

Mr Han 2121

Chapter 2121: How Am I the Same as You?

The velvet matte makeup style was way more classy.

She then dusted on a thin layer of loose powder on the exterior for Yu Mingshu to make her lipstick last longer.

After all, Yu Mingshu would have to stay at the gala dinner for the whole night.

Yu Mingshu said in surprise, "About what you said, the makeup artist I engaged when I attended the Oscars also said the same thing before."

Shi Xiaoya nodded. "Because this is a charity gala, you all will have to stay in the venue all the way. You still have to go on stage to present the awards. As your makeup artist, I can't follow you in, so I can only do my best to help make sure that your makeup can be maintained in the best condition for the longest period of time. The most important part of all is the lip makeup.

"If I use the loose powder to lightly cover it, it can make the lipstick appear more matte, and it can stay on your lips more. You might feel that it's a little drier and not that comfortable though," Shi Xiaoya said.

Yu Mingshu nodded in agreement. "Yeah. Last year when I attended the Oscars for the first time and the makeup artist did this for me, my lips felt really dry for the whole night, but I did not dare to lick them either."

"This is to make sure you look good on camera, and when reporters take photos of you, whether it's before you enter the gala or after the gala ends, you won't need to worry that your lipstick will have smudged. For the sake of beauty, you can only bear with it for a while," Shi Xiaoya said as she smiled.

Yu Mingshu nodded. Anyway, they had to maintain their image. To achieve this, the discomfort was really not considered difficult to bear.

After she was done applying makeup for Yu Mingshu, it was also time for Yu Mingshu to set off.

Shi Xiaoya had to follow along first. Only after Yu Mingshu had officially entered the venue could Shi Xiaoya then leave.

On the way there, Shi Xiaoya seized some spare time to send a text to Han Zhuoling. "I can only go back after the gala officially starts. Are you hungry? Why don't you order something to eat first?"

Very quickly, Han Zhuoling replied with two words. "I'll wait."

Shi Xiaoya smiled, but she did not dare to chat for too long with Han Zhuoling. She quickly sent back an emoji.

When they reached the venue, there were already quite a lot of people there.

After walking through the red carpet and letting reporters take photos, they then entered the venue.

But because the gala had yet to officially begin, Shi Xiaoya could not leave either.

At this moment, a lot of celebrities had already arrived. When they saw Yu Mingshu, whether they knew her or not, they all came over to say hello and get to know each other.

Meanwhile, Shi Xiaoya stood at a corner within a near distance to keep a low profile and not disturb them, but if there was a need, she could also appear within the shortest time.

Shi Xiaoya gave a sweeping glance and noticed that the guests that came were not just celebrities or people from the fashion industry.

There were also successful leaders from various other fields, as well as some socialites.

“Why are you here?” A voice that was etched in Shi Xiaoya’s mind suddenly rang out.

As Shi Xiaoya had been focused on Yu Mingshu’s situation, she did not notice the person that had just come.

When she heard the voice now, she then saw Xia Yixin, who was standing in front of her.

Xia Yixin was actually still around. She wondered if that middle-aged woman did not spill her name or if Xia Yixin had been so cautious that she did not go and find the middle-aged woman at all.

It was probably the latter.

Unless the person who instructed the middle-aged woman was not her.

But Shi Xiaoya still believed that it was more likely that the mastermind was Xia Yixin.

There was no particular reason, she just had that feeling.

Shi Xiaoya raised an eyebrow and asked, “Miss Xia, aren’t you here as well?”

Xia Yixin got angry the moment she heard that. “How am I the same as you?”

“We are indeed different. I am Zhuoling’s girlfriend. Wherever I go, everyone has to treat me politely,” Shi Xiaoya said with a smile.

The more Xia Yixin did not like to hear such things, the more Shi Xiaoya wanted to say them.

Chapter 2122: Her Ex-son-in-law

“It’s actually you, Miss Xia. The Xia family has already been cast aside by the Han Family in disdain.” Shi Xiaoya raised her eyebrow and said, “You can actually still appear on events like this. Oh. Nope, perhaps, there are still people sending you invitations now?”

Shi Xiaoya did not fear the Xia family at all.

Even without the Han Family standing up for her.

The Xia family and the Shi family were longtime rivals, just that the Shi siblings were not as high profile as the children of other families.

Shi Nancang only slowly started being known to other people because he had been replacing Shi Guanzhong to manage the company in recent years.

Shi Xiaoya never liked attending such extravagant events and was more willing to do the things she liked in a down-to-earth manner.

And Xia Yixin had never been concerned about the family business. She had only heard that there seemed to be a Shi family of sorts, but she did not know about other things.

Hence, even if Shi Xiaoya was standing right in front of her, Xia Yixin did not even know that this was the daughter of their family's longtime rival.

