

Mr Han 2071

Chapter 2071: Use Me as a Knife

“Of course,” Xia Qingyang said coldly. “I have to investigate where his outside residence is thoroughly, and I want to know who exactly is that woman!”

Lu Qi thought about it and said, “I think that assistant of Dad’s is very suspicious.

“She is young and pretty, and she looks weak and gentle, like she is especially easy to bully. It’s very easy for her to invoke a man’s protective desire.” Lu Qi did not say that Jiang Yujie looked just like she was better than her mother at acting.

Xia Qingyang did not speak for a long while. She turned and just stared quietly at Lu Qi.

Lu Qi finally turned to look at her. She felt a pang of guilt being stared at like this by Xia Qingyang.

“Mom, what’s wrong? Why are you looking at me like this?”

It was oddly creepy.

Xia Qingyang just stared at her silently like that for quite a while before she said, “Lu Qi.”

Lu Qi’s heart suddenly dropped.

Xia Qingyang had always called her “Qi Qi.” This time, she suddenly called her by her full name, and her tone also sounded so cold.

Lu Qi forced a smile and asked, “Mom, what’s with you?”

“Are you really doing this for me? Or are you just instigating me, using me like a knife?” Xia Qingyang had calmed down now.

She now knew that Lu Qiyuan was having an affair.

But before the investigation results came out, she could not do anything.

After her anger had dissipated, her sense of reason returned.

The things that happened previously played out scene by scene in reverse motion in her mind.

From the time when Lu Qi completely did not care about her and only cared to hide herself, and to the start when she instigated her to go and find trouble with Xia Qingwei.

Xia Qingyang said coldly, “Qi Qi, you are my daughter, so I never guarded myself against you. I believe whatever you say. As long as it’s for your good, anything you asked for, I have never rejected before. But I never ever thought that you’d set me up like I’m a fool.”

“Mom, what are you saying? Why would you think of me in this way?” Lu Qi parked the car at the roadside, then took a deep breath before she said, “I have always been on your side. No matter what happened, I always spared a thought for you. You saying this about me really breaks my heart.”

“Really?” Who knew if Xia Qingyang believed her. “When I suspected that your dad was having an affair, you led me to Xia Qingwei. Actually, thinking about it now, that’s just impossible. No matter who hears that, it will just sound impossible and unbelievable to them.

“But I still believed you, because you are my daughter. I felt that no matter when, we are both on the same side. Since you were young, I did everything for you, and for you, I could do anything. As long as you requested for something, there was nothing that I did not agree to,” Xia Qingyang said, feeling bitterly disappointed.

“As long as it was something that was good for you, I will always do it readily,” Xia Qingyang said. “For you, I always tried my best to marginalize Lu Man and finally push you up to be the successor. For you, I kept suppressing Lu Man, not letting her show that she was more outstanding than you.”

“Even afterward, when Lu Man could no longer be controlled and you actually got harmed by her to the extent that your career kept spiraling downhill, in order to help your career, as long as it was something I could do, I did all of them. Afraid that you would get negative news coverage, which would add fuel to the fire on top of your existing scandals, I always came out to be the one helping make a scene.

“Why do you think I gradually revealed my original self in front of your dad?” Xia Qingyang asked her back. “It’s because I want to help you! To help you, I can even go on the streets and quarrel with someone. In front of your dad, I did what I did. After that, what’s the point of continuing to put up a pretense? Everything was too late. So I just went all the way.”

Chapter 2072: Can I Still Believe You?

“As long as you need me for something, I will do my best to help you.

“For you, I even went to jail before.” Xia Qingyang sighed. “Whatever you want to do, whether you want to find trouble with Xia Qingwei or Lu Man, you could have just told me straight. Could I not help you? Anyway, I’m already like this now, I don’t care about my image anymore. Why must you treat me like a fool to play with?”

Xia Qingyang laughed mockingly and remarked about herself, “It is indeed because I’m stupid. The words that you told me, if someone else were to come and say that to me, I definitely wouldn’t have believed them. But it’s because you told me that that I did not suspect anything at all and just did what you said.

“After the incident, when the truth came out, I then felt that I was stupid, and even more so that I am tragic,” Xia Qingyang said bitterly. “My daughter refused to say anything directly to me and was just using me. Even my daughter is using me! Then for the half of my life that I still have to live, do I still have any real relatives left?

“My husband is having an affair, and my daughter is just making use of me.” Xia Qingyang shook her head and laughed mockingly at herself. “Previously, you said that your dad might still be yearning for Xia Qingwei. Although I felt that it was impossible, because you were the one who said it, I believed you. In the end? I made such a huge joke of myself in front of Xia Qingwei. Getting dragged out like a madwoman.

