

Mr Han 2231

Chapter 2231: Also Doing Related Research

Yet right after that, she heard Han Zhuoli say, "So I want to have you even more now."

He anxiously wanted to connect with her intimately, to feel her and have her accommodate him.

To be so intimate with her that they could not be separated, to use their body temperatures and touch to confirm their realness, to keep her securely by his side.

Lu Man's face was burning red, flushing all the way up to the tips of her ears, but she hugged his neck tightly, using her actions to show how she felt without saying a word.

Han Zhuoli swiftly tightened his arms around her and brought her back to the bedroom.

At the same time as he put her on the bed, he began to kiss her hard.

He was afraid that if he kissed lightly, he would not be able to feel her.

Only with a little more strength could they clearly feel and confirm each other's presence.

Lu Man also kissed him back hard and did not feel that he was hurting her at all.

And she wanted to just melt into his bones so she could make sure that they would never be apart.

"Man Man..." Han Zhuoli repeated her name again and again, caressing her.

On every inch of her skin, he wanted to imprint his name.

He trembled a little.

She was the most beautiful existence in his life.

He'd spent two lifetimes before he found her, so he definitely would not allow anything, even fate, to take her away from him.

Heavens!

In our past lives, you prevented us from meeting even though we were only one wall apart, so the two of us waited all our lives for nothing.

That life was muddled, as if we had lived for nothing.

In this lifetime, You brought her to me. You allowed us to meet and fall in love.

Please, I beg you, don't take her away from me again, don't let us be apart from each other.

Han Zhuoli silently prayed in his heart.

The next day, the moment Han Zhuoli opened his eyes, he felt a sense of paranoia.

It was probably because of what Lu Man had told him yesterday, which made him extremely afraid that he would not be able to see her the moment he opened his eyes.

This time, when he opened his eyes, he quickly turned and saw Lu Man still sleeping securely in his arms. She was sleeping soundly, her face still reddened, tinged with the beautiful glow of being filled with his love last night.

Han Zhuoli was reassured. He lowered his head and used the tip of his nose to lightly rub against the tip of her nose. His not-so calm breaths mingled with her calm and deep breaths.

Han Zhuoli smiled and instantly felt contented.

He kissed her lightly on her lips before he quietly got up.

He went to the study and contacted Wen Ren[1], the Master of Mount Lan Compound's Wen Clan.

The people who knew of the Mount Lan Compound and could contact the Wen Clan all knew that if there was any person or thing they could not find if they used their own abilities, then they would have to go to the Mount Lan Compound.

This was the same for the eight great families.

This was not to say that the eight great families were therefore weaker, but that they were each skilled in their own fields.

The Mount Lan Compound specialized in doing this.

They specialized in training and grooming secret service agents, who collected intelligence from every part of the world.

The eight great families each have strengths in their own fields, so they naturally were not as capable as the Mount Lan Compound in the field of intelligence.

"I want to find a person who can understand someone who dreamt of their past life. To put it more incredulously, it had been something like being revived," Han Zhuoli said.

Even to Wen Ren, Han Zhuoli did not dare to reveal Lu Man's identity.

But Wen Ren did not ask. He was only in charge of resolving the issue based on the conditions proposed by the other party. He never asked the reason behind it.

This had always been the guiding principle of the Mount Lan Compound.

"Understood. This is a matter regarding the soul," Wen Ren said. "What a coincidence. Our Mount Lan Compound is also doing related research on it. Because all this time, in various parts of the world, such things have been happening. There are also some mystical people who can resolve such issues."

Chapter 2232: Quick, Let Your Mr. CEO Out

"I do know of such a person, but they're not easy to find. Mount Lan Compound is also looking for him," Wen Ren said. "We already have some leads on our end, but we still need some time."

"Okay. For this matter, it's naturally better the faster it can be done," Han Zhuoli said.

"I understand."

After ending the call, the moment he turned around, he saw Lu Man standing at the door of the study.

“Why are you awake?” Han Zhuoli asked as he walked towards her.

“As I was sleeping, I couldn’t feel you,” Lu Man said.

Han Zhuoli chuckled and thought of how Lu Man had this habit.

