

**Mr Han 2131**

**Chapter 2131: Don't Do Anything Rash**

It was Han Zhuoling!

Xia Yixin had gone and smeared Han Zhuoling's girlfriend's reputation. How could Han Zhuoling let her off?

Who knew which lawyer the Han Family would send out?

This lawyer was not confident deep down.

"The best and easiest way out now is to opt for private mediation," the lawyer said. "If you can make Shi Xiaoya drop the charges, then nothing will happen."

"Actually, your situation simply got blown out of proportion. You made Shi Xiaoya's reputation take a hit, and they are unhappy about that, so they came and sued you. It's that simple," the lawyer said. "If you agree, I will contact Shi Xiaoya's lawyer. We'll see under what terms and conditions Shi Xiaoya's side will be willing to opt for private mediation."

Xia Yixin did not want to bow down to Shi Xiaoya.

In her eyes, mediation meant bowing down.

She had just mocked Shi Xiaoya at the gala earlier on. In the blink of an eye, she had to bow down to Shi Xiaoya to admit defeat?

But Xia Yixin did not want to go to jail even more.

"Mediation is possible," Xia Yixin said.

The lawyer exhaled a little.

Even so, he felt that it was unlikely that Shi Xiaoya would be willing to mediate.

When it came to reputation losses, not anyone would be willing to accept money for mediation.

Especially when they did not lack money themselves.

But at least Xia Yixin was willing to bow down and cooperate, so there was still a bit of hope in the matter.

The worst was if Xia Yixin remained stubborn and refused to concede.

Xia Yixin thought about it and said, "Tell my mom that in my computer, in a folder labeled 'sl\*t,' there's a video."

The corners of the lawyer's mouth twitched.

What kind of name did Xia Yixin use?

Just how big was her hatred?

“When she sees the video, she should know how to discuss the mediation with Shi Xiaoya,” Xia Yixin said.

The lawyer instantly felt a wave of helplessness crash down. “Don’t do anything rash!”

Could she not just discuss a mediation properly?

Even if she had a very good attitude and sincerely wanted to seek mediation, Shi Xiaoya might not even agree to it.

What kind of trouble did she want to stir now?

Judging from what Xia Yixin said, there was definitely something in that video that could threaten Shi Xiaoya.

Her demeanor certainly did not look like that of someone who was sincere about mediating with the other person.

“I’m telling you, don’t do anything rash!” the lawyer said. “This will violate my professional conduct. I am not allowed to do such a thing.”

Xia Yixin laughed and said, “But I’m not asking you to do anything. I’m asking my mom to do it. I also didn’t tell you what to do. I just left something on my computer, and I need my mom to go take a look at it. Exactly what will be done, that’s up to my mom to decide. I didn’t say anything, and I didn’t ask you to break the rules either. All the more you don’t need to worry that you will cross the line and harm yourself instead.”

The lawyer minced his lips. She regained her senses at this moment.

“Don’t forget. You are hired with my family’s money. The requests that I make, you have to fulfill them,” Xia Yixin warned coldly.

The lawyer returned a cold smile.

Yeah, she was right.

He was just doing as he was told for money.

If Xia Yixin wanted to court her own death, and he could not stop her, then he would just let her go to hell as she wished.

The lawyer nodded.

After talking to Xia Yixin, he went to find Cen Mengqing and told her what Xia Yixin said.

Cen Mengqing did not know what was in it, but just like the lawyer, she could guess what Xia Yixin’s intention was.

Cen Mengqing did not have as many worries as the lawyer.

She just wanted to quickly save Xia Yixin now.

She did not dare to delay any further and immediately went home.

And the charity gala? She could no longer care about that anymore.

When she went back home, Xia Zhancheng was at home.

Cen Mengqing had contacted their company's lawyer.

### **Chapter 2132: That's Called Asking for Death**

That meant Xia Zhancheng also knew of this matter.

"What's going on?" Xia Zhancheng asked the moment he saw Cen Mengqing. "Where's Yixin?"

Cen Mengqing then said, "That Shi Xiaoya, she actually sued Yixin for slander!"

Cen Mengqing was furious.

Aside from worrying about Xia Yixin, she was angrier that a small fry like Shi Xiaoya actually dared to sue Xia Yixin!

Wasn't it just because she had Han Zhuoling backing her up?

When an evil person gets her way!

If not for Han Zhuoling, do you think she would dare?

"What is it?" Xia Zhancheng saw that after Cen Mengqing came back, she immediately ran to Xia Yixin's room.

