

Mr Han 2301

Chapter 2301: Why So Thick-skinned

“Haha, enough posing for someone not good enough,” someone scoffed.

Lu Man frowned. These people were already so rude in front of her, so one could only imagine how the previous exchange students had been treated.

“I arrived later only because of some personal affairs, and yet more than one of you assumed I was the ace.

“Seems your school has always been assuming this.” Lu Man pretended to laugh shyly. “How embarrassing, you all treating me as the trump card. I don’t dare to claim that title.”

Everybody: “...”

Was that what they meant?

That’s totally not what they meant, okay?

What’s more, they weren’t praising her!

Claim what title!

It wasn’t a praise!

This Eastern woman—so small and cute yet so brazen!

That’s right, they might be mocking Lu Man, but they admitted in their hearts that Lu Man was pretty.

They say foreigners judge beauty differently from Asians.

But that’s not exactly true.

They could understand Lu Man’s beauty.

When compared to the bigger-built Westerners, Lu Man appeared really small and dainty.

Back home, not only among the female celebrities, Lu Man’s height was just right.

A height of 1.65 meters wasn’t too intimidating, nor would her roles be restricted because she was too short.

Wearing heels made her cool and domineering too.

Plus, she had a really fine figure.

Because everything was in widescreen nowadays, the industry had tighter demands for actress’ figures.

To appear even better onscreen, female celebrities often had to be skinnier than the average slim girl.

What was thin in real life would appear fatter on screen.

Many watching celebrities on TV would think their figures were average, but they'd gasp at their very skinny figures seeing them in real life.

Lu Man had never lost weight purposely before.

Han Zhuoli would never let her suffer just for her figure.

Not only Han Zhuoli, but even Xia Qingwei and the Han Family elders would never let her do so.

But though Lu Man was already slim, she was meaty at the appropriate places.

She looked healthy.

And she's not overly skinny from dieting just to appear nice onscreen.

Moreover, Lu Man's appearance was really adaptable.

With light makeup or none, she looked like a cute and young neighborhood girl, far younger than her actual age.

Or she wouldn't have looked the same age as her classmates despite being a couple of years older.

But if she had a more aggressive makeup on, she'd look seductive—beautiful yet domineering.

Making guys who love a challenge all eager to take down this thorny rose.

But Lu Man did not like thick makeup herself.

Unless she had to attend any important ceremony or had to match her clothes with the makeup artist's work, or had performance requirements, she usually liked light makeup or would go bare-faced.

She looked young and fresh with a slim figure and no makeup, and in the eyes of these Westerners, she looked like an Oriental doll.

Chapter 2302: Came Here for Me?

A rather fresh and different form of beauty.

But they never expected this doll-like beauty to be so thick-skinned!

Twisting their words of mockery into praise!

No wonder the exchange students who returned all said that Lu Man was cunning and devious, that they should not be fooled by her appearance.

It's all true.

She must have used some devious tricks to deal with Bourbotte and defeat their exchange students!

They would never believe that Lu Man had relied only on her abilities to achieve all these.

"Lu Man!"

Lu Man turned upon hearing the familiar voice, and it was actually Han Leilei and Zhang Xiaoying, with the two guys from the National Drama Academy, Tan Mingxiao and Guo Hai, accompanying them like their bodyguards.

Han Leilei beamed upon seeing Lu Man.

She looked utterly relaxed, as if Lu Man had answered their prayers—their trusty backup had finally arrived and they had nothing more to fear.

The other students also saw Han Leilei's reaction.

They became even more curious—wasn't she just a small but particularly brazen woman?

Must they look at her like she was their goddess?

How was Lu Man fit to be one?

These Chinese exchange students must be panicking and at the end of their wits.

They knew they'd embarrassed themselves too much these past months and desperately hoped for someone to lead them.

They didn't care if Lu Man could really aid them or not. They just pinned their hopes on Lu Man blindly.

What a joke.

Even if Lu Man came, she was just another person to shame.

And they hoped Lu Man could actually help him?

How ridiculous!

They were so shaken that they forgot themselves.

Even depending on a young lass.

Han Leilei and the other three had no idea what the others were thinking. Seeing Lu Man simply made Zheng Yuan sigh in relief internally.

Even Zhang Xiaoying, who always treated Lu Man as an opponent, saw her this time as a kindred soul.

She couldn't even bother upsetting Lu Man now. She was smiling especially sincerely and cordially.

Lu Man was slightly stunned seeing that.

But she naturally wouldn't put on any unhappiness on her face seeing Zhang Xiaoying's friendly smile.

She greeted both joyfully.

As for the other two guys, Guo Hai and Tan Mingxiao—Guo Hai was from the National Drama Academy, and they knew each other from the "Chinese Arts Championships."

