

Mr Han 191

Chapter 191: Why Are You Lying to Me!

Such an intelligent little lady unexpectedly did not know how to react at this exact moment. Without uttering a single word, she finally buried her face in his shoulder, only breathing.

After a while, Lu Man finally poked him. "Alright then."

Han Zhuoli gritted his teeth. He sucked on her neck hard for a while and smack her butt right after. "Why are you so eager to chase me away?"

Lu Man kept quiet, her face blushing furiously. She honestly did not have any experience with love.

Even though He Zhengbai and her were childhood sweethearts, when could she have ever learned anything like that?

He Zhengbai was the first person of the opposite gender to appear in her life. Towards him, it was more like she was trying to find a place to survive and catch her breath from the suffocating life in the Lu family, and treated him somewhat like her salvation.

She knew him since young, so naturally, their relationship developed to that of lovers.

Yet they did not share that type of intimacy between lovers.

That was probably why she had always rejected any intimate contact with He Zhengbai. Subconsciously, she too knew that there was something missing between the two of them.

It was just that she had never dated before, so she did not know how to differentiate these feelings.

It was only after she got together with Han Zhuoli that she knew. She was strongly attracted by this man and every time he got close, her heart would start racing. In his arms, her whole body always felt scorching hot as if on flames, making her tremble. She finally understood what the feeling of being in love and only then did she realize that back when she was with He Zhengbai, that wasn't love at all.

In both of her lives, this was surprisingly the first time that she knew the taste of love.

Lu Man buried her face in his shoulder and shook her head. Then she swiftly lifted her head and pecked him on the cheek.

Seizing the opportunity when Han Zhuoli was caught off-guard and shocked, she nimbly leaped out of his lap. "Be careful while driving."

Han Zhuoli stared blankly as the little girl ran off briskly.

He stayed shocked and frozen for a very long while and finally lowered his head as his smile faltered.

He then lifted his hand to touch the spot on his cheek that she had just kissed. Until now, the sweet and soft feeling still lingered on it.

After leaving from Lu Man's place, Han Zhouli returned to the old mansion of the Han Family to visit the two elderly. He also wanted to spill his secret casually to his grandmother that, he, Han Zhouli, had finally found a girlfriend and was prepared to marry her anytime.

He parked the car in the yard of the old mansion. After alighting, he happily walked towards the entrance of the old mansion and pressed the doorbell.

After a while, he heard the voice of Housekeeper Wang of the old mansion greet him. "Eldest young master."

"Uncle Wang, Grandpa and Grandma are at home, right?" Han Zhuoli asked, grinning.

Old Mr. Han might not be within the political circle right now, but when he was younger, during the war period, he had donated quite a sum of money to the military and helped provide weapons and rations. Moreover, behind the scenes, he had also helped give advice.

While he might not have an official post, everyone back then knew this military advisor figure, Old Mr. Han. The senior authorities even assigned a police staff to him, which was the current Housekeeper Wang.

Eventually, Housekeeper Wang started respecting and admiring Old Mr. Han's wit and character to the extent that he decided to follow and serve him on his own and did not continue staying in the civil service.

As someone who had followed Old Mr. Han for tens of years, he had long since become a part of the Han Family. Nobody treated him as an outsider.

"The old master and old madam are not free right now, please come another day instead, Young Master," Housekeeper Wang lowered his voice.

Han Zhuoli's raised his eyebrows incredulously. "Housekeeper Wang, what's going on?"

"What's happening? Housekeeper Wang, I think I heard Zhuoli's voice," Han Dongping's voice could be heard through the intercom.

"No, you heard wrong." Housekeeper Wang blocked the screen, "It's a salesperson."

Han Zhuoli, "..."

"Don't try to fool me." Han Dongping pulled Housekeeper Wang away and pointed at the screen. "Isn't this Zhuoli? Why are you lying to me!"

Chapter 192: If You Really Think That Dai Yiran Is So Great, You Can Keep Her for Yourself

Housekeeper Wang kept silent for a moment, and said, "I'm getting old, my memory is failing me. The eldest young master hasn't visited for quite a while, I've even forgotten how he had looked like."

Han Dongping, "..."

Who the heck are you lying to?

Han Zhuoli, "..."

"Come in, Zhuoli. I just happen to have something to tell you too," Han Dongping's tone was not very pleasant.

Han Zhuoli lifted his eyebrows slightly. After the door opened, he walked in.

Housekeeper Wang went to the doorway and welcomed Han Zhuoli. After Han Zhuoli entered, he gave him a look that said he could only help him till there.

All this while, Han Dongping was unhappy. What was wrong with Dai Yiran? Not only the two elders did not like her, but Housekeeper Wang also did not have a good impression of her!

"Uncle," Han Zhuoli entered and greeted him monotonously.

"You fired Yiran?" Han Dongping questioned him directly.

"Brother Han," Dai Yiran stood up from the sofa and walked over.

Han Zhuoli had not expected that Dai Yiran would be present there too. Nonetheless, he did not even look at her and greeted the two elderly instead, "Grandpa, Grandma."