“And you just stood by the side to watch. From start to end, you didn’t say a single word.” Xia Qingyang felt even more uncomfortable the more she thought about it. Being schemed against by her own daughter, it made her feel even worse than Lu Qiyuan having an affair.

Anyway, she had long seen through Lu Qiyuan’s character.

Lu Qiyuan was mostly just useful to her.

But as for Lu Qi, she really gave her all for her.

“You despise me for embarrassing you. But you used me, and when you were instigating me, why didn’t you find me embarrassing then?” Xia Qingyang asked.

“Mom, I didn’t!” Lu Qi would deny it to the very end. “Yes, just now I... I did really not come out to help you. But that’s because I knew, even if I came out, it would have been of no use. Who would have listened to me? Han Zhuoli? Lu Man? Or Xia Qingwei? None of them treat us like family, so no matter what I said, it would have been useless! I was indeed... indeed scared. My career hadn’t seen any improvement to begin with. If, because of the incident this time, it became even more hopeless, I...

“I want people to talk about me, but not with this kind of topic,” Lu Qi said.

Who knew if Xia Qingyang believed her, but Xia Qingyang continued saying, “My whole life, all the times I embarrassed myself was because of you. If I were on my own, why would I embarrass myself so much? Ever since your career started having problems, I went to find trouble with Xia Qingwei and Lu Man for you, each time embarrassing myself more than the previous time.

“To the point that now, I just cracked the pot and went all out, like a madwoman. I know how they think of me. They say I’m a shrew, that I was a mistress back then and was a disgraceful person, and now I am still a disgraceful person,” Xia Qingyang said. “But who did I do all this for?”

Looking at Lu Qi now, even Xia Qingyang felt bad for herself.

For Lu Qi, she inched step by step to turn into the state that she was in now, yet Lu Qi was disdainful of her and felt that she was embarrassing.

When she needed her help, she instigated her.

And made her act like a shrew.

When she found it embarrassing, she hid far, far away from her.

“You said your dad wants to get back with Xia Qingwei again, but it was not true. You just said that to instigate me to go there to cause trouble,” Xia Qingyang said. “Then, you’re telling me now that that mistress of his could be his assistant. Can I still believe you?”

Lu Qi’s face fell, pretending to look all indignant.

Chapter 2073: Ambition

“Mom, you said it too, I’m your daughter. You had been so thoughtful for my sake all along, so how can I not know that? I’m not so callous as to use you! This time, I made the wrong judgment! You can’t think of me in such a sinister manner just because of my error in judgment.

“If you’re sad, I feel even worse! I was just helping you to analyze, hoping to find out who that mistress is. Just because I made a wrong judgment, you thought of me in this way. How can you think of me like this?” Even though Lu Qi was no longer popular, she had acted properly in shows before. Wouldn’t her tears come when she wanted them to?

At this moment, her eyes turned red, and tears welled up in them. “Mom, you said just now that you could do anything for me. The two of us are really the ones standing on the same side, so how can you still suspect me? I’m your daughter! You actually don’t believe me!”

As Lu Qi said that, her tears started to fall.

She sounded so upset when she said that, which made Xia Qingyang’s heart soften again.

She could not help but wonder if she really thought too much about it and misunderstood Lu Qi.

After all, she watched Lu Qi grow up.

She poured in so much effort for Lu Qi, and Lu Qi knew it too.

How could Lu Qi bear to use her?

Anyone with a bit of conscience would not use their own mother like that!

Lu Qi would also not do that.

Anyway, she would have done anything that was for Lu Qi’s good to begin with.

How could she resent Lu Qi for this, then?

She was the one who thought of it in the wrong way.

Xia Qingyang anxiously said, “Qi Qi, it’s my fault. I shouldn’t have misunderstood you. Don’t cry anymore.”

Lu Qi shook her head. “I also know that it’s my fault. Because of me, you got implicated time and again and you suffered. You could have lived comfortably as a rich lady, but because of me, you came out and became a laughingstock to others, and you suffered so much. Mom, I know all of that.”

Xia Qingyang was so touched that her eyes reddened and tears welled up in her eyes.

She did not put in all that effort for nothing.

Whatever effort she had put in, Lu Qi had taken it to heart and knew about all of it.

That was enough.