Anyway, between the Shi family and the Xia family, even at the Xia family's peak in the past, they were merely on par with the Shi family.

Ever since the Xia family started being pummeled by the Han Family until they were left hanging by a thread, most of their business had been snatched away by the Shi family.

And now with Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling's relationship, the Han Family would even help the Shi family to acquire parts of the business that originally belonged to the Xia family.

The Shi family probably did not even treat the Xia family seriously now.

So, even without Han Zhuoling standing up for her, Shi Xiaoya already felt very confident given her own family background.

"You!" Xia Yixin was so enraged that she almost wanted to hit Shi Xiaoya.

She really got enraged because of the way Shi Xiaoya looked when she raised her eyebrow.

Because the way Shi Xiaoya raised her eyebrow resembled Han Zhuoling's way too much.

How intimate, how familiar would the two of them have to be for her to be influenced by him? And even this subconscious expression looked almost identical to his!

She could tell that Shi Xiaoya was not doing it on purpose.

It was a subconscious, casual habit, one that had been influenced by Han Zhuoling.

She thought of how she had been husband and wife with Han Zhuoling for so long back then. Even so, she did not even share any similar little actions with Han Zhuoling.

But Shi Xiaoya had just gotten together with Han Zhuoling for only how long, and yet she could already be so similar to him.

If people did not know, they might even think that before she divorced Han Zhuoling, Shi Xiaoya had already been in contact with Han Zhuoling.

Wait a minute?

Before the divorce?

An idea suddenly flashed across Xia Yixin's mind.

It had not been thought through properly and was not a mature thought, but this was indeed a good line of thought.

Xia Yixin decided to go back and think about it properly.

But no matter what, Shi Xiaoya was not afraid.

She would not be on the losing end.

“Yixin.” Xia Yixin’s mother, Cen Mengqing, called her with a distant tone and walked over at the same time.

It’s true the Xia family could no longer compare to its past.

Cen Mengqing, however, had been one of the board members for this charity gala for many years.

Hence, no matter what, she would still receive an invite to the gala this time.

Since Cen Mengqing was a board member, if she wanted to bring Xia Yixin along, it was naturally a very easy thing to do.

Cen Mengqing walked over, saw Shi Xiaoya, and immediately recognized her.

Not that she recognized that Shi Xiaoya was the daughter of the Shi family, but she recognized that she was Han Zhuoling’s new girlfriend.

When Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling went public with their relationship, they made the headlines for a couple of days straight.

Other than that, Xia Yixin also especially searched for Shi Xiaoya’s photos to show Cen Mengqing, and she pointed at Shi Xiaoya’s photo while cursing her non-stop at home.

Shi Xiaoya’s details online also did not mention the Shi family, so Cen Mengqing did not know as well.

Cen Mengqing naturally disliked Shi Xiaoya.

No matter who Han Zhuoling fell in love with, she would not like that person.

After all, Han Zhuoling was her ex-son-in-law.

Chapter 2123: I Would Actually Find That Insulting

To this day, Cen Mengqing still wanted to live by the name of being Han Zhuoling’s mother-in-law.

When Han Zhuoling found a new girlfriend, it was as if this son-in-law of hers had committed adultery.

She would never acknowledge other women.

Hence, once she recognized Shi Xiaoya, Cen Mengqing’s expression soured instantly.

“So it’s Miss Shi.” As the board member, Cen Mengqing said, “I don’t recall the charity gala inviting you over.”

Shi Xiaoya said in a tone that was neither haughty nor humble, “I came in as a makeup artist, together with a guest. Before the gala starts, I will accompany her for the whole time here.”

“Hah!” Xia Yixin scoffed. “Don’t you just want to cling on and stay here? Since you are Zhuoling’s girlfriend, why didn’t you ask Zhuoling to bring you in?”

“Why? Don’t tell me Zhuoling also thinks you are a disgrace?” Xia Yixin said in a cold, sarcastic tone.

Shi Xiaoya’s face hardened as she said, “Miss Xia, that is my boyfriend. Please have some decency and stop addressing my boyfriend so intimately.”

When Xia Yixin heard that, she glared ferociously, as if she wanted to rip Shi Xiaoya apart.

How could Cen Mengqing let Shi Xiaoya agitate her own daughter like that in front of her?

Anyway, in her view, Han Zhuoling was once her son-in-law, meaning he would always be her son-in-law in this lifetime.

It could not be that after he divorced Xia Yixin, he would no longer treat her like a mother-in-law.

But who was Han Zhuoling shaming now!

After he divorced Xia Yixin, he found such an ordinary makeup artist?

Even when she filmed for *Survivor*, that was also by Han Zhuoling’s recommendation. Shi Xiaoya on her own would never have been able to get on the show.