He then followed her and said, "What slander? What did Yixin do?"

Cen Mengqing sighed and said, "Actually, Yixin just can't take things lying down. Why should she have to be treated so coldly by Han Zhuoling when she was Han Zhuoling's wife previously? On top of that, now that Yixin is being ostracized by her social circles, Han Zhuoling flamboyantly went to find a young girlfriend."

Xia Yixin was indeed much older than Shi Xiaoya.

"They had just divorced and Han Zhuoling found someone new already." Cen Mengqing herself felt that it was unfair. What right did he have!

Wasn't this as good as telling everyone that he, Han Zhuoling, did not care about Xia Yixin at all?

He quickly found someone else after his divorce!

"It would have been fine if he only did that. Anyway, he was going to remarry sooner or later. Our family can't stop him." Cen Mengqing had already reached Xia Yixin's room.

"It would have been fine if he found someone else, but why did he have to show off his love every day? In the past, when he was with Yixin, why hadn't he been seen to be like this? Now that he's with Shi Xiaoya, it's as if he's always afraid that other people won't know how well he treats his girlfriend and how much he dotes on her. As if Yixin and our family are a joke.

“Now, everyone outside thinks that he bore no responsibility at all in his divorce with Yixin. If that wasn’t the case, why would he treat Shi Xiaoya so well when he treated Yixin badly? That, then, was definitely Yixin’s problem.”

Cen Mengqing was so furious that she took a few deep breaths to calm herself down before laughing sarcastically. “No wonder Han Zhuoling managed to be so successful in business. How smart was he! He so easily relied on this trick to whitewash himself. Yixin said so much previously, but it was all for nothing.

“I even saw that Shi Xiaoya at the charity gala today. She was the classic example of an evil woman getting her way. She doesn’t even know that Han Zhuoling was using her, and she still gloated over herself, thinking about how much Han Zhuoling loves her.”

Xia Zhancheng frowned and interjected, “You said so much, but you didn’t say what, exactly, Yixin did that made Shi Xiaoya want to sue her for slander.”

Cen Mengqing then said, “It’s just because she can’t take it lying down! Why should they, the Han Family bully, our family just because they wanted to? Why should Han Zhuoling live so comfortably and even get himself a young lady when our Yixin can’t even rejoin her social circles now?

“It’s precisely because she can’t take it lying down that...” Cen Mengqing minced her lips, then said, “That she sent someone to Shi Xiaoya’s work studio to cause a scene and say that Shi Xiaoya had been a mistress before.”

Xia Zhancheng frowned and asked, “What do you mean? Shi Xiaoya sued her for slander because that was just nonsense and something that wasn’t true?”

“Yixin found a shrewish woman on the streets to deliberately go and cause a scene. Of course it’s not true, or Shi Xiaoya wouldn’t sue Yixin for slander,” Cen Mengqing said. “The police have already caught that woman now, and they took Yixin to the police station today.”

“Ridiculous!” Xia Zhancheng shouted angrily.

He was also angry that the Han Family had suppressed their family to this extent.

But knowing that you were not a match for the other party yet still going to look for trouble with them, that’s called asking for death!

### **Chapter 2133: Don’t Bother About It Anymore**

That was why he kept his tail between his legs, not daring to charge forward rashly and deciding to stabilize the company’s situation first before thinking about anything else.

Everyone outside knew that the Xia family’s situation was very bad. All the more, Cen Mengqing and Xia Yixin should know that.

Yet at this juncture, Xia Yixin still wanted to cause trouble for nothing.

“At a time like this, she didn’t keep her tail between her legs obediently and still went to offend Han Zhuoling. Is she thinking that our family is not getting ruined fast enough?” Xia Zhancheng said angrily. “Why did I raise such a wastrel good-for-nothing!

“At first, I had hoped that after she married into the Han Family, it can make our family’s status even better. Yet after she divorced Han Zhuoling, she also offended the Han Family so badly and made our family get ostracized to the edge. I was thinking, fine, she can just stay at home. Even if our family is not as good as before, we can still afford to feed her. As long as she doesn’t cause more trouble for the family, and behaves honestly, I won’t bear a grudge for her over how she implicated our family anymore. She’s my daughter after all, right?

“In the end? Things have already come to this, but she still can’t sit still and even went to find trouble with Shi Xiaoya?”

Cen Mengqing pursed her lips and said, “It’s not like Shi Xiaoya is any important person. Han Zhuoling is just using her.”