“Mom, I really think that there’s a possibility that it’s Jiang Yujie. Really. You said that I was using you when I said that there’s a chance it might be Xia Qingwei, but for Jiang Yujie, what can I make use of you for?” Lu Qi sniffled and gently wiped her tears as she said, “I really did not think of our conflicts with Xia Qingwei and her daughter previously, but I didn’t think that it would make you misunderstand me now.”

“Don’t talk about it anymore. I was the one who misunderstood you. It’s all my fault,” Xia Qingyang said.

Lu Qi stopped talking about Xia Qingwei and said, “Mom, that Jiang Yujie, I saw her before.”

“Oh?” Xia Qingyang also very tacitly stopped bringing up unhappy matters.

The mother and daughter acted as if the incident earlier on did not happen.

But whether there was a knot in their hearts, only the two of them would know.

Lu Qi then talked about Jiang Yujie. “That time, I saw her in the company. At that time, it seems like she had just started working not long ago and didn’t recognize me. I wanted to go in to look for Dad, but she actually dared to stop me. Among the people in the company, who doesn’t know the two of us?! Whenever we went over, no one dared to stop us before.

“Her fellow employee helped her out and said that she was a newcomer who didn’t know any better and hadn’t seen me before.” Lu Qi scoffed. “Who was she kidding?”

“Even though I did not have many resources left by then, just given my previous fame, I’m not that easily forgettable, right? And I put on makeup before I went over. I did not cover myself up at all, yet she said she didn’t recognize me. That’s just her lying with her eyes wide open. At that time, I already felt that she might be someone with ambition. Who knows how she will sow discord behind our backs?”

Chapter 2074: Self-awareness

“Plus, she’s quite smart. Mom, when a woman judges a woman, it’s the most accurate,” Lu Qi said coldly. “And now that it’s just the two of us, we don’t need to talk about those irrelevant things. We don’t need to present ourselves in front of outsiders, so I’ll just go straight to the point.”

Xia Qingyang nodded. Because of Lu Qi’s words, she treated the matter with importance once again.

“The two of us are the same kind, both fake white lotuses,” Lu Qi said.

Who knew, Lu Qi could actually say it herself.

If Lu Man was here, she would even clap for her.

Her self-awareness was quite on point.

“We’re the type that acts innocent and pitiful to make men feel heartache for us,” Lu Qi said. “Every one of us is roughly the same type, and we are very accurate in our judgment of other people who are of the same type. That Jiang Yujie is precisely like this. I can tell with just one look.”

Not only do opposite forces repel each other, but similar types repel each other too.

“And seeing her methods, I’m afraid she’s one notch higher above us,” Lu Qi said.

Above Xia Qingyang, whose persona had long fallen apart.

And even if it did not fall apart, Xia Qingyang was old now, and she could not pretend to be an innocent little white lotus even if she wanted to.

Lu Qi laughed coldly. “After I saw her, I instantly went to ask around. I learned that at that time, she had indeed just entered the company not long ago and did not have any experience at all, and some minor mistakes would occur in her work.

“Minor mistakes don’t seem like much, and they won’t cause any huge losses. But if minor mistakes kept repeating, who can stand it? It’s more likely that a major business deal could suffer losses just because of a minor mistake. Usually, in the company, which superior can tolerate and keep an employee who keeps making mistakes and did not have any special skill? But Dad just tolerated all of it.”

Lu Qi said coldly, “Mom, at that time, when Jiang Yujie did not let me in and after I vented my anger, do you know what Dad’s attitude was like?”

Xia Qingyang frowned and asked, “What was his reaction?”

Lu Qi said, “I made quite a fuss because I was really angry. Dad heard the noise and came out. When he learned that it was Jiang Yujie’s mistake, he did not reprimand her at all and even just told her to go back to work. He was clearly protecting her and letting her quickly run away from me so that I won’t be able to make life difficult for her anymore.”

“But I didn’t think of it in a bad sense then. I didn’t think too much about Dad, I was just worried that Jiang Yujie harbored some ill intentions.” Lu Qi scoffed. “But thinking of it now, they might have already been cheating in disguise back then!”

“Even if they weren’t together then, Dad definitely had designs on her. Or else, why would a man, and a superior at that, tolerate her?”

Xia Qingyang finally panicked, no longer remaining calm.

“To be honest, when I saw her, it’s as if I saw myself.” Lu Qi scoffed. “We were the same kind.”

“That Jiang Yujie, from her name to her looks to her bones, she was just like a white lotus,” Lu Qi said. “Mom, you have been with Dad for so long. You can only know too well the type that he likes!”

Or else, Xia Qingyang would not have chosen such a path back then.

Xia Qingyang nodded. Apart from the previous time with Xia Qingwei, when Xia Qingyang was muddle-headed and did not think clearly...