Whenever she was about to wake up but still did not feel like waking up, she would reach out to touch him.

After she touched him, she would then hug him like she was hugging a big bolster, using her hands and legs to cling to his body and continuing to sleep.

Han Zhuoli could not help but think, what if one day, he was not by her side? What would she do?

Of course, there would not be such a day.

Han Zhuoli carried her up and said, “I gave Wen Ren a call to ask him to help me find someone who can better understand your situation.”

Han Zhuoli did not say that in the middle of the night, he dreamt of the scene where Lu Man was being burned in the big fire.

It looked as if it was from her past life.

She was in so much pain in the fire, her gaze despondent and desolate.

It was probably because he heard Lu Man say those words last night, that was why he had such a dream.

But even if it was a dream, it felt so real, scaring Han Zhuoli until he broke out in a cold sweat all over.

In his dream, he could clearly see Lu Man, as if Lu Man could see him too.

Lu Man just stared at him like that in the fire, or was just staring in his direction.

He was not too sure whether Lu Man really saw him or if she was just looking in his direction.

In his dream, he wanted to rush into the fire and bring Lu Man out.

But he realized that his feet were rooted to the ground. He could not move no matter how he tried.

He screamed, “Man Man, quick, come out! Come here! Come to me!”

But he realized that he could not scream even when he opened his mouth wide.

He watched Lu Man disappear in the big fire right before his eyes, yet there was nothing he could do about it.

In the middle of the night, he woke up in shock, drenched in cold sweat, and realized that his throat felt as if it had been choked by someone.

He panted breathlessly, turned, and saw that Lu Man was still there, that she was sleeping soundly. He then pulled her into his arms and fell back asleep.

Han Zhuoli thought that it was probably because he cared too much about it, that was why he had such a dream.

Lu Man nodded. She was fine now, so there was no trouble that she needed help to deal with.

They just wanted to know if this matter would have any impact in the future, if any accidents would happen.

As today was a Saturday, the two of them ate breakfast and went to the family home to visit the two elders.

Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya also went over.

The show *Survivor*, which Shi Xiaoya participated in, was left with one last episode to be filmed.

In fact, the finale episode had actually been filmed, but the audience's reaction was way too good, so the viewership ratings were way too high.

Despite the fact that Han Zhuoling did not continue participating after the third episode, his popularity remained at the top. Even though he participated quite rarely, he was way ahead of the others on this aspect.

The audience had not had enough of watching him yet. Before the start of every episode, they would all cheer and hope that he would come back and participate in the filming.

When they realized that he did not after the end of every episode, they would go to the show's official Weibo account to express their disappointment.

During the episodes when Shi Xiaoya participated, the netizens had flocked to her Weibo account in droves to ask her to quickly ask Han Zhuoling to come and participate in the show.

There were messages like: "Xiaoya, quick, let your Mr. CEO out! Let him participate in the show please!"

Chapter 2233: Go Support

"Xiaoya, you were there today, so why wasn't Han Zhuoling there? Where did the hardcore couple go to!"

"Xiaoya, quick, go and talk to Han Zhuoling, ask him to participate in the show please!"

"On the fifth episode, when I couldn't see Han Zhuoling, I missed him, I miss him, and I'm still missing him."

"Xiaoya, please, ask Han Zhuoling, we miss him."

When she saw all these comments, Shi Xiaoya felt so weirded out.

But these comments were weirdly interesting too, so Shi Xiaoya showed them to Han Zhuoling.

As Han Zhuoling really participated in the filming too infrequently, although he had the top spot for every episode, his total score added up was closer to the bottom. His overall ranking was actually not high, and he was thus not eligible to participate in the final episode's final championship contest.

Actually, this was all written in the contract. Originally, Han Zhuoling also did not intend to fight for the championship either, so he just symbolically participated in three episodes to boost the viewership for the show.

Who knew that with just three episodes, he would amass such massive popularity?

After the finale episode ended, netizens still did not give up and still approached the production team to make their appeal, hoping that they could come up with a special episode to gather all the guests that had attended the show before.

This actually gave an idea to the production team, and they felt that this suggestion was plausible.