With Dai Yiran present there, Old Mrs. Han surprisingly did not chase Han Zhuoli away.

At this moment, she also would not raise the matter about him finding a girlfriend.

If he were to find someone like Dai Yiran, she would rather have him not find anyone at all.

Old Mrs. Han glanced at Han Dongping disgustingly. She honestly did not know how stupid this son of hers was to even bring a girl like Dai Yiran to their house.

"Since the two elders are attending to guests today, I'll be heading off first," After Han Zhuoli spoke, he straightforwardly turned away.

"Wait, you're leaving right after meeting me?" Han Dongping called out to Han Zhuoli unhappily.

"I'm just saying that there are guests. Uncle, are you a guest?" Han Zhuoli asked him sarcastically.

"Hmph!" Old Mr. Han said unhappily, "He is glad to treat himself as an outsider. Just let him do what he wants!"

"Dad, what are you saying?" Han Dongping felt tremendously wronged.

"The truth!" Old Mrs. Han sipped her tea leisurely. "Your surname is Han but you gladly treat yourself as an outsider. While some people clearly have nothing to do with our family at all and yet they keep thinking that they are one of us. Hmph!"

Dai Yiran flushed red by Old Mrs. Han's harsh words. Reading between the lines of Old Mrs. Han's words, wasn't she talking about her?

"Mom, who are you talking about..." Han Dongping said resignedly.

He dared to speak to Han Zhuoli like he was a senior, but he did not dare to have a strong attitude when talking to Old Mr. and Mrs. Han.

“Who do you think I’m talking about?” Old Mrs. Han humphed, “My eldest grandson finally came back to visit after such a long time. It is clearly his own home, yet he was forced to have to leave reluctantly. What logic is this!”

“It was too presumptuous of me to come at this time,” Dai Yiran felt so hurt that she was about to cry. “Old Master, Old Madam, Uncle, Auntie, I’ll visit another day when the Old Master and Old Madam are free.”

“There’s no need too!” Han Dongping felt that it was embarrassing for him too. “You are a guest. Old Master and Old Madam would never chase a guest away, please don’t misunderstand.”

He was the one who brought her along, yet now she was getting chased away. The two elderly never respected this son of theirs and now they even did not care about his image to others.

Dai Yiran looked at the two elderly uncomfortably, and then at Han Zhuoli.

She hoped that they could say something.

“Zhuoli, what’s wrong with Yiran for you to do this?” Han Dongping’s voice was calm. He pulled Han Zhuoli over. “You have always been single, everyone in the family is anxious for you. Whenever we meet a good lady, obviously we want to introduce her to you. I genuinely think that Yiran is not bad and I just wanted to introduce her so that you two could get to know each other. But look at your attitude!”

“What’s wrong with his attitude?” Han Zhuoli’s father, Han Xijin just entered the living room while Han Zhuoli’s mother, Shen Nuo was still changing her shoes at the doorway. “If you really think that Dai Yiran is so great, you can keep her for yourself.”

Chapter 193: Isn’t This Sequence Like Meeting the Parents?

“What are you saying!” Han Dongping shrugged his hand away angrily. “I’m her elder!”

“Oh, I thought that you liked her. You arranged for her to enter Han Corporation, and even brought her to the old mansion, isn’t this like the sequence of introducing a girlfriend to your parents?” Shen Nuo said sarcastically after changing her shoes and walking in.

“Why would you even say that!” Han Dongping was about to be choked with anger by this couple.

“That’s also because your behavior is weird, Older Brother. For an outsider, why do you have to put Zhuoli through so much trouble? Why is it that just because you think she’s not bad, Zhuoli has to accept her? He’s the one finding a girlfriend, not you. If you think that she’s not bad, you can keep her for yourself.” Shen Nuo sat down by Old Mrs. Han’s side. She crossed her right leg over her left and folded her arms across her chest. “Besides, we, as parents, aren’t even that anxious, then why are you being so anxious? As the saying goes, ‘the emperor is not even anxious, yet the— 1’ ”

At that moment, Shen Nuo bit back her tongue on saying the word ‘eunuch’ and lazily cast a sneering look at Han Dongping

However, everyone already knew what she meant, but they could not stop her.

Old Mrs. Han laughed resignedly. This daughter-in-law of hers sure was frank and honest, and she really appreciated her straightforward personality.

Just now, she was a little loose-lipped and those words almost spilled out of her mouth, but at least she knew to quickly stop the word 'eunuch' from spilling out of her mouth.

Enraged, Han Dongping pointed a finger at Shen Nuo that was trembling in fury and was glaring at her nonchalant demeanor. Why did Han Xijin find someone with such a temper!

"Xijin, why don't you at least manage her a bit, she dares to say whatever she wants!" Han Dongping said furiously.

"That's just her temper, it's not like you don't know that Older Brother, why to bother angering her, anyway?" Han Xijin sat down beside Shen Nuo and patted her back to dissipate some of her anger.

"Besides, this was only because you were being a busybody, Older Brother. Zhuoli is our son, we didn't even say anything, yet you just had to force Zhuoli to be with a woman you like, what's up with that?"

