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Chapter 211: All of Us Have to Be Careful

"Bwah!" Ye Xiaoxing sat on the floor and wailed, bawling her eyes out as if she had lost everything in her life.

When everyone saw it, discomfort was clearly written on their faces. They could not bear to watch.

Even Lu Man did not wish to watch Ye Xiaoxing put on a show, crying and making a huge fuss and even threatening suicide and hence left the office decisively.

After some time, she received a text from Wu Lize: "Ye Xiaoxing has already left, you can come back."

When Lu Man returned to the office, she saw that the atmosphere in the office was rather solemn and heavy because of Ye Xiaoxing's departure.

Upon joining the Han Corporation, Ye Xiaoxing had become Sister Li's disciple. Hence, even though Sister Li did not agree with Ye Xiaoxing's ways, she was still a little upset by Ye Xiaoxing's leaving.

So Lu Man returned quietly to her seat, not uttering a word. She knew that her colleagues still hoped that she could say something to let Ye Xiaoxing stay.

However, Lu Man was just unwilling. Even if her colleagues, who have now warmed up to her, decide to go back to being cold again, she still won't regret it.

Lu Man did not have a personality where after being bullied by others she could just laugh and brush it off.

After some time, Xia Mengxuan returned, her face dark.

Just now, she was the one who helped Ye Xiaoxing with her stuff and followed her to settle the papers regarding her dismissal and then sent her off from the company.

When she walked past Lu Man's desk, Xia Mengxuan paused. "You sure must be happy now! You've finally chased Ye Xiaoxing away! Who's the next person that you want to chase away? Me?"

"Xia Mengxuan!" Sister Li scolded her fiercely. "That's enough! It was Ye Xiaoxing's fault, how could you push the blame onto Lu Man instead? Return to your seat quickly, it's still office hours now, what do you think you're doing!"

"Since her appearance, nothing good has ever happened in our office! In just a few days, she has driven out two people!" Xia Mengxuan scoffed sarcastically, "All of us have to be careful now, otherwise we will be the next to be forced away by her!"

At that moment, Lu Man abruptly stood up. "Xia Mengxuan, I didn't say anything before because I couldn't be bothered with your crazy antics. Don't make this sound like I'm being unreasonable. Since my first day here, I've never ever done anything, yet you and Ye Xiaoxing strangely have a sense of animosity towards me. Anyway, I won't stoop to your level and just let it pass. Dai Yiran stole my proposal and got fired by the company, was that my fault? Ye Xiaoxing infected my computer with a virus and then slandered me in the company and got fired for that, was that my fault too? Managing

oneself is the most important thing. If you didn't provoke me, would I be so free and have the time to bother fighting with you? If you want to compete, then let's compete fairly, don't use all these underhand methods and dirty tricks. Otherwise, not just Han Corporation but no other company would ever be willing to tolerate that."

"Lu Man is right!" Brother Zhang spoke, "I know that right from the start, both you and Ye Xiaoxing thought that it was very easy for Lu Man to join our company unlike you two who had to put in so much effort back then. But that was entirely because of Lu Man's capability. Her personal growth was because of her own ability. Lu Man has already showcased her ability and proved she is worthy of all her achievements. So, instead of being jealous of others, why not improve yourself! However, instead of working hard and doing your job properly, all you do is spend all your time racking your brains just to come up with all those underhand and dirty methods. If you only think about how to bully someone, how to oppress someone how to scheme against them, then you will never improve. Doing that just proves that you are less talented than the other person. No company would ever tolerate such an employee.

Xia Mengxuan was shocked to see that no one stood on her side. Even Brother Zhang who had never really liked Lu Man was helping Lu Man and telling her off.

Her gaze scanned across the room and she coincidentally saw Chen Shimian's mocking gaze directed at her.

Xia Mengxuan suddenly lifted her hands and covered her face. "Wuwu..." She wailed as she ran out.

Lu Man: "..."

Clearly, I am the victim instead. Why does it seem like I am at fault instead?

It sure is frustrating.

Sister Li sighed, "What is this!"

After watching the drama unfold, Lu Man really did not wish to stay in the office any longer.

Coincidentally, it was time for the lunch break, so she headed to the pantry. Then, from the fridge, she took the lunch boxes that she had brought over in the morning and headed to the top floor.

Chapter 212: I'm Hungry

Just as Zheng Tianming was leaving for his lunch break, he saw Lu Man coming up with a bag in hand. "The CEO did not ask me to order lunch this afternoon, did you bring lunch for him?"

"Yes." Lu Man raised the bag up for him to see. "I'm going to the pantry to heat it up."

"Give it to me, you can go ahead and meet the CEO," Zheng Tianming took the lunchboxes.

Even Lu Man did not bother being overly polite with him.

At that moment, Ye Xuanxuan just happened to come out from the secretarial office.

