

Mr Han 1891

Chapter 1891: Afraid That No One Would Know She's Magnificent

And yet, when Xu Yuting's turn came, she kept tripping up—perhaps Lu Man's presence was too strong and it pressured her, perhaps she was simply bad at her lines, or perhaps she didn't memorize them at all.

Xu Jiashan was displeased. "Xiao Xu, what's with you? It's only these few lines, yet you can't get it done even after so long?"

"S-sorry, I clearly memorized them," Xu Yuting apologized.

"Go and get your script, don't waste everybody's time," Xu Jiashan said frostily.

However, it was not only Xu Yuting who made mistakes, even Gao Sheng and Sun Xiutong encountered the same problem.

The three were Wu Jingli's students, but they performed poorly as compared to Lu Man with her outstanding performance.

With their dismal basic skills and mediocre acting, they were totally outstripped by Lu Man.

The students did poorly, and as she was their teacher, this reflected poorly on Wu Jingli.

The results of her teaching was this, and she wanted to teach Lu Man?

What a joke!

Their scene finally ended.

Xu Jiashan said, dissatisfied, "Xu Yuting, Sun Xiutong, Gao Sheng, you three better memorize your lines properly and stabilize your acting. If you continue giving such a shaky performance, how could I let you all go on stage? If you're still like this by this afternoon, then you don't have to come tomorrow. I'll get replacements for you all."

Their hearts trembled and they quickly reassured him they'd perform well later.

They went about memorizing their lines. They barely had enough time to practice, much less make trouble for Lu Man.

And Lu Man's performance was stable the whole day.

It was only on her inexperience with the stage that Xu Jiashan needed to instruct her, telling her where to go and how to move more appropriately.

They needed to be more exaggerated than in front of a screen.

Lu Man was a fast learner, and she wouldn't repeat her mistakes, some of which Xu Jiashan only needed to mention once.

Lu Man's performance was approved by everyone except Wu Jingli.

But even Wu Jingli couldn't find fault with her.

Days of rehearsals passed, and in the blink of an eye, it's their debut performance before New Year's.

Fortunately, it's on the 28th.

Most companies were on a break.

Employees went back to their homes outside of the cities.

Those living in B City itself had the time to watch a play.

Shi Xiaoya was invited by Lu Man to do her makeup.

Filming and screening of Survivor was on a break during New Year's too.

Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting were doing their makeup by themselves.

"Guess who I saw just now?" Sun Xiutong said as she drew her brows.

"Who?" Xu Yuting looked at her through the mirror.

"It's Shi Xiaoya, probably the top makeup artist in the country, doing Lu Man's makeup." Sun Xiutong pursed her lips. "Some people really end up with different fates. Lu Man's really too lucky, it's not enough to say that she's a winner in life. How she makes people jealous."

"True," Xu Yuting said. "Her life's smooth-sailing and Han Zhuoli's supporting her. Would she be so impressive without Han Zhuoli? She's only in a stage play right now and she could get the top makeup artist. How pretentious!"

"Even Teacher Xu and Teacher Dong, the male and female leads for our play, and the other senior actors Director Xu approached for a cameo, are all big-shots within the industry. But they never employed their own makeup artist! All used the makeup artists in our company." Sun Xiutong gave a massive eyeroll.

"Only Lu Man has to be the most impressive. She has to be different from all, afraid that no one will know she's the magnificent Mrs. Han."

Chapter 1892: Let's See How Similar You Are to the First Young Master Han

"Sigh, like I said, similar people, different fates." Xu Yuting pursed her lips. "Us, meanwhile, we only have a few scenes and even need to apply our makeup ourselves. Doesn't matter if we applied it well or not, the audience won't notice anyway."

Unbeknown to them, their conversation had been overheard by a passing Shi Xiaoya.

Guo Yujie whispered, "Why are they like this?"

Shi Xiaoya shook her head. Lu Man's dressing room was just beside theirs, and Shi Xiaoya merely passed by the door.

Guo Yujie assumed Shi Xiaoya would let things be and leave, but Shi Xiaoya unexpectedly entered the room.

Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting were focused on their cosmetics and didn't notice at first.

They only knew of her existence after Shi Xiaoya said beside them, "Excuse me for interrupting."