"You two, why do your words just get worse and worse!" Because of their harsh words, Han Dongping was so livid that he started experiencing chest pain. What did they mean by 'the woman he liked'!

If others were to hear it, they would even think there was something going on between him and Dai Yiran!

"We are speaking the truth. We, the parents, are still here, alive and well, yet you want to overstep your boundaries and govern what our son is doing, isn't that ridiculous?" Even before Shen Nuo married Han Xijin, she had never spared Han Dongping any face, always being harsh with her words towards Han Dongping.

"Older Brother, when you arranged Dai Yiran to enter Han Corporation back then, we didn't say anything. Since you are Zhuoli's uncle, if we don't even spare you that thought, it would be humiliating for you. However, in reality, no matter what background a person has, once they enter Han Corporation, they need to have a certain level of ability. But Dai Yiran? She has no character, nor any ability or potential. I've heard that not only did she steal her colleague's proposal, but she also got exposed." Han Xijin pursed his lips. It was one thing to be so useless that you couldn't even write your own proposal, but to be exposed after using dirty tricks, that was too stupid too.

"Anyway, if Zhuoli disagrees, we won't agree either. As an uncle, stop being such a busybody," Shen Nuo pursed her lips. From her words, it seemed that Han Dongping had so much time on his hands that he had nothing else better to do and even his taste was so-so.

Dai Yiran was livid. All these people treating her as if she was invisible, criticizing her right in front of her. They were just too much!

Dai Yiran stiffly took in a deep breath and said, "I'll just come again another day. My father said that he sincerely respects Old Mr. and Mrs. Han and always wanted to find a good time to visit them. I'll come again with my father to visit another day instead."

"I'll send you back," Looking at the two elders and the couple Han Xijin and Shen Nuo's attitude, there was no point for Dai Yiran to stay here, so Han Dongping would send Dai Yiran back first.

Chapter 194: Never Allow Anybody from the Dai Family to Enter

At the door, Dai Yiran insisted on leaving on her own. So, Han Dongping just saw her off to the car and returned to the old mansion.

“Xijin, how could you two say all of that right in front of Yiran?” Han Dongping lamented once he entered.

“Xijin and Shen Nuo were right. For the sake of the daughter of a mere secretary, you tried to sell off your nephew. Do you even treat yourself as a part of the Han Family? Just say so directly if you’re not willing to, and go ahead and be a part of the Dai Family instead! I see that you are much more intimate and friendly with Dai Yiran, you seem more like a family with her,” Old Mrs. Han’s face darkened. She fumed. “Han Family doesn’t need someone so selfish and ungrateful who only knows to side with outsiders!”

“I’m not...” Han Dongping said with a sigh of resignation. He did not expect that Old Mrs. Han’s attitude would be so harsh and firm. “I’m just...”

“You’re just what? You’re trying to build a good relationship with Secretary Dai, for your own benefit? Then go and think of a way on your own, why are you trying to use Zhuoli!” Han Zhuoli scolded fiercely, “Since when does our family need to please and get on the good side of a secretary!”

Anger swelled up in Han Dongping. To be honest, the elderly obviously did not need to and neither did Han Xijin nor Han Zhuoli.

As they were going to inherit Han Corporation!

But he had nothing like that, he could only depend on himself.

“Mom, look at what you’re saying, it’s as if I had hurt Zhuoli or something. If he doesn’t like her, then so be it, I didn’t even force him. It’s just that I honestly think that Dai Yiran is not bad, that’s why I just wanted to introduce them so that they could get to know each other,” Han Dongping changed the subject, “But Zhuoli, how could you fire Yiran? She was introduced by me.”

“I allowed Dai Yiran to pull strings and get in through the backdoor to work at Han Corporation only because of you, Uncle,” Han Zhuoli said calmly, “If not, the company would never accept with zero ability to pull any strings to enter the company. Even if this was the only time, it was still very difficult for me too, I only ask that you won’t do this again, Uncle. I’ll be candid here to get the unpleasantness out of the way first,, Uncle, no matter who you recommend in the future, they will all have to follow the standard procedure to apply for the job. As long as they are talented enough, and meet Han Corporation’s expectations, we will gladly accept them. If not, that’s it.”

Han Dongping knew about Han Corporation’s rules too, hence, when Han Zhuoli readily agreed to let Dai Yiran enter the company, Han Dongping also felt pretty honored. “Well then at least... you should have at least mention a word about it to me first!”

“Even if I had told you about it, it wouldn’t change my decision of firing her. Her behavior was too vile, she can’t be let off just because of any connections or relationships,” Han Zhuoli sipped his tea and lazily

glanced at Han Dongping, "Uncle definitely didn't know that Dai Yiran was actually such a person, right, if not, he wouldn't have recommended her to me."

"..." Han Dongping laughed dryly and said sheepishly, "Of course I didn't know. All along she had been behaving and performing pretty well in front of me, I didn't even know she had such a side to her."

Hearing that, Old Mr. Han scoffed. Perhaps Han Dongping had never even cared what type of person Dai Yiran was and only cared about the fact that she was Secretary Dai's daughter.