Usually, Yang Fangqi and the rest would go in pairs or groups for lunch. Whereas, to avoid rumors and in fear of others seeing her, Ye Xuanxuan would normally go five to six minutes late, that way she would manage to avoid Yang Fangqi and others.

Today, like usual Ye Xuanxuan delayed herself and even the rest of the people in the secretarial office did not want to acknowledge that she only came out for lunch at this time.

At that moment she just happened to see Zheng Tianming taking the lunchboxes from Lu Man's hand, and Ye Xuanxuan laughed coldly.

Lu Man had such high ability, not being able to seduce the CEO, she just turned around and managed to seduce Zheng Tianming.

This Zheng Tianming was also so cheap, he knew what kind of person Lu Man was, she first seduced Wu Lize, then started to eye the CEO, and it was only when she did not succeed that she retreated and chose him.

Yet Zheng Tianming was not bothered by that.

Ye Xuanxuan sneered, her whole face full of contempt and disdain as she walked away.

Zheng Tianming, "..."

Was something wrong with Ye Xuanxuan!

Lu Man was too lazy to think about what else Ye Xuanxuan was randomly thinking about, the contempt on her face was already very obvious.

So she just passed the lunchbox to Zheng Tianming and went to Han Zhuoli's office.

At that moment, Han Zhuoli was busy with his work. When he rose his head up and saw that Lu Man had come empty-handed, he instantly stretched out his hand and pulled her onto his legs.

"You came here empty-handed?" Han Zhuoli asked as he pulled her into his embrace, narrowing his eyes like a dangerous large cat.

Lu Man's poked his chest lightly with her finger. "Why? Is it that you no longer care if it just me?"

Han Zhuoli grabbed the hand that was randomly moving around on his chest and fiercely muttered, "Little fox!"

She had even learned how to attack back!

Pressing her soft fingers, he suddenly thought of something and lifted them up and stuffed them into his mouth to softly bite on them.

An itchy and numbing current flowed from her fingertips towards her heart, and Lu Man could not help but tremble in his embrace.

The heat from his body warmed her until she was heated up all over, and the minty scent from his body seemed to become stronger.

"I'm hungry." Han Zhuoli's low voice became even more hoarse.

It seemed like not only was he hungry, he was also thirsty.

Lu Man's breathing stagnated. "I... I brought lunch boxes, Assistant Zheng just went to heat them up."

Han Zhuoli stopped for a while, his lips curling upwards, "So you still remember it."

Her heart was seduced by his husky voice, making her whole body feel itchy.

At this moment, being so close to him, Lu Man's breathing was messed up.

Han Zhuoli pecked her fingers a few times, his burning hot hand had pressed against the back of her neck. "The lunchboxes have yet to come, I want to eat some dessert first."

Under his hot and burning gaze, Lu Man trembled.

She did not even have time to say anything when Han Zhuoli started kissing her lips.

He was really treating her as a dessert, sucking and biting her.

All this while, Lu Man's back was pressed against the side of the office desk, it was pressing to the extent her back was paining a bit.

However, with her thin body was being trapped in his arms she could not run away.

"Don't you still have work?" Finally, Lu Man's two lips got some freedom, so she tried to get some oxygen.

Who knew that as soon as she said that, Han Zhuoli would stretch out his long arms and sweep away the documents on the desk to the side.

Lu Man: "..."

Wasn't it that the documents on the CEO's desk were all very important?

Chapter 213: Han Zhuoli's Gaze Had A Hungry Green Light To Them

Just when her mind started wandering, she was carried and placed onto the office desk by Han Zhuoli.

The coldness of the desk penetrated her shirt, piercing her skin, causing Lu Man to be very alert.

Han Zhuoli looked at Lu Man in satisfaction, the dessert before his meal lying on this orange-red office desk, making her skin seem so white that it was seemed like blinding light.

With her skin being so fair, the blush on her cheeks was accentuated, it felt as though red wine had dripped into her skin, gorgeous and graceful.

The two eyes that usually when awake were very clear and sly but at that moment only had a dazed look.

Right now, Lu Man was only wearing a blue pinstripe shirt with a slightly skewed collar that showed a bit of her delicate collarbone.

The depression in her collarbone seemed deep enough to be filled with wine, making Han Zhuoli want to pour some red wine into it, and then sip it bit by bit.

Han Zhuoli reached out his hands, just wanting to open her hair, he really liked seeing her with her hair open and spread out.

At that moment, Zheng Tianming knocked on the door.

Han Zhuoli's hand trembled, gritting his teeth he said, "Does heating up food take such a short time?"

Just then, Lu Man finally recovered and came back to her sense. Upon seeing how Han Zhuoli was gritting his teeth, she smiled, "Two to three minutes will be enough."

Han Zhuoli lowered his head, his gaze having a hungry green light.

