

Mr Han 2051

Chapter 2051: Doing It for Other People to See

Shi Xiaoya's heart was palpitating rapidly.

"It's my fault. I actually neglected such an important thing like proposing." Han Zhuoling minced his lips and felt very displeased with himself. "Serves me right that you won't agree to marrying me."

Shi Xiaoya gaped and exhaled in relief at the same time.

So that was it. It scared her so much.

"I just said that casually. I didn't treat it as an issue," Shi Xiaoya explained. "I just went with the topic and said that without thinking too much about it. I just said it to tease you, not that I really minded not getting a proposal."

But seeing how Han Zhuoling was behaving, the person who really minded was clearly him and not her.

Shi Xiaoya thought about it and said, "Before I met you, I'd never had a boyfriend. Romance was not a thought I had, and when it comes to marriage, I just felt that I'm still young. As for getting a proposal, I never thought of it before either."

"I just feel that we will just be together if we like each other. If the conditions are right, then we can get married. As for a proposal and things like that, it's not really necessary. I also never considered it. Sometimes, when I see videos that other people post or bump into an ongoing proposal and such, they seem grand and romantic, but I don't envy them at all."

"Because all too often, two people would have already discussed getting married before coming up with a proposal. At least to me, this kind of thing is unnecessary and is more of a formality. Since we already decided to get married, then doing a proposal would just be so that other people to see. There's not much meaning to it," Shi Xiaoya said.

"So, I personally am not bothered by things like proposals. It involves just two people, two families, so we can discuss it on our own. There's no need to go out of our way to make it a formality. Just discussing it like this already feels very heartwarming to me," Shi Xiaoya said.

She explained, "So I was really just joking when I said those words just now, not that I really minded it. Don't take it to heart."

"Hmm," Han Zhuoling answered.

Shi Xiaoya could not tell from his reaction whether he really sorted out his thoughts or not.

But Han Zhuoling had really put this matter on his mind.

His previous marriage was a marriage agreed upon by two families.

So he did not care at all.

Everything had been decided by the two families based on their various benefits, and he was only responsible for attending a wedding.

Now he was really in love and was deciding on an important event in his life, so he treated it very seriously.

Shi Xiaoya was telling the truth, he could tell.

But Han Zhuoling also did not neglect the fact that, even if that was the case, he should at least prepare a diamond ring.

If he just kept saying it to her like that, it was really very insincere.

Han Zhuoling clenched his teeth a little, angry at himself.

“I got it,” Han Zhuoling said.

Shi Xiaoya also could not tell whether he really let go of the matter or not.

But since he already said that, it would not be good for her to re-emphasize it.

When the two’s conversation ended, they then set off again and reached Sheng Yue.

Wang Juhuai’s 100-day baby shower was a very low-key affair.

So from the outside of Sheng Yue, one could not really tell anything from it.

Even if someone came, the person would not know that Wang Juhuai was hosting a 100-day baby shower for his son here.

Wang Juhuai’s intention was for this to be a family banquet.

And his child was still young. He was afraid that a grand affair would be too overwhelming.

Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya arrived at the small ballroom. The others were there already, and only the two of them were left.

Luckily, they managed to reach the place on time and did not delay the start of the banquet.

Lin Liye asked Han Zhuoling, “Why have you both only just arrived? Did something happen on the way?”

Chapter 2052: Why Are You So Foolish

When Du Yiqin and Shi Guanzhong heard that, it felt really pleasing to the ears.

Usually, in such moments, even if Lin Liye put the responsibility for coming late on Han Zhuoling, it might make people overthink and feel that Lin Liye was trying to scold Shi Xiaoya indirectly.

She would be chiding her son on the surface, but in reality, she was really chiding Shi Xiaoya.

Between in-laws and relatives, it would be very easy to bear grievances just because of this minor issue.

But Lin Liye asked if they were late because something happened along the way.

It showed that she believed the two of them were not people who did not keep track of their time and that they definitely must have met with some issue.

Han Zhuoling did not hide it and talked about the incident where Shi Xiaoya met that middle-aged woman at her work studio.

“She already admitted that she took someone’s money and was instructed by someone. Xiaoya cannot think of who could be the mastermind behind this at the moment. We just sent that woman to the police station to let the police investigate. Jingcheng also went. With him keeping an eye on this, I believe there will be a result very soon,” Han Zhuoling said.

“Why is she so horrible!” Lin Liye said angrily.

As Shi Xiaoya’s parents, Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin were also infuriated.