Hence, Shi Xiaoya went to prepare to attend the last special episode's filming.

Han Zhuoling felt that it was quite meaningful. After all, he and Shi Xiaoya fell in love during this show, so he agreed as well.

"Oh right, Lu Man, are you preparing to set off for New York soon?" Shi Xiaoya asked her while in the family home.

"Yeah." Lu Man nodded. "We will set off next week. We're going over one week in advance, so we can get used to the time difference and familiarize ourselves with the environment over there at the same time."

"Then have you found a makeup artist? Or is your school in charge of all of that?" Shi Xiaoya asked.

"I don't know if they are in charge of all of that, I'll only know when I go there and see. If there is one, I'll see how the makeup artist does. If they're not too good, I will see if I can find someone suitable from the Han Corporation's American company."

Lu Man laughed and asked, "Why? You have time to come and do makeup for me?"

"I do have to make a trip to the US after filming the special episode for Survivor next weekend. It happens to be in New York. I did makeup for Yu Mingshu previously, and she felt that it was really not bad. Coincidentally, their top mega charity fashion dinner is set to be held in New York this time," Shi Xiaoya said.

"The theme for their charity dinner this time is Chinese oriental style," Shi Xiaoya said. "Yu Mingshu then thought of me and felt that Western makeup artists, as well as westernized overseas Chinese makeup artists might not understand Chinese oriental style as well as our local makeup artists do. They often produce an incongruous makeup style, so she invited me over to do makeup for her."

Shi Xiaoya continued, "I was thinking that if the timing is suitable, I can do makeup for you too."

When Lu Man heard that, of course she felt really happy and willing.

After all, Shi Xiaoya's standard was not only one of the top in the country, but even internationally, she also ranked in the top spots.

And even if she found an even more impressive makeup artist than Shi Xiaoya, the makeup artist would not be as familiar with her face as her.

Comparing her with whoever, Shi Xiaoya was still the most suitable candidate.

The two of them worked out the timing on the spot.

Old Mrs. Han said in elation, "Your grandpa and I, along with Liye and Nuo, have also discussed it already. We will also come along together to watch Man Man perform. Anyway, we don't have much to do, so we can go and support Man Man. Along the way, we can also go on a holiday."

Chapter 2234: If We Follow Along as Third Wheels, That's Too Inappropriate

As she said that, Old Mrs. Han said to Han Xijin, who was sitting beside Shen Nuo, "Seriously, someone is always absent during the family's group activities."

It was fine if Han Dongping did not go, but Han Xijin not going was too ridiculous!

Han Xijin felt really wronged. "Mom! Why don't you take a look at the situation? Zhuoli insists on flying over to support Lu Man. If he's not around, what about the company? Won't I have to be the one staying behind?"

Han Xijin pursed his lips and said, "If I don't stay, how can he go away for such a long time? If he just went for a few days, it's fine if there's no one left with the company. But Man Man wants to go over one week in advance, and he wants to go with her. There'd be no one with the company for half a month, and there are many things that can't be done remotely. So, the only choice is that I stay behind."

"Forget it, just take it that you're supporting your son and daughter-in-law." Old Mrs. Han instantly backtracked.

Han Xijin: "..."

Han Dongping cleared his throat and said, "This time, I'll go together with Liye."

Old Mrs. Han raised an eyebrow and looked at Han Dongping with a hint of surprise.

Han Dongping blushed from Old Mrs. Han's stare and looked away awkwardly.

Everyone took his changes during this period to heart.

Lin Liye had not patched up with him and did not move back to stay with him.

But taking into account that Han Dongping had changed quite a lot, her attitude towards him became much better.

Han Dongping rarely interfered with the affairs of the younger generation now.

He could not even interfere with Han Zhuoling's matters, much less Han Zhuoli's.

Sometimes, when his old habit acted up, because Han Zhuoling was also around, not to mention Lin Liye, Han Dongping had to back down.

In the past, Han Zhuoling had not been in the country, so Lin Liye could not handle Han Dongping on her own.

Now that Han Zhuoling was back, Han Dongping had no say at home anymore.

Han Dongping's attitude towards Lu Man was also changing.