Such an ordinary girl that did not have anything, Han Zhuoling actually liked her?

Whose face was he slapping?!

Cen Mengqing’s face paled in anger and she said, “Miss Shi, you are young and bursting with energy. You got an outstanding boyfriend at such a young age, and your life suddenly saw a 180-degree change, as if you suddenly got rich overnight. You forgot yourself for a moment, so you became arrogant and conceited, not treating anyone with respect. But you’ve never experienced this before when you were young, so when this suddenly happened, it’s quite understandable from other’s perspective.

“But if it’s not yours, and it will never be yours.” Cen Mengqing stared at Shi Xiaoya disdainfully and said, “Although Zhuoling divorced my daughter, I still treat him as my son-in-law.”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

For a moment, she had actually been stunned by Cen Mengqing’s shameless words.

How thick was her skin? *They already got a divorce and you still wanted to take advantage of it?*

Was the relationship always reciprocal?

“Even if he won’t get back together with my daughter—”

“Mom!” Xia Yixin could not help but call out.

How could Cen Mengqing say that?

She did want to get back together with Han Zhuoling!

Cen Mengqing pursed her lips and took a cursory glance at Shi Xiaoya before saying to her, “Even if he won’t get back with my daughter for the time being and went to find someone else, I can’t stand watching him be with someone like you. It’s too insulting.”

“Even if he wanted someone else, he should have chosen someone who isn’t too different, right? He actually chose someone who’s so different from my daughter. Who is he trying to annoy?” Cen Mengqing really just threw away even the most basic courtesy she had and just said that to Shi Xiaoya.

Shi Xiaoya smiled sarcastically. “Of course he has to find someone who’s way more different from your daughter. He suffered such a huge loss with Miss Xia, so could he possibly want to find someone just like her again? How devastated must he have been to do that! Don’t compare me with your daughter either. I’m sorry, I don’t want to be compared with her. I actually find that insulting.”

“You!” Xia Yixin was utterly enraged. “What are you being proud for?!”

“How can I not be proud?” The angrier Xia Yixin was and the more she did not want to see Shi Xiaoya’s proud and gleeful face, the more Shi Xiaoya wanted to smile gleefully for her to see.

Chapter 2124: Find Such a Disgraceful Thing Like You

“My boyfriend is Han Zhuoling. Just with this, it’s enough for me to extremely proud. You keep finding trouble with me, but isn’t it just because you regret it now? It’s no use, though! He’s my man now. Even if you regret it until your eyes pop out from jealousy, there’s no use.”

Shi Xiaoya did not hide her own feelings at all and gave her an expression that literally read, “You jealous? I’ll piss you off to death lalala!” It really made Xia Yixin so enraged that her face contorted in anger.

Cen Mengqing said furiously, “Why did Han Zhuoling choose such a disgraceful thing like you!”

Cen Mengqing realized that she’d lost her cool and took a deep breath, trying to control her emotions a little. “There’s no use even if you gloat now. You and Han Zhuoling won’t last.

“The two of you belong to two different worlds, after all. It’s impossible for you two to be together.” The Han Family could accept a Lu Man, but could they accept a Shi Xiaoya?

That’s hard to say.

When Han Zhuoli got together with Lu Man, Han Zhuoli definitely made huge efforts to make the Han Family accept her.

And, no matter what, even though Lu Man had a whole bunch of troubling issues at home, she was a celebrity to begin with. She had fame, and at least when she went out, she was still quite reputable.

And, Cen Mengqing thought, the reason why the Han Family could let Han Zhuoli marry Lu Man was because, towards the end, Wang Juhuai became Lu Man’s stepfather.

The Han Family saw that Lu Man’s background was already different now, and it was enough for her to be matched with the Han Family. That was why they agreed.

But Cen Mengqing did not know, these were all her self-conceited thoughts.

The Han Family, from start to end, had never minded anything.

It was actually just her who imagined all this big drama about Lu Man’s difficult marriage into a rich family.

Similarly, she also imagined such a situation for Shi Xiaoya.

She felt that the Han Family had already accepted Lu Man with so much “difficulty.”

How could they allow and accept another “disgraceful” granddaughter-in-law?

And Shi Xiaoya did not have a backer like Wang Juhuai.

“You and Zhuoling won’t be able to last, so it’s a matter of time before you break up,” Xia Yixin continued after she understood Cen Mengqing’s words.

Xia Yixin stared at Shi Xiaoya with evil intent written all over her face.

Suddenly, she started laughing in a weird manner.

“Shi Xiaoya, are you happy being a mistress?” Xia Yixin suddenly said very loudly.

Shi Xiaoya frowned. Could it be that Xia Yixin still wanted to do what the middle-aged woman did?