This time, when she heard Lu Qi’s analysis again, Xia Qingyang felt that it actually made a lot of sense.

Actually, she already felt a barrier towards Lu Qi. As for Lu Qi’s words, she would have her own reservations when she heard them.

She would remind herself to analyze it calmly and not blindly trust Lu Qi again.

Under such a mentality, she still felt that what Lu Qi said made sense.

Hence, she started having her guard up against Jiang Yujie.

Chapter 2075: Let Him Take Good Care of You I Know

“Let’s go to the office first. Whether it’s Jiang Yujie or not, we will know when the results of the investigation come out,” Xia Qingyang said.

So Lu Qi started the car and drove off once again.

The two of them reached the office that Xia Qingyang was referring to.

The office was hidden within an office building, and it was quite secluded.

If she was not familiar with it, it would have been quite difficult to find the place.

Lu Qi could not help but ask, "Mom, how did you know of this place?"

Xia Qingyang laughed once and said, "How did you think I managed to snatch your dad over back then? I relied on coming here to check up on his whereabouts and hobbies."

Xia Qingyang entered the office, navigating the way there with ease and familiarity, and looked for the director cum detective of the office.

The director had a few disciples and assistants under him, who were in charge of some trivial investigations, to be sent by him as a sub.

When it came to more important situations, the director would still attend to them personally.

Xia Qingyang spoke about her situation and said, "I want to know my husband's whereabouts."

"No problem," the director said.

When everything was arranged, Xia Qingyang then brought Lu Qi to leave with her.

On this end, the 100-day baby shower just ended.

Everyone exited Sheng Yue and was standing at the entrance preparing to leave.

The two elderly people left first.

Right after that, Shen Nuo and Han Xijin left together as well.

Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei, as the hosts this time, naturally had to stay until the end to send everyone off before they could leave.

Han Zhuoli and Lu Man also stayed behind to keep them company.

Shi Guanzhong, Du Yiqin, and Shi Nancang bade farewell to Wang Juhuai and were about to leave.

Lin Liye was also about to go back with Han Zhuofeng.

Han Dongping followed them at the side. He did not say where he was going, he just wanted to follow Lin Liye.

Lu Man turned and noticed this uncle's cute behavior.

When he was being absurd, he was really absurd, but one had to admit, no matter how absurd he was, he never thought of going beyond his family.

His strong-headed stance in the past was because Lin Liye was willing to pacify him.

Now that Lin Liye was no longer willing to pacify him, Han Dongping felt scared now and made a turnaround to keep pursuing Lin Liye.

Where was his head-of-the-household demeanor from the past?

No matter how absurd Han Dongping was in other areas, at least when it came to love, he really did not do anything untoward to his wife.

He was a classic Han Family member.

At this moment, Lin Liye said, "In-laws, we will take our leave first too, then."

"Have a safe journey back too," Shi Guanzhong said, smiling.

Lin Liye answered. When she saw that Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya were standing together, she then instructed Han Zhuoling, "Take good care of Xiaoya!"

"Xiaoya, if there are any chores to be done, just let him do it. Don't indulge him. You got a big man right there, you can use him any time," Lin Liye said.

Han Zhuoling was Lin Liye's biological son after all. Shi Xiaoya felt that she could just take her words with a pinch of salt, not treat them seriously.

She just smiled lightly and did not really dare to agree with her.

Lin Liye was not anxious either. Anyway, Shi Xiaoya would know in the future that she really meant what she said and was not biased towards her own son.

Afterward, Lin Liye left together with Han Zhuofeng and Han Dongping.

Shi Nancang suddenly reacted. Seeing that the elders were no longer around and only Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei were left, he felt it was now fine.

Shi Nancang then said to Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya, "No, you both wait here for a moment."

Shi Xiaoya was surprised when she heard Shi Nancang's words and even asked, "Brother, what's the matter?"

"No, what did Auntie mean by those words just now? Let him take good care of you, I know, to let him do any chores there are. But you two don't stay together, so how can there be any chores for him to do?" Shi Nancang felt that was very weird.

Chapter 2076: Nice White Cabbage Chomped on by a Pig

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Shi Nancang had a vague guess in his heart.

Instantly, his expression soured.

Shi Nancang guessed it, and Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin also guessed it soon.

The feelings of these three were extremely conflicted.

Shi Xiaoya was a grown-up woman now. Being together with Han Zhuoling, this was an adult relationship.

And Han Zhuoling was a mature man who was with his girlfriend. If you were told that the two of them were especially innocent and did not go beyond normal conventions, no one would believe such words.