Even though it was all a bunch of lies, that woman should have at least made it sound a little more convincing!

Would their daughter need to be someone else’s mistress for money?!

How much money did their Shi family lack?!

But it was precisely because of this that insiders got to know at once that these were all lies to frame Shi Xiaoya.

If another lie had been spun, Lin Liye might actually hesitate for a moment.

Although in the end, she would still choose to believe Shi Xiaoya, in the process, she would definitely analyze it on her own.

But the slander and framing this time really did not need any analysis.

Shi Xiaoya’s family background was as one could see. There was really no need for her to do such things for money.

Hence, Lin Liye did not even have a second of hesitation.

“But do you both have any suspects in mind?” Lin Liye asked.

“Xiaoya listed three suspicious people, but I suspect Xia Yixin the most,” Han Zhuoling said.

Lin Liye did not even want to hear this name now. Hearing it just made her feel disgusted.

“Why is it her again?!” Lin Liye felt so mad that she almost slammed her palm on the table. “Why would you suspect her? Does she have no brains? The Xia family has already been beaten down to such an extent by us and she still doesn’t know to be afraid?”

But the moment she said that, Lin Liye already answered her own question.

Didn’t she really have no brains?

Would someone with brains leave Han Zhuoling aside, go out and have an affair, and even bear a child for someone else?

Lin Liye pursed her lips and heard Han Zhuoling say, "I didn't tell you, but actually, Xia Yixin also went to find Xiaoya before."

"What nonsense is this?!" Lin Liye was really angry. "What makes her think she can go and look for Xiaoya to shame her? What right does she have!"

"Why did she go and look for Xiaoya?" Lin Liye asked.

"Xiaoya said that Xia Yixin seems to be regretting it now and wants us to get back together," Han Zhuoling said plainly.

Lin Liye almost choked on her own.

She regretted it?

If she'd known earlier that this was the answer, she might as well not have asked.

In front of Shi Xiaoya's parents, how awkward was this!

Letting them know that Han Zhuoling's ex-wife was actually continuing to pester them and had even gone to find trouble with Shi Xiaoya.

How disdainful they would be of Han Zhuoling?

"Xiaoya, you didn't tell us about this," Du Yiqin said.

She was not intending to seize this chance to reproach Han Zhuoling. She just wanted to say it to let the Han Family people know that Shi Xiaoya also kept it from them.

She hoped that the Han Family could know of the good in Shi Xiaoya.

This silly child, she was just so protective of Han Zhuoling.

Indeed, when Lin Liye heard that, she felt very guilty and apologetic. "Xiaoya, why are you so foolish that you didn't tell us about this?"

Chapter 2053: How Exactly Did You Remain Single Until Now

Lin Liye knew that Shi Xiaoya was also afraid that her parents would be unhappy if they found out.

"In-laws, I'm really sorry. This is all Zhuoling's mess, and we even implicated Xiaoya to suffer as well," Lin Liye said apologetically.

Du Yiqin waved her hand and said, "Don't say that. You're being too polite with us. Xiaoya is a sincere person. She's worried that we might be unhappy if she told us. At home, she's had her older brother to protect her since she was young and never let her suffer any grievance. I am a little angry, but I am angry because after Xia Yixin found trouble with her, Xiaoya should have come back to let us know so we can stand up for her! We can't let that Xia Yixin think that our Xiaoya is easy to bully.

"But this has nothing to do with Zhuoling. As for Zhuoling, this son-in-law of ours, I am pleased beyond words. Anyway, that woman only has the title of ex-wife because they had been married in the past. Even if she was someone he did not marry, who hasn't had a few relationships in the past? There are also people with ex-girlfriends, right? There are many incidents of ex-girlfriends coming to cause trouble

too. An ex-wife isn't any different from an ex-girlfriend just because they were married once. Actually, the two are the same in nature."

"This matter can happen to anyone," Du Yiqin said. "Please don't blame yourself."

Lin Liye nodded.

Shi Xiaoya said weakly, "Mom, I didn't suffer or anything. Brother had been protecting me since I was young, so now that I'm old, all the more I cannot let myself suffer. Why should I suffer in someone else's hands when you all are protecting me?"

"You didn't suffer?" Du Yiqin regained her spirits. "Then what did you do to her?"

Shi Xiaoya felt a little embarrassed as she said, "I threw a pot of hot tea and scalded her."

"Well done!" This time, Lin Liye was the one praising her. "As for Xia Yixin, you don't need to be polite! You can do whatever you want to her. Zhuoling is here to stand up for you!"