Not exactly familiar, but not total strangers either.

On the other hand, Lu Man had never met Tan Mingxiao.

After saying their hellos, Guo Hai introduced him to Lu Man, "This is Tan Mingxiao, also a student from the National Drama Academy and my classmate."

So Lu Man greeted him too.

"You all came here for me?" Lu Man asked.

She was currently in the school's office, dealing with administrative matters as an exchange student.

Though she came late, Principal Liu had already explained why on the school's behalf to New York University.

Hence, it wasn't a big deal.

She just didn't expect the mockery.

The four of them didn't appear to need anything from the office.

Han Leilei nodded, saying, "We knew you're reporting today, so we came to fetch you."

She looked around. "Young Master Han didn't come with you?"

"It's only reporting and nothing big, so he returned to the office after dropping me off," Lu Man replied.

Chapter 2303: Are You Getting Bullied?

Han Zhuoling and Han Zhuoli would be making use of their time in the US to settle their company affairs in the branch office here.

"I'm not a kid, I don't need him to protect and follow me everywhere." Lu Man smiled. "If he did, he should just be my parent already."

Han Leilei laughed. "Right, right, right. You done with the procedures?"

"Wait a moment." Lu Man turned to Jose. "Excuse me, are the admin matters done?"

Jose didn't hide his disdain and sniffed. "Done. I'll get a student to bring you to your dormitory and introduce you to the learning and living environments here. They'd tell you the stuff to take note of when studying."

"No need," Zhang Xiaoying said. "We're here for her. We'll take her to the dorm and have her rest."

Jose pursed his lips. "Fine, you can settle it yourselves."

Jose thought they were probably going to complain to Lu Man about being humiliated these past few months.

Hence, Lu Man left with the four.

Once out of the building and upon reaching the campus, the four Asian faces became extremely prominent.

Just like how four foreigners walking on a campus full of Chinese students would be equally eye-catching.

“Lu Man, you’re finally here. We’ve been looking forward to having you here.” Han Leilei had nothing to hide from Lu Man.

Hearing this, Guo Hai and Tan Mingxiao both looked a bit awkward.

“Why?” Lu Man asked. “You all knew I was arriving today.”

“The story’s a bit long and confusing, I don’t really know where to start,” Han Leilei replied.

“Then we’ll talk in the dorm, no worries. Just slowly start from when you all arrived here. That Jose student just now kept talking weirdly to me. Have you all been getting bullied these past few months?” Lu Man asked.

Even Zhang Xiaoying wanted to cry upon hearing Lu Man.

Like a bullied child who finally saw his or her parents, she felt relieved and also wanted to cry about her grievances.

But Zhang Xiaoying quickly pushed down such feelings.

How could she be so useless, actually feeling like Lu Man was her family!

Don’t forget, Lu Man was her opponent!

In reality, however, unbeknownst to Zhang Xiaoying, Lu Man had never treated her as a competitor.

Because Zhang Xiaoying was never her opponent.

Though apart from the four, no one else they passed understood Chinese, Han Leilei felt that talking about this on the road wasn’t suitable.

So she seized the chance to introduce Lu Man to the school and its surroundings.

She talked mostly about living arrangements.

When they reached the dormitory, she informed Lu Man about its matters.

As for the dormitory, it was rather like a condominium.

Everyone had their own rooms and a shared space.

Good enough to satisfy both personal privacy and community living.

The exchange students were located on the same level this time.

Hearing of Lu Man’s arrival, everyone gathered in the living room outside of Lu Man’s room.

Everyone heaved an obvious sigh of relief upon seeing her.

Chapter 2304: Standard’s Too Low

Han Leilei handed Lu Man a can of fruit juice. Sun Mengying from the National Drama Academy participated in the “Chinese Arts Championships” too, so Lu Man knew her.

“Lu Man, where’s your luggage?” Sun Mengying asked.

Lu Man shooked her head. "The dorm's for me to rest at during the day. I won't be staying here."

Han Leilei explained, "Young Master Han's here too. He won't let Lu Man stay here for sure."

The Han Family didn't have a villa here.

So they all stayed in hotels.

They'd booked rooms for a month straight, and apart from accompanying Lu Man to the exchange competition, it was convenient for them to have a little more fun here before and after the competition.

Wang Juhuai's place was in Los Angeles, not in New York, so he stayed in a hotel with Xia Qingwei.

He had brought Lu Man and Xia Qingwei to visit his home before.

It wasn't the place he had lived with Lin Jinshu.

Because he himself couldn't stand having traces of Lin Jinshu in his life, he'd moved after divorcing her.

Thus, Xia Qingwei wouldn't feel uncomfortable there as well.

Sun Mengying nodded, understanding.

She was merely curious and had no other opinion.