Han Zhuoling was a grown man; he would surely have his needs.

When their relationship reached a certain level, they would reach that step sooner or later too.

And, for a man like Han Zhuoling, the average woman was easily not a match for him.

Let alone Shi Xiaoya, who would only behave like an angry cat flaring its fur and baring its nails when you provoked her.

Normally, her personality was unbelievably soft. How would she be a match against Han Zhuoling?

Han Zhuoling was like a silent lion who would suddenly bite you and take you home in his mouth.

So, the three of them knew that this day would come sooner or later.

But knowing it was one thing. They were still not mentally prepared for it.

Because this day came a little too soon.

The three of them felt really conflicted deep down.

They knew that they were all adults and there was no need to interfere.

But she was still their daughter and younger sister.

It just felt a little off.

A nice white cabbage had been chomped on by a pig.

She had really been chomped on.

But the Shi family trio still had positive thoughts.

Perhaps they were not yet staying together.

Anyway, they had not heard Shi Xiaoya's answer, right?

As for Shi Xiaoya, when she heard Shi Nancang's words, she did not know how to reply for a moment.

To put it more accurately, she felt too embarrassed to reply.

And right now, Han Zhuoli and Lu Man, as well as Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei, were also around.

There were so many people.

Shi Xiaoya's face heated up as she quietly threw a glare at Shi Nancang.

Could he not ask in front of so many people? Couldn't he have asked in private afterward?

Alas, it was very difficult for Shi Nancang to receive her signal.

Han Zhuoling said, "Uncle, Auntie, Xiaoya and I are living together."

Du Yiqin did not think of anything else. Her first question was actually, "Then where are the two of you staying right now?"

Shi Xiaoya said frankly, "At my place."

Shi Nancang's eyes twitched. When he heard Shi Xiaoya say that, people who did not know would think that the great First Young Master Han was staying at her place and living off of her.

Du Yiqin did not think too much about it and continued to ask, "Is there enough space in your house? Won't it be a bit small for two people to live in?"

Han Zhuoling instantly felt that Shi Xiaoya's personality was more likely to resemble Du Yiqin's.

Most of the time, they were quite out of it, and it was quite interesting.

The corners of Shi Nancang's mouth twitched as he could not help but say, "Mom, is this a matter of whether they have enough space to live or not?"

They definitely had enough space to live.

Shi Nancang thought about it moodily.

Staying in the same bedroom as her younger sister, could he not have enough space?

"Why not?" Du Yiqin did not have that kind of "white cabbage getting chomped on" mentality that Shi Nancang and Shi Guanzhong had.

The way a mother-in-law sees a son-in-law was just different from the way a father-in-law sees a son-in-law.

The father-in-law will always want to make things difficult for the son-in-law and feel his heart ache for his precious daughter.

But the more the mother-in-law looked at the son-in-law, the more satisfied she became.

With regards to Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya living together, Du Yiqin had the highest acceptance of it among the three of them.

"Think about it, Xiaoya's home only has a total of three rooms. One is her study, one is turned into her dressing room, the other is the bedroom."

Chapter 2077: Did Not Think That There Could Be Such a Scheme

"Then what about Zhuoling's study and dressing room? Don't tell me he only gets half of the bedroom? That won't do."

Shi Nancang thought to himself that Han Zhuoling had not even been admitted into the household and Du Yiqin had already started feeling bad for her son-in-law.

China's best mother-in-law!

Was this a matter of the rooms not being equally portioned?

Why could his mother not catch the main point!

Shi Xiaoya saw that at least Du Yiqin did not mind it and was quite supportive of them, so she regained some courage.

Shi Xiaoya explained, "He bought the unit above mine, then installed a stairway through the walls to connect the upper and lower floors, changing it to a duplex apartment..."

Du Yiqin: "..."

She did not think that there could be such a scheme.

He was really a man capable of accomplishing big things!

Even when he wanted to cohabit with his girlfriend, he had to execute a scheme of actions that were so charming.

Shi Nancang pursed his lips and said with his tone full of suspicion, "Why was there such a coincidence that the floor above you wanted to sell their apartment?"

Shi Xiaoya's mouth twitched a little and she explained, "He spent double the amount to buy it."

Shi Nancang: "..."

Sure. Suddenly he did not know what else to say anymore.

To be able to stay together with Shi Xiaoya, a person like Han Zhuoling who loved earning money so much actually did something that was a huge loss to him.

That was very sincere of him already.

But Shi Nancang still could not help but lecture Shi Xiaoya and say, "He bought the floor above yours, wanted to connect the two flats, and you just agreed?"