But she heard Xia Yixin say, “I say, why did Han Zhuoling suddenly want to get a divorce with me! He even framed me, so it’s actually you who seduced him! You shameless woman!”

Shi Xiaoya understood it immediately.

Xia Yixin really had such a good idea.

Because of her divorce from Han Zhuoling previously, Xia Yixin’s reputation had already gone down the drain.

Even if the Xia family wanted to arrange another marriage for her, they would not be able to find anyone.

With her history of adultery, no one would dare to take the risk to marry her!

Who knew whether she would secretly make a cuckold of another man?

Anyway, because of Xia Yixin, the Xia family could be considered to have offended the Han Family through and through.

And their capabilities were clearly lacking.

Who would be so suicidal as to marry someone who was completely useless to himself and might even drag him down?

It also might very likely incur the grudges of the Han Family because of this.

Not only would he not be able to get any benefits, he might even get implicated as well.

Hence, Xia Yixin had simply turned into a difficult problem.

Besides the point that she did not think highly of anyone else and dreamed of getting back with Han Zhuoling, even if she wanted to marry someone else, other people might not dare to want her.

So, Cen Mengqing and Xia Yixin, this mother and daughter pair, really did not understand their current situation at all.

Chapter 2125: Who Did She Become a Mistress to?

Don't think that Xia Yixin looked quite joyful going around telling people that the divorce was all because of Han Zhuoling.

No one believed her.

She was willing to say things, so other people just listened and treated it like they were listening to a joke.

Hence, Xia Yixin especially needed a chance to change her current situation.

Now, Shi Xiaoya was Xia Yixin's chance.

Xia Yixin now loudly slandered Shi Xiaoya as a mistress.

It was different from the scheme used by the middle-aged woman.

She insisted that Shi Xiaoya already had a thing with Han Zhuoling and that she was the one who'd ruined Han Zhuoling and Xia Yixin's marriage.

Not only did she smear Shi Xiaoya's reputation with dirty water, she even transferred the focus onto Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

Previously, when Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya's relationship went public, everyone was very focused on it.

But the focus was on how Han Zhuoling finally had a new relationship after his divorce.

And they protected Shi Xiaoya very indulgently.

Hence, everyone came to make a joke of Xia Yixin.

They wanted to see if Xia Yixin regretted it or not.

She saw how her "robot-like" ex-husband, whom she described to have treated her so coldly, was now so protective of Shi Xiaoya and pampered her so much.

They had long heard before that even if Shi Xiaoya went to the *Survivor* production as a makeup artist, even if Han Zhuoling was not a guest on that episode, he would also have gone over to see Shi Xiaoya.

He was already so protective of her.

He was so clingy, and he did not even care about his work.

If this was in the past, when did Han Zhuoling ever put down his work for someone else?

Yet because of Shi Xiaoya, Han Zhuoling was no longer a workaholic.

The difference then and now was too stark.

Could Xia Yixin not be angry?

So, everyone was waiting for Xia Yixin's reaction.

Since Xia Yixin wanted to get out of her adultery scandal and shift the focus away from her, she could coincidentally smear Shi Xiaoya's reputation as well.

But she was very bold to do that.

She clearly knew that Han Zhuoling was protecting Shi Xiaoya. Whether the two of them would last or not, at least now, Shi Xiaoya was untouchable.

It was precisely at this moment when they were so clingy and close to each other that Xia Yixin still dared to find trouble with Shi Xiaoya.

Because of Xia Yixin's loud claim, the people who heard all turned over to look.

Including Yu Mingshu.

"What's going on? Who did Shi Xiaoya become a mistress to?" Yu Mingshu asked.

The person beside her shook her head and said, "This is hard to say. That Xia Yixin is Han Zhuoling's ex-wife. Her character and reputation are quite bad. The words she say cannot be trusted so easily. It's better to reserve our judgments first.

"Previously, when Han Zhuoling had just announced his relationship with Shi Xiaoya publicly, Han Zhuoling had already divorced Xia Yixin for quite a long time. Shi Xiaoya has quite a good reputation in the industry, and she's never had any scandals. It's actually Xia Yixin who kept going around to talk bad about Han Zhuoling after her divorce.

"Now that she knew Han Zhuoling had gotten together with Shi Xiaoya, it's hard to say that she won't just smear Shi Xiaoya out of anger."

"Looks like Xia Yixin's character isn't really good," Yu Mingshu said. "It's actually Shi Xiaoya who has a good reputation."

Or else, there wouldn't be people who would speak up for Shi Xiaoya.

The person beside her chuckled and said, "It's because Xia Yixin's character is too terrible."

Yu Mingshu was not in the country previously. She did try to catch up with the country's entertainment industry news because she wanted to come back to develop her career.

