

Mr Han 2281

Chapter 2281: Because She Cared, She Was Worried

“Anyway, the swelling will go down soon.” Shi Xiaoya was quickly defeated and honestly admitted it in a low voice.

“Really?” Han Zhuoling even pretended as if he did not believe her at all.

But Shi Xiaoya did not fall for his scheme.

Because his acting was really not very good.

“Really.” Shi Xiaoya nodded.

She lowered her head, her face still buried in his chest.

This way, Han Zhuoling could not see her face.

But from the way she was nodding, a hint of dejection was obvious.

It melted Han Zhuoling’s heart into a puddle.

“Then I’ll come back and check again tonight,” Han Zhuoling said while holding back his laughter.

Shi Xiaoya instantly whipped her head up. “There’s no need for that!”

However, when she saw Han Zhuoling holding back his laughter, she instantly said angrily, “You’re so annoying! You’re teasing me again!”

“Who said I’m teasing you?” Han Zhuoling asked while laughing.

He was already laughing like this; was he not teasing her?

“Although I’m laughing, I am serious about what I said,” Han Zhuoling said. “I must come back and check again tonight.”

As he said that, he lowered his head, hovering beside Shi Xiaoya’s ear, and said, “If the swelling hasn’t gone down, I’ll have to apply some ointment. If the swelling has gone down, then there’s nothing to worry about. We can happily go for another round.”

Shi Xiaoya shuddered in surprise and stared at Han Zhuoling with a stunned look on her face.

Was... was he still human?

Shi Xiaoya knew she did not need to apply ointment.

Han Zhuoling knew it too.

So there was no need to apply ointment at all. Shi Xiaoya would also not go and ask where to get the ointment.

She knew Han Zhuoling did not consider this possibility either.

Han Zhuoling laughed out loud due to Shi Xiaoya's expression and lowered his head to hug her, giving her a good number of kisses.

Shi Xiaoya blushed and asked him, "Do you usually... not feel satisfied?"

Who knew whether or not Han Zhuoling saw through her thoughts, but he said, "It's only because it's you that I'm like this. It's only because it's you that I won't feel satisfied no matter what. I will keep wanting you after each time."

Hugging her felt so soft, making him feel like giving her a good rub.

"If not for that, I won't have any needs at all."

Even the tips of Shi Xiaoya's ears were red. When she heard Han Zhuoling's words, her ears trembled furiously.

"It's best if it's like this." Shi Xiaoya drew circles on his chest with her index finger. "I'm telling you, if you're not satisfied, then you can only deal with it by yourself. You're not allowed to..."

When she thought about it, she knew he would not go and find someone else, so Shi Xiaoya did not finish her sentence.

She hugged him tightly and said, "Anyway, I'll try... try to train myself, to endure for a little longer, to make you satisfied."

"Okay." Han Zhuoling did not blame her for her earlier thought.

It was because she cared that she was worried.

But she did not say it out loud because she trusted him.

She knew he would not make her worries come true.

She knew that if she'd said it out loud, it would make him feel upset.

So she did not say anything.

But to make him feel even more satisfied, she tried her best to change herself.

If some people heard this, they would probably call her names.

They'd say that Shi Xiaoya's self-esteem was way too low, that she was being too ingratiating.

For Han Zhuoling, she could actually lower herself to the dust on the ground.

But Han Zhuoling knew that aside from a love that ran deep, nothing else would be able to make her like this.

Han Zhuoling held Shi Xiaoya's waist and hugged her a little higher up so that her face could be level with his.

He cupped the back of her head and kissed her right on her lips as he said, "Then go to the gym with me next time."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

As someone who would not sit if she could lie down and would not stand if she could sit...

Chapter 2282: Do You Know What I Was Thinking After I Saw You Putting On Your Suit Properly Just Now?

Going to the gym and the like... was really uncomfortable for her.

Seeing the rejection on Shi Xiaoya's face, Han Zhuoling said, "Didn't you say you will try to endure a little longer?"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"When exactly are you going to work?" Shi Xiaoya changed the topic. She saw the clock at the head of the bed. It was already 9:10 AM.

Han Zhuoling saw it too.

Even if he wanted to laze around with Shi Xiaoya for the whole day here, he had no choice but to leave.

"You're not getting up?" Han Zhuoling still had to send her to her workplace.

Shi Xiaoya peeled herself from his embrace and rolled beside him once before saying, "I'm not going today. There's nothing really important for today, so I can finish it at home. I want to rest here."

As she said that, she even gave Han Zhuoling a reproachful look.

The meaning was very clear. It was all because he made her so tired that she did not even want to go to work anymore.

