

**Mr Han 2021**

**Chapter 2021: I Don't Need It!**

After saying that, Han Zhuoling rocked Shi Xiaoya a little and said, "Then what did you say to her?"

"I said, well, you're so good. Whoever let go first is the dumbf\*ck." As Shi Xiaoya said that, she was looking very proud.

Her chin had lifted slightly subconsciously.

Han Zhuoling thought that if Shi Xiaoya also showed such an attitude when talking to Xia Yixin, she definitely must have angered Xia Yixin to death.

Wasn't Shi Xiaoya basically telling Xia Yixin that she was a dumbf\*ck?

After saying that, Shi Xiaoya then blushed and explained softly, "I was also angry then. It's definitely not because of the words she said. I just thought she's so ridiculous. Didn't she know what she did? She still dreamed of wanting to patch up with you. I don't usually talk so coarsely. Anyway, even we were to have a spat again, I would still say that.

"As long as I can anger her to no end, I don't care about anything else," Shi Xiaoya said.

Hearing that, Han Zhuoling could not help but laugh.

His laughter was only rolling in his throat at first.

But afterward, he could no longer hold back. He hugged Shi Xiaoya and rested his head on her shoulder.

In the end, he laughed until his whole body was shaking.

Even Shi Xiaoya felt helpless.

She did speak roughly, but it was not to the point that he should laugh to this extent.

Han Zhuoling had already laughed for a long time. Shi Xiaoya pushed him a little.

Han Zhuoling then said, "Don't push."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"Why are you so cute?" Han Zhuoling continued to rest on her shoulder and refused to get up. He laughed until tears welled in his eyes.

Shi Xiaoya asked cautiously, "You don't think I spoke coarsely?"

"No." Han Zhuoling smiled and said, "Anyway, you're not wrong."

Shi Xiaoya then felt a little proud.

On his end, Tong Chunian had already blacklisted Xia Yixin.

To help his boss return the money, he could only find her WeChat again and add her.

Xia Yixin accepted the request very quickly.

She did not care why Tong Chunian added her now.

Tong Chunian was Han Zhuoling's assistant, after all, and she could not get close to Han Zhuoling right now. No matter what methods they were, as long as it could help her get slightly closer to Han Zhuoling, she would be happy.

So, she very quickly accepted Tong Chunian's friend request.

Tong Chunian then quickly typed, "Hello, Miss Xia. Young Master Ling already knows about the matter wherein you paid for Miss Shi's lunch this afternoon. Young Master Ling asked me to tell you that his girlfriend's expenses will all be borne by him as her boyfriend, so you don't need to worry about it."

After saying that, he immediately transferred Xia Yixin 500 yuan.

Xia Yixin indeed burst into anger.

She was in the hospital having her burn wounds treated right now.

Although the skin on her face and hands had been scalded really red, she luckily did not get blisters from the burn.

When she saw Tong Chunian's words now, she was really about to explode from anger!

Shi Xiaoya, that little b\*tch, she actually went to complain to Han Zhuoling!

And Han Zhuoling clearly wanted to draw a line with her.

And he even teamed up with Shi Xiaoya.

It was Shi Xiaoya's meal, but he paid for her.

It felt like a mockery to Xia Yixin.

They had been husband and wife before, but their only form of contact now could only be through his assistant!

In the past, she'd spent Han Zhuoling's money freely.

But now, Han Zhuoling was letting another woman spend his money, and he even helped Shi Xiaoya return money to her!

Xia Yixin was so enraged that she shuddered. Of course, it was also because her hands hurt.

She replied to Tong Chunian, "I don't need it! The bill I paid for Shi Xiaoya, I don't need him to help Shi Xiaoya return it!"

But in the end, she could not return the money.

The system had notified her that she and Tong Chunian were not friends.

## **Chapter 2022: I'm Not the One Who Started It**

Xia Yixin: "..."

So, Tong Chunian blocked her right after sending the money.

How fast was he?!

Meanwhile, in Han Zhuoling's office.

When Han Zhuoling was finally done laughing, he sat upright, but he still hugged Shi Xiaoya and did not let go.

"Then did she hurt you?" Han Zhuoling was still worried and looked at Shi Xiaoya carefully. "Did you get injured?"

Looking at her face, he saw there was not much problem, and it had no palm print either.

Han Zhuoling then lifted her hand to look, but there were no injuries there either.

He rolled up her sleeves to check. Her arms were fine too.

Then, Han Zhuoling wanted to tug at her collar.

Shi Xiaoya quickly stopped him. If she did not stop him, he would probably strip her naked in the office.

"I'm fine, I didn't get injured," Shi Xiaoya said.