At first, Cen Mengqing just thought that Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling belonged to two different worlds, and the two of them would definitely not end up together in the end.

But after she said those words mindlessly, she suddenly gave herself a hint.

Perhaps Han Zhuoling was really just using Shi Xiaoya.

If he wasn’t, why would a man who’d kept a low profile for more than thirty years suddenly become so high profile?

All changes that happen suddenly are not normal.

Hence, Cen Mengqing now had an even more “convincing” evidence. And this when she did not even look well on Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya’s relationship in the first place.

Xia Zhancheng was so enraged that he pointed his finger at Cen Mengqing. “You... it’s because of your habitual indulgence of Yixin that she became so pampered to the point that she didn’t know her own place. She did not even know when she should keep a low profile! Our family is already in this state. How can we withstand another blow from the Han Family?

“Even if you think Han Zhuoling is only using Shi Xiaoya, can’t you just go and find trouble with her when she is no longer of any use after the two of them have broken up? Why must you do it at a time when Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya’s relationship is at its best?”

Xia Zhancheng was extremely furious. “No matter how much he’s using her, Shi Xiaoya is still Han Zhuoling’s girlfriend right now. No matter whether their relationship is deep or shallow, if anyone dared to bully Shi Xiaoya, as her boyfriend, how could Han Zhuoling stand by the side and watch? Even if it’s just for his own pride, he would not just watch as Shi Xiaoya gets bullied without doing anything!

“When the two of them break up, it’s fine no matter what you both want to do to Shi Xiaoya. Why must you choose such a time, what exactly are you both up to? Are you both teaming up to make sure our family collapses?” Xia Zhancheng was so enraged that he did not know what else to say anymore.

Why were there such stupid people around!

Ever since their family suffered a blow, he had been busying himself for the company, so he'd inevitably neglected the matters at home.

Yet the moment he neglected them, this mother and daughter pair caused such huge trouble!

"As for Yixin's matter, I'll handle it. You stop meddling in it anymore!" Xia Zhancheng said.

If he let Cen Mengqing continue meddling in it, who knew how big of a mess they would make!

Right now, their family could no longer withstand any more troubles caused by this mother and daughter pair.

After Xia Zhancheng said that, he glanced at Cen Mengqing and asked, "Right, why did you come to Yixin's room?"

Xia Zhancheng's attitude was already so clear. How would Cen Mengqing still dare to say that Xia Yixin left some blackmail material on Shi Xiaoya and wanted to use it against her?

#### **Chapter 2134: This News Is All Over the Internet**

"Oh," Cen Mengqing then said, "I came to pack some clothes or whatnot for Yixin, to send it over to her."

Xia Zhancheng nodded, not suspecting that there was anything amiss.

He then left first, thinking about how to settle Xia Yixin's matter.

Seeing that Xia Zhancheng had left, she then opened Xia Yixin's computer. After it was switched on, she looked for the folder that Xia Yixin had mentioned.

When she saw the name of the folder, she then knew how much Xia Yixin hated Shi Xiaoya.

When she clicked in, she noticed that it was a video of that middle-aged woman going to Shi Xiaoya's work studio to cause a scene.

Cen Mengqing was into charity shows, so she had her fair share of connections with celebrities.

She was quite familiar with these tricks too.

But she did not do it herself. She hired a professional instead.

She knew that the top two PR managers were Wei Zilin and Lu Man.

But these two people's relationship with the Han Family was not an average one.

Everyone knew that the relations between the brothers of the eight great families were exceptionally good.

Lu Man had even married into the Han Family.

She naturally could not approach those two people.

The moment she thought of that, Cen Mengqing felt depressed.

If she could have approached either of them, they could easily make sure that Shi Xiaoya would not be able to clear her name!

Feeling resigned, Cen Mengqing could only look for other renowned public relations companies.

This matter was more urgent, so Cen Mengqing asked someone to make the contact.

Afterward, she used the fake excuse of sending things to Xia Yixin to go and meet that PR manager.

The two of them agreed to meet in a cafe.

She personally handed this video to the other party, making her own intentions clear and what ends she wanted to achieve.

But the other party had already done similar things countless times.

All these schemes could be said to be assembly-line projects.

The methods were more or less the same.

So the other party very quickly designed a proposal and explained it to Cen Mengqing.

Cen Mengqing's request was actually very simple. She just wanted to upload this video online and make sure it spreads far and wide, generating as big of an impact as possible.

She just wanted to dump this pile of shit solidly on Shi Xiaoya's head, making her unable to shake it off and unable to air her grievances.