However, the news pieces she followed were mostly the current situation and trends.

She did not actually know much about such gossip.

Though there were people like that who analyzed it logically.

There were also people who felt that Xia Yixin might not be lying.

Or else, why would Han Zhuoling suddenly announce his relationship with Shi Xiaoya publicly?

Chapter 2126: Under Investigation

Could someone like Han Zhuoling, who was so slow to warm up to people, possibly start a new relationship so quickly until he was pampering Shi Xiaoya so much?

The two of them might really have gotten together long ago.

For a moment, many people had different guesses about Han Zhuoling, Shi Xiaoya, and Xia Yixin.

Xia Yixin laughed gloatingly and said, "Shi Xiaoya, you will never be a match against me."

Alas, the moment she said that, she heard a cold and stern voice say, "Miss Xia Yixin."

Xia Yixin whipped her head around instantly. The other guests present at the scene also turned to look.

They saw a few police officers wearing police uniforms walking in.

Xia Yixin's heart skipped a beat, and she instantly felt nervous.

"You are suspected of instigating a person to slander, seriously injuring another person's reputation, as well as bribing that person," the police officer leading the team said. "Please follow us back to the police station to assist in investigations."

Shi Xiaoya actually knew all of these police officers who came.

They were the police officers from that police station where she and Han Zhuoling went to lodge a police report previously.

The police officers who came naturally also recognized Shi Xiaoya.

But they were carrying out public duties now, so they could not just say hello.

Or else, other people might think that they had some shady business with Shi Xiaoya and were not fairly executing their public duties.

Xia Yixin panicked. The moment the police officer spoke, Xia Yixin subconsciously thought of the incident where she'd bribed that middle-aged woman to go and find trouble with Shi Xiaoya.

She took two steps back and hid behind Cen Mengqing.

It could not be.

It was such a small matter. Could it actually alert the police officers to come and catch her?

But it could not possibly be because she had just slandered Shi Xiaoya as a mistress that the police officers came right away, right?

They would not have come so quickly even if they were fast.

"What are you all talking about? I don't know anything! Did you get the wrong person?!" Xia Yixin said behind Cen Mengqing.

When Cen Mengqing saw Xia Yixin's reaction, what was there not to understand?

She knew very well what kind of reaction her own daughter would have under what kind of circumstances.

Hence, she took one step forward and completely shielded Xia Yixin behind her. “You all suddenly came and wanted to arrest her, but we still don’t know what exactly is going on. There must be some misunderstanding going on here.”

“Whether it’s a misunderstanding or not, we can slowly talk it out back at the police station. We will definitely be able to sort it out,” the police officer said coldly.

“Wait!” Cen Mengqing still stopped them from arresting her daughter. “You can’t just take her away like this! You all definitely got something wrong and didn’t investigate properly before you came to arrest her!”

Cen Mengqing said, “Even if we go back to the police station and make things clear that it’s a misunderstanding, if you all arrest my daughter right here and take her away, my daughter’s reputation would have already suffered. Who is going to compensate her for this?”

The police officer said coldly, “You are obstructing police investigations by doing this. We can arrest you back to the police station together as well.”

Cen Mengqing was stunned for a moment. She actually forgot about this law.

The police officer waved his hand and said, “Take her away!”

The police officers behind had already come forward. Before Xia Yixin could react, she felt a chilling sensation around her wrists.

When she looked, she saw that handcuffs were already locked on her wrists.

In her lifetime, she had worn watches and jewelry that were worth hundreds of thousands of yuan, but she had never worn handcuffs before.

Xia Yixin was on the verge of hysteria. “Mom, what should I do? Mom!”

What else could Cen Mengqing say?

She could only leave together with Xia Yixin.

The guests at the scene were all very stunned.

Just now, it was Xia Yixin who’d called Shi Xiaoya a mistress.

It’s true that they’d not been very sure of the veracity of her claim.

After all, everyone did not really trust Xia Yixin’s character.

Most of them were just in for the show and felt that, actually, there might be a possibility it was true.

Chapter 2127: Who Knew What Sin He Committed in His Past Life

Yet before they could wait for Shi Xiaoya’s reply in this saga, the police came right away, wanting to arrest Xia Yixin on charges of slander.

Although she was only suspected of it, for the police to have enough confirmation to come and arrest her, and even use handcuffs, they must definitely have enough evidence.

Could it be that just as Xia Yixin slandered Shi Xiaoya, the police came right away?

That would be way too timely!

As if they knew Xia Yixin would say something.

Of course, this was only the crowd making jokes about the situation in their hearts.

They all knew that Xia Yixin had probably slandered Shi Xiaoya for something before this.

It must be quite serious, or else a case would not have been filed.