"But you actually reminded me. It was Xia Yixin who did," Shi Xiaoya said upon recalling it.

"Oh?" Han Zhuoling was assured when he heard Shi Xiaoya say that she did not get injured. Hearing that it was actually Xia Yixin who suffered under Shi Xiaoya's hands, he became even more elated.

Not only did this young lady not get injured, but she even punished her enemy. What a good thing this was.

Thinking of it, it made sense. Previously, when Jiang Yuhan went to be a guest at the National Film Academy, she also tried to make things difficult for Shi Xiaoya.

But Shi Xiaoya did not lose out then.

He knew that Shi Xiaoya had a good temper. If you did not provoke her, she would have a really gentle and soft temperament.

But if you provoked her, she would also let the other party know that she was not one to be trifled with.

Look, now, when Xia Yixin came to find trouble with Shi Xiaoya, it was actually Xia Yixin who suffered.

"How did you do it?" Han Zhuoling asked out of mild curiosity.

Shi Xiaoya was afraid that Han Zhuoling would think she was too ruthless, but she did not hide it from him and just said, "I splashed a whole pot of hot tea over her.

"I'm not the one who started it though!" Shi Xiaoya immediately explained.

Seeing Shi Xiaoya's reaction, for some reason, Han Zhuoling thought of a joke.

Master, whether you believe it or not, the food started it first!

She was really too cute.

Han Zhuoling could not help but lift his hand and rub the top of her fluffy head twice. "So cute."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Her face was filled with question marks.

No, wait, she was the one who'd burned someone else.

Regardless of who was in the right or wrong, for now, she had just displayed her fighting prowess.

Why did Han Zhuoling still look as if she was the cutest thing in the world?

She had just fought it out with someone!

He did not think she was a shrew, and he even gave her a look of approval.

This...

This was way too indulgent!

Han Zhuoling unintentionally made Shi Xiaoya feel that he was cute too.

"Was the tea hot enough?" Han Zhuoling asked.

"Huh?" Shi Xiaoya was unsure what Han Zhuoling meant, so she said honestly, "It should be fine, but her skin reddened from the burn. Because the teapot still had a bit of cooled-down tea left inside, even if hot water was added, it wasn't boiling hot, or else she would have gotten blisters from the burn."

Han Zhuoling nodded. "Then that's not serious."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

So what?

Did Han Zhuoling mean that she went too easy on her?

Shi Xiaoya still felt that she had to explain a little, that she was not someone who would strike at someone for nothing.

"I was preempting her move, so I asked the waiter to refill the pot with hot water. She purposely provoked me earlier, but I didn't take the hook. Didn't I tell her, whoever let go first... is the dumbf\*ck?" When she said that, Shi Xiaoya's voice trailed off at the last two words.

But Han Zhuoling did not seem to mind at all and smiled as he caressed the top of her head again.

"The words I said actually provoked her." Shi Xiaoya thought about it and felt that Xia Yixin probably also realized she was a dumbf\*ck.

"So she wanted to take the remaining half cup of cooled-down tea beside her hand to splash it on me. I had long been cautious of her. Anyway, when women fight, before they strike, if they had any liquid beside their hands, 80-90% would want to make use of it." Shi Xiaoya had been in production crews, as

well as all kinds of small and big events doing makeup for people, so she'd met her fair share of such incidents.

She had seen too many of them.

In the past, when she was not as famous as she was now, she was just a small makeup artist with no voice of her own, and she could not afford to offend anyone.

There was once a backstage incident during a show where there were two female celebrities of the same status.

Neither of them was better than the other. At most, one of them had just debuted slightly earlier, but it was not much earlier.

In the end, they got into a fight over who should be the first to go up on stage and who should be the last to go up for the picture-taking.

The celebrity who became famous slightly later felt that although she became famous slightly later than the other party, in terms of status, they were equals, so it showed that she became famous faster than the other party!

Now that she was more famous, she should be the one going last for the finale.

The other party felt that she was the senior, and she'd even promoted this junior before, so she was naturally unwilling to agree.

Hence, the two of them really got into a fight backstage.

They used up all the things they had beside their hands and naturally did not leave out the water-throwing part.

Anyway, Shi Xiaoya had already seen many times how women threw water at each other when fighting.

She even felt curious. Weren't there other methods?

Why was everyone so passionate about this?

Indeed, today, Xia Yixin also chose to throw water at her. Shi Xiaoya felt that she had no choice, so she could only use hot tea to return the favor.

Shi Xiaoya was thinking about that when, suddenly, Han Zhuoling lifted her hand again.