But he probably could not bear to lower his pride for the moment, so he had not officially apologized to Lu Man, but his attitude towards her had gotten much better.

Whether he apologized or not, Lu Man did not mind. She could not possibly force Han Dongping to apologize to a younger person like her.

Everyone could just naturally change their attitudes to go with the flow.

But this time, Han Dongping actually wanted to go with Lin Liye to see Lu Man's performance, which still made Lu Man feel very surprised.

No one asked him, but Han Dongping even took the initiative to explain, "I'm not especially going to watch Lu Man perform. Just that I'm worried for Liye going over there, so I want to come along."

Old Mrs. Han pursed her lips. He might as well not have explained if this was his explanation, as if he was hiding his intentions.

But all their relations were moving towards a good direction.

Lu Man was all smiles. She did not expose Han Dongping's stubbornness.

She wrapped her arm around Han Zhuoli's elbow and just felt that everything before her eyes was already especially good.

"Oh right, Man Man, are your parents going?" Old Mrs. Han asked.

"They are, they are coming along with us," Lu Man said, "Just perfect since my mom hasn't been to the US before. Before my competition, Dad plans to show Mom around."

"Aiyo! I thought the same way too!" Old Mrs. Han slapped her thigh and said happily, "Just as well, we can go over together and walk around together!"

Old Mr. Han said disdainfully, "Juhuai and his family are going on a honeymoon while they're there, why are you going there to join in! Fine if you want to go and join in by yourself, but you even want to drag the whole bunch of us there to be third wheels together with you. That's too inappropriate."

Old Mrs. Han had been stopped by Old Mr. Han, but actually, she felt that he made quite a lot of sense.

Chapter 2235: We Just Got Married and You're Thinking of Splitting My Money

Lu Man quickly said, "Dad said that this wouldn't be considered their honeymoon. They even have a child now, so they are long past the period for a honeymoon. They are just going out to have fun normally."

"Hear that!" Old Mrs. Han instantly became indignant again.

The family home was very lively. On this same day, Lu Qi came out after visiting Xia Qingyang in jail. She still remembered the question that Xia Qingyang had asked, "He Zhengbai didn't come with you?"

Lu Qi had a tiny bit of conscience, after all. She knew that Xia Qingyang's life inside was not good at all, and she did not want her to be upset because of this.

Anyway, even if Xia Qingyang found out about it, it would be of no use when she's in jail.

Not like she could come out and help her.

So, Lu Qi did not say anything.

But she really did not know what kind of a life she was living now.

Before Xia Qingyang had completely admitted to all the charges, He Zhengbai still treated her pretty well and would even pacify her.

After Xia Qingyang really went in, when He Zhengbai and even the whole He family was safe, He Zhengbai could not even be bothered to act for one day more.

That change was like an instant downward spiral, making one unable to react.

The previous second, he was still deeply infatuated with her and was so accepting of everything about her as he called her "Qi Qi."

When the matter was finally resolved, the next second, he became aloof and nonchalant.

After the two of them got married, they stayed in the house that the He family had gifted to He Zhengbai a few years earlier.

Before the two of them got married, Lu Qi would also go over occasionally to spend the night in that house, but they did not cohabit.

That was a place for He Zhengbai to conveniently attend lessons and shoot productions after class.

Although it was not a temporary house, it was still a very classic bachelor's style of residence.

Lu Qi would go over occasionally. There were some of Lu Qi's things in the house, but not many.

She could not treat it as a marital home for newlyweds no matter what.

On that residence, He Zhengbai's personal stamp was very obvious.

Lu Qi was not very happy about it. She thought that since the two of them were living together, they should upgrade to a bigger house!

If they renovated it, that would really give the feel that they were married, no?

Alas, she had only suggested it when He Zhengbai said, "No. I'm living pretty well here. If you don't like it, you can go buy a big house on your own. Anyway, when we got married, you didn't give any dowry."

Lu Qi became unhappy when she heard that. "What do you mean I should buy a house? I don't care about that bit of money to buy a house with, but I can't accept that from your words, whatever I like, whatever I want, it's something that's totally not related to you!"