Seeing Shi Xiaoya made their expressions look interesting.

"Sorry, I didn't mean to eavesdrop, but Lu Man's dressing room's next to yours and I passed by here on my way. Your door isn't closed either, so I heard what you said."

The room Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting occupied was a shared dressing room used by everyone.

People entered and left as they pleased, so they were used to not closing the door.

Both of them weren't qualified to have their private dressing rooms.

But Wu Jingli was.

As for Lu Man, it was more than appropriate for her to have her own room.

This had nothing to do with her role but with her position as Mrs. Han. The theatre couldn't treat her poorly.

Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting glanced at each other awkwardly. Shi Xiaoya smiled. "I think you've misunderstood something. I'm not employed by Lu Man, nor does she want to be different from everyone else. I came on my own initiative because Lu Man's my friend and I wish to support her for her first play."

"Who knew this would lead to Lu Man being misunderstood? It's my bad."

She didn't need Sun Xiutong's or Xu Yuting's reply.

Even with her words, the two of them would still be biased against Lu Man.

At the very least, she could give them a warning of some sort so they would think twice before continuing to shoot their mouths off.

"I appeared rather abruptly." Shi Xiaoya nodded towards them. "I'll get going now."

With that, she brought Guo Yujie out of the room.

Guo Yujie gave Shi Xiaoya a big thumbs-up. "Perhaps because you're with first Young Master Han, Xiaoya, I feel your presence and aura are becoming more like his."

Shi Xiaoya was surprised. "How could that be? Who can compare to his aura? You're exaggerating."

"I never said you're the same, just becoming like him," Guo Yujie said. "You might have been smiling just now, but your words were enough to scare them. Plus, your aura was really like that of the first Young Master Han."

Guo Yujie took half a step back and observed Shi Xiaoya, rubbing her chin in the process.

Shi Xiaoya was weirded out by her scrutiny, quickly pulling her back. "What are you doing?"

"Just observing you on the whole, see how similar you are to the first Young Master Han." Guo Yujie chuckled.

Shi Xiaoya smacked her lightly in jest. "Boring."

They arrived in Lu Man's dressing room just as the door opened. "I heard you guys speaking outside, what happened?"

Shi Xiaoya didn't want to say it, but Guo Yujie was too fast and spilled the beans.

Chapter 1893: It's Good to Have a Sister-in-law

As Guo Yujie spoke, Shi Xiaoya arranged the cosmetics nicely and started applying some on Lu Man.

"It's actually not a big deal, I just couldn't hold it in," Shi Xiaoya explained. "I know even after today, they'll still be unconvinced and talk bad about you. I only hope they'll rein it in slightly and not go overboard. Have some fear in their hearts."

Guo Yujie, while helping out Shi Xiaoya, laughed. "Isn't the fear inspired by Young Master Han scary enough? But they still talked nonsense. Jealousy will never die in humans."

"Yujie's right." Lu Man smirked. "Anyway, such things have happened before and will happen again in the future. I'm used to it. What they say won't affect me."

"But..." Lu Man took a turn, looking up at Shi Xiaoya and winking at her. "It's good to have a sister-in-law who'll defend and support me when others talk bad about me."

Shi Xiaoya blushed.

What sister-in-law!

She was used to Lu Man's calm and confident manner in the entertainment industry. Who knew she could be so impish!

"Who's talking bad about you?" A nice and steady male voice rang by the door.

The three women turned to look.

To see Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling appear.

"You guys arrived this early?" Lu Man was surprised.

It was almost New Year's, and the Han Corporation had many employees who needed to travel back to their hometowns, so the company would give them earlier leaves.

But Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuoli would never take a leave this early and would work until the last day.

And if anything cropped up during the holidays, both of them would settle it at once.

Holidays, to them, were a luxury.

"There's nothing much today, and most of the employees have left. It's almost the holidays anyway, so we let them off earlier," Han Zhuoli explained as he walked in with Han Zhuoling. "And it's your performance today, so we came earlier."

Han Zhuoli stopped by her side.

While Shi Xiaoya was on the other side doing Lu Man's makeup...

Han Zhuoling walked over, and he restrained himself from giving Shi Xiaoya a greeting kiss because Han Zhuoli and Lu Man were there.