Han Zhuoling carefully checked her fingers and palms and asked, "But did you get scalded?"

Shi Xiaoya threw a pot of hot water on Xia Yixin, burning Xia Yixin's face and hands red.

Han Zhuoling did not react to that at all and even praised Shi Xiaoya for doing well.

She was not worried about Xia Yixin's injuries, and his first reaction was to see if Shi Xiaoya was hurt.

This stark difference in treatment made Shi Xiaoya unable to help but laugh.

She felt incredibly sweet inside.

“No, not at all,” Shi Xiaoya said. “I’m really fine.”

When Han Zhuoling confirmed that her hand was fine, he was then assured.

“But Xia Yixin would not let things go just like that. After having a whole pot of hot tea splashed at her, she would really be in quite a lot of pain. She definitely won’t want to let me off.” Even though Shi Xiaoya said that, she felt secure because she knew she had backing.

Shi Xiaoya tilted her chin up and said, “So, if Xia Yixin really wants to find trouble with me, you have to protect me.”

Seeing that her fingers were fine, Han Zhuoling pressed them gently and said, “When did I not protect you?”

Han Zhuoling then dialed Tong Chunian’s internal line and said, “Bring in the information on the current situation of the Xia family’s company.”

Although the Han Family stopped suppressing the Xia family, the Xia family was also merely hanging by a thread.

But Han Zhuoli never intended to stop suppressing the Xia family. He had asked Zheng Tianming keep a close eye on the Xia family company’s situation.

When Han Zhuoling learned of this, he’d asked Tong Chunian to take over this work.

No matter what, this matter was caused by him. There was no reason for Han Zhuoli to take on this extra work.

He knew that Han Zhuoli still wanted to vent on his behalf and was not appeased at all.

But as the Big Brother, Han Zhuoling could not simply let his younger brother shoulder everything for him.

Hence, it was now Tong Chunian who had been following the Xia family’s situation closely.

It was not an exaggeration to say that Tong Chunian might know even more about the Xia family’s enterprises than Xia Zhancheng now.

#### **Chapter 2024: Send Him a Bag of Han Zhuoling’s Brand of Specialty Dog Biscuits**

The moment Shi Xiaoya heard this, she quickly got up from Han Zhuoling’s lap. It would not be nice if Tong Chunian came in and saw them.

Han Zhuoling did not stop her this time.

Not long after, Tong Chunian came in and handed the information he had been consolidating all this time to Han Zhuoling.

When Tong Chunian was done handing over the information, he was pondering as he went out.

Young Master Ling was going to stand up for Shi Xiaoya.

Xia Yixin definitely went to find trouble with Shi Xiaoya, and Young Master Ling became unhappy when he learned of it.

To stand up for his girlfriend, he would just take it out on the other party's company?

Han Zhuoling was examining the Xia family's situation, so Shi Xiaoya did not disturb him and sat quietly at the side.

When it was time for the meeting, Shi Xiaoya went to attend it first.

After the meeting, there was still around an hour left before official working hours ended.

Shi Xiaoya did not have anything on now, but she did not feel good going back to disturb Han Zhuoling from his work, so she wanted to walk around the vicinity of the Han Corporation first.

Due to the company profile of the Han Corporation, many online influencers or young people who were confident of their looks and figure, including students from the National Film Academy and National Drama Academy, would come to the vicinity when they had nothing much to do.

As there were many artistes in the Han Corporation, and many managers as well, sometimes they might even bump into directors, producers, and many others who would come to the Han Corporation to discuss work.

What if they were lucky and got scouted?

Hence, the vicinity of the Han Corporation had already become the place with the most hunks and beauties in B City.

As long as you came, you would be able to see a handsome man or a pretty lady within a few steps.

Many shops that were popular online had also clustered around the vicinity.

It had everything from popular cafes to bookstores to fashion clothes and accessories shops that the online influencers had started themselves.

So, the vicinity was a very good place to shop.

Shi Xiaoya was about to walk out of the meeting room when she heard the phone of the leader hosting the meeting this time around ring.

The other party answered, and she heard the other party greet, "Young Master Ling!"

When she heard that it was Han Zhuoling, she thought it could be work-related matters.

But Shi Xiaoya still could not help but stretch her ear to listen intently.

"Yes, the meeting is over. It just ended," the other party said.

Afterward, the other party paused for a moment and did not speak for quite a while.

Shi Xiaoya could not help but quietly steal a glance over and saw the other party finally saying, "Okay, sure. Goodbye, Young Master Ling."

Seeing that the other party was done talking, Shi Xiaoya quickly retracted her gaze and pretended as if she had nothing on and was about to leave.