If he did not know that Lu Man had just left the Lu Family to live with Xia Qingwei as she could not bear to be apart from her mother, he would have brought Lu Man to his home long ago

Han Zhuoli pulled Lu Man up. Originally he wanted to help her straighten her clothes, but upon seeing her skewed collar, his gaze drifted towards her slightly revealed shoulder that looked as white, tasty and sweet as cream.

Han Zhuoli's mouth was hot, and he could not stop himself from pulling her into his embrace again, then lowering his head to suck on her shoulder.

Suddenly, Lu Man felt a wet and soft warmth on her shoulder and following right after that there was a slight pain along with a feeling of something wet sliding over her skin.

And after that, Han Zhuoli finally let her go, looking at the red mark left on her white skin in satisfaction.

Han Zhuoli then helped her to wear her shirt properly before going to open the door.

Although he was interrupted, he had left a hickey on Lu Man's shoulder, and hence Han Zhuoli's mood was still very good.

Meanwhile, Zheng Tianming had already prepared himself for facing Han Zhuoli's unhappy face, it was just that this same thing had occurred so many times, and hence he had already reached a conclusion a long time ago.

As long as the CEO was with Lu Man, the CEO would not be able to stop himself.

But the lunchbox was already heated up and neither could he not give it to him, hence he definitely needed to interrupt the CEO.

As he knocked on the door, Zheng Tianming was also sighing about how hard his life was, but who knew that when the door opened he would see Han Zhouli grinning with a happy face.

Taking the lunchboxes over, Han Zhouli closed the door and saw that Lu Man had already cleaned everything up.

When he opened the lunchbox, he could see from the food that Lu Man had spent a lot of effort and not randomly made something just to pacify him.

“Just this once, don’t do it in the future.” Otherwise, Lu Man would have to wake up too early in the morning, it would be too tiring for her.

In her heart, Lu Man scoffed as he was the one who had especially asked her to make a meal for him.

“Actually, even though it was made in the morning, in the afternoon, it isn’t considered fresh and is not that nice to eat. Wait till the weekend, if you have time, I’ll make something fresh for you to eat.”

“Today, what was the reaction of the other colleagues in the office regarding Ye Xiaoxing’s dismissal? Did they blame you?” Han Zhuoli asked.

Lu Man was shocked at this man’s thoughtfulness, having considered even that.

“Quite a few of them stood on my side. Although they might still feel that the firing Ye Xiaoxing was a very severe punishment, they are all smart people who can tell right from wrong and know that this cannot be blamed on me,” Lu Man smiled. “You don’t need to worry about me, I won’t let anyone take advantage of me.”

Right now, it was not Han Zhouli’s first time eating the lunchbox made personally by Lu Man, before this he had stolen Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui’s lunch boxes several times.

Chapter 214: Best Newcomer Award Nomination

But this was the first time he was eating something Lu Man made especially for him, and the feeling was very good.

“There is a Gold Finger Award in the public relations industry, it is very prestigious and it can be said that everyone in the public relations industry desires to get that award. The Gold Finger Award has another award, the Best Newcomer Award, and each year it will be awarded to only one newcomer in the industry.” Han Zhuoli did not need to explain too much as Lu Man already knew that the prize had great prestige and honor.

“Before this, Wei Zilin had also received both the Best Newcomer Award and the Gold Finger Award,” Han Zhuoli said, “These past years, almost every single awardee of the Gold Finger Award has set up their own companies.”

Also, because they were the cream of the crop, they had their own team and company. Even if they did not start their own company, they would be an esteem employee at their original company.

“The Gold Finger Award is not possible, it requires a certain amount of experience to even qualify for nomination. However, for the Best Newcomer Award, one can be nominated as long as they have joined the industry within a year and have their own solo, outstanding public relations project, thus you can participate in the competition.” Han Zhuoli looked at Lu Man, feeling a surge of pride.

His girl was just that outstanding, which allowed him to help her.

Otherwise, even if he wanted to help her, he would not know how to help her, right?

“This year I nominated you,” Han Zhuoli said.

Lu Man paused for a while, holding her chopsticks still in her hand, “Me? Wouldn’t it be unfair?”

“You don’t need to worry, every company can nominate someone, but apart from that, I have also another spot in my hand. Anyway, it doesn’t matter who, as long as I find that an outstanding, talented person, I can nominate that person, the one I’m using for you is my personal nomination spot, so don’t worry,” Han Zhuoli said.

Such a spot was not exclusive to only Han Zhuoli, but even it was even Wei Zilin and Nan Jingheng had. Also, some eminent media personalities working in public relations and influential people had a spot for recommending someone.

“It’s not that I can’t nominate you on the company’s behalf, it’s just that people in your office already have unfavorable opinions regarding you, so I’m worried that if I use the nominate you on the company’s behalf then they will fall out with you again.” Lu Man was here to work and not to argue with people.