Coincidentally, today, when Xia Yixin once again slandered Shi Xiaoya, the police happened to come as well.

Because of this, what Xia Yixin had previously said about Shi Xiaoya coming in between her marriage with Han Zhuoling became totally unconvincing.

The people who were in for the drama and held suspicions at first also no longer doubted Shi Xiaoya at all now.

After all, judging from the situation, it was not the first time Xia Yixin had slandered Shi Xiaoya.

And now, she got hauled away by the police.

Haha!

Xia Yixin was really something. After her divorce, she kept smearing her ex-husband's reputation.

Now that Han Zhuoling had finally found a girlfriend, she wanted to slander his girlfriend as well.

She just did not want to see Han Zhuoling live well.

For Han Zhuoling to have married her back then, what sin could he have committed in his past life?

After Xia Yixin was taken away, the police did not really arrest Cen Mengqing on charges of obstructing police investigations.

They were not so strict as to insist on escalating a small issue.

But Cen Mengqing still had to follow Xia Yixin along.

Before she left, she hurriedly threw a glance at Shi Xiaoya and threatened fiercely, "You just wait! I won't let you off!"

Shi Xiaoya did not hide her disdain at all and rolled her eyes.

Who was she scaring?

Who's scared of you?!

Shi Xiaoya rolled her eyes in front of Cen Mengqing very obviously, showing her disdain clearly.

To show that she was not scared of her threats at all.

Shi Xiaoya was just one step away from going up to Cen Mengqing and rolling her eyes in her face. Her reaction enraged Cen Mengqing immensely.

Shi Xiaoya was just a minor makeup artist. She actually dared to show her disdain to her?

Even if Han Zhuoling was her boyfriend, could she be so arrogant?

Could Han Zhuoling protect her for life?

“Fine! Fine!” Cen Mengqing was utterly enraged. She pointed at Shi Xiaoya and said, “You just wait!”

After saying that, Cen Mengqing really did not dare to delay any longer. She hurriedly chased after Xia Yixin, who was being brought away.

At this moment, the gala was about to start.

Shi Xiaoya could not stay inside and prepared to go out.

She checked Yu Mingshu’s makeup one last time to make sure there were no issues.

But Yu Mingshu was still not assured, so Shi Xiaoya just lightly touched up for her, though there was really nothing much to touch up.

Afterward, she packed her things.

When she was about to leave, she suddenly heard someone say, “Isn’t that Young Master Ling?”

“Why is he here?”

“I heard that the organizer invited him before, but he rejected it. Why did he come now?”

“The organizers are also quite dumb. Cen Mengqing is one of the board members. How could Han Zhuoling come? So much for giving face.”

“And Han Zhuoling never liked to attend such events. Even without Cen Mengqing, he probably would not have come either.”

“Did you guys forget? Shi Xiaoya is here! He’s probably here to look for Shi Xiaoya.”

“What the f*ck! Then he must really pamper Shi Xiaoya too much.”

“Yeah. I wonder if it’s because he heard that Xia Yixin came here to find trouble with her, so he came over immediately.”

Chapter 2128: Who Said It’s a Coincidence?

“It might also be that he didn’t know beforehand but was just worried that Shi Xiaoya might be bullied here, so he especially came to boost her presence.”

“Anyway no matter what, Han Zhuoling is really... way too considerate and nice towards Shi Xiaoya.”

After all, these things that Han Zhuoling did for Shi Xiaoya were things he had never done before!

He broke all his rules just for Shi Xiaoya alone.

Shi Xiaoya quickly went up to Han Zhuoling.

She remembered Han Zhuoling saying that he would not attend the gala tonight.

“Why did you come over?” Shi Xiaoya asked.

“I came over to fetch you.” Han Zhuoling held Shi Xiaoya’s hand.

Shi Xiaoya smiled and asked, “You brought the invitation letter?”

“No.” Han Zhuoling pointed to himself. “My face is the invitation letter.”

He sounded so arrogant saying that.

But, that was true.

Shi Xiaoya could not help but laugh. “That’s true though.”

“Are you done with work?” Han Zhuoling asked.

“Yeah, we can go now,” Shi Xiaoya said.

Hence, the two of them started walking outside.

Ever since Han Zhuoling came over, everyone’s gaze had fallen on him and Shi Xiaoya.

Shi Xiaoya naturally felt it too.

But she was not affected at all, and she remained gracious and at ease.

There were some smart people who could tell at once that, just based on this point alone, Shi Xiaoya might not be some common person.

How many people could remain unfazed under such situations, not feeling uncomfortable even with everyone staring at them?

Even celebrities such as themselves who were used to being in the limelight would feel nervous at the start.

But Shi Xiaoya seemed to not have such feelings at all, as if she was totally used to it.