"When I went to report in, I saw that they were very unfriendly towards me. I thought they were only hostile towards me, but they mentioned you too in their words." Lu Man said implicitly, "Are you all being bullied here too?"

When they heard this, everyone's faces fell, appearing dejected.

Tan Mingxiao sighed. "If I hadn't come here, I wouldn't have known how low my standards were."

Guo Hai said, "If they were actually just going to intimidate us and humiliate us on purpose, we wouldn't have lost so terribly every time. But case in point, it's because we were too lousy."

"Wha happened exactly?" Lu Man asked.

From all their words, she still had no idea what had happened.

Han Leilei filled her in. "The nine of us arrived first, and we sensed their hostilities the moment we came in.

"And the moment we arrived, they took us down a notch down. We thought it was because we just came and an opening gambit was nothing much. But they actually didn't stop at all.

"Every time there were assignments from professors, someone would take the chance to make things difficult for us and embarrass us. Of course, we do have room for improvement and are worse than them, so we just have to work harder.

"Perhaps we're too far behind them, but we did improve when compared to our past selves," Han Leilei continued.

“But they never stopped shaming us, and after losing a few times, we’d noticed this was unusual. Even if we’re lousier than they were, we’re here to learn, and they shouldn’t be acting this way.

“We’d discussed it among ourselves too, wondering if they’re doing this because they lost when they sent their exchange students over.

“They couldn’t handle the defeat and were trying to pick on us in return.

“After a period, we did confirm this was exactly what they were doing from their words.”

Chapter 2305: Would’ve Kept My Mouth Shut Had I Known Earlier

“They’re sore losers, so they’re trying to pick on us. Plus, you weren’t here, and they initially assumed you’re too scared to come,” Han Leilei said.

“They always ridiculed us in and after class. Of course, it’s only the students. The professors and lecturers care about their status and wouldn’t go overboard. Some teachers are quite good too. Because we’re quite behind in standard, they’d take extra care of us and explain a lot more to us.

“And when we have questions or have our own opinions, we could approach them. They’re very willing to discuss with us. They’re also interested in our acting styles. It’s because of these that we held on until now.

“But there are some teachers too who are arrogant and look down on us. Though they won’t step on us like the students do, we can tell from their actions and words. We don’t have to approach them anyway, there are a lot of friendlier teachers around.

“The ones going overboard are the students, and some others, like the Jose you met today, don’t teach classes and are just administrative staff. Professors have more restraints, so they wouldn’t be expressing their emotions like he did today.”

“It’s just some students here who keep making trouble for us in and after class, scorning and ostracizing us,” Guo Hai interjected.

Sun Hezhou, from Donghua Film Academy, said apologetically to Lu Man, “I was too impulsive and didn’t check my temper. They said you’re afraid to come for the competition, hiding back home. Hearing this so many times, I couldn’t hold it back and said you’ll come, just later.”

Xu Chuansheng from the same academy said, “Hezhou didn’t mean anything by that, he only said that and nothing else. Who knew what those people are thinking, but they reckoned you must’ve felt too clever for them and could win against them even without attending lessons.”

Sun Hezhou said in regret, “Would’ve kept my mouth shut had I known earlier.”

“So before you came, they not only mocked us, but they also mocked you,” Wu Zilin from the Donghua Academy of Drama said.

“We learned from a professor who’s good to us that you’re arriving today, so Xiaoying and I wanted to go fetch you. Guo Hai and Tan Mingxiao were scared we’d be bullied since we’re girls, so they came along,” Han Leilei said.

Zhang Xiaoying had been silent all this while.

Because her encounters here had erased any animosity she had towards Lu Man.

Plus, no matter whom Lu Man defeated, she never put on airs.

Lu Man's abilities were there to see. If she won, she won, and that was it.

Unlike the people here, who wished to step on others regardless of their abilities.

If they won, they'd keep mocking others, flaunting it in front of them.

It was precisely because she experienced these that Zhang Xiaoying then discovered Lu Man's bright spots.

Moreover, though she always opposed Lu Man in school, Lu Man had the Han Family as her backing yet never used that to make life difficult for her.

Zhang Xiaoying never had any problems expanding her career in the entertainment industry.

Everyone would now and again experience having their roles and endorsement deals snatched in the industry.

Of course, apart from Lu Man.

No one would likely dare to rob Lu Man of these.

Chapter 2306: Save Them from Disaster

She'd also experienced having her resources snatched away from her, be it before knowing Lu Man or afterward.

Zhang Xiaoying would not go to the extent of blaming all of these on Lu Man.

And it was immediately obvious anyway who had snatched her resources away.

Besides, if Lu Man had done it, she would not have simply snatched her resources away.

She would have just ended her career in the entertainment industry as that was the easiest way to deal with the problem.