It was just that she did not have as many paid posters to hire at the moment, and she only knew a thing or two about such publicity methods, so she felt that she might as well hand it over to a professional to do it, mainly because it would be more convenient.

It could also avoid letting other people find out that she was behind it.

As for the results, as long as the video was spread widely, it would be enough. That did not require much technical skills to do.

Cen Mengqing felt more pleased and asked, "You can do it tonight, right?"

"Don't worry. By the time you get back home, you will have seen this news all over the Internet," the other party said.

Cen Mengqing then left feeling pleased.

But the matter was not so simple.

When this PR manager went back, intending to upload these things up online, he noticed that every time it was uploaded, the material did not pass the censor checks.

It was because Han Zhuoling had given a heads-up previously.

If this matter had happened ten days or half a month after, it might not have been blocked.

But Han Zhuoling had just given the heads-up two days ago. They naturally had to guard it a little more strictly.

When Cen Mengqing got news of that from the other party, she immediately asked, "Then what should we do?"

"Don't worry. I know the people from the internal censorship checks team. I'll ask someone to let me pass for a moment. It's probably because Han Zhuoling gave them a heads-up. But even if he gave them a heads-up, it won't be able to prevent human errors and gaps in between. There are so many censorship checks personnel. Most of them are subcontracted to external vendors, and it's too complicated. Once we're through, it won't be easy for him to investigate even if he wanted to," this PR manager said.

The manager told this to Cen Mengqing because he wanted to let her know that it was not that easy for him to do this.

### **Chapter 2135: Someone Found Trouble with You but You Didn't Tell Me?**

Indeed, Cen Mengqing felt that, luckily, she left this to a professional to do. If she had done it alone, it would have been troublesome for her to do such trivial things.

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Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya returned home.

Han Zhuoling then received a call from Nan Jingheng.

As the power holder of the biggest media corporation in the country, Nan Jingheng was always the first to receive such news.

"Brother Ling, quick, go online and take a look. Someone is smearing elder sister-in-law's reputation online," Nan Jingheng said.

Although he'd called Shi Xiaoya "younger sister-in-law" in the chat group previously, that was all in a joking manner.

When he was serious, Nan Jingheng still obediently called Shi Xiaoya elder sister-in-law.

Nan Jingheng briefly explained things and did not waste Han Zhuoling's time anymore. He quickly ended the call so that Han Zhuoling would have time to go and see what exactly was going on and think of a way to handle the matter.

"What's wrong?" Shi Xiaoya saw that Han Zhuoling's expression was a little sullen.

Han Zhuoling's expression would have appeared to be no different to outsiders.

When he was expressionless, it always made people think that he was angry.

He clearly did not have a fierce face, but that aura of his just made people feel nervous.

But in front of Shi Xiaoya, he had always had a smile on his face.



But even when he was expressionless, Shi Xiaoya could also magically understand his expression.

“Just now, Jingheng called and said there was someone smearing you online.” Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya had just entered the door and had not even had time to change out of their clothes.

The two of them could not care about that now. They sat on the sofa, opening Weibo to look.

Without needing to search for it purposely, there were already many big-name accounts sharing the video, or adding their own captions to upload it.

“Renowned Makeup Artist’s Black History Exposed: Confronted by Man’s Wife for Being a Mistress.”

“Han Zhuoling’s Girlfriend Was a Mistress.”

There were headlines like these and even more extreme ones, which were even more eye-catching.

Without clicking in to look, one could already tell that it was a video of the middle-aged woman who went to Shi Xiaoya’s work studio that day to make a scene.

Han Zhuoling clicked on the video.

Judging from the angle, someone took the video from outside Shi Xiaoya’s work studio.

It was not done by an employee within the studio.

Shi Xiaoya heaved a sigh of relief. At least there was no traitor from their work studio.

“Didn’t you give a heads-up previously?” Shi Xiaoya asked. “By right, when this video was taken, they would have uploaded this at the first moment that day to smear my reputation. It didn’t get through then, which shows that because of you, it completely won’t be able to get uploaded. How come today—”

“There are too many censorship-check personnel and the system is too complicated. There will definitely be some people who have some private connections.” Han Zhuoling understood it very quickly. “Just like Lu Man. If she made a move, these kinds of things won’t be able to stop her. She can also find someone to create a loophole to upload the video.”

Han Zhuoling said, “So, there must definitely have been someone who’d engaged a professional to deliberately smear you.”