Han Zhuoling then got up and went to take a shower. After he put on his suit, looking all neat and proper, he looked so dashing and charming that it made her mind go hazy.

But when Shi Xiaoya stared at him, she recalled how Han Zhuoling looked when he was naked just now.

Him wearing a suit made him look like a walking hormone, making people want to tear his suit off him at every moment.

But his appearance when he took off his suit was really called sexy, making only three words appear in the minds of others: "Push him down!"

Besides rolling with him on the bed, on the floor, on the table, on any surface that one can roll on, she actually could not think of anything else.

Shi Xiaoya felt that she had changed due to Han Zhuoling's influence.

Han Zhuoling just felt that Shi Xiaoya's gaze was a little weird, but he did not know that she was having horny thoughts right then.

He walked over, leaned down, and pecked Shi Xiaoya on the lips before he said, "After I get off work, I'll come and fetch you. Let's go to your parents' house. We have to let the elders know that my marriage proposal was a success."

The first thing Han Zhuoling thought of was actually to bring Shi Xiaoya back to the Shi residence and not to his own parents' place, or to the Han family home.

Because to Han Zhuoling, the woman he was going to marry was the precious daughter of the Shi family.

They would be handing over their precious daughter whom they'd raised for more than twenty years to him. How precious of a person she was.

He naturally had to go to his future in-laws' place first.

"Okay," Shi Xiaoya said.

Han Zhuoling was about to stand up, but the moment he stood up, he felt that he was being held back.

He looked down and saw that Shi Xiaoya was holding on to his tie.

"What's wrong?" Han Zhuoling then moved back, placing his palms on both sides of her body.

"Do you know what I was thinking after I saw you put on your suit just now?" Shi Xiaoya asked while chuckling.

Han Zhuoling thought of that slightly strange look in her eyes just now and felt a little curious. "What were you thinking of?"

"I wanted to take off your nicely worn clothes again." As Shi Xiaoya said that, her face was already blushing furiously red.

She quickly lifted her head and planted a quick peck on his lips before lying back down immediately.

After saying such bold words, Shi Xiaoya felt so shy that she covered her face with both hands. Only her giggling sounds could be heard.

But after she'd been giggling for a while, she noticed waves of warmth caressing the back of her hand.

She then knew that Han Zhuoling had not left.

Shi Xiaoya felt that it was strange. Wasn't he rushing to go to work?

So, both the hands that were covering her face slowly widened so she could peek between her fingers.

From the spaces between her fingers, her eyes could be seen, looking really lively.

But Shi Xiaoya saw that Han Zhuoling was actually untying his tie.

Shi Xiaoya did not care about covering her face anymore.

She quickly sat up and went to grab Han Zhuoling's hand. "You... What are you doing!"

"Didn't you want to take off my clothes?" Han Zhuoling said with a light chuckle.

Chapter 2283: There's No Use Even If You Untie It Now

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Although she really did think of that, he did not need to take them off now!

He had just put them on!

“Stop untying, stop untying.” Shi Xiaoya stopped him.

His tie had already been loosened quite a bit. In contrast to the prim and proper appearance of his suit, his tie looked a little messy from being loosened.

This mix of neatness and sexiness was really so seductive that it made one’s mind hazy.

“There’s no use even if you untie it now.” Shi Xiaoya blushed as she said, “I... I haven’t recovered yet.”

Han Zhuoling also thought of this and gritted his teeth as he said, “Yet you still aroused me!”

Shi Xiaoya said in surprise, “Does that mean if my body was fine, you would really have taken off your clothes and stayed?”

Han Zhuoling did not reply, but he narrowed his eyes slightly and just looked at her like that quietly, not speaking a word.

But it still explained everything.

“...” Shi Xiaoya was really stunned and said, “You won’t even go to work?!”

Han Zhuoling raised his eyebrow and said, “What do you think?”

Shi Xiaoya’s heart suddenly started racing.

He was using his actions to prove that to him, she was more important than his job or the company.

For her, he could even forsake going to work.

Perhaps this might be something very normal to other people.

But when it came to Han Zhuoling, Shi Xiaoya knew how unusual this was.

“Alright.” Shi Xiaoya acted cute with him and put her arms around his neck, giving him another kiss as she said, “I will wait for you to come back home.”

Who knew how this line managed to make Han Zhuoling happy, but Han Zhuoling’s gaze became more and more gentle.

Han Zhuoling felt that Shi Xiaoya’s words made it sound as if the two of them were already married.

That she was the cute little wife waiting for him at home.

It made his heart feel really very warm.

“Okay,” Han Zhuoling replied and gave her a kiss.