"..." The corners of Du Yiqin's lips twitched as she smiled and said, "That's great. In the past, Xiaoya had her brother to stand up for her, and she had been spoiled by her brother so much that she's had nothing to fear. In-laws, don't think that she has a soft temper because of how she looks. That's just because she's not being provoked right now. She definitely isn't afraid of things, and this is all because her brother spoiled her since she was young.

"When she was in primary school, there was a male classmate who liked her. Little boys that age do not know how to please girls and make them happy, so they will rely on causing trouble, and they'll bully girls to attract their attention. She kept having her ponytail pulled and even had her jacket hood stuffed with paper balls by someone. This silly girl also did not know better, so she went to complain to her older brother. Her older brother rolled up his sleeves and went to give that little boy a good beating, so he did not dare to get close to her afterward."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"There's such a thing?" Han Zhuoling suddenly turned to look at her, that gaze feeling a little cold, making Shi Xiaoya subconsciously rub her elbows.

Han Zhuoling stared deeply at her.

She had really been popular from a young age. How on earth did she remain single until now?

Previously, Shi Xiaoya said that she was a little slow when it came to love. Judging from this, it seemed like her slowness was not quite the average.

Shi Xiaoya laughed guiltily. She really did not remember this incident.

"Mom, there's such a thing? I don't even remember it anymore, hahahaha." Shi Xiaoya laughed guiltily.

"It's normal that you don't remember. You were so young then," Du Yiqin said. "You were only in Primary One, so there are many things that you definitely won't be able to remember now. I still remember how, when you went to kindergarten, the same thing happened."

Chapter 2054: Dark Past

“There was a little boy in your class who suddenly kissed you while you were doing arts and crafts. When you came back, you told us about that. When your older brother heard, he wanted to go out again and beat that person up. In the end, we were the ones who gave him a beating, so he got rid of that idea.”

Everybody: “...”

Shi Nancang had had it tough too!

Shi Nancang: “...”

Could they not bring up this kind of dark past?

“There’s more!” Du Yiqin continued. “When you were in high school, you had been cornered by someone in an obscure place beside the school building. Actually, he just wanted to ask you if you wanted to be his girlfriend, yet you got so scared that you just kept screaming for your brother. Who’d have thought, your brother really showed up.”

This was also because they’d attended the Qi Family’s Jixia Academy from primary school until high school.

Jixia Academy included schooling from primary school all the way to senior high school.

So even if Shi Nancang had already been promoted to junior high and Shi Xiaoya was still in primary school, they were still in the same school.

“That child just got scolded away by your older brother,” Du Yiqin said. “And when you were in senior high—”

“Mom,” Shi Xiaoya quickly called.

If her mother continued, Shi Xiaoya would not have a good night ahead.

Han Zhuoling’s gaze was already very unkind now.

With Han Zhuoling’s cold glance at the side, Shi Xiaoya felt a lot of pressure.

Du Yiqin got it instantly and chuckled secretly as she said, “Okay, okay, okay. I won’t say anything more, I won’t talk anymore.”

“But see, she has always had her older brother to protect her like this, and he never let her suffer before. So if someone really dares to provoke her, she is quite bold too,” Du Yiqin said as she smiled.

“This is good, this is good.” Old Mrs. Han nodded continuously in approval. “When we are outside, we can’t suffer!”

At this moment, Xia Qingwei carried little Wang Yijun, who had just woken up from sleep, back into the room.

The little baby had just woken up and was not fully awake. His mouth even had a little bubble of saliva in it.

But his eyes were already open, and he was looking around curiously.

Old Mrs. Han exceptionally liked this little baby.

The moment Xia Qingwei came in, Old Mrs. Han went right up to her.

Previously, because they had not started officially, Old Mrs. Han sat together with Shi Xiaoya and the others.

This small ballroom was big enough to put six tables, plus a performance stage.

As there were only the Wangs, the Hans, and the Shis, they'd had four tables removed, leaving only two tables.

Wang Juhuai then felt that if they sat apart, it would be inconvenient for them to chat. Which family was to sit with which family?

That was quite hard to arrange.

Hence, Sheng Yue had decided to just replace the tables with a supersized one that could seat 40 people.

The turntable was automatic and slowly moved around, so one could just eat the dishes that rotated in front of them.

In this way, everyone could sit at the same table to chat, which felt even more intimate.

At this moment, Xia Qingwei carried the baby back and Old Mrs. Han then went back to her original seat.

She happened to be sitting beside Xia Qingwei and was playing with the baby.