Not knowing his thoughts, Shi Xiaoya turned and gave Han Zhuoling a sweet smile before continuing her work.

"You haven't answered me, who's speaking badly of you?" Han Zhuoli wouldn't let Lu Man escape the question.

Resigned, she answered, "I encounter these things everywhere. It's all because of jealousy and envy, it's no big deal. It's nothing much, just some spiteful comments which I don't take to heart."

Frankly, Lu Man had always been like this.

Ever since she started working at the Han Corporation, in fact.

Hearing mean comments and being ostracized by her colleagues didn't affect her.

She did not care nor take revenge, only focusing on her own tasks.

As long as the other party didn't physically harm her in any way.

Like Dai Yiran, and like what she'd encountered in the entertainment industry after.

Lu Man didn't do much at first.

But after they turned physical, Lu Man then took action.

It's not as if Lu Man was free every day and would go out in full force just because of a few mean comments.

Chapter 1894: You Can Be Envious, but You Can't Be Jealous

If that was the case, she'd be too busy.

"Moreover, Sister-in-law already defended me just now." Lu Man grinned.

Han Zhuoli took a moment before realizing "Sister-in-law" referred to Shi Xiaoya.

Han Zhuoling turned, eyes twinkling, as if disbelieving Shi Xiaoya would stand up and defend others given her temperament.

And for Lu Man too.

Did the two of them become opposites?

Shi Xiaoya grew shy under Han Zhuoling's gaze and pushed him aside, saying softly, "Don't interrupt me."

"I didn't do anything!" Han Zhuoling protested innocently.

Seeing how Han Zhuoling behaved around Shi Xiaoya—totally not aloof—Lu Man chuckled to herself.

Shi Xiaoya ignored Han Zhuoling and was concentrating when she heard Han Zhuoling say, “But that’s indeed what a sister-in-law will do.”

Shi Xiaoya’s hand trembled, almost ruining Lu Man’s eyebrows.

She glared at Han Zhuoling with a red face.

What’s he talking about!

But Lu Man was tearing up and cackling madly.

“...” Shi Xiaoya gritted her teeth. “Laugh! You’re gonna have to redo your makeup when it smudges.”

“Alright, alright, I’ll stop laughing.” Lu Man carefully dabbed the corners of her eyes with a cotton bud. “I’ll listen to Sister-in-law.”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

How can Lu Man be so mischievous!

Even Han Zhuoli couldn’t contain his laughter.

Her hair couldn’t be messed, so he poked her cheek.

How cheeky!

But he loved her cheekiness.

Right then, Han Zhuoli faced the same problem as Han Zhuoling.

If it wasn’t for Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya, he would’ve embraced Lu Man already.

Hence, the brothers each scorned the other as a gooseberry.

Just when Lu Man’s makeup was about to be done, someone knocked on her dressing room door.

Lu Man’s makeup wasn’t completed, so Shi Xiaoya was naturally busy.

So Han Zhuoli went to open the door.

Only to see around eight of the main casts and other important roles in the play, as well as the celebrity cameos Xu Jiashan invited, all standing outside.

“Young Master Han.” The male lead, Xu Yahan, was standing at the front. He was a middle-aged actor popular with the masses, and beside him was the female lead.

Han Zhuoli understood in a flash that these people weren’t here for Lu Man, but for him and Han Zhuoling.

But he didn’t mind, and for Lu Man to have a smooth career development in the future, not being disliked by her peers, Han Zhuoli invited them courteously.

Everyone was flattered. Who could have expected Han Zhuoli to be so polite?

Lu Man could only stop and stand up to greet them.

“Teacher Xu.” Lu Man called them one by one.

Xu Yahan and the others were always polite to Lu Man.

It didn’t matter if it was because of Lu Man’s performance or because of Han Zhuoli.

Frankly, even without Han Zhuoli, Lu Man had no faults they could pick on.

At most, she had a solid background and had good career prospects.

This you could envy, but not be jealous of.

They knew that a few younger actors in the theater disliked Lu Man because of this.

They felt that Lu Man had no real capabilities and that her status was all because of Han Zhuoli’s support and her good fortune.

If they had Lu Man’s resources, they could achieve what Lu Man did too.