What kind of major events had she seen before, for her to be so used to it?

Smart people would already think of certain things.

And as for the organizers?

When they saw Han Zhuoling come, they were quite happy at first and wanted to see if they could make him stay.

Yet he just came to fetch his girlfriend.

He’d just entered the venue, yet he already wanted to leave after fetching his girlfriend. He did not have any intention to stay at all.

Each one of them was dumbstruck.

Han Zhuoling did not care about all these. He simply brought Shi Xiaoya along to leave the venue as if there was no one around.

It was probably because of his aura that even the people who wanted to make him stay or wanted to say a few words to him did not even dare to go up to him.

So the whole time, Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya walked unobstructed.

"I just saw Xia Yixin being taken away by the police," Han Zhuoling said after they walked out of the venue.

"Yeah, what a coincidence," Shi Xiaoya said. "Who knew that Xia Yixin would be here as well?"

Shi Xiaoya said, "She was even planning to slander me for coming in between your marriage just now. In front of so many people, she loudly claimed that I am a mistress. I think she probably wants to whitewash herself and seize the chance to smear my reputation again.

"But it's quite a coincidence as well. She had just slandered me about this when the police came, saying that they are going to arrest her on charges of slander.

"If the police had come a little later, or if they had not come at all today, even if Xia Yixin was really slandering me, there would inevitably be some people who will believe her," Shi Xiaoya said. "Anyway, good things have few believers, whereas bad things have many believers."

"Who said it's a coincidence?" Han Zhuoling gave a faint smile as he said that.

Shi Xiaoya suddenly stopped in her tracks in surprise and looked up at him.

She widened her eyes. "You called the police?"

Han Zhuoling shook his head. "The police indeed only found out that the mastermind was Xia Yixin yesterday after tracking the clues. They wanted to go and arrest her yesterday, actually."

Han Zhuoling gave a faint smile before he continued, "I thought of how today, there happened to be this charity gala. As one of the board members of this charity organization, Cen Mengqing will definitely come and attend."

Chapter 2129: Didn't Even Care About Her Pride Anymore

"Ever since the divorce, Xia Yixin had been excluded from all these major social circles. She always wanted to attend them and rejoin those circles. Because of Cen Mengqing's connection, she would definitely not let go of the opportunity to attend this gala this time around.

"After all, other galas or the like will not invite her either. She can only rely on this chance to rejoin those social circles," Han Zhuoling said. "So, to confirm it, I asked someone to check again, and I found out that she would indeed appear tonight. So I told the police to come and catch her tonight.

"It's such a major, important event that she finally managed to attend, so she would definitely treasure this chance. Let her then be taken away by the police in such a high profile manner at such an important

event that she so treasured, in front of so many socialites. And the reason for her being taken away, I believe the people present at the scene already know that by now.”

Shi Xiaoya nodded. “They really do know now.”

So Han Zhuoling did it.

She’d forgotten about Xia Yixin’s matter previously.

It was probably because she had been living too blissfully with Han Zhuoling that she did not have much troubles or worries.

Actually, the incident with the middle-aged woman happened only two days ago.

But Shi Xiaoya forgot it in the blink of an eye.

It was all because Han Zhuoling was too sweet to her. Some minor matters in the Han Family and Shi family had also happened during these last two days.

So she became so busy that she forgot.

But Han Zhuoling still frowned and said, “If I’d known this earlier, I would have come over here with you.”

Shi Xiaoya was confused, then heard Han Zhuoling say, “I still overestimated Xia Yixin’s limits. I thought that in front of so many people, even if for the sake of her own pride, she won’t dare to find trouble with you as well.”

Han Zhuoling pursed his lips. “Who knew she didn’t even care about her own pride anymore?”

Shi Xiaoya did not think much about it, actually.

Han Zhuoling was too anxious for her sake and treated her like a porcelain doll that would break easily.

But, in fact, she was not so fragile.

Her fighting spirit was quite strong.

But she knew, too, that it was because Han Zhuoling cared about her that he was so concerned.

It had nothing to do with whether her fighting spirit was strong or weak.

No matter how impressive she was, she was still the most important in his heart, and he would still be worried that she would suffer.

Even if she was up against someone with a pathetic fighting power of five[1], Han Zhuoling would still be worried that she would get hurt.

It was the same logic as how, no matter how strong Lu Man was, Han Zhuoli would still feel that his Lu Man was too easy to bully.

Shi Xiaoya felt that this virtue should continue to be maintained!

He had to treat her like a little princess for the rest of her life.

Shi Xiaoya held Han Zhuoling's elbow and said, "Don't worry so much, I'm not so weak. She can't do anything to me."

Even without Han Zhuoling around, she would still not be afraid.

Her family was not a pushover to begin with.

She was very confident.