He did not want Lu Man to have to spend effort on her colleagues on top of working hard every day.

“Also, it just happened that Wu Lize recommended Xia Mengxuan for the Best Newcomer Award, and he probably had the same kind of thoughts as me, so I agreed to let you take the spot under my name. You are outstanding and with Du Lin’s case this year, your reputation is also good. It would be a waste if you don’t participate this year. Although next year you still can participate, it won’t be as suitable as this year.”

Lu Man did not think that he would even consider that point.

“You are a newcomer to this industry and even before completing a year you are already working on Du Lin’s comeback project. You don’t know how many people in this industry have been trying to find out about who was behind Du Lin’s recent publicity.” Han Zhuoli felt glorious, “Your way of dealing with it was marvelous, even if I had recommended on the behalf of Han Corporation, you would have deserved it.”

It was just that he did not want to cause unnecessary trouble for Lu Man.

Anyway, since he could nominate Lu Man on his behalf, why would he need to let her suffer grievances from her colleagues.

However, although Ye Xiaoxing has been dismissed, there was still Xia Mengxuan in the Public Relations Department and he had kept her in mind, she would not need to think of the year-end bonuses anymore, he was not going to give her that.

“That’s great!” Lu Man smiled, she no longer wanted to have arguments with Xia Mengxuan for no reason, it was very tiring.

“I have signed you up already, but don’t give yourself pressure.” Even as he said that, in his heart, Han Zhouli had complete confidence in Lu Man.

Chapter 215: Dessert After The Meal

"I don't dare to talk big, but since I have this opportunity, I also want to bring the prize back." Lu Man smiled, her eyes shining brightly; it was not arrogance, but her desire to do her best.

Han Zhuoli's heart was moved, he liked her confidence and willingness to fight for it.

"Have you finished eating?" Han Zhuoli suddenly asked.

As soon as Lu Man heard that, she knew he had no good intentions. "Not yet."

"Then let me feed you." As soon as he said that, Han Zhuoli placed Lu Man onto his legs.

Lu Man: "..."

Why was he not following his usual tricks?

"I'm full!" Just now, she was so scared of him tricking her again that he suddenly came up with an excuse, but the truth was that she had already finished eating.

"You're really done eating? Didn't you say you weren't finished, just now?" Han Zhuoli circled her arms around her dainty figure, his lips curving up in a smile.

Furious, Lu Man gritted her teeth, *this man, he knew the truth but still purposely asked!*

"I'm full now!" Lu Man gritted her teeth and said.

Han Zhuoli laughed lowly, as he laughed, he came closer to her until the tip of his nose was about to touch the tip of her nose.

His low laughter sounded like a pearl-like jade hitting a jade plate came out of his sexy Adam's apple, hitting her lips one by one.

"Then, what about the after meal-dessert?"

Lu Man understood his meaning instantly, however, she could not react in time as his lips pressed onto hers already.

His hot tongue squeezed its way between her teeth and lips, tasting every single part of the inside of her mouth.

The sour-sweet taste of sweet vinegar still lingered in her mouth; just now when Han Zhuoli had been eating the sweet and sour pork, he did not find the taste as good as it was right now.

Han Zhouli embraced Lu Man tightly, and unknowingly, he had already pressed Lu Man onto the sofa.

Just a while ago, in the afternoon, he had still been talking to people here, and now, Lu Man was lying on it.

Suddenly, Han Zhuoli stopped, not wanting Lu Man to lay on the place sat on by other people.

He did not want her skin to press against places others have sat before.

Han Zhuoli suddenly pulled her up and continued to hug her in his embrace.

Lu Man did not understand his sudden change, not realizing how possessive this man was in his heart.

He did not allow for any little bit of contact with anyone else, even if it was through an object.

“Man Man,” Han Zhuoli called softly, suddenly sucking on her earlobe, “Little girl...”

Such a little girl, how could she make him so obsessed!

Lu Man trembled a bit, she did not know why, but he sounded helpless and she could feel the strong emotion in his voice.

She tightly hugged Han Zhuoli back, what great luck did she have to meet Han Zhuoli in this life.

She hugged him, not wanting to let go again.

Upon walking out of the company, Ye Xuanxuan planned to find some restaurant near the office.

Just as she exited from the door, she heard someone call her, “Older sister!”

Looking over, Ye Xuanxuan saw Ye Xiaoxing carrying a paper box and walking towards her.

Before this, the two had argued and did not talk since then.

Ye Xiaoxing had caused her to receive two warning letters, and hence her parents gone to Ye Xiaoxing’s family’s house to cause trouble.

But now that Ye Xiaoxing had been fired, even Ye Xuanxuan could stay angry anymore.

Furthermore, she was also being ostracized by her colleagues, and with no one talking to at work, she was very bored.

At this moment, she was experiencing the feeling of having fallen down from the top of the world.