"Aiyo, his eyes are gazing around. What are you looking at?" Old Mrs. Han asked with a smile.

The baby's eyes rolled around quickly, as if he was very curious.

He looked at this, and then at that.

He looked silly yet curious, which made him so lovable and adorable to everyone.

And the baby had a habit of holding on to things.

He especially liked holding on to fingers. As long as someone offered a finger, he would immediately hold it.

He probably felt that fingers are especially nice to hold as they could be nicely grasped with his short and pudgy ones.

Lu Man walked over and said, "Grandma, I'll show you something fun."

"What's that fun thing?" Old Mrs. Han quickly asked, behaving like a playful old lady.

Chapter 2055: Could It Be That He Really Found Someone Outside?

Lu Man then stretched out her finger in front of the baby.

The baby's pair of black, glistening eyes just kept following Lu Man's finger movements.

Wherever Lu Man's finger went, his eyes followed instantly.

The baby seemed to know that Lu Man was playing with him and felt especially happy, breaking into a broad, toothless grin.

His little hand would try to grab Lu Man's finger.

But each time he was about to grab it, Lu Man avoided him.

When this happened a few times, the baby got a little anxious.

He got angry and decided not to grab it anymore.

Lu Man then stopped moving her finger around. The baby quickly grabbed her finger and did not let go.

"Grandma, try to stretch a finger over, he loves grabbing it," Lu Man said.

Old Mrs. Han then stretched out her finger over as well.

When the baby saw it, he was like a moneygrubber who saw gold before him.

Both his hands had been tightly holding on to Lu Man's finger at first. At this moment, he took back one hand and grabbed Old Mrs. Han's finger as well.

"Xiaoya, quick, quick, quick. You come and stretch a finger out!" Lu Man said.

Shi Xiaoya laughed as she walked over and asked, "Can he grab them all at once?"

Lu Man smiled and said, "His panicking expressing when he can't grab them all is even more fun to watch."

Hence, Shi Xiaoya also stretched out her finger.

The baby indeed panicked.

He glanced at the new finger, then looked at the two fingers he was already holding on to. He could not bear to give up either and felt so anxious that he started kicking his legs.

He let go of Lu Man's finger to grab Shi Xiaoya's, then let go of Old Mrs. Han's finger to grab Lu Man's, then let go of Shi Xiaoya's finger to go and grab Old Mrs. Han's.

"See, this little fella is really greedy." Lu Man could not stop laughing from playing with the baby.

"Really, you. You treat your younger brother like a toy to play with all day." Xia Qingwei also laughed until tears almost came out of her eyes.

Lu Man played with Little Yijun as she said, "I don't have children yet. When I give birth to children, I will try all kinds of ways to play with them too."

"You should become a little more mature," Xia Qingwei said as she smiled.

Everyone laughed and chatted happily here.

Meanwhile, at the Lu residence.

Xia Qingyang's face turned pale. "Your dad isn't coming home again tonight! Did he even come home once during this week?"

Lu Qi could not help but agree. "Mom, say, could he really have found someone outside?"

Xia Qingyang suddenly stood up at once. After going back to her room for a while, she had already put on her coat and was carrying her bag in her hands.

"Mom, where are you going?" Lu Qi stood up as well.

"I'm going to his office to take a look! Didn't he say he was working overtime? I want to see where he's working overtime at!" Xia Qingyang said.

Lu Qi thought about it and said, "I'll go with you."

Hence, the two of them drove to the Lu Corporation.

Although most of the employees had already gone home, there were some who stayed behind to work overtime.

Xia Qingyang brought Lu Qi and walked into the company fiercely and aggressively.

They reached Lu Qiyuan's office.

Jiang Yujie was not in her seat.

Xia Qingyang went to open the door to Lu Qiyuan's office, but the door was locked.

"Where is he?! There's not a single person here?" Xia Qingyang shouted outside. "Tell someone to come here!"

At this moment, a female employee came out from the secretary's office. "Mrs. Lu."

"Where is Lu Qiyuan?" Xia Qingyang asked coldly.

"The CEO has already left," the female employee said.

"He left? He didn't work overtime today and didn't go for any business social gathering?" Xia Qingyang asked back.

"This..." When the female employee heard her tone, she knew that there was something amiss and said, "He isn't working overtime. The CEO isn't here now."

Chapter 2056: Instigate

"But whether he has a social gathering to attend, I don't know. The CEO's schedule is all arranged by Assistant Jiang."