“Xia Yixin is still in the police station now,” Shi Xiaoya said. “That means it’s—”

“Cen Mengqing who did it,” Han Zhuoling said.

At this moment, Shi Xiaoya’s phone rang.

Shi Xiaoya picked up the phone and said to Han Zhuoling, “It’s my older brother.”

As Shi Xiaoya said that, she answered the call, “Older Brother.”

Over the phone, Shi Nancang said anxiously, “What’s going on in the video online? When did that happen? Someone found trouble with you, but you didn’t even tell me?”

Shi Xiaoya glanced at Han Zhuoling and said, "It's not a big matter, so Zhuoling settled it.. That's why I didn't tell you."

### **Chapter 2136: We'll Settle Scores Slowly**

"Settle? How did he settle it? If he'd settled it, would this video have made it online?" Shi Nancang said furiously. "Are you at home now?"

"Yeah, I'm at home." Shi Xiaoya nodded.

"I'll go over right now," Shi Nancang said. "When I arrive, we'll settle the scores slowly!"

Shi Nancang was angry at Han Zhuoling.

This was such a small matter, yet he could not even protect Shi Xiaoya.

Shi Nancang knew very clearly that Shi Xiaoya had definitely been implicated by Han Zhuoling in this matter.

Before she got together with Han Zhuoling, Shi Xiaoya had never met with such things.

It was after she got together with him that she met with all these troubles one after another.

Before waiting for Shi Xiaoya to reply, Shi Nancang ended the call. He did not even give her a chance to decline.

Shi Xiaoya ended the call and said helplessly, "My older brother is on the way here."

Han Zhuoling nodded. "I heard it."

Shi Nancang was quite angry, so his voice was very loud over the phone.

Han Zhuoling could hear him over the phone as well.

"I'll give Lu Man a call," Han Zhuoling said.

Shi Xiaoya nodded.

Having a top PR master in the family was just that convenient!

Leaving this to Lu Man would naturally resolve the matter in a more complete and clear-cut manner.

When Lu Man received Han Zhuoling's call, she roughly heard a description of the matter and said, "Big Brother, I'll come over with Zhuoli first. I'll call you when we come out. You can tell me about it in detail then."

With this kind of matter, the best way to handle things would be to give some reaction as soon as possible. The slower the reaction, the more harmful it was for Shi Xiaoya.

"Sure." Han Zhuoling understood Lu Man's intention and ended the call.

Lu Man told Han Zhuoli about the overall situation. The two of them did not go online tonight, so they did not know about this matter.

They quickly packed their things, changed their clothes, and went out.

On the way, Lu Man then called Han Zhuoling.

She heard Han Zhuoling describe the whole matter from start to end clearly.

Lu Man nodded. "I got it. Do you both have Xiaoya's graduation photos from Jixia Academy?"

"No," Han Zhuoling said. "I'll ask mother-in-law to take some with her phone and send a few over."

"Okay." Lu Man nodded.

Han Zhuoling ended the call and Shi Xiaoya asked, "What did Lu Man want?"

"She wants your graduation photos from Jixia Academy," Han Zhuoling said. "She probably wants to use this point first as a rebuttal to show that you don't need to take money from someone else."

Shi Xiaoya nodded and immediately called back home.

Du Yiqin also knew about this and was about to call Shi Xiaoya, yet Shi Xiaoya happened to call at this moment.

Du Yiqin immediately answered. "Xiaoya, what's going on? I saw that you got bullied online! Who did that!"

Shi Xiaoya felt really warmed in her heart and could not help but laugh. "It's fine, I'm about to resolve it now. Lu Man is on the way to our house. She's the top PR manager. With her around, there's no problem. Anyway, this matter is slander to begin with. It's very easy to clear the air."

Although Shi Xiaoya said that, Du Yiqin knew that, for such matters, it was not that easy to clear things up.

There would surely be many people who could not stand to see others doing well and be willing to believe such negative news.

Even if the air had been cleared, it would still be viewed as a dark past by people who would not believe your clarification.

"Mom, don't worry. Zhuoling will not let me get bullied just like that," Shi Xiaoya said. "And Older Brother is also on the way to my house. We will resolve this matter tonight."

"Okay.." Even though Du Yiqin still felt worried, she did not want to let Shi Xiaoya worry as well, so she pretended to be assured.

### **Chapter 2137: She Never Lacked It**

"Mom, do you have photos of me in Jixia Academy? Lu Man said it will be useful," Shi Xiaoya asked.

"I have, I have," Du Yiqin immediately said. "How do I pass them to you?"