“Come out and talk,” Ye Xuanxuan took her away from the company and brought her to a nearby restaurant.

Seeing Ye Xiaoxing hesitate at the doorway of the restaurant, Ye Xuanxuan said, “Relax, it’s rare for colleagues from the company to come here.”

It was only then that Ye Xiaoxing entered with Ye Xuanxuan, and for safety reasons, they still sat down at a far-away corner table.

“What do you plan on doing after this?” Ye Xuanxuan asked.

Chapter 216: Take Brutal Revenge

“What else can I do? I got to find a job quickly, but I just don’t know if I can find a good job anymore.”

When Ye Xiaoxing talked about it, she started bawling her eyes out. “It’s all because of Lu Man, why did she have a bone to pick with me? She’s so evil.”

“You, you’re really too dumb! Why do you think she gets such special treatment in the company?” Ye Xuanxuan shook her head, “When I came out of the office today, I saw Lu Man bring a lunch box for Zheng Tianming with my own eyes.”

“What a shameless b*tch, how can she seduce everyone! Zheng Tianming is just an assistant, she’s really so not picky!” Ye Xiaoxing said angrily.

“You should not look down on Zheng Tianming. He’s the CEO’s special assistant, even the General Manager is very polite to him. He is always by the CEO’s side every single day, and if there’s even a small request, as long as it’s not too much, the CEO won’t bother about it and would even raise his hand to help a bit. So now, do you see why Lu Man is able to live so well?” Ye Xuanxuan stopped talking and took the menu from the waiter and ordered some dishes.

“Anyway, it is already like that now, no matter what you say it is useless. Don’t go on spreading what I told you just now. After suffering a loss once, you should remember it, don’t be too impulsive and gossip. Zheng Tianming follows the CEO and has a lot of connections, so if you ever provoke Lu Man again and anger Zheng Tianming, he can make it such that you can’t continue in the Public relations industry anymore, do you believe it or not?” Ye Xuanxuan warned her.

She was much smarter than Ye Xiaoxing, after receiving two warning letter, she had stopped scheming and moved on.

Even she had once thought of harming Lu Man before through Dai Yiran.

Yet no way was she like Ye Xiaoxing, offering herself on a silver platter, isn’t that just being stupid? Idi*ts deserve to be dismissed.

Ye Xiaoxing had already suffered losses, how could she dare to do it again?

Thinking about the possibilities that Ye Xuanxuan had talked about, Ye Xiaoxing was petrified, “I definitely won’t talk! But I can’t get over it whenever I see Lu Man living so well, while I’m in such a horrible state!”

“What else can you do?” Ye Xuanxuan was a bit impatient. “What else can you do? You can’t do anything, so just diligently find a job rather than thinking about anything else. Being fired by the Han Corporation, whether you can even find a job in a slightly bigger company is not yet confirmed.”

As for small companies, how could there be a day she succeeds.

Ye Xuanxuan sighed. “I know you aren’t resigned to your fate and neither am I, but what else can we do? We can only wait patiently. Don’t worry, Lu Man has also harmed me before once and I’ve suffered grievances, so do you really think that I want to see her having a better life in the company? I’ll wait patiently, eventually I’ll be an opportunity will open up for me to take brutal revenge!”

Listening to Ye Xuanxuan, Ye Xiaoxing felt that Ye Xuanxuan was much smarter than her.

At least, Ye Xuanxuan was still in the Han Corporation while she had been fired already.

“Older sister, then I have to rely on you. You can watch out in the company, if there’s anything you need help with, feel free to tell me.” At that moment, Ye Xiaoxing had a common enemy with Ye Xuanxuan,

making her feel felt that she was very close to Ye Xuanxuan at that moment, “Older sister, it was my mistake before, please don’t continue to be angry at me.”

“Alright, it’s time to eat,” Ye Xuanxuan said.

After her afternoon break was almost over, Lu Man returned to her office, still pondering about the Gold Finger’s Best Newcomer Award.

Actually, she did not know about her chances of winning it and could only do her best.

Currently, Du Lin’s publicity was already on the right track just like she had expected, step by step, following her rhythm.

The online comments on Du Lin online were getting more and more positive, and Du Lin’s exposure was also increasing, often trending these days.

As Du Lin followed what she had said and changed his Weibo to post self-insulting posts.

Chapter 217: Stirring Up A Thousand Waves

Just then, Lu Man heard Sister Li say, “Aiyo, it’s raining outside.”

Turning her head around, Lu Man saw the heavy rain outside the window hitting the window violently.

Lu Man suddenly thought about some interesting self-insulting posts she had seen online in her previous life; calculating the time, these paragraphs had yet to appear, or could it be said that writing those paragraphs was not something popular as of now, so she immediately wrote down a post and sent it to Du Lin.

Du Lin sent an emoticon that was laughing while lying down. “666 1 , little sister-in-law, you’re too good, wait, I’ll post it on Weibo straight away!”