"Assistant Jiang?" Lu Qi said. "So it's the one who always looks as if someone bullied her. What's her first name again? Jiang..."

The female employee reminded her, "Jiang Yujie."

“Oh, right, that’s her. What? Does my dad think quite highly of her now?” Lu Qi asked.

“We are all just performing our duties, it’s not that we are being highly thought of,” the female employee said carefully.

Lu Qi scoffed and did not ask her anything more.

Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi left and returned to the car. Xia Qingyang asked, “Why did you specifically ask about that Assistant Jiang just now?”

“I just think she’s quite irritating and especially fake.” Thinking of Jiang Yujie, Lu Qi felt so disgusted that she twisted her mouth.

Xia Qingyang reacted very quickly. “Don’t tell me your dad is with that vixen right now!”

Lu Qi lowered her eyelids and thought for a moment before she said, “Mom, do you think Dad might have gone to look for Xia Qingwei?”

Xia Qingyang was stunned for a moment. She seemed not to have heard this name for quite some time.

When she suddenly heard it today, she did not react immediately.

“Xia Qingwei?” Xia Qingyang repeated. “Why would your dad look for her? She won’t have eyes for your dad now. She has Wang Juhuai with her. Didn’t they say that she had just given birth to a son for Wang Juhuai?”

“Hah, this elder sister of mine, she has been pretty impressive since she was young. She was able to seduce Wang Juhuai at a young age to the point where he couldn’t even forget her after decades. She is already old and sallow-faced now, yet she could still make Wang Juhuai marry her willingly.” Xia Qingyang scoffed and said, “I lost, after all. I fought for my whole life, pretended for my whole life, and I couldn’t even keep one man’s heart. But Xia Qingwei? She was probably not even by Wang Juhuai’s side all these decades, yet she could make him yearn for her longingly.

“Xia Qingwei is really something. She is already so old, yet she still gave it a shot and gave birth to a son. With a son by her side, Wang Juhuai’s family members also can’t say much,” Xia Qingyang said. “Xia Qingwei is really ruthless, and she’s ruthless to herself as well. To tie Wang Juhuai down, she was even willing to risk her life.”

Thinking about it, being pregnant at such an old age was really not easy. Every day would be a struggle.

But the most difficult part was that Xia Qingwei could actually get pregnant at this age.

The Heavens favored Xia Qingwei way too much.

She always got her way.

Whatever Xia Qingwei wanted, she was able to get it.

Lu Qi did not know about all these thoughts going on in Xia Qingyang’s mind. She lowered her eyes, rolling them around as she pondered, then said, “Mom, you already said it. Xia Qingwei could capture Wang Juhuai’s heart even when she was not by his side, and she made him pine for this first love of his for over twenty years. With her skills, do you think Dad can forget about her after divorcing her?”

“I always felt that, all these years, even though Dad did not say it, there was not a moment when he forgot about her,” Lu Qi said. “Especially all these years when you slowly stopped pretending, didn’t you notice? When he saw your true personality, Dad became more and more annoyed with you.

“You may feel that you are tired after pretending for decades already. You think that your status as Mrs. Lu is safe and that it doesn’t matter whether he still likes you or doesn’t anymore, so you can’t be bothered to pretend and can’t be bothered to be considerate to him and flatter him.” Lu Qi scoffed. “But Dad is a person who is extremely conceited. He just likes it when the people around him fawn on him, and he likes it when his wife and daughter worship him.

“No matter what age he is, he has always been like that. You can’t satisfy his male chauvinist vanity now.”

Chapter 2057: Thought of Xia Qingwei’s Virtues Again

Lu Qi said: “He will definitely think of some people’s virtues again.”

Without Lu Qi elaborating, Xia Qingyang already imagined the rest of what she was going to say.

The “some people” Lu Qi was referring to, wasn’t it Xia Qingwei?

But she did not know that, actually, the “some people” that Lu Qi mentioned had a much deeper meaning to it.

It was not really just Xia Qingwei, it was in fact more like Jiang Yujie.

Just that Xia Qingyang did not understand what Lu Qi meant and had never met Jiang Yujie, so she naturally could not make the connection.

Compared to Xia Qingwei, Lu Qi suspected Jiang Yujie even more.

But it did not matter. Anyway, she would not let either of the two off.

Xia Qingyang would never have thought that Lu Qi would actually set her up, even though she was her biological mother.

Xia Qingyang just felt that it was really quite possible that it was Xia Qingwei.

When Xia Qingwei got together with Lu Qiyuan, she’d worked hard without complaint or resentment.