Lu Qi did not want to be taken advantage of and said, "You said I didn't give dowry? Then did you give me any betrothal gifts or money?"

“Great, Lu Qi. You want to be calculative with me about this?” He Zhengbai said in cold voice. “We have only just been married for a few days and you want to argue with me over these things? We have just gotten married, and you already reveal your true colors? You think you don’t need to pretend in front of me anymore. We have just gotten married and you’re thinking of splitting my money already?”

“What splitting your money? Make yourself clear!” Lu Qi was so enraged that her eyes reddened. “You also know we just got married? We are newlyweds, and you’re saying all these to me? I want to have a bigger house. Are you the one who can’t afford it or me? If you don’t want to, can’t you talk to me properly about it? Must you be so sarcastic and even kick up a fuss about my dowry?! Do you think that I’m not worthy of a big house, huh?”

“He Zhengbai!” Lu Qi saw that He Zhengbai actually really gave her a look of agreement, and she almost went crazy from anger. “You think that since I don’t have my father protecting me anymore, you can easily bully me?! You think that since I have no backer anymore, you can just disregard me?!”

Chapter 2236: You’ve Got No Conscience

He Zhengbai sneered, “Lu Qi.”

Lu Qi sniffed in return. He used to call her “Qi Qi” endearingly, and now, he only calls her “Lu Qi.”

He Zhengbai continued only to say, “I’ve seen the problems you’ve caused your dad. You dare even swindle your own father. I have to prevent you from coveting my properties after our marriage.”

“He Zhengbai!” Lu Qi shouted in disbelief. “Are you still human?! You’re talking to me about this now?”

“Didn’t you take my dad’s money too?” Lu Qi glared so hard, the whites of her eyes appeared far larger than her pupils.

“How much did I give you from my dad’s assets? More than enough to repay the dowry! And now, you’re calculating every penny of it? Afraid I’d take advantage of you?” Lu Qi laughed in anger. “Think about it, He Zhengbai. Apart from a piece of certificate, what did my marrying you give me?”

“My mom’s in jail for us, isn’t that big enough for a bride price? If it wasn’t for Mom, it’ll be the three of us in jail now! You couldn’t have escaped it either! Not even the He family could have protected you!”

“But you’re talking to me about dowry? You’ve taken so much of Dad’s assets. If it weren’t for you, would I have been abandoned by my dad and left with no one supporting me? I’m in such a poor state now, and you’re scolding me to my face, scared I’m taking advantage of you, and scorning me for having no dowry?” Lu Qi flung her hand hard. “He Zhengbai, I did this all for you!”

“But you despise me now, you’ve got no conscience!”

He Zhengbai sneered. “As long as your mom was taking the rap for you, she had to do it for me too. Don’t say that as if you’ve done it all for me. Wasn’t it all for yourself? If you’d left me behind, how could I have let you off?”

“What’s more, you participated in this too. You dragged your mother down, and you have the gall to criticize me? Don’t paint yourself as a selfless saint who sacrificed for me, I can’t accept it!”

“Did I force you to give me your dad’s wealth?” he said, continuing with his jabs. “If I remember correctly, it’s your and your mom’s idea. But you both are useless and have no idea how to proceed, so you approached me.

“I very well couldn’t help you for free, could I? There’s risk in helping you.” He Zhengbai scoffed. “What you gave me is not because of love, it’s my compensation. Did you expect the He family to help you for free? Dream on!”

Lu Qi shook from anger. “He Zhengbai! Are you showing your true colors now that my mom’s in jail and you’re free?!”

He didn’t bother looking at her. “Think whatever you want.”

“He Zhengbai, you jerk!” Lu Qi shouted. “I sacrificed so much for you! You ingrate!”

“Stop using the godd*mn same lines on me!” He Zhengbai roared back. “As if you’ve been so badly wronged. I did nothing wrong to you. If there’s really an ingrate here, it’s you and not me.

“Stealing your dad’s money and landing your mom in jail. Who can top what you’ve done!” He Zhengbai peered disdainfully at her. “You say you’ve got no support and I can bully you any way I want? Let me tell you, that’s a yes!