Even Old Mrs. Han laughed coldly. "Now that you know it, stop bringing Dai Yiran to our home so often. You've heard so too just now, she still hasn't given up. She still wants to depend on her father to come visit us again. If they contact you, just tell them that we won't allow anybody from the Dai Family to enter! It would be utterly disgusting to be involved with the likes of them."

"Mom, he's still Secretary Dai nonetheless, there's no need to be so ruthless." Han Dongping felt bitter. If he knew that this would happen, he wouldn't have brought Dai Yiran home. At least he could still take his time, instead of offending Secretary Dai.

Also since Secretary Dai was still young, it was hard to say how high up the corporate ladder he could climb.

Honestly, Han Dongping had faith in the development and future of Secretary Dai's career.

Chapter 195: I Already Have a Girlfriend

"Then that's your business too. He's someone you've associated with, don't force him on us only to disgust us." Old Mr. Han was nonchalant. "Dai Rongcheng still isn't someone that I would care about."

After clearly explaining their stance, the Old Mrs. Han would not even care about what Han Dongping would do in the future. She turned and spoke to Han Zhuoli, "You coming home today is a pleasant surprise."

Han Zhuoli, "..."

"Even though we don't like Dai Yiran, that still doesn't mean that you don't need to be anxious about finding a girlfriend." Suddenly, Old Mrs. Han heartlessly turned against him. "Just leave quickly, come back only when you find yourself a girlfriend."

Han Zhuoli, "..."

Old Mrs. Han sure turns against people faster than turning pages.

"I already have a girlfriend." Han Zhuoli was exceptionally proud. Having a girlfriend was surely something that boosted one's confidence. "So Uncle, in the future, you don't have to arrange to introduce any woman to me anymore."

Stunned, Old Mrs. Han could not react in time. "Really? You have a girlfriend? You're not teasing me, right?"

“Why would I tease you!” Han Zhuoli straightened his back, feeling extremely proud of himself. “I really have a girlfriend.”

“What does that lady work as?” Old Mrs. Han leaned towards Han Zhuoli, “I’ll say it first, she can’t be a celebrity. If you just look at those celebrities, you will see that each one of them is very scheming, especially actresses. How would you even know whether they are being genuine or just acting? Let’s not even talk about how messy their private lives are. I definitely don’t want a scheming and devious granddaughter-in-law, like that Lu... Lu what?”

“Lu Qi?” Shen Nuo hinted from the side.

“No, though that Lu Qi isn’t anything good either. It’s her older sister, what’s she called?” Old Mrs. Han just couldn’t remember.

Shen Nuo couldn’t remember clearly either. “I think it’s Lu... Lu Man?”

“Yes, yes, it’s her. Look how their family matter has blown up into a big affair, so definitely Lu Man wouldn’t be any kind and good soul either. While Lu Qi and her father are also not any better than her, but being able to retaliate in such a situation and setting trap for her father and younger sister, it’s just that the girl is way too scheming. I don’t like her.” Old Mrs. Han shook her head disapprovingly, “I would like to have a grand-daughter-in-law like your mom, someone with a straightforward and direct personality.”

While her words may sometimes almost choke someone to death, Shen Nuo usually targeted only Han Dongping and never the two elders, so Old Mrs. Han never really had an opinion about it.

Besides, although Shen Nuo may be harsh and ruthless with her words, she was still logical.

She would speak what was on her mind, her behavior and her personality were exactly the same, and she never hid anything. There was nothing to guess when being around Shen Nuo, it was not that tiring.

So, Old Mrs. Han definitely did not want a scheming and devious granddaughter-in-law.

“Uh,” Han Zhuoli was just about to say who his girlfriend was but swallowed his words down with great difficulty. “Grandma, the media is not showing the full picture. Lu Man is now working in our company’s Public relations department, I know her personally. While she might be a little crafty, she wouldn’t harm anyone, it’s all only for self-protection. Since her father is so unreliable, and worked together with her step-mother and step-sister to harm her, if she still didn’t know how to protect herself, perhaps she would have already long been dead. Back then it was clearly Lu Qi who wanted to curry favor with Lu Hanli and hence had gone to sleep with him. Yet, in the end, she chickened out and ended up hurting him, but she framed Lu Man for it. Eventually, Lu Qi definitely was fine and didn’t have to go to jail, but for the sake of Lu Qi’s career, Lu Qiyuan went on to tarnish Lu Man’s reputation and insisted that Lu Man serve an eight-year sentence. If Lu Man wasn’t smart enough, she would have long been sent to jail.”

“In a situation like this, you can’t say that it’s wrong for her to be scheming and crafty. It’s just that in order to protect herself, she was forced to resort to such measures,” Han Zhuoli said as he nudged Shen Nuo with his elbow. “Don’t you agree too, Mom?”

Chapter 196: She Still Preferred a Simpler Girl

Shen Nuo sized him up from head to toe. "You look so nervous, could it be that your girlfriend is Lu Man?"

Han Zhuoli, "..."

Sometimes, his mother can be so perceptive and sharp that it was too scary!

Old Mrs. Han instantly reacted to that. "That's right. I've only briefly talked about how I don't like this girl Lu Man, why are you so anxious?"