Even when Lu Qiyuan met some troubles at work and his career did not take a turn for the better, Xia Qingwei still did not rush him, and she’d even helped him tide over some difficult times.

All along, she had been unwavering in times of favor or humiliation.

But what Xia Qingwei fell short on was that even though she was gentle and considerate, she did not depend on Lu Qiyuan.

And Lu Qiyuan’s success could actually be credited to many of Xia Qingwei’s suggestions.

When they started their own business, Lu Qiyuan did think that this was quite good.

But when their career took off, Lu Qiyuan felt that Xia Qingwei was being a little too nosy.

He was not that bad either, or else how could he have managed such a big business?

He did not need Xia Qingwei to talk so much and give suggestions.

There were many things that he had already decided on, but Xia Qingwei wished to consider it more thoroughly, and this made him unhappy.

This was a classic case of a person using you and thinking everything you said was good when they were in difficulty, but the moment things got better, you became redundant.

When there is a problem, go to Zhong Wuyan. When all is well, look for Xia Yingchun¹.

Xia Qingwei was still that gentle Xia Qingwei, and she was still the Xia Qingwei who would provide some suggestions at appropriate moments.

But Lu Qiyuan no longer needed her.

He was arrogant and conceited. He felt that women should just be confined to their role in the household, take his money, and just go spend it. There was no need to interfere overtly in his work.

Xia Qingwei always “criticized” too much. Was he really that useless in her mind?

Because Lu Qiyuan was petty and narrow-minded, and extremely conceited as well, he came to harbor such thoughts, and his unhappiness with Xia Qingwei slowly deepened.

Over time, the crack between him and Xia Qingwei grew wider and wider.

It opened a window of opportunity for Xia Qingyang.

When there were not many problems in his career, Xia Qingyang’s petty habits naturally did not surface, and Xia Qingwei’s virtues became much less apparent.

Now that his career had met with difficulties, Xia Qingyang could not be bothered to pretend anymore.

Not only could she not help Lu Qiyuan, but she acted like a shrew and complained all the time.

How could Lu Qiyuan not think of Xia Qingwei’s virtues?

Xia Qingyang felt that Lu Qiyuan was definitely thinking of Xia Qingwei and might have even gone to find her.

But Xia Qingwei definitely would not have eyes for Lu Qiyuan anymore.

She had her first love around, and she’d risked her life to give birth to a son.

She’d put in so much effort, so why would she come back to Lu Qiyuan?

Although Xia Qingyang knew all these, it did not mean that she could be reasonable about it.

In her eyes, Lu Qiyuan just could not forget Xia Qingwei. Did Xia Qingwei not have any responsibility for this, then?

Xia Qingwei would not agree to get back with Lu Qiyuan, but this did not mean that she could forgive Xia Qingwei!

“Hah!” Xia Qingyang scoffed, shaking in anger. “Your dad, that b*stard, he definitely thought of Xia Qingwei’s virtues again now that he is in trouble.”

Chapter 2058: Scheme

Lu Qi pouted her lips and said, “Mom, today is Xia Qingwei’s son’s 100-day baby shower. Do you think Dad went over?”

“Could Wang Juhuai possibly invite him?” Xia Qingyang pursed her lips. “Even if he went there on his own, they won’t let him in.”

“That’s true, but that wouldn’t stop his thick skin from going there to try to express his regrets and how he is pining for Xia Qingwei. Isn’t the chance today an even better one for him to do so? And he can also put Wang Juhuai off. If this created a rift of suspicion between Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei, that would be the best outcome,” Lu Qi analyzed.

“And Wang Juhuai had been taking precautions against Dad harassing Xia Qingwei, so no matter whether Xia Qingwei went to work or if she was at home, she actually always has someone around her to protect her, so there’s no chance for him to get close at all.”

Don’t ask her how she knew. Haha.

Her career had suffered a devastating blow.

Whether it was the Lu family or the He family, neither was able to help her.

She could no longer get close to Lu Man.

She could not get close to Han Zhuoli either.

So she’d had no other choice but to approach Xia Qingwei.

It was just perfect that Xia Qingwei and Wang Juhuai were together, so Wang Juhuai could help her too.

No matter what, she was Xia Qingwei’s niece, and Xia Qingwei could easily become soft-hearted.

As long as she made herself sound ever so pitiful, Xia Qingwei would not disregard her at all.

The feud of the generation before her did not have anything to do with her.

So, she’d tried to think of a way to get close to Xia Qingwei.