Unexpectedly, the other party actually called her, "Xiaoya!"

Shi Xiaoya then stopped and heard the other person say, "Young Master Ling just called me to ask if the meeting had ended. I told him it ended, and he asked you to come back to his office earlier, not to go out gallivanting."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

There was another, even more sappy line, and the other party bit his tongue and said, "Young Master Ling told me that I must tell you, he totally does not think you're disturbing him at work. With you by his side, his work efficiency becomes even higher."

Damn, Young Master Ling's way of displaying affection was really at the next level.

Couldn't he just call Shi Xiaoya directly and tell her these things?

Did he have to call an outsider like him and make him convey it?

Was he sending him a bag of Han Zhuoling's brand of specialty dog biscuits[1] for him to chew on?

Shi Xiaoya felt really embarrassed and could not even look at him in the eye as she smiled awkwardly and said, "I got it."

After saying that, she quickly lowered her head and ran away.

She returned to the door outside Han Zhuoling's office.

When Tong Chunian saw her, he said, "Miss Shi, you're finally back. Young Master Ling had been waiting inside the office all this while. There's no one inside, you can just go in."

### **Chapter 2025: He Wasn't So Fast!**

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"Quickly, go in. Young Master Ling had been asking me every fifteen minutes whether you're back already." Tong Chunian also felt very distressed. How was he supposed to work like this?

He could not concentrate on work at all!

Shi Xiaoya believed what Han Zhuoling said just now, that his work efficiency was much higher with her beside him.

If she was not around, he would ask like that every now and then, so how would he have any work efficiency?

Shi Xiaoya then quickly pushed the door open and entered Han Zhuoling's office.

Han Zhuoling looked up when he heard the sound, yet still pretended that he was doing work seriously and had no time to care about other things.



“You’re back?” He maintained his cold and arrogant demeanor.

Shi Xiaoya thought to herself, what was he pretending for?!

Others had already told her.

“When I ended my meeting just now, you could have just called me directly. Why did you call someone else and make him convey it to me? How troublesome is that?” Shi Xiaoya said.

Han Zhuoling explained, “Isn’t it because I’m afraid that while you guys are having a meeting and I called you then, it would cause you to be talked about by others?”

Han Zhuoling made it sound as if it was true. He totally did not say that it was mainly because he wanted other people to know that he had a girlfriend, and he wanted them to have a deeper impression of this matter.

Shi Xiaoya thought that that made sense and believed it, forgetting how cunning this man was.

At that moment, the office door was knocked on again.

Han Zhuoling frowned slightly.

He already told Tong Chunian that he would not see anyone no matter who came.

It was rare that Shi Xiaoya came. He did not want to be disturbed by other people.

Right after that, from outside the door, Han Zhuoling heard Han Zhuoli’s voice ring out.

He heard Han Zhuoli ask Tong Chunian, “Only my big brother and sister-in-law is inside. There’s no one else, right?”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

Han Zhuoli sounded really comfortable with calling her “sister-in-law.”

Tong Chunian was heard saying “yes.”

Han Zhuoling then heard a woman’s voice saying outside, “Why don’t we come back in a while? Don’t disturb Big Brother and Sister-in-law. What if the two of them...”

This was Lu Man’s voice. He was 100% sure of it.

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

What if what?

What did they think she and Han Zhuoling were doing here?

“Okay. Then let’s come back in 20 minutes,” Han Zhuoli said.

Han Zhuoling’s face darkened.

What 20 minutes!

He was not that fast!

Hence, Han Zhuoling stood up and took big strides to the door, pulling it open.

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"Big Brother." Han Zhuoli smiled and greeted, "Xiaoya."

Lu Man also followed him and called out a greeting.

The husband and wife pair entered Han Zhuoling's office just like that.

"Lu Man, you don't have classes today?" Han Zhuoling asked.

Usually, having only Han Zhuoli around at work was enough.

Now, even Lu Man also came to join in on the fun, which made Han Zhuoling feel really tired.

"I'm done with my classes for today, so I came over to take a look and catch up with my ex-colleagues," Lu Man said.

The tour for her play was almost done.

Lu Man still prioritized her studies.

She had already performed the number of shows stated on the contract she'd signed back then.

The remaining shows would be substituted by other actresses.

Lu Man thus became more free now.

It was just perfect since she had to start preparing for Little Yijun's 100-day mark baby shower.

She happened to have the time to help Xia Qingwei prepare for it.

And Han Zhuoli did not want her to tire herself out.

With such an experience, Lu Man got used to performing on a huge stage, performing a dozen shows consecutively, and becoming very skilled in acting the same character early on, which was enough.