But, Xu Yahan thought, if they were jealous of Lu Man’s good life, why don’t they be jealous of the children of the wealthiest?

Chapter 1895: How Brainless

Because Lu Man’s dressing room wasn’t large, the influx of people made it crowded.

Han Zhuoli didn’t close the door, so their voices floated out.

And this naturally attracted the attention of other actors.

They took a careful peep and discovered Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuoli’s down-to-earth actions.

Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuoli moved in tandem.

Han Zhuoli never discussed with him, but judging from Han Zhuoli’s actions, Han Zhuoling knew what Han Zhuoli wanted.

And cooperated with him.

But his aloof image was so deeply ingrained in their hearts that his sudden friendliness shocked them, who still daren’t relax enough to have a conversation with him.

Lu Man, being as smart as she was, immediately guessed Han Zhuoli’s intentions.

They usually avoided socializing as much as possible, but this man, along with Han Zhuoling, was socializing with so many others, all for her. How could she not be touched?

A few other brave souls joined the party.

In the dressing room beside Lu Man’s, Sun Xiutong grew curious. “What’s happening outside? It’s so loud.”

Someone who just exited Lu Man's room replied, "Young Master Han and Young Master Ling are next door. Who knew they were so friendly and down-to-earth! They're chatting with the rest, including the few seniors in our play. A few younger actors are there too. Doesn't matter if they can be remembered, there's the possibility as long as they showed their faces. Who knows, maybe they'd remember us someday when the Han Corporation has films to shoot."

Filming a movie or a drama paid much more than being in a play.

Who didn't want to be rich and famous?

Xu Yuting said to Sun Xiutong, "Why don't we... take a look?"

Sun Xiutong bit her lip, feeling guilty. "Can we? Shi Xiaoya heard what we said, and she definitely would have told Lu Man about it."

Someone near them heard her doubt and scoffed in their hearts.

They knew to suck up to Lu Man now, yet they were criticizing her and instigating Wu Jingli to pick on her before. There must be something wrong with their brains!

And they dare to go over now?

Even if they did, would they be treated nicely?

But obviously, these colleagues underestimated the two's brazenness.

Xu Yuting urged Sun Xiutong, "At most, we lick her boots more next time. We still stand a chance if we go now, but if we don't, we won't even have any hope."

"That's true." And so, both of them went next door.

When they left, the same someone scoffed, "How thick-skinned."

"Why care about them? They're brainless. Completely forgetting about their attitude previously and only thinking of ways to curry favor now. It's too late!" another said.

As for Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting, both of them reached Lu Man's dressing room.

There were many in there, and no one noticed their entrance.

Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuoli were chatting with others.

Not just the main leads, Han Zhuoli even talked amicably with the younger actors.

"You're so young, yet you can concentrate on stage plays," Han Zhuoli praised. "This is really good. Actually, after getting your acting under control on stage, you can handle it no matter what roles you play in the future, be it on TV or in the movies."

"We have a good example in the industry. Look at Teacher Xu Yahan who occasionally participates in plays. Why is that?"

Chapter 1896: Han "Show Off Wife Like Crazy" Zhuoli

“The stage for plays is a very challenging place. More senior actors like Teacher Du Xisun, as well as many senior artistes from his batch, almost don’t appear on the screen nowadays. They are all active on the theater stage. There are also many current famous actors who act well that originally started out acting in theater plays. It shows how this is really a place to hone your acting skills.”

“That’s why Man Man came to participate in a theater play performance this time. She wanted to improve her acting standards a little more,” Han Zhuoli said.

“Lu Man’s acting really blows people away. The first time I saw her perform, I was also blown away. I totally could not believe that such a performance would actually come from a student,” someone said.

Although it was the truth, it still contained some form of flattery in it.

“I think so too,” Han Zhuoli very openly agreed.

Everybody: “...”

It was fine if we just praised her. Under normal circumstances, shouldn’t you be a little more humble?

Seeing how everyone looked as if they had facial cramps after being stunned by Han Zhuoli’s antics, Han Zhuoli thought to himself that as long as it was praise for Lu Man, Han Zhuoli would definitely not be humble about it.

Under such circumstances, such a concept did not exist to him.