After Shi Xiaoya let go, he then stood up and faced the mirror to put on his tie properly.

Shi Xiaoya lay on her side, took Han Zhuoling’s pillow, and hugged it in her arms.

His pillow was filled with the scent of his body.

It smelled nice and made her feel secure.

Han Zhuoling tidied himself and turned back to look at her. "You're not getting up to eat?"

Shi Xiaoya shook her head. "I'm still a little tired. I want to lie down and sleep for a while more."

"You can sleep, but you can't skip your meals," Han Zhuoling reminded her. "No matter what time you wake up, you must eat."

Shi Xiaoya was normally busy at work and needed to wake up early, so she still ate her three meals regularly.

But the moment she took a break, she'd become really lax with her routine.

Afterward, with Han Zhuoling supervising her, it got a little better.

But Shi Xiaoya just felt that Han Zhuoling himself did not do any better.

In the past, once he started working, he would not remember anything, much less things like eating his meals on time.

It was already very good that he could remember to eat.

So Shi Xiaoya felt that she and Han Zhuoling could be considered to be supervising each other.

"Okay," Shi Xiaoya replied very obediently, then said, "I will send you a photo after I get out of bed."

"Good." Han Zhuoling then left the house.

After lingering around with Shi Xiaoya like this, when Han Zhuoling really left the house, it was already 10:20 AM.

When he reached the company, it was already a little past 11:30 AM.

As Han Zhuoling's assistant, Tong Chunian did not have the guts to ask his superior why he came to work only now.

It's true, he was also very curious about what Han Zhuoling did the whole morning.

Coming so late did not seem like Han Zhuoling's style.

But ever since Han Zhuoling fell in love, such situations happened more and more often.

Tong Chunian guessed that this time would also be related to Shi Xiaoya.

"Tell me about this morning's work briefly," Han Zhuoling said to Tong Chunian before he entered the office.

Chapter 2284: If You Live Long Enough, You Will See Everything

Hence, Tong Chunian quickly followed Han Zhuoling into the office.

Han Zhuoling made pre-work preparations while he listened to Tong Chunian's report.

As Tong Chunian spoke, Han Zhuoling's phone rang.

Tong Chunian then paused. Han Zhuoling took his phone to take a look and saw that it was a call from Han Zhuoli.

He answered and asked, "What?"

"Yo, Big Brother, I heard you came to the company only now?" Han Zhuoli asked.

"..." Han Zhuoling had a facepalm moment. "Why are you only concerned about such gossip all day long? Does Lu Man know that you're not doing proper work for half the time that you're in the office?"

"I'm just being concerned about your actions. This is also proper work," Han Zhuoli said in all seriousness. "Please treat this matter seriously."

Han Zhuoling: "..."

"I know you didn't have work or business gatherings in the morning, but why didn't you come?" Han Zhuoli asked. "In the past, you always reach the company at 6 AM. Afterward, because you fell in love, you slacked off at work. It's fine if you don't come so early anymore, but now, you actually only arrived at noon!"

"You said it yourself. I'm in love, so how would I have the time to work?" Han Zhuoling said.

What the f*ck???

Tong Chunian stared at Han Zhuoling, feeling dumbstruck.

How was this something that Han Zhuoling would say!

If you lived long enough, you would really see everything!

He never thought that one day, he could actually hear Han Zhuoling personally say things like he did not have time for work!

On the other end of the call, Han Zhuoli caught Han Zhuoling's words and said, "So you really didn't come to work because you wanted to be together with Xiaoya!"

Han Zhuoling: "..."

"Alright. After hearing the answer, I can now do my work in peace. Goodbye." Han Zhuoli hung up after saying that.

Han Zhuoling: "..."

So this little punk really just called for the gossip.

Han Zhuoling thought to himself that if Han Zhuoli had still been a single dog, he could have gone and agitated him.

But it was a pity. Han Zhuoli had long been married, yet Han Zhuoling had only just succeeded in his marriage proposal.

If he really went to look for Han Zhuoli, who knew who would end up being triggered?

But even though Han Zhuoling was in office, he still had that air of excitement around him that had yet to abate.

Once he got off work, Han Zhuoling immediately went back home and fetched Shi Xiaoya so they could go to the Shi residence.

Shi Xiaoya had naturally told her parents in advance and even called Shi Nancang as well.

But she did not say what it was about.

Just like the first time, when she brought Han Zhuoling home, she'd told her parents she was going to bring her boyfriend home, but she'd refused to say who her boyfriend was.

This secretiveness made Du Yiqin unbearably curious.