"It was such a coincidence that Xiaoya also came. When Zhuoli told me, both of us wanted to come over and see the two of you immediately," Lu Man said while smiling cheekily.

## **Chapter 2026: Image Collapsing Quite Dramatically**

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

How could Han Zhuoling be outdone? When Han Zhuoli and Lu Man sat down on the sofa, he said, "That's indeed a coincidence. Since Lu Man came today, Zhuoli, you won't work overtime, right?"

"Of course, I have to accompany my wife," Han Zhuoli said.

At this moment, the secretary came in with some light snacks and tea.

She did not dare to take more glances at the Han brothers. She was afraid that if she looked at them too much, she would not be able to get married.

The more she looked at these two brothers, the more her expectations for looks would heighten subconsciously.

These were things one could not control.

No matter who it was, if one stared at a beautiful thing for a long time and then turned to look at something average, they would also find the latter tasteless.

The secretary then felt really resigned.

Once the secretary left, Han Zhuoling said, "I moved to a new home."

Han Zhuoli was not surprised. Lin Liye had already told Old Mrs. Han everything last night, saying that Han Zhuoling had purposely bought the apartment above Shi Xiaoya's house to stay together with her.

This son would either miss the point or get it. But the moment he got it, his tricks came one after another, making Lin Liye feel really heartened.

So she quickly told Old Mrs. Han.

Old Mrs. Han was elated, and then she told Shen Nuo about it.

Shen Nuo then told Lu Man.

After Lu Man found out, Han Zhuoli would naturally find out as well.

But Lin Liye and Old Mrs. Han still clearly underestimated the extent to which Han Zhuoling used his tricks on Shi Xiaoya.

They thought that he just wanted to move closer to her, but no one expected that he would just connect both their apartments together.

"That's pretty good. When did you move in?" Han Zhuoli pretended as if he had never heard of it before and looked quite convincing. "I didn't hear Auntie mention it though. Didn't Auntie move in together with you?"

Han Zhuoling gave him an amused look.

Act.

Continue acting.

"I moved out on my own. My mom and Zhuofeng are still staying at our original place," Han Zhuoling slowly explained.

Lu Man and Shi Xiaoya felt tired watching these two brothers wielding their wits even when having a casual conversation.

"The house has been renovated for a while already, I only properly moved in yesterday night," Han Zhuoling said.

"Ohh—" Han Zhuoli dragged out his voice.

Han Zhuoling ignored his teasing and puffed up his chest, looking unusually proud.

Lu Man: "..."

Ever since he fell in love, Big Brother's image had collapsed quite dramatically.

Look how proud he was now. He was not much different compared to Han Zhuoli.

"So, it's just perfect that the two of you came today. You can go back together with us. Treat it as a housewarming party," Han Zhuoling suggested.

Han Zhuoli looked at Lu Man first to ask for her opinion.

Lu Man nodded. "Sure, sure."

Han Zhuoli suddenly laughed and asked, "Oh, right, Big Brother, where did you move to?"

Shi Xiaoya felt so embarrassed that she looked somewhere else.

Although this was not something to be ashamed of, being asked by Han Zhuoli like that still felt very embarrassing.

Han Zhuoling did not feel embarrassed at all. He said indignantly, "I moved to the apartment above your elder sister-in-law."

"Oh." Han Zhuoli did not believe that he would just simply move into the apartment above Shi Xiaoya.

They were already dating. Could Han Zhuoling bear to only stay on the floor above?

At this moment, Lu Man said, "Since it's a housewarming party, why don't we ask Dad and Mom to come along? We can all join in on the fun."

Shi Xiaoya's face was filled with alarm.

Would this mean that the Han Family elders would all come and see their cohabiting space?

"Good idea!" Before Han Zhuoling could say anything, Han Zhuoli had already called Shen Nuo.

"Mom, Big Brother moved house."

"..."

"No, he moved out on his own."

"..."

"Yeah. Man Man came to find me after class and the two of us came to see Big Brother together. Seeing that we are both around, Big Brother suggested this. When we clock out, we can go to his new house to take a look, like a housewarming of sorts. Mom, you and Dad are going, right?"

### **Chapter 2027: Yours Is a Duplex?**

With this kind of liveliness, of course Shen Nuo would not want to miss it. She agreed to it on the spot.

Since Shen Nuo had already agreed, Han Zhuoling could only tell Lin Liye and ask her to bring Zhuofeng along.

Then, they called the two elders.

When Old Mrs. Han heard that Han Zhuoling had moved to the apartment above Shi Xiaoya's, she was elated and really wanted to go and take a look.

It was a coincidence that Han Zhuoling was inviting them now, so Old Mrs. Han instantly agreed.