“But you caused all of these yourself. You originally had doting parents, but you made them drift away from you. Who can you blame? If you hadn’t stolen your dad’s money, he’d still be backing you now.”

Chapter 2237: Tragic

“Your mom wouldn’t be in jail if not for you, and I’d still be coaxing you and treating you well, or at least give you an illusion of love.

“But you played all your cards away. You’re right. My answer to you is, I’m bullying you. Bullying you for having no support and no one to stand up for you.”

He Zhengbai took two steps forward, sneering. “But you can’t do anything no matter how I bully you. Didn’t you wish to marry me? Alright, I’ve granted you your wish. Don’t hope for anything else.”

“Slap!” Lu Qi raised her hand and struck him across the face.

His head turned with the force of her strike.

As if he hadn’t expected Lu Qi to hit him, He Zhengbai was momentarily stunned.

Then he raised his head and looked at her darkly.

Lu Qi then knew to be frightened.

She retreated in a panic.

Yet He Zhengbai caught her elbow and gave her a tight slap in return.

Lu Qi’s strength was nothing compared to his.

When He Zhengbai slapped her, his face was twisted in an ugly grimace, as if he was hoping he could slap her dead.

Otherwise, Lu Qi wouldn't be so scared.

Even with He Zhengbai holding her, the force of his hand caused Lu Qi to stagger backward.

It went to show how much strength He Zhengbai had employed.

Half of Lu Qi's face was numb, feeling absolutely nothing.

She thought she'd heard a "kaba" sound. Perhaps her jaw got dislocated.

Because half her face was numb, she couldn't really move it.

But soon after, she realized her jaw was indeed dislocated.

Because she discovered she could not utter a single word.

Any movement triggered immense pain in her jaw bone.

Lu Qi was crying uglily in pain, tears and snot all streaming down her face.

He Zhengbai shoved her away with a look of disgust.

Lu Qi desperately wanted to ask, how dare he hit her when he's a man!

What did it prove for a man to strike a woman!

But she could not speak nor close her mouth at all. Her jaw was hurting terribly.

He Zhengbai pointed at her. "Lu Qi, be satisfied with marrying me! Don't throw tantrums! If you can't stand it, then just divorce me!

"However, don't think about getting a single cent even if we get a divorce. I'll consider it a defeat if I lose a single penny to you."

Lu Qi was lying on the ground right now.

Yet He Zhengbai just directly stepped over her.

How humiliating!

He Zhengbai simply went out like this, and Lu Qi burst into a loud wail.

Outside the prison, Lu Qi recomposed herself.

That day, she put on a cap and a mask and went to the hospital alone to have her jaw fixed.

Without Lu Qiyuan backing her, and with Xia Qingyang in prison, her life was tragic.

It had been days since then, and He Zhengbai had never been home.

Lu Qi knew their marriage was only in name by now.

And yet, she never thought about divorce.

If she really divorced him, she would really have nothing left.

There was something she never told Xia Qingyang.

The He family never wished to publicly announce her marriage to He Zhengbai.

Much less hold any ceremony.

There wouldn't be one. The moment the marriage certificate was signed, that was it.

There was one time when she returned home with He Zhengbai.

And she overheard He Zhengbai's father, He Qingyang, and his mother, Yang Lin, talking about attending an upcoming ball in the business industry.

Chapter 2238: Who Knows How They Insult You Behind Your Back

Lu Qi had not turned up for such events in a long time, so she was filled with anticipation.

Moreover, even after her marriage to He Zhengbai, He Qingyang and Yang Lin still did not like her much.

They did not really accept her, but unable to return to the Lu family, Lu Qi urgently wished to integrate into the He family.

So she wanted to forge a good relationship with her in-laws; this way, He Zhengbai would have some concerns about mistreating her and would be more courteous.

Hence, Lu Qi told Yang Lin that she wanted to go shopping with her.

Unexpectedly, Yang Lin reacted as if she'd heard a good joke, saying, "You?"

Yang Lin snickered. "We don't plan on bringing you."

"Why?" Lu Qi's expression changed instantly. "I haven't had the chance to introduce myself to others after marrying Zhengbai."