Suspicious, Old Mrs. Han narrowed her eyes. "Is she really your girlfriend?"

At this moment, Han Zhuoli wasn't sure either whether admitting that Lu Man was indeed his girlfriend would be a good idea.

Old Mrs. Han already had a rather deep-rooted bad impression of Lu Man and if he were to admit that Lu Man was his girlfriend at a moment like this, Old Mrs. Han would probably think that Lu Man had schemingly played dirty tricks to become his girlfriend and would dislike Lu Man even more.

Yet now that Old Mrs. Han had already asked him, if Han Zhuoli were to deny it, even he would look down upon himself.

Lu Man wasn't a girl whom he had to hide from others, she was excellent.

He could not deny it, any honorable man would never do that.

"Yes, she is my girlfriend." Han Zhuoli saw the disapproval on Old Mrs. Han's face. "Grandma, I know what you're thinking, but she did not scheme to get close to me, it was I who chased after her instead. Because of her father's and ex-boyfriend's betrayal, she could not trust men. If I had not forced her to give it a try, perhaps she wouldn't get anywhere close to dating and relationships for her entire life."

"How do you know that she isn't just acting for you to see?" At that moment, Old Mrs. Han was behaving like a small child, extremely stubborn. "She is so crafty and cunning. At such a young age, she has toyed with her father and younger sister over and over, having them wrapped around her pinky finger. I find a girl like that terrifying."

Han Zhuoli laughed resignedly, "Grandma, have you forgotten about my unique ability to govern the family?"

Speaking of the family governing ability in the eight prominent families, in every generation, there would only be one person with a special ability.

And that person would directly become the next head of the household.

So, it could be said that the head of the household of the eight prominent families wasn't chosen by the people, but rather by the heavens.

That was also why even though Han Dongping was the eldest son, he still could not inherit the Han family.

As the family governing ability had only been gifted to Han Xijin by heavens.

Han Zhouli's words made Old Mrs. Han think about Han Zhuoli's family governing ability, which was that he could tell when people were lying.

It wasn't like that of those psychics from the movies, he couldn't read people's minds. However, through people's expressions, body language and words, he could tell whether they were speaking the truth.

Yet, Old Mrs. Han pursed her lips. "I heard that you even gave her the go-ahead in the company?"

She looked down on those who go through the back door, pulling strings.

Just now, she looked down on Dai Yiran for pulling strings, so naturally, she also looked down on Lu Man who was cruising and slacking off in the company.

"Where did you hear something like that?" Han Zhuoli was puzzled.

"She didn't even go through a probation period, yet you directly made her in charge of Du Lin's comeback plan, right?" Old Mrs. Han asked.

Han Zhuoli smiled, "This isn't giving her the go-ahead. On the contrary, no matter who is assigned this task, it would be a very difficult test for them. If you don't believe me, you can go and ask around in our company's Public relations department, if this task was assigned to someone else, who would dare to accept it? Even those senior employees, when they saw Lu Man's proposal, they all expressed that they wouldn't have come up with anything as good as hers. Besides, no one in the company knows about the relationship between me and Lu Man, as she refused to announce it. She is not treated special or favored in the company. She is just a regular employee who does her own work sincerely and competes fairly with others. If she doesn't perform, she would be fired too."

In reality, even Old Mrs. Han herself knew that this case was not an easy one. Also, from the effects of the current proposal thus far, Lu Man had indeed been doing a pretty good job, she was really someone to be reckoned with.

However, she still preferred a simpler girl.

Chapter 197: Let Me Consider It

Han Dongping laughed dryly. "I always thought that you had high expectations, yet surprisingly you still fell for such an ordinary woman."

"That's still better than Dai Yiran. Dai Yiran was completely defeated by that ordinary woman, so she can't even be considered ordinary." Shen Nuo spat in the eyes of Han Dongping. "What a lousy taste you have."

Han Dongping calmed his nerves. He would not stoop to that woman's level!

"Mom," Han Zhuoli looked at her gleefully.

But Shen Nuo replied harshly, "There's no need for you to be happy. I didn't say that I have accepted Lu Man. I will still remain reserved regarding my opinion of her."

Han Zhuoli did not expect that Old Mrs. Han and Shen Nuo would not be pleased with Lu Man.

However, he wasn't worried about his family members doing anything to Lu Man behind his back.

Both Old Mr. Han and Han Xijin were open-minded, they wouldn't place their attention on such a small matter.

As for Old Mrs. Han and Shen Nuo, their personalities were honest and upright, even if they were dissatisfied, they also wouldn't play any cheap tricks in the dark.

"You may not be satisfied with her right now, but that's only because you haven't met her and you don't understand her." Han Zhuoli picked up two cups of tea, passing one of them to Old Mrs. Han and the other to Shen Nuo. "Honestly, sometimes she can be a little dumb too."

"I don't care." Old Mrs. Han accepted the tea. "Anyway, you aren't allowed to bring her back."