But in the end, before she even knew where Xia Qingwei was, she had already been stopped by someone.

She then learned that Wang Juhuai had long arranged for people to shadow Xia Qingwei.

As long as it’s anyone from the Lu family, none of them could dream of getting close.

Lu Man?

Lu Man was no longer a part of the Lu family since a long time ago.

Speaking of that, Lu Man was really quite smart.

She'd established good relations with Wang Juhuai long ago.

And she'd even encouraged Xia Qingwei to get together with him.

To pave the way for her own career.

Even without Han Zhuoli's help, with Wang Juhuai alone, it would be enough for her to develop her career in the entertainment industry smoothly.

Back then, before Lu Man and Han Zhuoli publicly announced their relationship, did Lu Man not rely on Wang Juhuai's fame to defeat all obstacles in her way?

Xia Qingyang kept saying that Lu Man was stupid.

But in fact, she was as astute as ever!

As Lu Qi thought of that, she continued to say, "If Dad wants to see Xia Qingwei, he can only rely on this one chance today. He could also sow discord in Xia Qingwei and Wang Juhuai's relationship."

A flicker of light flashed across Xia Qingyang's eyes. Somewhat convinced by Lu Qi but still a little hesitant, she said, "What if your dad didn't go there?"

Lu Qi scoffed. "You won't be on the losing end either way."

Xia Qingyang did not respond for a moment.

In the past, Xia Qingyang was also full of wicked ideas, or else she could not have managed to snatch Lu Qiyuan and become the mistress.

But she was old now, and her mind did not work as fast as it used to.

"What do you mean?" Xia Qingyang asked.

Lu Qi kept her patience and explained, "Even if Dad didn't go and you went to let Wang Juhuai know that Dad still has feelings for Xia Qingwei, no matter how Xia Qingwei thinks of Dad now, just hearing that Dad can't get over her and still has feelings for her, no man can accept this!

"His own wife is being yearned for by another man. For a short while, he might still believe that his wife is unmoved by this. But over time, when things like that keep happening, he might not suspect that his wife is moved, but being pestered like that all the time will also be quite frustrating." Lu Qi scoffed.

Chapter 2059: The Biggest Regret in His Life

"It takes two to tango. If she didn't do anything, why would someone keep yearning for her for so long?" Lu Qi said coldly. "I don't believe Wang Juhuai can still remain unshaken. Even if he trusts Xia Qingwei, won't he feel uncomfortable deep down? If he feels annoyed and gets into a bad mood, will Xia Qingwei continue to feel good?"

“She will definitely think that Wang Juhuai was being distrustful of her and suspecting her, or else he would not be affected at all. Over time, what else will there be left of their relationship?”

“To be honest, the two of them haven’t seen each other for over twenty years. Could the two of them not have changed a single bit at all? I think that Wang Juhuai could yearn for Xia Qingwei for over twenty years not necessarily because his love for Xia Qingwei is so deep but because the two of them separated when their relationship was at its peak.

“The two of them were each other’s first love when they were young. Relationships at that age were so simple and wonderful.” Lu Qi raised her eyebrow and said, “At that time, really, nothing counts but love. Add to that how Wang Juhuai’s material conditions were not bad at all to begin with. Back then, the two of them had just gotten together. They were both trying to leave their best impression on the other party, so they won’t have revealed their shortcomings or petty habits. And because they liked each other and were very willing to accommodate each other, as long as the other party was happy, anything goes.

“When they are passionately in love, whatever they did was right, whatever they did was good. Some of the other party’s habits that were not aligned with your own will be oblivious to you, and it was not an issue even if it was apparent. The flaws of the other party will just become good in your eyes.”

Lu Qi pursed her lips and said, “But when they are madly in love, is it a time when they really get to know the other party? No. It’s after the high tide of love and passion and the relationship has slowly become plain and simple that you can start to assess the other party calmly. It’s then that they start to realize all kinds of petty habits of the other party that they dislike.

“But back then, Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei did not experience such a moment. They had been separated from each other by Lin Jinshu and Wang Juhuai’s parents when their relationship was at its best. Hence, what the two of them left for each other was that best memory they had together.

“What you can’t have will always be the best. They broke up when their relationship was at its peak, so the image they had of each other that remained in their memory will always be the best. And the more unattainable it was, the more unforgettable it was. The memory they had of each other in their minds will just keep becoming fonder and fonder.

“You think Xia Qingwei is really that good? If she was so good, why did Dad not want her back then? It’s precisely because the high tide of their relationship has passed. Xia Qingwei is actually just a very normal woman. There’s nothing special about her,” Lu Qi said.