He still understood his younger sister. It was definitely not Shi Xiaoya who suggested it.

Just judging from that old wily fox face of Han Zhuoling's, he knew even by just thinking with the soles of his feet who suggested it.

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"Brother!" Shi Xiaoya was too embarrassed to say anything else, so she could only call out to him in a complaining and cutesy tone.

In front of so many people, she did not feel good about retorting to Shi Nancang.

She still had to give Shi Nancang face.

She wanted to complain about why he had to clutch on to this matter and not let it go.

She acted cute to make him put the matter down.

Being called like this, Shi Nancang then stopped pursuing the matter.

Shi Guanzhong cleared his throat and said, "Xiaoya, you are grown up too. We won't interfere with this. But you have to be more mindful..."

Shi Guanzhong curled his hands fist-like, minced his lips, and cleared his throat before he mumbled and said, "Precautions."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Shi Xiaoya said, feeling tired, "Dad, Mom, you both should go back home earlier to rest too, it's getting late."

Shi Guanzhong had no choice.

Anyway, things had already come to this.

Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling were already together, so there was no point in saying other things.

It was too late to say anything now.

Han Zhuoling was about to say something, but he saw that Han Zhuoli and Lu Man were still around out of the corner of his eyes, and they had no intention of leaving soon.

Han Zhuoli smiled and said, "Don't mind us. Just treat it as if we're not around. Big Brother, go on."

Han Zhuoli had every reason to believe that Lin Liye purposely said those words right before she left.

His Auntie left right after setting Han Zhuoling up, flicking her sleeves and leaving happily.

Brilliant.

Han Zhuoling: "..."

Han Zhuoling could only adjust himself and try his best to pretend as if Han Zhuoli and Lu Man, this pair of drama watchers, did not exist.

He called Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin, "Dad, Mom."

Han Zhuoli almost sputtered.

Han Zhuoling was going a little fast now!

He already called them Dad and Mom.

Lu Man also widened her eyes in shock, as if she saw something incredible.

Shi Guanzhong: "..."

Du Yiqin: "..."

Being called by him like this, it was as if they had gotten used to it already.

"Don't worry, I will definitely take care of Xiaoya," Han Zhuoling said.

Chapter 2078: Nobody Was as Cheeky as the Two of Them

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Shi Nancang thought to himself, "Was this the whole point?"

He was about to say something when Du Yiqin dragged him aside, not giving him a chance to speak.

Shi Nancang: "..."

In front of Wang Juhuai and his wife, as well as Han Zhuoli and his wife, it was not appropriate for him to say much to Shi Xiaoya.

Du Yiqin nodded and said, "With you around, I can be assured."

"Alright, we'll get going first," Du Yiqin continued.

Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin then formally bade farewell to Wang Juhuai and his wife before dragging Shi Nancang away to leave with them.

On the way back, Shi Nancang even said, "How can you let Han Zhuoling off so easily! This is too preposterous. He just got together with Xiaoya not long ago, but now he's already coaxed Xiaoya to live with him."

"The two of them are already living together, it's too late to say anything now!" Du Yiqin smacked him in annoyance and said, "You are really too much. Don't keep picking on Han Zhuoling. The two of them are dating properly, so don't behave as if you're guarding against a thief. I know you dote on your younger sister, but you have to give them space as well."

"Guarding against a thief even? We didn't even manage to guard against him. If I really wanted to keep picking on him, how could I have let him move in with Xiaoya?" Shi Nancang said, feeling helpless.

"Enough. Zhuoling's character, we can all trust. I believe you can trust him too, or else you wouldn't have agreed to let Xiaoya be with him. I think he has decided on Xiaoya already. He is a man who honors his word. As long as he is set on it, he won't change his mind easily," Du Yiqin persuaded. "Anyway, Xiaoya is already a grownup. We shouldn't keep making decisions for her. She has the right to make decisions for herself. If she likes it, as long as there's no issue, we should support it."

What else could Shi Nancang say?

He could only agree.

Shi Nancang went back to his own apartment on his own.

Du Yiqin and Shi Guanzhong brought along their chauffeur and went home together.

Both of them sat in the car. Du Yiqin then sighed and said, "In the blink of an eye, Xiaoya has also grown up."

She had already started cohabiting with her boyfriend.

When she was young, she would run and jump around her. It was as if that was just yesterday when it happened.

And Du Yiqin even had a premonition.

That Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling were not far off from marriage.

Her premonition had always been accurate.

And Du Yiqin really trusted Han Zhuoling from the bottom of her heart.