"Grandma, look at you, when I didn't have a girlfriend, you kept chasing me and refused to let me into the mansion. Now that I finally have a girlfriend and proudly told you about her, you are displeased." Han Zhuoli stood up. "Anyway, I've already decided on Lu Man. If you don't let her visit, then I won't come over too. Whenever you allow her to come, I'll bring her along and visit together."

"You brat! How could you speak to Old Mrs. Han like that!" Han Xijin reprimanded.

"I have decided on Lu Man. I'm not young either, all of you should believe in my taste and judgment. Grandma, if you knew about the difficulties Lu Man has gone through, you wouldn't blame her for being crafty. She had to deal with her own biological father, step-mother and step-sister framing her and she also had to rely on herself to care for her mother's illness. She has a heavy burden on her shoulders, it's very difficult for her." Han Zhuoli's face was serious. "I think that it's not wrong to be scheming. Even though my mother has a straightforward personality, she is not innocent and gullible."

"She used her schemes to save people, and not to harm others. To be honest, Grandma, are you really not crafty in any way at all? If not, how could you have managed to avoid being harmed and plotted against by others over and over again? As long as you don't harm others, that wouldn't really be considered as being scheming, but rather, it's wit. She is a smart person, she wouldn't drag me down when other people are trying to plot against me. If I were to be with someone who knew nothing and was very innocent, then wouldn't it be the same as being with an idiot?" Han Zhuoli pursed his lips, showing his disapproval towards people like that.

Old Mrs. Han, "..."

Shen Nuo, "..."

Her son wasn't talking about her, right?

She thought she was rather smart, actually.

Old Mrs. Han pursed her lips. "It couldn't be that because of her sad and pitiful past, you like her out of sympathy?"

“Grandma, you are belittling me too much. In this world, there are plenty of people who deserve pity and sympathy, could I possibly like each one of them? I can tell when it’s sympathy,” Han Zhuoli displayed a hurt look to Old Mrs. Han.

Old Mrs. Han’s heart immediately ached. “Fine, fine, fine, I’ve misunderstood you.”

“Then, Lu Man...” Han Zhuoli reminded.

“Let me consider it.” Old Mrs. Han finally opened up a little. “I’m just considering, don’t try to ask for more!”

“You still have to give her a chance to get to know you. You have to meet her in person to confirm that she’s good, no?” Han Zhuoli asked, grinning cheerfully.

Chapter 198: They Said That You... You Seduced the Boss to Climb the Ranks

“That’s none of your business!” Old Mrs. Han raised her voice.

“Alright, it’s all up to you,” Han Zhuoli decided to stop pestering while the odds were still in his favor. Also, tonight’s outcome was already not bad, it wasn’t that easy to settle everything in one go.

As long as Old Mrs. Han was open and willing to give Lu Man a chance, he was confident that his grandmother would definitely like Lu Man.

He just had that much faith in Lu Man.

Old Mrs. Han squinted at him. “Aren’t you leaving?”

“I already have a girlfriend now, why would I still leave,” Han Zhuoli said happily, “Get me a glass of fruit juice.”

His heart was brimming over with happiness and sweetness so he wanted to drink something sweet too, was it?

“I still haven’t acknowledged it yet!” Old Mrs. Han lashed out.

“As for whether you acknowledge it or not, I still have a girlfriend, so you can’t refuse to let me enter anymore.” Han Zhuoli was particularly smug today. Having a girlfriend had boosted his confidence tremendously.

And if his girlfriend were to become his wife, then he would also have someone to depend and rely on in the future!

On Monday, when Lu Man entered the company, she noticed people giving her weird looks and whispering to each other while glancing at her.

Lu Man frowned and went to wait for the elevator.

When she stood in front of the elevator, everyone distanced themselves from her and kept glancing at her, giving her a dirty look.

And this even continued during her elevator ride up.

Moreover, when she exited the elevator and entered the Public relations department, she saw all her colleagues huddled together, gossiping fervently.

The moment Sister Li saw her, she quickly hushed, "Stop talking about it."

"Why can't we talk about it?" As Ye Xiaoxing refused to give in, Xia Mengxuan tugged onto her a little.

Taking a look around, Ye Xiaoxing saw that Lu Man had arrived.

"Aiyo," she gasped instantly. "We should talk about it. It's not as if we did something that went against our conscience. Some people played dirty, and we aren't allowed to talk about it?"

"That's enough!" Sister Li scolded, "It's something without any evidence, what rumors are you spouting blindly?"

"How am I spouting rumors blindly? Besides, I wasn't the one who started the rumor, I only heard it from someone else." Ye Xiaoxing pursed her lips and sneered, "Looks like the whole company already knows about this unsightly matter of hers."

"Looking at how excited and agitated you are, now I definitely feel that you were the one who spread it instead." Chen Shimian had arrived just before Lu Man but he did not join in on the gossip.

However, Ye Xiaoxing spoke so loudly that even Chen Shimian, who was sitting at his desk farther away from them, heard her harsh and mean words very clearly.

"What's the matter?" Lu Man asked coldly.