Before Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling arrived, Du Yiqin was clutching Shi Guanzhong and making guesses. "What matter do you think it's about for Xiaoya to sound so serious about it? And she even called Nancang back as well."

"Perhaps it's just so we could gather together and have a meal. After all, the siblings are on good terms. It's rare that they come visit, so they would surely notify each other," Shi Guanzhong said. "Usually, when Nancang comes back, he would call Xiaoya too."

"Although that's true, I still think there's something going on," Du Yiqin mumbled.

She was wracking her brains to guess by herself at the side.

"Aiya!" Du Yiqin's expression suddenly changed.

This exclamation gave Shi Guanzhong a scare.

He really got a scare and almost jumped up from the sofa.

"What are you doing, being all flustered!" Shi Guanzhong complained.

"Say, do you think he and Xiaoya broke up?" Du Yiqin said, feeling uneasy.

She really liked Han Zhuoling.

It had nothing to do with the Han Family. It was just that Han Zhuoling as a man made people feel really at ease.

Chapter 2285: Status Was Already So Low

The conditions surrounding him could have turned him into a rascal, but he'd turned out to be an upright and reliable young man.

Could people not like him?

His having a past marriage or things like that were not important.

"What kind of wild thoughts are you having?" Shi Guanzhong pursed his lips and said, "You talk every day about how reliable Zhuoling is, so how can you still suspect that they'd break up?"

Du Yiqin said, "Reliable doesn't mean they won't break up. Love has nothing to do with a person's character."

"Stop thinking wildly," Shi Guanzhong said. "The two of them even went to film for a show together two days ago. How can they break up? They are just coming back to visit us after they've finished filming the show. You keep cooking up stories in your mind all day. Don't you get tired?"

"Hmph!" Du Yiqin said. "I just think Zhuoling is way too good, so I feel insecure."

"Then you need to have confidence in our dear daughter too. Zhuoling is good, but is our precious daughter any worse? It's our precious daughter; whoever gets together with her is the lucky one," Shi Guanzhong said.

"That's for sure," Du Yiqin said. "I'm not saying anything bad about our precious daughter. I'm just comparing Zhuoling among men. I think that, among other men, there are really very few that can compare to Zhuoling. Our precious daughter is so outstanding, of course she has to find a man as outstanding as Zhuoling. If she'd found someone who's a little more lacking, I'd have felt that it's our precious daughter who's on the losing end."

Shi Guanzhong thought to himself, "That's not what you thought at first."

Before Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling got together, Du Yiqin did not have such high expectations for Shi Xiaoya's future boyfriend.

As long as Shi Xiaoya liked him, it was enough.

Of course, she could not like just any rascal either.

He still needed to have some form of decent character.

It was only after Han Zhuoling's advent that Du Yiqin's expectations and taste reached a new height.

Not that he wanted to consider it, but if Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya really broke up one day, given how high Du Yiqin's expectations from a son-in-law had been raised by Han Zhuoling, who else would be able to meet her level after that?

After thinking of that, Shi Guanzhong suddenly realized that his own expectations had also been raised quite high by Han Zhuoling.

If Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya really broke up in the future, even if Shi Xiaoya found someone new, he would also not be able to help compare that person to Han Zhuoling.

As long as that man was less capable than Han Zhuoling, Shi Guanzhong would surely feel dissatisfied in his heart.

Hence, Shi Guanzhong also stopped talking.

The husband and wife both fell silent.

At this moment, the doorbell to their home rang.

Du Yiqin immediately stood up excitedly and said, "Is it Xiaoya who came back?"

The helper auntie at home went to get the door and turned to say to Du Yiqin, "It's Young Master who came back."

Du Yiqin then very disdainfully went back to sit down.

Shi Nancang still did not know that he had been disdained by his own mother.

After a while, Shi Nancang stepped into the house. Seeing how Du Yiqin was not very excited to see him, not even bothering to acknowledge him after he stepped in, he thought to himself, was his status in the family already so low now?

"Dad, Mom," Shi Nancang greeted. He sat down on the sofa opposite them. "Why are both of you ignoring me?"

"We aren't, we aren't," Du Yiqin replied as if to placate him.

Shi Nancang: "..."

"Mom, what's with you?" Shi Nancang asked.

As he asked, the helper auntie brought some tea for Shi Nancang.

Du Yiqin then said, "It's because of Xiaoya, of course. She didn't say what the matter was and called you back too. It looks like a big issue. Won't I be worried? I thought they might have broken up or something."

Chapter 2286: Just Praising Han Zhuoling

"That definitely won't happen." Shi Nancang laughed as he said, "Mom, your imagination is really wild. How can you even think of this? When Xiaoya called me, she was in a very good mood. She didn't sound like she fell out of love at all.