So though they only invited Han Zhuoli and Lu Man at first, it now became a big family affair.

It would be a mass gathering to witness the scene.

Han Zhuoli just came for fun and did not have anything else to do, so he soon left with Lu Man.

When it was time to get off work, the four of them then went to Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya's place.

Shi Xiaoya also did not know how their place would look like after the staircase had been installed, so she looked forward to it as well.

When they reached downstairs, they parked their cars and entered the building together.

Han Zhuoling first pressed on the floor he was staying on.

When they walked out of the lift, they were already in Han Zhuoling's home.

The entrance foyer was spacious. Together with the corridor that led to the living room, everything appeared very spacious.

As Han Zhuoling had just renovated it, the house still had the smell of a new home.

But Shi Xiaoya could still smell that the scent of renovation was a little heavier than it was last night.

Seemed like the staircase had already been installed.

Han Zhuoling also thought of that, and the smile on his lips appeared especially pleased.

Han Zhuoling did his duties as the host and brought Han Zhuoli and Lu Man around. When they reached the edge of the living room, they saw the staircase that had just been installed today.

It had a similar decor style to Han Zhuoling's home, which had a minimalist style.

"Big Brother, yours is a duplex apartment?" Lu Man asked in surprise.

But looking at it, it didn't really seem like that either.

If it was a duplex apartment, the staircase would lead upwards, rather than downwards.

Han Zhuoling was waiting for her to ask.

He straightened his back and adjusted his tie as he said, "The floor below was Xiaoya's home originally. Since I already bought the apartment above, it would feel so distant if we continued living upstairs and downstairs."

Han Zhuoli continued to ask, "So you just connected both your houses together?"

Han Zhuoling nodded. "Of course."

Shi Xiaoya also liked the design of the staircase. It was simple and clean, matching the interior styles of both homes above and below.

The four of them then walked down the stairs.

Han Zhuoling asked Shi Xiaoya, "How's this?"

Shi Xiaoya smiled and nodded fervently. "This is very good."

Shi Xiaoya turned around and checked out the staircase. "It looks as if it had been like this originally."

Han Zhuoling could not help but laugh. "It should have been like this originally."

"The floor below is my home originally. Now that we've connected our houses together, I will pack my stuff whenever I have time and move them upstairs. But I won't change the rooms that have already been furnished previously. His study is above, mine is below. I need to film videos frequently, so if I am downstairs, the noise would not affect him."

As she said that, Lin Liye called.

She had already arrived, actually.

Han Zhuoling then went downstairs to fetch them.

Lin Liye did not only bring Han Zhuofeng over, she also brought the helper auntie at home.

"I was thinking, since we are coming for a housewarming, it will be good if we ate together at home as one family. If we go to a restaurant, that would lose its meaning." After Lin Liye entered the house, she explained, "So I brought Auntie Liu along. Now we can have a hearty meal together at home."

Who knew, Old Mrs. Han and Shen Nuo had the same thought as Lin Liye.

They'd brought Auntie Sun and Auntie He along too.

Hence, the three helper aunties went to the kitchen to busy themselves.

There were two kitchens on the floors above and below, and there was an abundance of ingredients, so there was no need to worry that there would not be enough things to cook.

### **Chapter 2028: This Little Girl, What Was She Thinking of Again?**

At the dining table, Old Mrs. Han saw Han Zhuoli sitting together with Lu Man, and Han Zhuoling sitting together with Shi Xiaoya.

Although the two of them were not about to get married, they clearly already had deep feelings for each other, so marriage was just a matter of time.

With the two of them sitting together right now, they already looked like husband and wife and were very compatible.

Old Mrs. Han was all-smiles, feeling really elated deep down.

Even Han Zhuoli, whom she was most worried about, had been settled, and Han Zhuoling also had a good prospective marriage partner now.

While they were eating, Lu Man received a call.

After ending the call, she told Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya, "The results have come out for Zheng Xuexin's issue. Liu Enxiao went to the hospital to have her injuries examined, and they are really quite serious. With Big Brother paying notice to the hospital, they did some alterations to the examination report. Zheng Xuexin has been sentenced to one year in jail. If he wants to appeal and gets a lighter sentence, or if he performs well in prison, he can come out earlier."

Or if he used some of his connections to obtain probation or something.

Lu Man was not familiar with this aspect and had already considered most of the rough scenarios.

"Anyway, even so, when he comes out, his acting career would be over as well. And in this industry, real friends are pathetically few. Most of them were connected by interests. When the interests come, they will be friends. If there are no interests at stake, who would care about friendships in the past?" Lu Man chuckled and said, "So, his so-called friends in the past might not be able to help him."