“But Man Man has high expectations for herself. She often says that acting has no boundaries, and she would constantly need to learn.” Han Zhuoli did not miss any chance to shower praises on Lu Man.

As Han Zhuofeng had said, he was really Han “Show Off Wife Like Crazy” Zhuoli.

Everyone laughed awkwardly and did not know what to say. They could only force a smile and play along with him.

Lu Man was finally done with her makeup and quickly came over. “Only you think I’m that good. Even I feel embarrassed from what you said.”

Han Zhuoli said very honestly, “This is what I really think to begin with.”

Xu Yuting and Sun Xiutong did not have the chance to speak the entire time. Because there were many people around, no one noticed the two of them either.

Xu Yuting shamelessly smiled and said, “Lu Man really does act well. I and Xiutong would ask Lu Man for guidance whenever we have the chance.”

Han Zhuoli raised his eyebrow and glanced at Shi Xiaoya

Shi Xiaoya nodded at him, signalling that it was indeed those two people.

Han Zhuoli immediately retracted his smile and said apologetically to everyone, “I just came to see Lu Man for a while. You guys probably have many things to prepare for, so I won’t stay and impose on everyone for much longer. I will head outside with my brother first.”

Everyone agreed.

Han Zhuoli then said to the few people he chatted with earlier on, "You guys are still young, you don't need to be anxious. Stabilize your mentality and focus on honing your acting skills. The Han Corporation is lacking actors now. As long as you guys are capable enough, the Han Corporation will always welcome you."

Han Zhuoli's words were as good as saying that the Han Corporation could provide roles for them, as long as their acting skills were there.

This was actually already very rare.

Or else, there would not be so many actors without a chance to perform even when they could clearly act well.

What they needed was a chance.

It was not because they had no connections, just that they were replaced by people with connections but no acting skills.

They did not want to not have a chance to even audition at all.

If Han Zhuoli could say that, it was already quite good.

He could not possibly say directly that he had roles specially prepare for them.

They were not related to Han Zhuoli, so they would not be dreaming about such things.

Everyone first sent Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling off happily.

People who were more clear-headed would regain their senses and understand Han Zhuoli's intentions.

He was not really such a friendly person who had so much free time to chat with them.

Han Zhuoli definitely knew that there were people who were against Lu Man and purposely drew a crowd over.

Chapter 1897: Instant Kill

After that, he let people know that all those who were on good terms with Lu Man, or even those who were not close to Lu Man but did not make things difficult for her, Han Zhuoli would be willing to give them a chance.

But as for those that made things difficult for Lu Man...

Haha, you can forget about stepping a foot into the real film industry for the rest of your life.

The dreams you had in the past, you would never have a chance to realize them anymore.

Didn't they see how Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling did not bother with Xu Yuting and Sun Xiutong from start to end?

And Han Zhuoli did not say he had to leave previously, but the moment the two of them spoke, Han Zhuoli did not reply to them and just said that he was leaving.

This attitude was way too obvious.

Many people who were clear-headed knew this very well.

Sun Xiutong and Xu Yuting were not smart enough, but they could understand Han Zhuoli's attitude as well.

When Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling left, Su Yahan and the others chatted with Lu Man for a while before leaving.

Or else it would look like they just came because of Han Zhuoli and Han Zhuoling, and their motives would be too obvious.

Xu Yuting and Sun Xiutong stayed until the end. This time, the two of them did not hesitate.

"Lu Man, we were at fault previously. We're sorry," Sun Xiutong said first.

When Xu Yuting saw that, she also quickly said, "Yeah, we were too petty and narrow-minded. Don't take it to heart."

Lu Man was not a fool, so she said, "It doesn't matter to me whether you guys apologize or not. I didn't take to heart whatever you both said previously."

Both of them were elated for a moment, yet they did not expect Lu Man to say, "It's not because I'm magnanimous, but because I really do not take you both seriously."

Xu Yuting and Sun Xiutong's expressions froze.

She did not mind, not because she was magnanimous, but because she did not care about them.

She did not even take them seriously.

"No matter what you both say now or how you apologize, I will just take it with a pinch of salt. It still depends on what you actually do later on. I don't need you both to like me. We can just ignore each other and leave each other alone. As long as you guys don't pull any schemes on me, I won't do anything to you either," Lu Man said.