"Anyway, even if they broke up, not like it'd be a big deal. Our Xiaoya doesn't lack suitors. There are so many people who like her. In the past, when Xiaoya was single, there were always people who asked me about her. But I had to figure them out first."

Shi Nancang continued, "This and that and every aspect of them, especially those whose private lives are not disciplined enough, I already passed them off.

"Afterward, when Xiaoya got together with Han Zhuoling, that man was way too cunning. He'd publicly announced it in a high-profile manner, letting everyone know that Xiaoya was already his woman. That's why no one dares to ask me about Xiaoya now."

Shi Nancang took a sip of tea and said, "But some things, you have to try for yourself. Let's say Xiaoya was dating someone else right now, I bet there'd still be many people who'd want to woo her. As the saying goes, as long as the hoe is employed well, there is no corner that can't be dug. Those people, they are just scared of Han Zhuoling, so they don't dare to ask."

Du Yiqin laughed and praised, "Zhuoling is really impressive."

"..." Shi Nancang replied helplessly, "Mom, I'm saying all this to tell you that, actually, Xiaoya is really very popular. It's not for you to praise Han Zhuoling."

"I know Xiaoya is popular," Du Yiqin said. "Our Xiaoya has always been popular, as far back as kindergarten.

"But why don't those people dare to have designs on Xiaoya anymore? Isn't it because Zhuoling is too awesome?" Du Yiqin praised. "So, I hope that Xiaoya can walk together with Zhuoling for a long, long time. Leaving Xiaoya with him makes me feel assured. With him around, no one can think of bullying Xiaoya."

Shi Nancang: "..."

Why was it that whenever she spoke, she'd end up praising Han Zhuoling again?

Du Yiqin was just praising Han Zhuoling to the skies now!

As the three of them chatted, the doorbell rang again.

This time, it was indeed Han Zhuoling who came back with Shi Xiaoya.

The auntie opened the door and waited for them at the entrance.

She'd also heard Du Yiqin and Shi Guanzhong's conversation just now, so she smiled as she said, "Madam, Young Missy and Mr. Han are here. The two of them look very loving. You don't need to worry."

Du Yiqin then really heaved a sigh of relief.

Not long after they spoke, Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya entered through the door.

While the two of them were changing their shoes, Shi Guanzhong and his wife, as well as Shi Nancang, had not noticed yet that Shi Xiaoya had an extra ring on her finger.

And then the two sat down opposite them, and Han Zhuoling held Shi Xiaoya's hand out of habit.

It just so happened that Han Zhuoling sat on Shi Xiaoya's left side, so the hand he held was her left one, which had the ring on it.

Shi Nancang's eyes were the sharpest, and he was the first to notice it.

He immediately pointed to Shi Xiaoya's hand and exclaimed, "What are you wearing on your hand!"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

What do you mean what?

Because of Shi Nancang's words, Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin both looked over as well.

They instantly saw the ring on Shi Xiaoya's finger.

"Oh my!" Du Yiqin exclaimed in surprise.

Shi Xiaoya smiled sweetly and said, "I called Older Brother over today as well because I wanted to tell you all about this. Zhuoling proposed to me."

Du Yiqin covered her mouth with her hand in agitation, tears welling up in her eyes.

It's true that Han Zhuoling had already expressed his wish to marry Shi Xiaoya since the first time he visited them.

And each time he came, he did not hide his intention and always wanted to bring it up.

But to be honest, no one took him seriously.

Chapter 2287: Given to a Punk Like You Just Like That

After all, the two of them had not been together officially for a long time.

At least to Du Yiqin, it was not a long enough time for the two of them to understand each other well.

Each other's personality, habits, and all kinds of views all needed to be slowly discovered over a long period of interaction.

A marriage under rushed circumstances had too many hidden troubles involved.

But after this period of time, it was not just Shi Xiaoya who'd gained a deeper understanding of Han Zhuoling.

Even they as her parents got to understand Han Zhuoling more and more.

They'd learned that Han Zhuoling was definitely someone they could entrust their daughter to for life.

That was why Du Yiqin had that kind of worry previously.

It was rare to meet a person like Han Zhuoling who could make her feel so assured.

If it became another man, she would have to worry again.

She was still so worried previously, but who'd have guessed that the two of them were already engaged now!

"When was this?" Du Yiqin immediately asked.