Ye Xiaoxing huffed, "Do you not have any sense of shame—"

"Shut up!" Sister Li reprimanded fiercely, drowning out Ye Xiaoxing's voice. Then, she walked Lu Man to her seat and said, "Lu Man, you are going to know about these rumors sooner or later, anyway. So, rather than hearing it from that insolent Ye Xiaoxing, it's better that I tell you about those rumors right now."

"Go ahead, Sister Li," Lu Man was very calm and composed. After placing down her bag, Lu Man pulled over a roller chair for Sister Li.

Sister Li's eye twitched a little . *Wasn't Lu Man being too calm about this?*

"I don't know who spread this rumor that you... you seduced the boss to climb the ranks," Sister Li put it simply.

As for the other rumors, they had been cooked up by others. Also, the rumors got blown out of proportion and were overly exaggerated as they spread through the grapevine, making everything sound extremely terrible. Hence, Sister Li did not tell Lu Man about them.

“I have complete trust in you, Xiao Zhang and Xiao Chen from our department also believe in you. Having seen your proposal before, we know that even if Du Lin’s case was assigned to us, we wouldn’t have been able to come up with something that brilliant. To be honest, no matter who was assigned Du Lin’s case, it would still be a hot potato for them. There was no cronyism in assigning this case to you, things have not been made easy for you nor have you been favored and given a go-ahead. Instead, that case increased the difficulty of you getting through the probation period. However, you made it and stood out with your own ability and talent. We know it very well. Rumors are just rumors, they will never become the truth.” Sister Li encouraged.

Chapter 199: Who the Heck Praises People with Such a Furious Expression!

“Those who spread the rumors are stupid too. Seducing the boss? Are they talking about our Manager Wu or our CEO?” Chen Shimian laughed sarcastically. No matter who was dragged into this, the culprit would definitely have to suffer the consequences!

Hearing that, Ye Xiaoxing suddenly froze up a little. Just then, she saw Wu Lize stopping at the entrance and stepping aside to welcome someone, “Please, Director Du.”

Right after, a middle-aged man walked in, followed closely behind by Wu Lize.

“Director Du.”

“Director Du.”

Everyone in the department stood up one after another and greeted him.

Noticing that the man’s facial features were similar to Du Lin’s, Lu Man instantly figured out that he must be Du Xiangdong, Du Lin’ uncle and one of the directors in the company.

Before anyone could figure out why Du Xiangdong came over to the public relations department, Du Xiangdong started walking towards Lu Man.

Remembering Du Xiangdong and Du Lin’s relationship Ye Xiaoxing instantly started to gloat over Lu Man’s misfortune.

Ye Xiaoxing thought that Du Xiangdong must have definitely heard the rumors spreading in the company and was concerned about letting Lu Man be in-charge of Du Lin’s comeback, so he personally came here to settle the score.

Right then, Du Xiangdong stopped in front of Lu Man. “You’re Lu Man?”

“Yes, I’m Lu Man. Nice to meet you, Director Du.” Lu Man was not nervous at all. Her attitude was calm and steady, neither overly humble nor proud.

Seeing Lu Man so calm, Ye Xiaoxing and Xia Mengxuan pursed their lips and exchanged looks. They both felt that Lu Man was putting on an act and that she didn’t even know that she was so close to her death already.

Also, neither of them believed that Du Xiangdong would still be assured with letting Lu Man handle such an important case after hearing about the rumors going around in the company.

“So you are Lu Man,” Du Xiangdong assessed Lu Man from head to toe.

Seeing that, Ye Xiaoxing and Xia Mengxuan started smiling gloatingly.

“You’re not bad,” Du Xiangdong suddenly burst into laughter, “I’ve wanted to meet you for a very long time. You’re so capable at such a young age. You dared to take on a job that many seniors before you did not even dare to touch! More so, you did such a wonderful job!”

Suddenly, Ye Xiaoxing and Xia Mengxuan’s faces froze. *What was going on?*

It was different from what they thought!

Initially, Du Xiangdong had come over with a serious and solemn expression, it looked as if he was extremely unhappy. Yet, he suddenly started praising Lu Man!!

Is there a problem with Du Xiangdong’s brain!

Who the heck praises people with such a furious expression!

Besides, why was he praising Lu Man!

He should be scolding her instead!

Earlier at the banquet, Lu Man had heard from Han Zhouli that Du Xiangdong was very pleased and satisfied with the results of her work.

But just now, when she saw Du Xiangdong’s grim and fierce expression, her heart still started beating rapidly.

Who’d know that Du Xiangdong’s expressions would change so quickly. One second he was so serious, and the next second he was grinning from ear to ear.

Moreover, Du Xiangdong’s words were like a slap in the face to everyone.

Just now, Ye Xiaoxing spoke about how Lu Man had some complicated affair with a superior and was receiving special treatment.

However, from Du Xiangdong’s words, it was clear that no one had ever dared to accept Du Lin’s case in the past. Even if he had wanted to give someone the opportunity, no one was ready to accept it.

So when it was assigned to Lu Man as a test, she accepted it without any hesitation only because she was bold, courageous and had enough self-confidence. Also, she accomplished the task and succeeded due to their own ability.