Still, many knew about it, that she married He Zhengbai after making a mess of her parents.

Yang Lin smiled. "But your reputation's poor."

Lu Qi's expression hardened as she listened on. "You landed your parents in hot water then married Zhengbai. This doesn't sound like a good thing. If you went, not only will everyone judge you, they'll also point fingers at our family."

"So it's better if you don't go," Yang Lin said. "Our family can't afford to lose our face."

Anger burned within Lu Qi.

She sneered, replying enigmatically, "So Mom thinks you can't lose face now? What about when you stole Dad's money in the name of helping? Why didn't you feel ashamed then?"

"What steal?" Yang Lin retorted angrily. "Don't make it sound so bad!"

"The truth always hurts," Lu Qi said coldly. "Wasn't what you all did called stealing? Without my Dad's permission, do you think it can be considered that you received it? I admit, what I did was stealing. I'm

admitting to doing it even though I'm his daughter. But you did the same as I did, so don't put yourselves on a pedestal.

"Also, when you coaxed me, saying you'll treat me well to make me convince Mom to take the rap, why didn't you feel ashamed then?"

Yang Lin's face flushed red while He Qingyang glared daggers at Lu Qi.

Lu Qi thought He Qingyang wanted to kill her.

But she didn't care.

She had nothing now, cheated of everything by He Zhengbai's honeyed words, yet this ingrate did not care to give her even a bit of benefit now.

She was left with nothing now, so she was unafraid of anything.

After marrying into the He family, she did not plan on letting them off easily!

If she was suffering, then so should they!

Even if she was the only one left, she was still not easy picking!

Lu Qi pressed on, "Do you think the outsiders would view us separately? No!"

She scoffed. "Tsk! We know each other well. You are just hiding behind a facade. You think others don't know how dirty you are behind that mask?"

"You think others really have no idea what you all did? Stop lying to yourselves!" Lu Qi stood, looking down her nose at Yang Lin, all poised and confident.

"Even if you attended the ball, no one will bother with you. Even if they did, it's just because they wanted to gossip. While smiling to your faces, who knows how they'll insult you behind your back!"

"With characters like yours, you still dare despise me?" Lu Qi pursed her lips. "We're all the same, we don't have the right to despise each other. I don't look down on you, and you guys shouldn't think you're better than me."

Chapter 2239: Because I Love Slapping People

"Slap!"

He Zhengbai's slap once more landed on Lu Qi's cheek.

As if practice made perfect, He Zhengbai's actions were much smoother now, and he had no reservations either. He struck as he wished without any hesitation.

As she was completely unprepared because He Zhengbai originally stood behind her, the sudden slap completely knocked Lu Qi off her feet.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, Lu Qi's jaw did not dislocate this time.

Lu Qi fell on her hands and knees, and even her butt hurt.

She snapped her head up, glaring with disdain. “He Zhengbai, do you consider yourself a man for hitting a woman?!”

“I finally know how the He family teaches their children! A man who loses with his mouth and logic should just use his fists and make others bow down to his violence, is that how it is?!” Lu Qi spat through gritted teeth.

Yang Lin slowly stood. “You’re saying it’s bad for a man to hit a lady, is that it?”

Lu Qi looked coldly at her as Yang Lin continued, “I’m sorry, it’s my bad for not teaching him, because I love slapping people, especially wh*res like you who don’t know their places and still think themselves high and mighty.”

Yang Lin bent as she spoke, gripping both Lu Qi’s face tightly in one hand.

As she finished articulating, a slap hit its mark.

With that, Yang Lin stood and pulled on her clothes, saying, “Look at your face, full of injuries. It’s not suited to appearing at the ball. It’s better that you rest at home.”

In the end, Lu Qi saw on the entertainment news that night that He Zhengbai was being gentlemanly and had a jolly time at the ball with a daughter of another rich family.

He even escorted her home after dinner.

The Internet was abuzz with news about them flirting with each other.

A reporter even asked He Zhengbai if he was married, which He Zhengbai denied on the spot.

He said he was a bachelor still.

The reporter asked, “What about Lu Qi? Aren’t you guys engaged? Did you break up already?”

