surprise.

“I asked it from the hotel. Didn’t you notice? Everything in the hotel is designed to mimic ancient times. From the room’s design to the cutlery, all of it is like that. This small porcelain bottle is used by the hotel to pacify kids. In the shows that kids like to watch nowadays, the characters would always take out some pill from such small porcelain bottles to swallow,” Han Zhuoling said while holding back his laughter.

“Hence, the hotel thought of this method. The pill inside is a small hawthorn sweet,” Han Zhuoling said. “So I asked for one bottle from the hotel, then asked them to leave only one hawthorn pill inside of it. It wouldn’t be convincing if there were too many left.”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

Sure enough, her worries were excessive.

“When did you ask for it?” Shi Xiaoya asked.

“When we were eating breakfast, I saw their service crew preparing these, so I asked about it,” Han Zhuoling said.

How did this man’s brain develop?

He’d actually thought of these things a long time ago.

It was no longer a matter of looking three steps ahead of time.

He probably looked one kilometer ahead of time with every step he took.

“But at that time, you did not know that the show was going to announce that you have the prize item,” Shi Xiaoya said while feeling stunned.

The director silently gave Shi Xiaoya a thumbs up.

Chapter 1820: It’s Not Your Style

Good job, Xiaoya!

If she hadn’t asked, the audience would think that the production team had revealed the problems to Han Zhuoling beforehand.

This Han Zhuoling was really too much as well. How was he so alert?

The female director could not take it lying down. She did not believe that for the whole season, there would not be a problem that could make Han Zhuoling fumble.

When Lu Dongliu revealed the fact that Han Zhuoling got an item as the prize, it was actually also a last-minute decision.

Their original script did not have this segment, but the director could more or less understand Lu Dongliu’s thinking.

Han Zhuoling was really too awesome. There was no problem that could make him fumble.

Lu Dongliu also could not take it lying down, and he really wanted to see Han Zhuoling fumble.

Hence, Lu Dongliu came up with such an idea at the last minute, to increase the difficulty level for Han Zhuoling.

Actually, it was not entirely for achieving the variety show effect.

After Shi Xiaoya asked this, it became much more natural to clear things up.

“It’s to prepare just in case.” Han Zhuoling gave a faint smile and said, “I’m used to leaving a back-up plan for myself in whatever I do.”

Both of them walked around in the ancient city and indeed found a woodenware shop there.

Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya went in together and saw Zhang Xiangyou, Cao Jingcheng, Cheng He, and Liu Chuanhui all there.

Shi Xiaoya really did not expect that the six of them would have gathered together so quickly.

She thought that they would at most meet one or two people. She did not expect their luck to be so bad.

“Young Master Ling, we have been waiting for you,” Cao Jingcheng said, laughing.

Han Zhuoling smiled as he asked, “You guys formed an alliance?”

“Yeah. To snatch the prize item from you, we formed a temporary alliance,” Cao Jingcheng said.

Han Zhuoling pulled Shi Xiaoya’s hand, looking as if he was about to run.

Zhang Xiangyou and Cheng He reacted quickly to block the entrance to the shop.

“Young Master Ling, if you don’t hand over the prize item today, we won’t let you two walk out of this door,” Liu Chuanhui said.

“I don’t mind handing it over,” Han Zhuoling said.

“Young Master Ling, why would you give it to us so readily without resisting at all? This doesn’t seem like you,” Cao Jingcheng said suspiciously.

“It’s one to four. The odds are against us, so I don’t intend to waste the effort for that,” Han Zhuoling said calmly. “And, even without this prize item, I also have the confidence that I can win. Even if we can’t win in the end, it doesn’t matter either. I am not too concerned about winning this game.”

Han Zhuoling’s intention was very clear. He just came here to show his face and was totally not thinking of using this show to grab attention.

Winning or losing to him did not matter, so he did not care about the item at all.

Liu Chuanhui stroked his chin and said, “You might not care about winning or losing the game, but not putting up a fight during the process is not your style.”

And saying that Han Zhuoling did not care about winning?

He did not believe it.

Han Zhuoling was such a competitive person!

He might not care about this show, but he probably would not hope for himself to lose.

After all, Han Zhuoling’s personality was too arrogant.

“My competitiveness applies to doing business. As for here—” Han Zhuoling laughed. “I just came here to show my face. There’s no need to try so hard.”

Director: “...”

They definitely need to cut this out. Cut!

Randomly saying some big truth!

“But I also have a question,” Han Zhuoling said. “I only have one prize item, but there’s four of you. How are you going to split it?”

Cao Jingcheng said, “The four of us discussed already. To ensure that everything is fair, we will destroy the item after we get it. In this way, no one can use it, and everyone will start out on the same footing.”

“That’s not bad.” Han Zhuoling nodded. “Then I’ll just take it as if there’s no prize item. We can all start over again and compete on equal footing.”