Han Zhuoling chuckled and said, "I know, but I'm still worried that you will be disadvantaged. I didn't consider things thoroughly."

Han Zhuoling frowned and said, "I will definitely take note and not make such a mistake again."

As for how to dote on his woman, Han Zhuoling was constantly exploring new ways and improving his methods.

He could not just make perfection a one-off affair.

But with how he was now, Shi Xiaoya was already satisfied to the point where she could not be satisfied any further.

It was also because of Han Zhuoling's appearance this time that people's understanding of him was once again updated.

So, Han Zhuoling actually treated Shi Xiaoya so well!

Xia Yixin previously went around talking about how bad Han Zhuoling was, how cold and heartless he was.

That it was all because he paid no attention to her that their marriage fell apart.

But now, it was totally not the case!

How good was he to Shi Xiaoya!

Hence, everyone thought that, previously, when Xia Yixin said that Han Zhuoling paid no attention to her, she definitely had a part to play in that as well.

Chapter 2130: Just Said a Few Bad Words

Or else, why was Han Zhuoling paying attention to Shi Xiaoya, but not to her?

Besides, saying that he paid no attention to her was all said by Xia Yixin herself.

Back then, exactly how their marriage life was like, no one knew.

The words all came from Xia Yixin's mouth.

Originally, only a small handful of people somewhat believed the things that Xia Yixin talked about before.

Yet now, not a single person believed her anymore.

In the police car, Xia Yixin sat at the back.

Cen Mengqing naturally could not sit in the police car, so she could only drive her own car and follow behind them.

When they reached the police station, Cen Mengqing got off her car and rushed over immediately. She happened to catch up with Xia Yixin in the lobby. She was about to be brought into the interrogation room.

“Yixin!” Cen Mengqing screamed out once and quickly ran towards Xia Yixin.

Xia Yixin stopped and screamed, “Mom!”

She also panicked a little now.

“It’s fine, it will be fine. Don’t be scared,” Cen Mengqing said. She coldly glanced at the police officers on both sides and even threw dirty looks at them.

“I already contacted our family’s lawyer on the way here,” Cen Mengqing said. “The lawyer will be here in a moment. Before the lawyer comes, you don’t need to say anything.”

Xia Yixin nodded.

Cen Mengqing pressed on her chest where her heart was and said, “No matter how big an incident it is, nothing will happen to you. Don’t worry.”

“Okay.” Hearing Cen Mengqing say that, Xia Yixin felt much more assured.

Xia Yixin was brought into the interrogation room.

Indeed, she listened to Cen Mengqing. No matter what the police asked, she refused to speak, insisting to wait until her lawyer was here.

Not long after, the lawyer hurriedly arrived.

He first spoke a few words with Xia Yixin privately.

When the lawyer questioned her, Xia Yixin could only speak honestly. She had to cooperate with the lawyer so that the lawyer could think of ways to settle this matter amicably. “I was the one who did that. I was the one who told that middle-aged woman to go and find trouble with Shi Xiaoya, to purposely say that Shi Xiaoya had been a mistress kept by her husband before.

“In fact, that middle-aged woman is just a normal woman from the street. When I saw her, she was quarreling with someone very fiercely. So I looked for her, gave her some money, and asked her to go and find trouble with Shi Xiaoya. I wanted her to just berate Shi Xiaoya for being a mistress and things like that.”

Xia Yixin minced her lips and said, “Is this matter so serious? To the point of slander?”

“It’s just saying a few bad words and smearing her reputation a little, isn’t it? So many people spread rumors here and there online, but I don’t see anything happening to those people.”

The lawyer felt really tired in his heart and thought to himself, why did Xia Zhancheng have such a brainless daughter?

“You go online every day, but don’t you know that spreading rumors can also get you charged? If the number of shares cross 500 on Weibo, you can be charged for it already.” The lawyer felt that if he said it too professionally, Xia Yixin would not understand, so he just raised such an example.

Xia Yixin then panicked. “If it’s slander, how will the sentence be like?”

“Less than three years,” the lawyer said.

Xia Yixin’s heart instantly skipped a beat. “It’s so serious? I... I never thought that it will be so serious! This... Isn’t it just talking bad about other people? I just said a few bad things about them, and she wants to sue me?”

“Who could have guessed that this time, they’d want to pursue the matter with you?” the lawyer said. “The main point is, the police has a witness. The middle-aged woman you looked for had already become the police’s witness. How else did you think the police found the clues to catch you?”

“Then what now?” Xia Yixin asked anxiously. “You have to help me, to make sure nothing happens to me! You can’t let me go to jail!”

The lawyer did not feel confident at all.

After all, although the person who wanted to sue her was Shi Xiaoya, who was Shi Xiaoya’s backer?