Not long after, she saw Du Lin new Weibo post, “I just finished recording a show and returned home, when I came out of the car it suddenly started to rain heavily. Just before I left home, my wife had given me a very fancy cardboard box, so as I rushed home, I used my body to protect it and when I opened it to take a look later, it had an umbrella!”

There was even a photo attached to the post.

The comments were full of people laughing at his misfortune and despising him.

The fans did not know the trick, but a lot of PR teams used their own methods to learn about this situation and found that Du Lin’s post was a trick designed by Lu Man.

Meanwhile, somewhere else:

An Executive director of a Public Relations team: “We are also an old public relations team already, but look at Lu Man, she’s a newcomer, yet she spontaneously keeps coming up with fierce innovative ideas, you all need to be more hardworking, otherwise, you will be left behind in the dust!”

A leader of a Public Relations company: “At that time, Du Xiangdong had also come to our company, but everyone felt that Du Lin’s case was too difficult and did not dare to take it. Yet what about now? Lu Man somehow managed to help Du Lin become popular again! All of you go and do your research! Why is it that you can’t think of such a proposal? Lu Man did not even study public relations! A person who popped out of nowhere is better than all of you, why should the company still keep you?”

At the National Media University, the professor broadcasted a PPT file during the Public Relations lesson, “Today, let’s study Du Lin’s case, which is definitely a case worth studying. It will be of great help to you in the future.”

All this while, Lu Man still unaware of her plan designed for Du Lin stirring up a thousand waves in the industry.

At that moment, Wu Lize walked over to stand at the front of the office, he clapped his hands twice. “Everyone stop your work for a while, I have something to announce.”

Everyone stopped to look towards Wu Lize and heard him say, “Everyone knows, it’s time for the once a year Gold Finger Award. Our company has always had two nomination spots, one for the Gold Finger Award and the other for the Best Newcomer Award.”

Before this, although everyone had stopped doing whatever work they were doing, upon the mention of Gold Finger Award those who had been listening half-heartedly instantly perked up and focusing their gaze onto Wu Lize in anticipation though a bit hesitant.

The Gold Finger Award was nothing to those from outside the public relations industry, and probably they had not even heard of it before.

But as long as someone belonged to the PR industry, they very well know the importance of this award, it was like the Fields Medal to a mathematician, a Pulitzer to a journalist, an Oscar to an actor or director.

“This time for the Gold Finger Award, the company has nominated Chen Shimian,” Wu Lize announced.

Chen Shimian was stunned for a moment, and then instantly stood up in excitement. “Really?”

“Yes! Brother Zhang and Sister Li have been nominated before, so in the next two years we nominate Brother Zhang and Sister Li anymore,” Wu Lize smiled and said, “Furthermore, you have sufficient experience and ability and deserve to be nominated.”

“Xiao Chen, congratulations,” Brother Zhang smiled and patted Chen Shimian on the back, “I wish you good luck.”

“Xiao Chen, congratulations, do your best this time!” Sister Li also said congratulated him.

Chapter 218: You Still Have A Chance Next Year

“Thank you, Brother Zhang, thank you, Sister Li,” Chen Shimian was grinning from ear to ear and he could not manage to close his mouth, “Having the opportunity to go to the actual ceremony already

satisfies me a lot. There are so many people who are more outstanding than me, so as to whether I get the award I really don't have much hope."

Even if he did not get the award, being just nominated was already excellent for his portfolio.

"Don't say it like that, you are a part of our Public Relations Department. Anyone from our department can do well out there on their own. In here, our competition is quite a lot, but outside, you are already considered extremely good," Wu Lize smiled and encouraged him.

"Then what about the Newcomer Award?" Xia Mengxuan hurriedly asked.

Just as she asked that, she stared coldly at Lu Man.

This time, it could not be given to Lu Man right!

If it was like that, she had to ask the CEO about it!

Even if Wu Lize liked Lu Man, he could not do this, right?

Furthermore, she had just a month before completing one year in the industry.

That meant this year was her only chance.

If she could not be nominated this year, then she could only wait to be nominated for the Gold Finger Award.

But the Gold Finger Award was the main award and the competition for it was too much. So Xia Mengxuan had relatively more confidence in winning the Best Newcomer Award.

When Wu Lize took a look at Lu Man, Xia Mengxuan's heart skipped a beat.

"This year, for the Best Newcomer Award, the company has nominated Xia Mengxuan," Wu Lize announced.

Xia Mengxuan was so happy that she started yelling.

Right now, she was glad that Ye Xiaoxing had been fired, otherwise, the nomination for the Best Newcomer Award would have been a competition between them.

With Ye Xiaoxing, they would not know who the nomination would go to in the end.

"Whether you can get the award, it's not something we can decide, so the two of you should have a relaxed mindset and act as usual. This Friday night, go for the award ceremony." As Wu Lize finished saying that, he returned to his office.