"There are many people like him in the industry who end up in jail for all kinds of reasons and don't stay there for long, but none of them were able to continue with flying high after their release," Lu Man said. "So, he's done for."

"As for Liu Enxiao." Lu Man smiled and said, "Big Brother had already told Zhuoli about it before. Unless she went to be a makeup artist in another industry, she would not be able to continue working in this industry."

Shi Xiaoya did not have any sympathy for Zheng Xuexin and Liu Enxiao.

So this matter was considered to be over.

Auntie Liu and the others cleared the plates. The three of them discussed and went to the nearby supermarket to fill up Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya's fridge.

When everyone left, the space was finally left for Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

It's true that the two of them had already stayed together last night.

But at that time, the two floors had not been connected yet, so Shi Xiaoya did not feel as if she was staying in her own house. It felt as if she just went to Han Zhuoling's place temporarily.

Now, it really felt like the two of them were living together in the same home.

Shi Xiaoya walked up the stairs and then ran down again.

"How is it?" Han Zhuoling smiled as he watched her behaving like a kid, running up and down without stopping at all.

"It's great." Shi Xiaoya stood at the top of the stairs, holding on to the hand railing.

She suddenly recalled how she played with her older brother when she was young.

When she saw her older brother sliding down from the railing, she also learned the way Shi Nancang did it.

But she was very young then and could not keep her balance, so she fell down after sliding halfway.

Luckily, Shi Nancang had caught her in time, so she did not get hurt.

However, Shi Guanzhong still saw it and grabbed Shi Nancang up to give him a good beating.

It made Shi Nancang cry out badly.

As she had been scared then, she never dared to play like this afterward.

Now that she suddenly remembered this, Shi Xiaoya turned to look at Han Zhuoling, who was standing at the foot of the stairs.

When he saw the sudden look of cunning flashing in Shi Xiaoya's eyes, for some reason, Han Zhuoling instantly felt his scalp turn numb.

This little girl, what was she thinking of now?

### **Chapter 2029: Who Isn't a Baby**

Han Zhuoling suddenly felt that he was really too old!

At this moment, he saw Shi Xiaoya suddenly sit on the railing, stretch out both hands to the sides like the wings of an airplane to maintain her balance, and then slide down.

But Shi Xiaoya had neither experience nor technique. Except for that one time when she failed at it when she was young, this was really the first time she was playing like this.

She was scared too—scared that she would not be able to keep her balance well and fall down.

So she just slid down shakily and let out screams that might or might not be out of fear.

Han Zhuoling did not know whether Shi Xiaoya was scared or not, but anyway, his heart had already leapt to his throat.

Having a cute little girlfriend meant that his heart rate had to keep up with her at every minute.

She might just scare this old boyfriend of hers to death.

Han Zhuoling did not even dare to look away from her. He carefully watched, afraid that if he missed a moment, she would fall.

When she finally slid down in one piece, Han Zhuoling quickly caught her and said, "You're already an adult, why do you still behave like a kid!"

Shi Xiaoya got defensive when she heard that and said, "Who isn't a baby at heart!"

Han Zhuoling: "..."

So he brought a baby back with him?



Shi Xiaoya laughed upon seeing that difficult expression on his face. She stopped teasing him and gave him a kiss.

"I just suddenly thought of how I did this once when I was young. Afterward, when I grew up and moved here, there was just one floor, so there was still no space for me to play. Now that there's a staircase, I wanted to try it out."

Han Zhuoling said helplessly, "Why don't I install a slide for you? We have quite a lot of space here anyway, enough for one to be installed for you."

Shi Xiaoya said in embarrassment, "It's not like I'm really a kid."

"Of course I know that." Han Zhuoling's throat suddenly became a little hoarse; even his gaze also became more and more intense.

Shi Xiaoya's heart seemed to skip a beat. Her hands that were holding on to his shoulders also unconsciously tightened their grip.

She felt that his hands that were carrying her had also become scalding hot.

She was wearing jeans. It was clearly a very thick material, but against Han Zhuoling's palms, it felt so thin.

The heat from his palms seeped through the jeans, as if there was nothing in between, and it transferred onto her skin, making it feel burning hot.

Although she could not see it, Shi Xiaoya felt as if he might just burn a palm print on her skin.

Being carried by him like this made Shi Xiaoya feel so light and small, and so right in his arms.

Shi Xiaoya slightly shuddered in his arms. Compared to Han Zhuoling, she seemed so small.

"When I'm not around next time, you are not allowed to play like this." Han Zhuoling threw her up slightly.