"Just yesterday," Shi Xiaoya said. "Didn't we go to film for a show? It happened yesterday night, after the filming for the show was done. I didn't expect it. He'd kept it a secret all along but secretly told the production team and the participating guests. So after the filming last night, he gave me such a surprise like this." Shi Xiaoya subconsciously recalled the proposal scene from last night, feeling such sweetness in her heart that it was as if it was filled with honey.

"Wait, then why is the ring on your ring finger?" Shi Nancang felt that it was strange. "Did you guys go and collect your marriage certificates directly today?"

Shi Guanzhong and Du Yiqin were instantly stunned.

"No!" Shi Xiaoya quickly waved her hands. "No, no."

Speaking of that, the corners of Shi Xiaoya's lips twitched a little before she said, "It was because Zhuoling said that, since we were going to get married, he'll just put it on my ring finger. This way, other people who see it can forget at once about still wooing me."

Shi Nancang: "..."

He lost.

Han Zhuoling was indeed a cunning old boy!

Du Yiqin nodded elatedly. "Good, good, good. This is pretty good."

"He just proposed yesterday and he immediately came over to tell you all today," Shi Xiaoya said to raise points for Han Zhuoling.

Indeed, Shi Guanzhong felt especially happy.

What did this show?

It showed that Han Zhuoling held Shi Xiaoya in high regard!

It was because he held Shi Xiaoya in high regard that he felt, for such a big matter, he would have to come and tell them about it first.

Shi Guanzhong smiled and waved his hand as he said, "How can this do? You have to first tell the two elders about this no matter what."

"We will go to the family home to tell them about this tomorrow," Han Zhuoling said.

Shi Guanzhong then no longer stood on formalities with him.

Because he knew that Old Mrs. Han was more particular about this, they had to choose a good day before going to collect their marriage certificates.

It did not need to be dates like 5/20 or 1314, but it should be a date suitable for marriage.

Hence, for the exact date and time for collecting their marriage certificates, they would still have to go and discuss it with Old Mrs. Han first.

Du Yiqin stared at Shi Xiaoya, feeling a little sentimental in her heart.

Shi Xiaoya, who had still been a young little lady in her memory, was actually about to get married now.

But luckily, the partner was Han Zhuoling, so she was very assured.

At night, Shi Guanzhong and Shi Nancang dragged Han Zhuoling to drink along with them.

This time, even Du Yiqin, who was all praises for her son-in-law, did not stop them.

This punk was about to marry their precious daughter and take her away from their family. Even if she felt that Han Zhuoling was already super good, Du Yiqin would still feel her heart ache.

Shi Nancang poured some alcohol for Han Zhuoling while Shi Guanzhong sighed and said, "My precious daughter is to be given to a punk like you just like that. You must definitely treat our Xiaoya well. You can't think that just because you'd already married her, she's not important anymore and you won't need to treat her with respect."

Han Zhuoling did not make any promises. He just listened quietly the entire time, nodding at appropriate moments.

Chapter 2288: Unreasonable

He looked like he was really taking guidance from him.

Alas, Shi Guanzhong had been waiting for Han Zhuoling's promises the entire time, and he had also drunk a little too much, so he said with displeasure, "Why are you keeping quiet all this while?!"

"You're not even married yet and you already think you can relax and don't need to be considerate and caring towards Xiaoya anymore? Is that it?" Shi Guanzhong asked.

"..." Han Zhuoling said very patiently, "No. I am listening closely to your instructions, Dad. I'm remembering all your words. Rest assured, I definitely won't be like that. I treat Xiaoya well before marriage, and I will definitely treat her even better after marriage."

"What's going on?" Shi Nancang's face was flushed all red from being drunk. "Why don't you treat Xiaoya before marriage as good as you would after marriage? Don't tell me if she doesn't marry you, you won't hold her in high regard? You won't treat her well enough?"

Han Zhuoling: "..."

With two seriously drunk people, one who was about to marry off his daughter and one who was about to marry off his younger sister, one really could not speak reasonably.

They were even scarier than girlfriends who were being unreasonable.

But thankfully, Shi Xiaoya had yet to be so unreasonable.

Shi Xiaoya placed her hand over her forehead, wanting to stop the two men who'd already decided to be unreasonable.

But Du Yiqin stopped her.

Du Yiqin said in a hushed voice, "Don't stop the two of them at a time like this. They're marrying you off to someone else; they don't feel assured and their hearts are aching too. And it's not just them. Even I who's already so pleased with Zhuoling still can't help but worry, thinking about how, in the future, you won't just be our family's little daughter but also someone else's wife, as well as some other family's daughter-in-law."

"Being a daughter and being someone's wife and someone's daughter-in-law are different, after all. No matter how nice your in-laws are, you won't be able to be as carefree and as relaxed as you would be in your own home. There will always be considerations and reservations about things that you can't do here and there.