It was probably because Han Zhuoling had an aura that made people believe him.

From the moment he stood before her eyes, Du Yiqin already had confidence in Han Zhuoling.

Although she supported Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya just then, aside from trusting Han Zhuoling, she also did not want to put Shi Xiaoya in a spot.

But her heart more or less felt sentimental.

Her daughter had grown up.

Shi Guanzhong patted the back of Du Yiqin's hand and did not say anything.

He was feeling very somber now too!

After sending off the Shi family trio, only Han Zhuoli, Lu Man, Wang Juhuai, Xia Qingwei, and little Wang Yijun were left at the entrance now.

Of course, there was also Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

Han Zhuoling then gave a half-smile as he turned to look at Han Zhuoli and Lu Man.

Nobody was as cheeky as the two of them!

Han Zhuoli did not feel guilty at all and said, "Big Brother, you didn't ask your in-laws and Xiao Shi to go for a housewarming?"

The corner of Shi Xiaoya's eye twitched. What on earth was "Xiao Shi"?

Xiao Shi was referring to her older brother, right?

Thinking of Shi Nancang being called Xiao Shi sounded really amusing.

How could she look straight at Shi Nancang in the eye from now on?

The moment she saw him, she might just think of this nickname, "Xiao Shi."

In the past, they were not familiar or close with each other, so her relationship with Han Zhuoli was just that of a boss and a makeup artist contracted under his company. She did not know that Han Zhuoli was actually so cheeky in private.

Usually, he looked cold and aloof to outsiders.

Chapter 2079: No Benefits Were Reaped at All

That cold and arrogant demeanor was as frightening as Han Zhuoling's, such that no one really dared to talk to him when they saw him.

Everyone just thought that he was a reserved and deep head of the Han Family. Who knew that in private, the contrast was so huge?

Han Zhuoling was also incredibly cold in front of others, but clingy and flirtatious in private.

Did all the Han Family brothers have double personalities in public and private?

“...” Han Zhuoling’s face darkened as he said, “I haven’t prepared for it. But after today, I can find a suitable date.”

Won’t he?

He had already been exposed by Lin Liye. There was not much he needed to worry about.

The moment Han Zhuoling finished saying that, he received a call from Shi Guanzhong.

“Dad,” Han Zhuoling immediately greeted.

Wang Juhuai: “...”

Xia Qingwei: “...”

They’d already heard him say that earlier on.

Yet they still felt that, no matter how many times they heard it, it was still very shocking.

Even Shi Guanzhong had to calm his nerves for a moment before he could continue saying, “How is the renovation process for your and Xiaoya’s place?”

Hear the chords and understand the allusions[1].

Han Zhuoling immediately understood what Shi Guanzhong meant and said, “It will be done this weekend. Dad, are you, Mom, and Older Brother free then?”

Shi Guanzhong said, “How about tomorrow, then?”

Even if they were not free, they had to make time for it. They just wanted to see immediately how their cohabiting situation was like.

“Sure,” Han Zhuoling answered, and he confirmed the approximate time with Shi Guanzhong.

After ending the call, he then bade farewell to Han Zhuoli and the others.

On Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi’s end, they were done discussing everything with the director of the office and only just left.

Although the plan to smear Xia Qingwei today failed, it was not completely fruitless.

Lu Qi planned to use this matter to smear Xia Qingwei online.

The netizens were not the Han Family, after all. They would not think from Xia Qingwei’s point of view.

Not everyone would analyze the situation rationally.

And there were many people who just went with the flow.

Whatever other people said, they would just believe it. They did not even know to use their brains to think.

And the people that Lu Qi wanted to make use of were precisely this bunch of people.

Even if it was fake, as long as she could smear Xia Qingwei's reputation, there would surely be some people online who would believe it.

Lu Qi was about to contact some gossip exposé outlets, but when she went online, she almost fainted from anger.

Before she could smear Xia Qingwei, the incident of Xia Qingyang and her going to Sheng Yue to cause a ruckus had already been exposed.

And it was different from the past.

in the past, there were many people who made groundless accusations and both parties would have been smeared.

But this time, she and Xia Qingyang were the only ones being smeared online.

Xia Qingwei was not affected at all!

"Lu Man!" Lu Qi gritted her teeth. It was definitely her!

Aside from her, no one would be able to accomplish this!

She had just been one step late, and the chance got snatched away by Lu Man.

Today was really... no benefits were reaped at all!

Lu Qiyuan naturally also saw the news.

But he did not think that he had already been suspected by Xia Qingyang.