Chen Shimian attitude was quite good, he was satisfied with being nominated. So once his excitement died down, he instantly returned to his work mode.

Whereas Xia Mengxuan gloatingly looked at Lu Man, "Some people get special treatment as soon as they join the company, but what's use of that? At the vital moment, this kind of important nomination cannot be chosen based on relations, it seems like the company is still fair and just. The leaders take notice of each person's individual performance."

Seeing Xia Mengxuan expression like that of a small man achieving great success, Sister Li could not stand it anymore.

She walked over and comforted Lu Man. "Lu Man, don't be too concerned about it. As for your performance, we all know how excellent it is. Most probably it's just that the company knows that after this year Xia Mengxuan won't have any opportunity and hence they nominated her this year. Otherwise, whether its ability or experience of working on a case, nothing can compare to yours. You don't need to be worried, you will still have a chance next year."

"Yes, I know." Lu Man was hesitating as to whether she should tell Sister Li that she was actually nominated too.

Yet how could she say that?

The CEO gave it to her?

It seemed a bit inappropriate to say it out.

While Lu Man kept hesitating, Sister Li had already walked off, and she did not have the opportunity to tell her anymore.

At that moment, upon hearing Sister Li, Xia Mengxuan who was still gloating felt offended. "Sister Li, the fact that you think Lu Man is good, that's your personal opinion. As for the company nominating me, it must be because I have the ability, and my profile is better than Lu Man. Could it be that the leaders of the company have worse judgment than you? You can just comfort her, but there's no need to insult me.

Furious, Sister Li just made hmph sound, she really displeased upon seeing Xia Mengxuan's gloating face.

"Lu Man, however, there's a sentence that Sister Li said correctly, you still have an opportunity next year." Xia Mengxuan smiled, proud of herself. "You can continue working hard."

Chapter 219: I Will Definitely Get An Award

What did it mean that the company did not choose Lu Man?

It meant that in the eyes of the higher-ups, the proposal Lu Man made for Du Lin's comeback was not that impressive or important; it was not as awesome as publicized by people.

Lu Man: "..."

Lu Man kept feeling like Han Zhuoli did it on purpose, he could have given the nomination to anyone else, but he purposely gave it to Xia Mengxuan.

This man had always been black-bellied, he just wanted to see the expression Xia Mengxuan would have on seeing Lu Man nominated as well!

But Lu Man could not bother to acknowledge Xia Mengxuan's gloating and concentrated on her work.

In the end, for the next few days, Xia Mengxuan kept gloating about it like a vile person.

She would take every single opportunity to brag about her nomination in front of Lu Man.

However, Lu Man just thought of it as watching a comedy show, it was fun to watch an actor perform badly in front of her every day.

On the other hand, Sister Li admired Lu Man a lot as even though Xia Mengxuan kept flaunting and showing off in front of her, Lu Man kept a neutral attitude, not having a single reaction and focusing on her work.

Thus, it looked like a solo performance by Xia Mengxuan, such an idi*t!

Finally, the most awaited Friday arrived, Xia Mengxuan and Chen Shimian would be going together to the awards ceremony at night.

For the awards ceremony, Xia Mengxuan had even gone to a boutique and steeled her heart to buy an evening gown worth more than 9000 yuan.

Whereas, instead of buying anything Lu Man just wore a formal suit that gave her a look of a capable and experienced professional.

She did not need to explain as Han Zhuoli could already tell what she was thinking, "You're right, it's the award ceremony for the Gold Finger Award and all the attendees are talented professionals from the industry, one needs to be sophisticated, brave and have a trustworthy temperament."

Lu Man's outfit suited the atmosphere for an industry talent; it was not a company's annual banquet for the attendees to fight over attention and neither it was like a party requiring attendees to flaunt by dressing up like celebrities.

This awards ceremony would be even more professional and the truth was, it was just another corporate competition.

For such occasions, wearing a floor-length gown was inappropriate.

Han Zhouli felt that Lu Man had thoughtfully considered all that as she had been originally learning fashion designing and knew the appropriate clothing for every occasion.

Just as five minutes were left for working hours to get over, Wu Lize came out to talk to Chen Shimian and Xia Mengxuan.

Even though Chen Shimian's attitude was quite good, right now, he could not help but be excited, unable to calm down and continue doing his work as usual.

So Wu Lize had Chen Shimian and Xia Mengxuan stop whatever work they were doing and told them to get ready to leave for the event.

"The two of you don't need to be nervous," Wu Lize said, "Chen Shimian's attitude is quite good so I won't say anything else. It's a prestigious award, if you get it, then it is a recognition of your ability. However, if you don't get it, then just continue to work hard as it means that you still have areas you need to improve on. So, Xia Mengxuan, control and compose yourself. I know that this is your only

chance to get the Newcomer Award, but the Newcomer Award is also very competitive, every nominated person is on a par with you, having just one chance. Keep a healthy mindset and don't place so much emphasis on winning or losing. Even if you don't get it, it isn't utterly devastating."