Shi Xiaoya's buttocks left Han Zhuoling's palms for less than a second before landing back down on them.

Han Zhuoling caught her and pinched them.

"Aiya!" Shi Xiaoya exclaimed when he pinched her.

It was not painful.

Rather than a pinch, he might as well have caressed her.

His caress made Shi Xiaoya's face burn red and her heart beat faster.

"I only play around like this since you're around. If you're not around, I definitely won't play like this. It's dangerous," Shi Xiaoya mumbled.

Han Zhuoling laughed from anger. "So you know it's dangerous too?"

"So I'm only playing while you're around. I know you will protect me well," Shi Xiaoya said.

“I think you’re just a child that hasn’t grown up,” Han Zhuoling said.

“Could you not know whether I’m still a child or not?” Shi Xiaoya tilted her chin up slightly and narrowed her eyes slightly at him.

That proud look both amused and enraged him.

### **Chapter 2030: He Was Really... Old but Vigorous**

Han Zhuoling laughed in anger and said resignedly, “I know. I’m just reminding you now that you’re not a kid anymore.”

Shi Xiaoya had not yet recovered when she got carried into her bedroom downstairs. It was very near and convenient.

Han Zhuoling placed her down on the bed. When he pressed down on her, he even said sentimentally, “It’s really quite convenient to have bedrooms above and below.”

Shi Xiaoya: “ ... ”

Han Zhuoling pressed his forehead against Shi Xiaoya’s forehead and chuckled lightly. “Now it really feels real that we’re living together.”

Shi Xiaoya did not expect that Han Zhuoling also felt the same way.

She smiled and wrapped her arms around Han Zhuoling’s neck. “This is really good.”

She could see him every day.

The first thing she’d see when she opened her eyes would be him.

The last thing she’d see before she closed her eyes would also be him.

Every day would feel so secure.

Han Zhuoling moved his hands to the back of her waist. He exerted a bit of force and hugged her tight in his arms, lowering his head to kiss her lips.

Although their apartments were now connected, he still felt like wanting her in her bedroom.

Without the hesitation he had last night because it was her first, Han Zhuoling was much more unrestrained tonight.

In her dizzy state, Shi Xiaoya thought hazily about how Han Zhuoling had already shown last night how good his physical strength was, even saying that he was not old at all.

She did not expect that he was actually being humble back then.

His physical strength was way too good. He was really... old but vigorous!

Luckily, Han Zhuoling did not know that Shi Xiaoya was thinking about all this nonsense in her mind right now.

If he knew, he would be angered until he spat blood, then make Shi Xiaoya retract the word “old.”

What “old but vigorous”? To think she could think of that!

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Perhaps because Xia Yixin had been scalded, it was inconvenient for her to come out to meet people, so there was a period of time when she did not come out to cause trouble.

Shi Xiaoya had guessed correctly that Xia Yixin indeed wanted to sue Shi Xiaoya.

She could not get injured for nothing!

She had not been able to tell that Shi Xiaoya’s personality was actually so shrewish given her delicate and weak appearance!

Xia Yixin thought that since she was a rich girl, she’d certainly not have the fighting prowess of a commoner like Shi Xiaoya.

If she were to really fight, she did not know how to either!

After all, she was a cultured person. Among the lessons she’d received since she was young, there was never one for fighting shrews.

But she could not just suffer for nothing!

Shi Xiaoya hurt her, but nothing happened to Shi Xiaoya. How could that be possible!

Did she really think Xia Yixin was a pushover?!

So, Xia Yixin wanted to sue Shi Xiaoya.

She first sent someone to the restaurant from that day to ask for the surveillance camera video of that time.

Alas, the surveillance camera video of her being splashed hot tea by Shi Xiaoya was gone.

To be more accurate, the video recording was there, but the only part that was missing was when Xia Yixin approached Shi Xiaoya.

During that time period, the surveillance camera video recording suddenly blacked out. When the screen resumed, both Shi Xiaoya and Xia Yixin were no longer in the restaurant.

This matter was of course done by Han Zhuoling.

And Han Zhuoling had thought about it in very accurate detail. If he only deleted video recordings containing Shi Xiaoya, leaving only Xia Yixin behind, one could still be able to infer that the other customer at that table was Shi Xiaoya.

Only by removing traces of Xia Yixin could there be insufficient evidence.

As for witnesses.

The restaurant did not want to look for trouble, and with Han Zhuoling intervening in the matter, the restaurant just treated it as if nothing happened before.

And they pretended to not remember Xia Yixin.

Xia Yixin wanted to ask for the recording, and the restaurant was very cooperative. Anyway, there was nothing in the surveillance camera recordings.