"As a daughter, you are the apple of your mother's eye. But after you are married, it will be different." Du Yiqin's eyes teared up a little.

She heaved a heavy sigh and said, "After you are married, you will need to have children. As a mother, that will be even more difficult. In a person's life, the happiest time is probably after one is born up until the time before one goes to school. After that, the older we grow up, the more difficult things become.

“And for a woman’s life, the most carefree period is before they get married.” Du Yiqin caressed Shi Xiaoya’s hair and said, “But you have to grow up, and you can’t be a little girl forever. There are many words and thoughts filled with heartache that I want to tell Zhuoling about too. But I won’t be able to say them, so I’ll let your dad and your older brother say them.”

“Mom...” Shi Xiaoya felt like she was about to cry.

Du Yiqin was sitting right beside her. Shi Xiaoya held her elbow, leaning her forehead on Du Yiqin’s shoulder.

When Du Yiqin said those things, Shi Xiaoya felt a little like she did not want to get married anymore.

She just wanted to keep staying by her parents’ side.

Gradually, she would be able to empathize with Du Yiqin’s feelings.

But she did not have children yet, so she might not be able to empathize completely.

Yet this already made her want to cry.

Han Zhuoling was on the opposite side. Although he was listening closely to Shi Guanzhong and Shi Nancang’s words, he was also paying special attention to Shi Xiaoya.

When he saw Shi Xiaoya’s reaction, he instantly felt alarmed.

Must not let Shi Xiaoya regret it!

He still hadn’t made her his wife yet!

Hadn’t Du Yiqin always been his teammate?

Why did she drag him down today!

Han Zhuoling instantly said very seriously and somberly to Du Yiqin, “Mom, rest assured. I will make sure that even after marriage, Xiaoya will be as relaxed and as carefree as she was before marriage.”

Chapter 2289: Who Would Make Promises to a Drunkard

“No matter how carefree and pampered she had been before marriage, that would only be exceeded after marriage. It won’t ever fall below that standard,” Han Zhuoling said seriously to Du Yiqin. “The stress and difficulties after marriage, I won’t let her go through those.

“Our family has always given their daughters-in-law ample freedom. From my mom to Second Aunt, to Lu Man, they all did not need to change any part of themselves in front of their in-laws. On the contrary, my mom had been a little reserved in the past and was not able to relax as much. But in recent years, she’d become more and more at ease and would speak her mind. No one ever chided her.

“Even when she quarreled with my dad, the two elders never interfered and would even help her,” Han Zhuoling said. “It’s true that they are not the people closest to Xiaoya, so she cannot be too bold, but she can be bold towards me. She doesn’t need to have any reservations at all.

“In the future, she will also become a mother. She will worry for her children, but she won’t be unhappy because of this,” Han Zhuoling said. “I will work hard so that she will not have to change after marriage,

and I will not make her feel that she is no longer as happy and carefree as she had been when she was single.”

That little bit of heartache that Shi Xiaoya felt initially was now suppressed because of Han Zhuoling’s words.

Han Zhuoling finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Had he not been careful, he might have lost his wife.

Shi Guanzhong said in a drunken slur, “Just now, when I talked to you, you just nodded your head. When your mom talks to you, you immediately make promises. This is not fair!”

Han Zhuoling: “...”

Who would make promises to a drunkard?

Once he fell asleep and woke up tomorrow, he would have forgotten everything. Won’t he have made promises for nothing then?

Promises naturally had to be made to people who could remember them.

But afterward, Shi Guanzhong and Shi Nancang both became too drunk, and they even forgot what they themselves wanted to say.

After speaking to Shi Xiaoya’s parents, the next day, the two of them went to the family home.

They told all the elders in the Han Family about Han Zhuoling’s successful marriage proposal.

Han Zhuoli only then learned the reason why Han Zhuoling went to work at noontime the day before.

It was probably because he felt too happy after his successful proposal and was being intimate with Shi Xiaoya at home, so he did not feel like coming to work.

Although Lin Liye and everyone else did not know that Han Zhuoling went to work very late yesterday, they took to heart all the changes they saw in him ever since he got together with Shi Xiaoya.

This kind of change was of course good.

This kind of Han Zhuoling made people feel that he had flesh and blood, that he’d become more like a human.

As to his changes, the elders in the Han Family naturally felt happy about it, and naturally, they had no sort of dissatisfaction towards Shi Xiaoya.

After Han Zhuoling divorced, actually, Old Mrs. Han had already been mentally prepared, thinking that Han Zhuoling would probably not get married again in his lifetime.