He Zhengbai sighed. “Because of the Lu family incident, Lu Qi doesn’t have the energy to spare for relationships. I don’t want to force her. We had a peaceful breakup.”

Everyone found it weird hearing He Zhengbai’s words.

Many were certain he had married Lu Qi, or did they divorce already?

Or was it a secret marriage?

But the ones who knew the truth were only a minority within the circle.

But most curious netizens did not know this, and they really believed that the two didn’t marry.

But they certainly did not believe He Zhengbai’s words either.

Most unanimously agreed, saying Lu Qi was doomed with no more familial support.

Feeling she’s worthless, the He family naturally discarded her.

Though both had never been good people, He Zhengbai was still labeled a jerk.

The ones within the circle who knew the truth wouldn't have loose lips, and the most they'd do was to talk among themselves.

The He family was still actively seeking out suitable marriage partners for He Zhengbai and intending to kick Lu Qi aside.

This marriage was an easy one to deal with for He Zhengbai.

So any daughter of a wealthy family would do for the He family, so long as it satisfied their exchange of interest.

The He family also forewarned the paparazzi to not spill the beans.

Hence, besides the minority in the know, the majority of the netizens had no idea of He Zhengbai's and Lu Qi's marriage.

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When Lu Qi saw He Zhengbai's answer, her anger threatened to burst from within.

But she did not dare to fly into a temper.

He Zhengbai would really beat her to death otherwise.

To prevent her from shooting her mouth off, they even brought her home to live there.

But this was done in the name of watching her movements.

Lu Qi did not wish to stay there at first. She'd rather stay in He Zhengbai's house on the other side.

But He Zhengbai sneered. "Didn't you want to stay in a large house? Live in my home. That'll fulfill your wish."

A few short days after her marriage, Lu Qi already hit rock bottom.

But she had no idea that this rock bottom currently had no bounds and her downward journey was still on.

Every time she thought it was the end, she continued falling.

And Lu Qi did not mention any of these to Xia Qingyang.

She could visit Xia Qingyang today because, during this period of time, she acted like she was defeated and was cooperative.

She no longer confronted the He family outright.

Slowly, she let the He family believe that she'd learned to be obedient, that she could see the circumstances clearly. Before she had the ability to fight the He family, she would never act recklessly again.

As for whether she would have that ability?

The He family was not worried.

No matter how much Lu Qi struggled, nothing would come out of it.

But this also finally led to some peace in the He family at last.

While Lu Qi was in hot waters with the He family, Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling went to film the special episode of *Survivor*.

Lu Dongliu and his team were brainstorming how to go about filming the special episode.

They didn't want it to be like that of other shows, which merely made a concert as the special episode to bluff the audience.

They really wanted to make it special.

In the end, they decided to let the netizens decide on 12 main guests from across the season and vote for the most popular ones who would film an episode of group matches.

Six people would form a team, and two teams would go head-to-head.

The show originally had 12 hosts, but ever since the popular debut of *Survivor*, many celebrities had gone on the show to promote their new works.

So the number of guests had increased.

The ones publicizing their works might not have been the hosts, but they could draw lots of fans because of their good performance, or they drew criticism because of their poor showing.

The production team listed all the guests, hosts included, for the audience to vote for the 12 guests they most wished to see.

The special episode wouldn't be like the normal show, with every episode split into two parts, an hour each.

The special episode this time would last two hours and thirty minutes straight, from the daily routines of the guests to forming teams and competing.

The production team planned for the group challenges to be easy, as the special episode was meant to be relaxing.

It was the special episode, after all, so it was meant to be entertaining and lighthearted for the audience too, using less brainpower.

It was mainly to let the audience know more about the private side of the guests.

Usually, the audiences view the guests through camera lenses, and they could only see what they present in front of the camera.

Even so, as long as they were in front a camera, they'd be more or less acting to a certain degree.

But it was good as long as the audience liked it.

And the production would first invite the 12 most popular voted guests.

And if any of the 12 guests were unavailable due to scheduling issues, the production team would invite the others according to their descending popularity.

But knowing the popularity of Han Zhuoling was one thing. What stunned the production team most was seeing exactly how popular he was!