“So, even though Wang Juhuai kept thinking of Xia Qingwei, it might not necessarily be that Xia Qingwei is that capable to have captivated him for over twenty years. It’s just the bad habits of men who yearn for the things they can’t get. He simply kept on beautifying his memories of Xia Qingwei.

“Add to that how Lin Jinshu had schemed to get in between them and done things that irritated Wang Juhuai more and more.” Wang Juhuai and Lin Jinshu’s matter was quite well-known to anyone who wanted to care about it.

Back then, to protect Xia Qingwei and not let people misunderstand her, Wang Juhuai did not hesitate to spill the beans on his issue with Lin Jinshu.

Hence, Lu Qi knew about it as well.

“With Lin Jinshu as a comparison, Xia Qingwei naturally became the biggest regret of his life.”

Chapter 2060: Lu Qiyuan Was Nothing

“Won’t it just become the faraway moonlight that he pines for secretly deep down? When they met again, their feelings from the past gushed forth, so they could not wait to get together with each other.

“Right now, it can’t really be considered that they’d already passed the high tide of their relationship. After a period of time more, when the high tide fades on top of having a child, with all kinds of minor things in their daily lives thrown into the mix, there will no longer be romance in the air, or any peaceful days. If Xia Qingwei can make Dad tired of her, she can make Wang Juhuai tired of her as well.”

It was too bad Lu Man was not here.

If Lu Man were here and heard this, she would know that Lu Qi was really not a dimwit.

Or else, she would not have been set up so tragically by Lu Qi.

But, similarly, she would also tell off Lu Qi.

Lu Qi made it sound so logical and reasonable, but all her analyses were wrong.

Lu Man was not here though, and Lu Qi also did not know that no matter how impressive her reasoning sounded, none of it was correct.

If she’d used these words to describe other people, it might still have worked.

But they did not apply to Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei.

Wang Juhuai was not like the petty and narrow-minded Lu Qiyuan, and Xia Qingwei was not fake like Xia Qingyang.

“Xia Qingwei seems to be living a good life now, but without Lin Jinshu as a comparison, sooner or later, when they’ve lived together with each other long enough, issues that the two of them cannot stand will surely pop up,” Lu Qi said very confidently. “After the high tide of passion passes, they will no longer think everything about the other person is good. And to top it off, Xia Qingwei still has my dad, her ex-husband, around pestering her...”

Lu Qi turned to Xia Qingyang and leaned in slightly to say, “At this moment, Mom, you have to work even harder.

“Even if Dad didn’t go look for her today and you went and made a scene...” Lu Qi slowly lowered her voice and continued, “Just question her whether Dad really went to find her or not. Ask her why she still had to seduce Dad’s heart and ruin your family.

“Anyway, which words to say, you don’t need me to teach them to you one by one, right?” Lu Qi asked in a soft voice.

Xia Qingyang seemed to be enlightened as her eyes lit up.

Lu Qi understood Xia Qingyang's jealousy towards Xia Qingwei way too well. "Xia Qingwei is living so well now. Are you going to stand by the side and just watch like this?"

"Why is it that she can be with whoever she liked?" Lu Qi continued to bewitch her by saying, "If you go there and make a scene now, whether Dad is around or not, we will not lose out. And the Han Family members will surely be around today at the 100-day baby shower. Let the Han Family see what kind of person Xia Qingwei is. With such a mother, can Lu Man possibly raise her head up?"

Xia Qingyang completely got it.

"Then... then if Xia Qingwei got spurned by Wang Juhuai in disdain, won't she come back to look for your dad?" Xia Qingyang asked hesitantly.

Lu Qi was annoyed and said, "If it's you, between Wang Juhuai and my dad, who will you choose? If you had already married Wang Juhuai and some conflict occurs between both parties, won't you be thinking of how you can continue to keep a hold of him? Will she still have time to come and find my dad?"

Compared to Wang Juhuai, Lu Qiyuan was nothing!

With such a comparison, Xia Qingyang got it.

She would definitely choose Wang Juhuai.

With Wang Juhuai around, even if their relationship was not good, she would not consider Lu Qiyuan either!

Even if she really wanted to seek comfort from someone else, as long as she had money, there were throngs of handsome young men out there waiting. How despondent must one be to insist on choosing an aged old man like Lu Qiyuan?

"Anyway, my dad and Xia Qingwei's relationship had already come to this state. Given Xia Qingwei's temper, it's impossible for her to come back to find him."