"Just use your phone to take photos of them and send them to me over WeChat," Shi Xiaoya said.

Du Yiqin immediately ended the call and went to find the photos.

She was afraid that if she was late for even a second, it might negatively affect Shi Xiaoya.

Shi Xiaoya just forwarded them over to Lu Man.

Han Zhuoli was driving. Lu Man sat in the passenger seat and started contacting people to send out these photos.

She did not find “Eight Skin Entertainment” and those kinds of accounts but a few very ordinary-looking “normal netizen” ones.

After five minutes, one “normal netizen” uploaded insider information.

“This is my best friend’s graduation photo. I noticed that there’s someone who looks familiar in there. Could it be that Shi Xiaoya, who is very famous tonight, is the one in there?”

In the photo, Shi Xiaoya had even been circled and marked out.

Afterward, that netizen said, “Although I am an average person, my best friend’s family is quite impressive. She graduated from Jixia Academy. Jixia Academy’s school uniform is known worldwide. It’s one of a kind. There are no others that look similar to it, so it’s easily recognizable. And there are also a few familiar faces in there. I’m sure you all can definitely recognize them.”

When the other netizens took a look, they found that the person indeed looked really similar to Shi Xiaoya.

But because it was a senior high graduation photo, although everyone did put on some light makeup, it was not that obvious on camera and looked almost like they were bare-faced.

At that time, Shi Xiaoya had not officially started learning how to do makeup, so her makeup skills were naturally not as good as they were now.

She looked as if she was not as pretty as she was now, but one could still tell that it was her.

“That’s really Shi Xiaoya?”

“Could it be just a lookalike?”

“To be able to study at Jixia Academy, that means her family must be quite impressive.”

“I also heard that to enter Jixia Academy, it’s not enough for the family to be rich. For instance, normal businessmen, or the nouveau riche that turned from rags to riches overnight—although they are rich, the school doesn’t want them. You need to have a specialty, have achievements, have recommendation letters, have connections. Your family needs to have accomplishments and contributions that are well-known in society, such as doing charity, domestic and international fame, valuable family brand, etc.”

“Yeah. I also heard about that. And that recommendation letter cannot be from just anyone. The person who wrote the recommendation letter must be someone who is acknowledged by Jixia Academy, a top talent in society. The eight great families all have a name list for admissions and recommendations for admissions, so not much needs to be said about them. As for the others, they would be like those big bosses that advanced the development and convenience of our modern lifestyles. To give a more

concrete example, if it was Wang Juhuai who wrote the recommendation letter, Jixia Academy will acknowledge it. It has to be at his level of accomplishment. Everyone understands now, right?"

"Understood, understood."

"I just asked my best friend. She said that her classmate is indeed Shi Xiaoya, but Shi Xiaoya keeps a very low profile. In the past, when she was in Jixia Academy, everyone knew each other's family's capabilities. After graduation, however, Shi Xiaoya did not work for her family's company. She came out to start her own business instead. She never intended to use her family's name to do things, so aside from her classmates and some people close to her family, outsiders don't know that she actually comes from a great family."

"So, if that is really Shi Xiaoya, then Shi Xiaoya's family is also very impressive."

"If her family is so impressive, then she really doesn't need to worry about that little bit of money. She never lacked it anyway.. It's even more of a joke now for her to be called a mistress kept by someone else."

### **Chapter 2138: Lu Man Has Made a Move**

"Yeah. Judging from that woman's get-up in the video, she's a classic nouveau riche. This kind of person, her husband can actually keep a great family's daughter as his mistress? What kind of joke is this? Besides, whether or not he can afford to keep her as his mistress, how did he even get to know her? He has to find a way to get to know her first, right? Could he even?"

"The amount of money Shi Xiaoya's family has could be used to acquire this woman's family company for god knows how many times."

"Why are you all so sure that this is Shi Xiaoya?" someone said, raising doubt.

"The photo might be fake, the best friend might be fake too. The graduation photo isn't so clear to begin with. Perhaps it's just a lookalike. It might even be a photo taken with them wearing imitated school uniforms just to fake it."

"True. OP keeps going on and on about her best friend. But since you are a normal person, and your best friend could enter Jixia Academy, doesn't that mean that she's not from an average rich family? Or how can you both become best friends? How did you both know each other?"

"The people above are so ridiculous. You guys are setting up a class barrier for other people. There are always some people who keep talking about how everyone is equal and how rich people are not above other people. Yet now, upon seeing that these best friends have no class distinctions between them, some people start stirring up doubt. Some people already have weak self-esteem right from the start. This is a form of inferiority complex."