Xu Yuting and Sun Xiutong's face turned red. They were clearly not satisfied with this result.

Both of them wanted to patch up with Lu Man and glean some benefits.

But Lu Man actually would not give them the chance.

"I need to go and make the last preparations for the performance," Lu Man said plainly, then left together with Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie.

When they reached the back of the stage, most people were already prepared and aligning their emotions with the script.

Lu Man also went to the side to prepare while Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie went to the audience seating area.

Lu Man gave Shi Xiaoya a few more tickets, so Shi Xiaoya asked her parents and Shi Nancang to come along.

Just perfect, their seats were together with the Han Family people.

This was their first time meeting informally. When the Han Family people saw the three people from the Shi family, they were very warm and friendly.

Shi Xiaoya watched from the side and had a nagging feeling that the next thing Old Mrs. Han was going to say would be to mention their marriage.

Lu Man's performance went very well and did not disappoint everyone's expectations.

Many people had not realized at the start that Man Yun's character was played by Lu Man.

Xu Ningxian also brought along a few members of her fan club to watch the performance, but as it was a play, they could not wave light boards, banners, and the like to cheer and give support, so they could only sit in among the audience obediently and watch quietly.

Lu Man's latest public performance was at the friendly competition with the exchange team.

But that video was spread around online, so there were not that many people who actually watched it.

As she had settled down and focused on studying, Lu Man's exposure decreased. Indeed, the people who came to watch the play did not have a strong impression of her in mind.

Chapter 1898: Unexpected Benefits

Xu Ningxian heard someone nearby praise Man Yun's character for being acted out well.

When Man Yun died, there were even people who cried.

"That's Lu Man! She's the one acting," Xu Ningxian reminded them.

"What? She's Lu Man?" The audience members seated around her were shocked. "She hasn't come out in a long time. The Man Yun this time is actually played by her?"

"No wonder. Lu Man's performance is really getting more and more stable."

"I didn't expect that she'd actually come here to act in a play. That's way too low-key."

Xu Ningxian felt honored hearing that. "Lu Man is very low profile to begin with. In the past, there were always people provoking her, that's why she would retaliate. Now that no one dares to provoke her, she quietly and calmly hones her acting skills. If it was someone else with such convenient qualities like her, they would surely think of how to make themselves even more famous, to earn more money, and become even more influential."

"But Lu Man quietly came to act in a play, to hone her acting skills. Furthermore, she even started from a supporting role, yet she could still make a supporting role appear so outstanding."

When the people around her heard that, they all felt that she made sense and nodded in agreement.

"Thinking about it carefully, that really seems to be the case."

The theater would block cell phone signals to prevent people from live-streaming the performance online.

Hence, after the performance ended, when the audience came out of the theater, they all posted on their own social media.

Some posted on Weibo while some posted within their chat groups with friends.

Some talked about it within chat groups with close friends.

“Guess who I saw in the new play by Xu Jiashan that I went to watch today? It’s Lu Man!”

“Lu Man actually quietly went to act in a play.”

“She is different from other popular young actresses. Others with her kind of starting point and fame would have kept starring in films and television dramas early on to increase exposure and her own popularity. Only Lu Man would suddenly go and act in a play.”

“When I was watching the play today, I realized that Man Yun’s role was played by Lu Man. Then I suddenly reacted. Lu Man had gone quiet for a long time, and there has been a while when I haven’t seen news about her. At first, I thought it was because she married into the Han Family and needed to keep a low profile and stop venturing into the entertainment industry. I didn’t expect that she just went to act in play to hone her acting skills. I am now her fan after being moved by her low-profile actions.”

“Cheering for Lu Man. Even if many people say that Lu Man can only become so and so because she has Han Zhuoli’s backing, so what? She is already hardworking enough. If it was a normal person, won’t she just continue stirring drama within the entertainment industry? But Lu Man actually quietened down to focus on acting in a play. Let me ask you, how many people can actually do this? And she didn’t even use this to publicize herself. If we hadn’t gone and watched the play today, we wouldn’t even have known that Lu Man was in it.”

“I can tell that Lu Man really wants to be an actress, not just an artiste. She really wants to act well.”