Yes, Old Mrs. Han kept rushing him and wanting to introduce some ladies to him or things like that.

But in fact, Old Mrs. Han had been mentally prepared long ago.

Old Mrs. Han had rushed him not because she wanted him to have descendants.

Old Mrs. Han was not so old-fashioned in her thinking.

She just did not want to see Han Zhuoling being all by himself, still single and alone even when he was old.

Han Zhuoli already had his own family, and Han Zhuofeng would too in the future.

When that time came, if Han Zhuoling was still all by himself, it would really be too lonely.

It would only be good if he had a lover to stay by his side so they could keep each other company.

Old Mrs. Han did not want to see Han Zhuoling, who'd been all cold and aloof when he was young, remain that way into the future.

She hoped that Han Zhuoling could experience the little bits of warmth in life.

At first, Old Mrs. Han had felt really troubled. She could not give as much pressure to Han Zhuoling as she had to Han Zhuoli.

And even to Han Zhuoli, she'd only appeared a little more anxious.

Chapter 2290: Arriving in New York

When Han Zhuoli had not yet met someone he liked, none of them had forced him to casually choose someone to be with.

She would not force any of her grandchildren to be with someone they did not like.

Who knew, luck was on their side. The tables had turned, and Han Zhuoling actually met Shi Xiaoya.

Old Mrs. Han then found out what this eldest grandson of hers was actually like once he really met the girl he liked.

He was no longer that cold and aloof person. In front of the woman he loved, it was as if he became a pro without anyone teaching him. He became a completely different person from before.

He became chatty and smiled often, and he even knew how to flirt.

He told Shi Xiaoya everything, as if the two of them had endless things to talk about.

He was completely different from how he was like in the past.

Old Mrs. Han then felt assured.

There was now a person staying by Han Zhuoling's side, and they could now spend the rest of their lives together.

Old Mrs. Han flipped through the Tung Shing[1] to pick a date. The date that she picked would have to be after their whole family was back from the US.

In the blink of an eye, the day came when they would all set off for the US together.

Shi Xiaoya was going to do makeup for Yu Mingshu. It was the same whether she left a few days earlier or later, so she decided to go over together with the rest of the Han Family.

Because of the time difference, that special episode of *Survivor* happened to air at 9 AM local time on the morning after they arrived in the US.

But because they could not watch the live-stream over there and could only wait for the online version, they would then be able to watch it at 12 noon precisely.

They got off the plane at nine in the morning. Adding the time taken to collect their luggage, pass customs, as well as travel to their accommodation, it was already 11:30 AM when they reached the hotel.

“Quick, quick, quick, let’s watch that episode of *Survivor* together,” Old Mrs. Han said.

“Grandma, don’t you need to rest for a while?” Shi Xiaoya saw that Old Mrs. Han still looked quite energetic, but she was still a little worried.

Old Mrs. Han was quite old after all, and she could not withstand long hours as ably as young people could.

Back in their home country, the time now was already 11:30 at night.

“Before we came, the two of us have already started taking jet lag pills to help us adjust to the time difference,” Old Mrs. Han explained.

“To us, there’s no jet lag problem at all now,” Old Mr. Han said with a smile. “It’s you all, actually. You guys’ energy levels definitely can’t compare to ours.”

Besides, Han Zhuoli and the others really did not have time to adjust to the jet lag beforehand.

Before they came, they all needed to work, so they could not prepare and adjust beforehand.

And working nocturnally back home was something they could not do either.

The two elders had also looked for a doctor to slowly help them adjust, so they did not change their routine to a nocturnal one either.

After all, they were quite old. Adjusting to jet lag, especially the kind where the difference between day and night was completely reversed, was a very tiring thing to do.

Although Shen Nuo and Lin Liye did not need to work, the two of them really had not thought of this.

Hence, among so many people, indeed, only the two elders looked the most energetic.

But they could also seize this time to adjust to the jet lag.

So everyone went back to their rooms first to unpack their luggage.

Once they were done unpacking, everyone then gathered together in the two elders’ hotel room.

Lu Man took out her tablet computer, found the latest episode of *Survivor* from Dong Hua Station’s online video platform, and connected the screen to the TV in the hotel room.

The video displayed the conflicts and highlights of each scene to the maximum.

Hence, Ni Xue bore the brunt of it.

During the mission segments, she was solely focused on acting cute to Han Zhuoling. She did not do the missions properly and kept trying to increase her presence in front of Han Zhuoling.

The production team did not intend to cover up for her at all in the post-production edits. They broadcasted it all.

Nowadays, many netizens choose to wait for the online version to be released.