"How do you guys know that the rich girl doesn't have any average friends? When making friends with others, you just need sincerity. How low of a self-esteem do you people have to think that you won't be worthy to be friends with rich people? When it comes to such things, what's there to be worthy or not

worthy about? You people who think about a person's worth are restricting yourself into a box for the rest of your life."

"We're going off-topic. I won't talk about making friends. Anyway, anything is possible. But this photo is indeed dubious. There are way too many photo editing skills now, and all kinds of photoshop programs exist. Just from this photo alone, we can't tell for sure 100% that it is Shi Xiaoya, right?"

"That's right. There are so many average people who look just like famous people, so this photo is really nothing much to talk about."

"I think the two people above are really trying too hard to argue about this. When the photo came out, you said they photoshopped it. It clearly is Shi Xiaoya, yet you say that it's a lookalike."

"Haha, whether the photo is real or not is still unclear, this has to be said. And no one ever posted this photo previously. Now that Shi Xiaoya had been exposed for being a mistress before, this photo immediately came out. Could it be that Shi Xiaoya asked someone to send this out?"

However, even if there were some ill-meaning guesses and people who just refused to believe it, it did not prevent this photo from being spread around by many people.

And many big entertainment social media accounts shared it too.

[Shi Xiaoya's True Background Revealed]

[The Top Makeup Artist in the Country Is Actually a Rich Heiress?]

[The Most Low-key Debutante in History]

[Is She a Debutante or a Mistress?]

All kinds of headlines that either carried doubts or shock appeared.

But no matter what, this photo was widely shared.

"Lu Man has made a move." When Han Zhuoling saw the speed at which this was sent out, he found it was way faster than when the other party sent out the video about Shi Xiaoya being a "mistress."

So he knew this was Lu Man's doing.

Within a short time, the stark difference in skill became apparent.

Previously, with the video of Shi Xiaoya being called a "mistress," the PR manager that Cen Mengqing hired had also looked for Eight Skin Entertainment.

But Eight Skin Entertainment's working relationship with Lu Man was way too good.

The two of them were not only partners, they were also friends.

### **Chapter 2139: Gone Off-topic**

So he did not accept it.

This time, when Lu Man made a move, Eight Skin Entertainment shared it at the first instance.

Some accounts that had worked together with Lu Man before did so as well, but their working relationship was only slightly better than what their interests entailed.

They more or less had some relations with Lu Man.

After Lu Man went to notify them, they all went to delete the Weibo posts that had Shi Xiaoya's video in them.

Instantly, the big-name accounts that shared that video were reduced by half.

The remaining half were not very popular compared to those that Lu Man had notified.

As for the rest, they were some minor gossip accounts.

The popularity of that video of Shi Xiaoya dropped a little.

In its place was her graduation photo, which immediately climbed to the top 5 hot search topics.

At this moment, Lu Man and Han Zhuoli hurriedly came over.

Han Zhuoling personally went downstairs to fetch them up.

When they entered, Shi Xiaoya had already prepared some tea and fruits for them.

When they saw Shi Xiaoya, they found she was not anxious or panicky at all.

This made Lu Man assured.

They sat on the sofa in the living room. "You both saw Xiaoya's graduation photo online, right?"

"We saw. I knew it was done by you the moment I saw it." Han Zhuoling smiled and said, "Perhaps other people might be able to do it too, but they definitely would not have been able to do it as well as you have, achieving such a wide reach within such a short period of time."

"After it was sent out, I expected that there will be some people who will doubt how real the photograph is," Lu Man said. "That's fine. We have many ways to prove that. But I didn't use it immediately because I want the netizens to discuss this graduation photo."

"Whether it's good or bad, the more they talk about it, the more popular it will become. We'll let those people fix their attention on discussing whether the photo is fake or real. The greater the number of people discussing that, the lesser their attention would be on the previous video."

She was distracting the netizens' focus, using an issue that was comparatively much less damaging to cover up an issue that was comparatively much more damaging.

Indeed, the netizens' discussions had already gone off track from the original topic.

Most of them were debating whether the graduation photo was real or not. The topic even continued to climb up the hot search ranking.

Meanwhile, the video that had been highly popular previously saw fewer people discussing it now.

The discussions had been overshadowed by the graduation photo.