“There are few young actresses who can be so patient. I really hope that there can be more of such actors who are so focused on acting.”

“Previously, when I watched the video of the competition with the exchange team, Lu Man’s performance was already very stable. Her acting is so good that it doesn’t even belong to someone her age. It’s as if she was an experienced senior in acting, but she did not flaunt her acting skills either, which would look too greasy and overboard. Her performance still had a very natural and simple feel to it, which makes it look so good to other people.”

Lu Man really did not mean it intentionally. She did not expect to use this to build some sort of image for herself.

She simply wanted to improve herself.

Who knew that she’d actually gain unexpected benefits and actually made many people turn into her fans.

She originally had no news about herself for a long time, but because of this, she made it to the hot search topics.

Chapter 1899: Don't Come Back Alone Next Year

This hot search was certainly not bought.

Many artistes felt really unbalanced.

They usually found people to stalk and take photos of them to purposely create news about themselves, but they were not able to make it to the hot search topics. Yet Lu Man just went to act in a play and she made it to the hot search?

Just like that?

She just acted in a play. Was there a need for people to talk to this extent?

Her exposure increased again.

Naturally, there were also haters around.

They did not let go of any chance to oppose her.

“Haha, not anyone can go and act in Xu Jiashan’s plays. You all just see that Lu Man went to act in a play, but you guys didn’t see how strong the cast list is for Xu Jiashan’s play. Isn’t it all because of Han Zhuoli that she got to play such an important character?”

“She’s low profile? This is really so funny. Lu Man is clearly the least low-profile person. Didn’t she make it to the hot search just because of this play?”

As for these comments, Lu Man just ignored them.

These people did not think of how to live their lives properly and were just living as keyboard warriors every day. They were really too bored with their lives.

No matter what, Xu Jiashan’s play received huge success after the opening show.

It had depth, content, and superb acting.

They were just waiting to go on a tour to other localities to perform after Chinese New Year.

In the blink of an eye, it was Chinese New Year.

At first, when she got together with Han Zhuoli, Lu Man was still worried.

When it was New Year’s Eve, she went to the family home with Han Zhuoli to celebrate and have a reunion dinner.

But Xia Qingwei was the only one left at home.

It was good now that Xia Qingwei had Wang Juhuai to accompany her, so Lu Man did not need to worry.

She went to the family home with Han Zhuoli.

In the afternoon, Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuofeng came as well.

The two brothers entered the house together.

When Old Mrs. Han saw that, she said very regretfully, "Zhuoling."

Han Zhuoling turned to Old Mrs. Han.

What's the matter?

Seeing Old Mrs. Han's face, it did not look like she was going to say something nice to him.

"Grandma?" Han Zhuoling called.

"Can you bring Xiaoya back for the New Year next year?" Old Mrs. Han asked.

Han Zhuoling heaved a sigh of relief. So it was about this.

"Definitely," Han Zhuoling said with full confidence.

Old Mrs. Han was very happy now. "Great. Don't come back alone next year."

"..." Han Zhuofeng pointed to himself. "Grandma, there's me too. I came back together with Big Brother."

Old Mrs. Han very patronizingly replied, "Oh."

Han Zhuofeng: "..."

In the past, he was the most favored happiness pill in the family.

Old Mrs. Han used to gather her spirits and spend all her energy on scolding Han Zhuoli, who was still single then.

And now, Han Zhuoli was married; Han Zhuoling also had Shi Xiaoya now.

So, he was no longer the whole family's cutest little baby?

Han Zhuoling patted his shoulder as if to console him and ask him to sit down. He then said to the two elders, "I already discussed with Xiaoya. I will go to her house to visit for the New Year tomorrow."

"Good, good, good." Old Mrs. Han nodded happily.

"Zhuofeng, you're going to graduate soon, right?" Old Mrs. Han said. "I remember you're in the same batch as Man Man, so you're also in Year 3 now."

"..." Han Zhuofeng was shocked. "Grandma, I'm still young!"

"Look how scared you are, I'm not even rushing you!" Old Mrs. Han rolled her eyes at him and said, "I just wanted to remind you that you're also in Year 3 of university now and are going to graduate soon. Time really flies, so don't ignore it. You may feel like you're still young now, but when you realize it, you will have become an old man left on the shelf. If you don't want to become like your two big brothers back then, you have to start working hard early on."