Unhappy upon hearing words that were originally meant to get her to relax, Xia Mengxuan complained, "Manager Wu, how could you say this? It's like you are looking down on me, believing that I won't get the award. I will definitely get the award and prove to you all that I'm not lacking at all!"

Xia Mengxuan felt that if it was Lu Man instead of her, Wu Lize would not say those words.

But why did she not think that if it were Lu Man, would Lu Man be as boastful as her?

Wu Lize was so angry that he laughed. Actually, he had seen how high-key she was these days, boasting and flaunting herself, making everyone in the office feel disgusted.

Chapter 220: The CEO Has Already Nominated Me

So, he wanted to give her a way out, to prevent her from losing face in case she did not get the award later on.

As the truth was, Wu Lize really did not think that Xia Mengxuan would get the award.

What kind of level she was, everyone knew.

This time around, she had been nominated only because there was no one else suitable.

Honestly, he wanted to nominate Lu Man but it would surely cause trouble.

Wu Lize knew that Lu Man still had a chance next year, so to prevent the Public Relations Department from becoming a joke in the company, he decided to give Xia Mengxuan's name for nomination to the CEO but he did not think that the CEO would approve it just like that.

From Wu Lize's point of view, Xia Mengxuan was just going to be a seat filler at the award ceremony and if it was Lu Man instead, then there was actually a possibility of Lu Man getting the award.

He had kind-heartedly helped her, but Lu Man did not want to accept his kindness so he would not care anymore.

Wu Lize raised his wrist to look at the time and said, "It's time to end work, let's go now."

The Gold Finger Award was a big event in the public relations industry, so even though not everyone from the PR Department was nominated, they would still go to the venue together.

As soon as everyone finished packing up and got ready to leave, Xia Mengxuan said, "Wait, let me go and change."

Right after saying that, she rushed into her office and took out a paper bag that had her dress for the ceremony.

Sister Li twitched her lips, "Manager, we know that just now you were trying to do something good, but since she doesn't appreciate it, just ignore her."

“I know,” Wu Lize nodded and said to Lu Man, “Lu Man, I apologize for not nominating you this year. I felt that since you have one more year, you can be get nominated next year. Moreover, this year, Xia Mengxuan already had quite a lot of opinions about how things should be done and if I had nominated you she would have definitely made a fuss. This year, our department has been constantly embarrassed in the company, so I was scared that if Xia Mengxuan started causing trouble this time, our department will lose face again.”

This was the difference between Wu Lize and Han Zhuoli.

Wu Lize prioritized his and his department’s reputation.

As when the Public Relations Department lost face, the one who truly lost face was Wu Lize. It meant that he was lacking in management skills as he could not even manage the employees under him, letting his department to be embarrassed in front of other departments.

So, in front of his reputation and future, Lu Man’s ability and future were all secondary.

Whereas, for Han Zhuoli, Lu Man was always his first priority.

The sole reason why Wu Lize did not nominate Lu Man was that he was scared of Xia Mengxuan causing trouble and making his department be the b*tt of a joke in the company.

Although Han Zhuoli had also agreed to Wu Lize’s suggestion because he was also scared that Xia Mengxuan would cause trouble, his main worry was not reputation but rather that with Xia Mengxuan causing trouble, it would make life difficult for Lu Man as along with the workload she would have to still need to deal with those things.

The final decision was the same, but the reason behind it was entirely different.

Wu Lize told Lu Man that she had a chance next year, whereas Han Zhuoli considered that her chances of winning next year might not be as good as this year’s and felt that no matter what, he had to nominate Lu Man this year for the Newcomer Award.

That was the difference between Han Zhuoli and Wu Lize, one was thinking of Lu Man while the other was thinking of himself.

Even Sister Li and Brother Zhang knew that this year was the best chance for Lu Man to contest for the award, and not nominating her this year was unfair to Lu Man.

Giving the spot to Xia Mengxuan was a waste.

But since Wu Lize was their superior, they could voice out their opinions even though they were very unsatisfied in their heart with the decision, feeling pity for Lu Man.

“No worries, the CEO has already nominated me,” Lu Man smiled slightly.

She had been hesitating all along whether or not to say it, scared that it would arouse people’s suspicion.

But her name was in the nomination list, and since they all were attending the award ceremony, everyone would know sooner or later anyway.

“CEO?” Everyone was shocked.

Wu Lize stiffened, uncomfortably. Originally, he had wanted to find an opportunity to explain all this to Lu Man so that she would not misunderstand that he was using his power as her superior to get his personal revenge as she had rejected him.

However, now that there was this sudden development, it seemed that he was really a villain.