This was the complete opposite of what was bruited about the company. If she was really receiving special treatment because of her shady affair with a superior then such a hot potato wouldn’t have landed in her hands.

“You did very well. In the past, I met several experienced professionals in this field and personally requested them, but no one had the guts to accept Du Lin’s case. In the end, I really had no other choice

but to hand over this difficult task to our public relations department. However, even after such a long time, it was never settled on who would take up the job. I've heard that it was because no one had the confidence that the odds would be in their favor." Du Xiangdong gave Ye Xiaoxing and Xia Mengxuan a side-eye as he spoke to Lu Man.

Chapter 200: Someone Is Feeling Guilty

Before entering the department, Du Xiangdong had silently stood by the door, listening intently to their gossip for quite a while. He had heard Ye Xiaoxing and others mud-sling Lu Man. Only when they stopped gossiping did he let Wu Lize announce his arrival.

Meanwhile, as Du Xiangdong spoke to Lu Man, Ye Xiaoxing stood there uncomfortably, color draining from her face, making her look so pale as if she was cramping up.

Previously, Wu Lize had indeed informed them about Du Lin's case and told them that whoever had the confidence could submit a proposal to take on that case.

Ye Xiaoxing knew that this case was extremely difficult and if she were to succeed, then it would boost her career to a new level.

However, even after racking her brain to the extent that she almost split it apart, she still could not come up with a satisfying proposal.

Now that Du Xiangdong mentioned how everyone was unwilling to take on the case, the rumor that Lu Man seduced a superior in exchange for an opportunity was starting to crumble and fall apart.

This opportunity had long since displayed before them, anyone could have seized it if they wanted to.

Yet, no one grabbed that opportunity and it finally landed into Lu Man's hand.

She needed to seduce a superior to get an opportunity like that!

That was such a joke!

Moreover, any mistake or mess up and Lu Man would have lost her job!

Right now, she was getting praised by Du Xiangdong solely because of her ability and because she had done a great job.

If not, Du Xiangdong would have chased her out of the company!

"You have just started with implementing your proposal, yet the results are already so amazing. Right now, the public has a rather good impression of Du Lin. I would like to thank you personally and present you a cash reward." Du Lin smiled. "Continue the hard work. Your reward in the future will not be measly!"

Seeing Lu Man being rewarded, Ye Xiaoxing was green with envy with an ugly expression on her face.

Whereas, even upon being rewarded Lu Man still nodded calmly, not being haughty or sycophantic. "Thank you for your affirmation, Director Du."

Seeing Lu Man's demeanor, Du Xiangdong was satisfied and pleased. No wonder Han Zhuoli had recommended her.

Although this girl may be young, she was truly a force to be reckoned with.

Moreover, despite her tender age, she wasn't insecure, egoistic, proud or anxious.

Unlike those other two, the color on their face and expressions changed so many times in such a short time as if their face ran a dye factory.

With such a mentality, they still thought about winning Lu Man?

Unfortunately, the only thing Ye Xiaoxing and Xia Mengxuan could do now was to be envious of Lu Man.

"As for the rumors circulating within the company, even I've heard them. This matter will implicate Du Lin's comeback. I will investigate and find out the one who started such a malicious rumor. A talent that was chosen based on ability was rumored to have gotten this far by relying on their superior, such a rumor is also an insult to our company's hiring policies and standards." Du Xiangdong glanced at Ye Xiaoxing coldly.

A scrupulous and experience man like Du Xiangdong was easily able to make it out from the sheepish look on Ye Xiaoxing's face, that it was highly likely that she had something to do with this matter.

Even Lu Man had a rough idea too. After Du Xiangdong left, she glanced at Ye Xiaoxing briefly.

Feeling guilty because of her wrongdoings, Ye Xiaoxing tried masking vulnerability and timidity with a tough appearance. "What are you looking at!"

Lu Man mocked lightly, "Looks like someone is feeling guilty."

After speaking, Lu Man walked out of the office.

Ye Xiaoxing's heart skipped a beat. Mentally, she reminded herself once again that Lu Man did not have any evidence at all and that it was just her speculation. However, she still couldn't repress her guilt and fear and chased after her.

"Stop there, Lu Man!" Ye Xiaoxing tugged and pulled at Lu Man. "Where are you going?"

Lu Man raised her brows and asked, "What do you think?"

"Are you thinking of finding someone to complain to? Manager Wu? The CEO? You're already an adult, stop behaving like a child!" Ye Xiaoxing said, anxious and flustered.

"Why would I go and complain?" Lu Man mocked at Ye Xiaoxing.

"Why are you pretending! Isn't it because you think that I was the one who spread the rumor?" Ye Xiaoxing clenched her jaw tightly, gritting her teeth as she seethed in anger.

"Did I say anything? You're the one who's jumping to your own conclusions. If you weren't the one who did it, why are you feeling so guilty and embarrassed? Why do you even care who I might be looking for?" Lu Man scoffed, shaking Ye Xiaoxing's hand off.

Ye Xiaoxing stomped her feet in anger and again chased after Lu Man. No matter what, she could not let Lu Man report this to anyone. “Lu Man, you have no evidence, don’t accuse people!”