Lu Man smiled and said, "Actually, besides looking for those big-name accounts to delete the previous video, I also looked for paid posters to sow discordant voices in the discussions about the graduation photo. They first suggested that the graduation photo might be fake to hype up the discussions."

Shi Xiaoya was really in awe.

There was really a reason why Lu Man had been called the top PR manager by other people.

She had only heard of those cases that she had done in the past.

But she had mostly been like those netizens, watching from the sidelines.

She thought that she got a clear idea of it, but she had actually been in the fog all along.

As for some of the schemes involved, they had not seen them at all.

All they saw was the results.

Only after really working together with Lu Man would one know how much effort Lu Man had put into the details.

If Shi Xiaoya was not the person involved this time, she would have just thought that those netizens who had opposing voices were simply just netizens.

She would never have expected that amid these people, some were actually hired by Lu Man to hype up the rhythm of the discussions.

This would be an incomprehensible thing to do in most people's minds.

Since you are helping me, why are you taking the initiative to bring up the rhythm of others who are doubting me?

But only after hearing Lu Man explain would one know the reason for her doing such a thing.

#### **Chapter 2140: What Kind of Scheme Is Being Planned**

A brief moment after Lu Man just explained that, Shi Nancang also arrived.

He had a card and came up directly.

When he entered, he appeared so anxious that it was as if his feet were on fire.

When he saw Han Zhuoli and Lu Man, he was stunned for a moment, and his temper went down a little.

It showed that Han Zhuoling did treat this very seriously.

He'd called Han Zhuoli and Lu Man over at the first moment to resolve this matter.

"Older Brother," Shi Xiaoya called, inviting Shi Nancang to come over to sit down.

A clean teacup had long been prepared for him on the coffee table.



When he sat down, Shi Xiaoya first poured some tea for him.

When he saw that the Han Family treated this so seriously, and that Han Zhuoli and Lu Man even came over so late at night, Shi Nancang's anger just dissipated.

Lu Man briefly told Shi Nancang about the progress in resolving the matter.

"Oh, right. I didn't manage to ask just now," Lu Man said. "Xiaoya, you never revealed your family's background all these years. Then will you mind revealing it publicly now?"

"Actually, if you publicly declare that you are from the Shi family, this matter will be resolved very easily," Lu Man said.

"I don't mind," Shi Xiaoya said. "My relationship with Zhuoling is already public, so it doesn't matter if I publicly declare my family background now too. Actually, I didn't declare it all this while not because I deliberately sought to hide it, I just didn't take the initiative to say it."

Lu Man nodded. "I understand now."

When Shi Nancang heard that, he asked, "How about I announce it online now?"

"Don't worry to rush it," Lu Man said. "It's not time yet. The graduation photo is already out. We need to attract most of the attention over first to bring the popularity of the topic to its peak."

After Lu Man said that, she then opened Weibo to take a look and said, "It's almost time. Right about now."

Who knew what she was looking for, but the others also opened Weibo along with her.

Without Lu Man saying it, they naturally knew what Lu Man was looking for.

Because a new topic had appeared.

Someone had claimed to be Shi Xiaoya's classmate and said that Shi Xiaoya did not graduate from Jixia Academy at all. She was just a normal senior high graduate from B City's No. 3 Senior High School.

Shi Nancang was surprised. "Lu Man, is this also someone you hired?"

"No, this is hired by the other party," Lu Man said. "If the other party is unscrupulous enough, or if they had no morals at all, they'd pull this kind of trick."

"I was waiting just now to give the other party time and see how they would react. I can then know what kind of scheme the other party is planning," Lu Man said.

"What if the other party did not use this move even after you'd been waiting for a long time?" Shi Nancang asked.

Lu Man smiled and shook her head. "There's no need to wait very long. This has a time limit as well. A reaction is needed as quickly as possible, or else, after I changed the topic, it will be too late for the other party to change the topic anymore. So, if they wanted to do anything, they needed to react within a short period of time."

Lu Man glanced at her phone and said, "I have a rough idea in my mind now."

“Wait a moment for me,” Lu Man said. She then used her phone to contact someone.

Very quickly, someone produced a photo comparison online.

It was to check if it had been doctored.

The result was, naturally, that it had not.

This graduation photo was indeed real.

And the few students in there were also some more renowned second-generation heirs that frequently show up online at night.

Eight Skin Entertainment: “The photo has been verified to be genuine. The results of the test is below. Friends who don’t understand, it’s okay, afterward, we will upload a video of the verification process, then you all will understand. Let us first look at who’s in this photo.. The order goes from left to right, and from the bottom to the top.”