Xia Qingyang went to find trouble with Xia Qingwei.

If Xia Qingyang had suspicions, she would definitely come and find trouble with him. Why would she go and disturb Xia Qingwei?

She was just using this as an excuse to cause trouble for Xia Qingwei.

Yet she ended up embarrassing herself.

As Lu Qi was there as well, Lu Qiyuan guessed that Lu Qi definitely had a part to play in instigating this.

Why did he think Lu Qi was a good one in the past?

In the past, when there were no issues in the family and he oppressed Lu Man and supported Lu Qi, she was indeed a good one.

Because there was no need for her to take action to deal with it personally. She could totally pretend to be a little white lotus, appearing gentle, demure, and kind.

Chapter 2080: Clearly Not Smart, Yet They Thought They Were Infallible

But the moment something happened, Lu Man rose up while she suffered.

Lu Qi started to rack her brains and exposed her true self and thoughts more and more.

Then people came to learn that, originally, she was not some gentle and adorable little white lotus.

His home life had turned into this state. From when did it actually all start?

Lu Qiyuan thought about it. Thinking about it, it started from the time when Lu Man stopped being controlled by them, and Lu Qi time and again instigated him and Xia Qingyang to go and cause trouble for Lu Man.

In the end, Lu Man was unscathed but their family suffered time and again.

And Lu Qi?

Although her career did not see any improvements, she did not really embarrass herself before.

Because the one embarrassing herself had been Xia Qingyang all along, and occasionally, he would even be the one embarrassing himself.

And Lu Qi?

She hid behind their backs all along, unscathed by everything.

Hence, Lu Qiyuan regained his senses.

That daughter of his, he really could not pin any hopes on her.

And because of that, all the more he would not use his money to support her anymore.

With Han Zhuoli suppressing her, Lu Qi still wanted to make a name for herself?

The money he took out to support Lu Qi would all be wasted.

And then, after that, Lu Qiyuan suspected that Lu Qi colluded with He Zhengbai to scheme to get the Lu Corporation.

Exactly how much they had schemed for, he still did not know.

He was looking for someone to look into it.

After all, behind He Zhengbai, the whole He family might very well be involved as well.

He Zhengbai was but a director who studied directing. He had no idea how to do business, so what could he know?

If He Zhengbai was really involved, then the He family would definitely be controlling him behind the scenes.

He Zhengbai's father and brothers were incredibly crafty, and they were only after their own interests.

The moment they struck, they would not let someone find them out easily.

Their methods were not simple.

They would not leave any obvious weakness for anyone to spot.

So even if he wanted to investigate, the results would not come out so soon.

But in Lu Qiyuan's heart, he had already convicted Lu Qi of wrongdoing.

He was already convinced that it was Lu Qi who colluded with outsiders to scheme against him.

He thought of how he had doted on her so much all this time.

She said she wanted to enter the entertainment industry and become an actress, so he poured in huge sums of money to invest in her.

In the end, all he got in return was Lu Qi's betrayal in this manner.

Lu Qiyuan felt bitterly disappointed.

So he also completely saw through Lu Qi.

He knew that this daughter of his was someone he definitely, definitely could not pin his hopes on.

Let alone that woman, Xia Qingyang.

Lu Qi colluded with He Zhengbai to scheme to get the Lu Corporation. Xia Qingyang was definitely a part of it.

He also saw through Xia Qingyang's true colors now.

This selfish and self-interested woman, she only had herself and Lu Qi in her heart.

Lu Qi turned out like this in large part due to Xia Qingyang's influence as well.

She had completely taken on Xia Qingyang's selfish and self-interested personality and was even worse than her.

But at least, on Lu Qi's matter, Xia Qingyang was really not selfish at all and thought about everything for Lu Qi's good.

For Lu Qi, who knew how much Xia Qingyang had suffered at Lu Man's hands.

So, when he saw the news this time, Lu Qiyuan's first reaction was that Xia Qingyang had been manipulated and instigated by Lu Qi once again.

And Lu Qi could only instigate Xia Qingyang.

Yet this mother and daughter were the same kind.

They were clearly not smart, yet they thought they were infallible.

They thought they were quite smart, but the ideas they came up with were especially ridiculous, and in other people's eyes, they were absolutely stupid things to do.

Yet they did not have any self-awareness at all.

Fine if they were stupid and embarrassing.

But one of was his wife, the other was his daughter.

If they embarrassed themselves, he would also be embarrassed because of them.

Lu Qiyuan gritted his teeth in anger.

“What’s wrong? What happened?” Jiang Yujie walked over and sat beside him.