“Exactly,” Lin Liye immediately said. “Good girls don’t wait for people. They will very quickly be wooed by other people with good taste. By the time you meet them, they would already be together with someone else, so you can just live in regret. You might as well seize the chance when you’re young now to quickly meet someone you like.”

Chapter 1900: See If I Don’t Break Your Legs

“Mom, you said it too, I have to meet the person first. If I can’t meet someone I like, I have no other choice either,” Han Zhuofeng said with his hands facing outwards. “Look at my big brother. Didn’t he meet my future sister-in-law only now?”

As he said that, Han Zhuofeng even secretly winked at Han Zhuoling.

He meant that since he was so glib-tongued, at this critical moment, Han Zhuoling had to help him.

Han Zhuoling was indeed pleased when he said “future sister-in-law,” and a smile he could not suppress appeared on his face.

He gave Han Zhuofeng a reassuring look.

“Look at my second big brother. Didn’t he only meet my second sister-in-law when he reached thirty?” Han Zhuofeng continued.

Lu Man: “...”

Why did she feel like Han Zhuofeng was saying she was silly when she heard him say that?

“So, on this matter, we can’t rush it, and it can’t be rushed. I will only meet that person when fate dictates, right?” Han Zhuofeng said.

“If you dare to only find a girlfriend when you’re over thirty like your two older brothers, see if I don’t break your legs!” Old Mrs. Han said anxiously.

Han Zhuofeng: “...”

How come his two big brothers can find a partner over thirty, but he can’t?

Han Zhuofeng turned to Han Zhuoling for help.

Han Zhuoling said, “Grandma, I will ask Xiaoya and Lu Man to take note if there are any good ladies they know next time. They are closer in age to Zhuofeng, so they would have many chances to get to know young girls. I and Zhuoli don’t have many chances to get to know about these things, and we don’t want to know either, lest some misunderstanding happens.”

Old Mrs. Han nodded and felt that this was quite reasonable.

Han Zhuofeng: “...”

What joke was this? He was still so young!

His Big Brother, what happened to helping him out?

Han Zhuoling, who was supposed to help him out, had at this moment stood up and walked to an empty spot to give Shi Xiaoya a video call.

It rang for a long while before Shi Xiaoya picked up.

Han Zhuoling was about to ask why it took so long when he saw Shi Xiaoya marinating a chicken with some seasoning.

“You’re cooking?” Han Zhuoling asked.

“My hands were grimy with oil and seasoning just now, so it wasn’t convenient for me to slide and unlock the screen. I could only go and wash my hands first, that’s why I picked up a little later,” Shi Xiaoya explained first.

Because she was preparing lunch, she put her phone in a suitable place to prop it up, so she can video call Han Zhuoling while preparing the food.

“I was thinking that I seemed to not have personally cooked for my family before, so I took the chance today to prepare a few dishes for lunch for my family to have a taste,” Shi Xiaoya said.

Previously, when Han Zhuoling went to her house, she personally cooked for him. She thought that, actually, her cooking was not bad, but she never cooked for her family to try before, which really did sound quite improper.

It was fine since she was usually busy with work and often had to travel to other places for work.

Now that she was on New Year’s leave at home, she took the chance today to personally cook a few dishes for lunch.

“Are you the only one preparing all the dishes for lunch?” Han Zhuoling asked.

“Nope, I’m just cooking two or three dishes which I’m good at. If I were to be in charge of everything, I don’t know what time we can start eating,” Shi Xiaoya explained with a laugh.

Although Han Zhuoling went to a spot with fewer people, he did not deliberately avoid people either.

Old Mrs. Han and the others could still see him from the living room.

She smiled and said to Lin Liye, “After Zhuoling started dating, he became different. He would even take the initiative to call her. Look how gentle he is.”

Although they couldn’t hear what Han Zhuoling was saying, they could see that he was smiling all the way, and his gaze was unbelievably gentle.

Lin Liye nodded in gratification. “Yes, I can finally put my heart at ease. I am just waiting for Zhuofeng to mature and settle down, then I really won’t have anything to worry about and won’t have any more regrets.”