Just look at Lu Qi, or Bai Shuangshuang and the others.

So Zhang Xiaoying knew that even if she did not see eye to eye with Lu Man in school, Lu Man had never used the power in her hands to make life difficult for her before.

There was really no hard feelings if there was no comparison.

After getting some experience here, Zhang Xiaoying really felt that Lu Man was like an angel.

So her enmity towards Lu Man had also been weakening with each day.

And now, she really felt no hint of enmity towards Lu Man at all.

But the two's relationship was really not that good before this, so for a moment, Zhang Xiaoying could not get along so naturally with Lu Man either.

She could not bring herself to switch immediately to becoming good friends and cosy up to her without inhibitions at all.

Lu Man was quite surprised.

When she saw Zhang Xiaoying and Han Leilei come to welcome her together, she'd already felt quite surprised.

Now that she heard what Han Leilei said, it sounded like Zhang Xiaoying willingly went to welcome her too?

So she no longer had any enmity towards her?

But Lu Man thought things through very quickly.

It was probably because of the environment here. Everyone got bullied and discriminated against, so they subconsciously felt that they were on the same side.

They came from different schools. These people who were originally in a competitive relationship with each other had, because of this, united together in a rare instance.

Lu Man also could not help but be thankful for the oppression these students had received here.

It was precisely because of this that the originally discordant members of the team could be united together as one.

Lu Man still felt troubled at first.

Before she came, the principals had even said that she had to lead the team.

Lu Man was really unwilling to do that.

Because she knew that the schools were in a competitive relationship. Even if they formed a team now, the internal competition would still be present.

No one would be willing to bow down to each other.

And her personal relations with the people in the team did not seem to be very good either, so how could she be the team leader?

If she were to lead the team, she might agitate the tempers of the team members even more and make it even more impossible for them to be united.

Putting aside other things, just Zhang Xiaoying alone was already one person who did not want to acknowledge that she was the more capable.

Yet she did not expect that such a situation would occur after she came.

Everyone had subconsciously united as one. Without even needing to say anything, they acknowledged her as their leader, which saved a lot of trouble.

Even Zhang Xiaoying patched up with her.

Seeing that Zhang Xiaoying still felt a little awkward and did not know how to interact with her, Lu Man first smiled at her and said, "Thank you for coming to fetch me."

"Oh, right, when did you arrive here?" Han Leilei asked.

"I just arrived yesterday. I rested for a while and came to report today." Lu Man felt a little embarrassed that she came quite late too.

"Then have you already adjusted to the time difference? Have a good rest today, you can come and attend lessons tomorrow," Han Leilei said.

Lu Man took out the timetable that she had just received and said, "There happens to be class this afternoon, so I won't take a break. I will go to class together with you all. I already came very late and caused quite some trouble for you all."

Everyone quickly disagreed.

They were the ones who indeed hoped that Lu Man would quickly come over and save them from this disaster.

It was fine for Han Leilei and the other girls.

But Guo Hai and the other male students felt really embarrassed now.

They were all grown men, they thought, yet when they were being bullied, they were not able to use their capabilities to protect their teammates.

Chapter 2307: Too Disgusting

On the contrary, they had to hope for Lu Man's arrival.

This kind of mentality just made it seem as if they were waiting for their parents to come over and stand up for them, to seek justice for them.

As grown men, Guo Hai and the others felt quite embarrassed.

They were tall and burly, yet they still had to pin their hopes on a small and delicate little lady to stand up for them.

Each of them felt a little ashamed.

"Our timetable is the same as that of the acting major students here," Han Leilei explained. "This also means that Shana, Howard, and the others who previously lost to us in the competition at our school are also here. Also, that Oren Hesselg that Howard mentioned before is also here."

When Shana, Howard, and the others lost very badly in that competition, they completely broke down.

But actually, the failure during that competition was mainly because they did not maintain their mentalities well, so they lost on that front.

Their mentalities broke down, resulting in them making serious mistakes in their performance.

If they'd performed to their usual abilities, no matter how well Lu Man had performed, she might not have been able to lead a team of people to crush them.

The best result would have been that they were an even match.

But it was precisely because of this that Howard and the others felt even more indignant.

If they'd lost on account of capabilities, they would not have said anything.

Yet it was because their own mentalities broke down that their performance was bad.

It did not even reach one-fifth of their usual standards of performance.

In their eyes, losing that competition was a huge injustice.

But no matter the reason, they already lost the competition, and they'd lost so badly, so shamefully.

This was actually the first time that they'd lost in so many years since the start of the exchange program between the two schools.

After coming back, they naturally had their fair share of ridicule from their classmates.

Someone said, "Luckily, you guys were just the second-string team. You actually lost to such a bunch of minor characters. I think you guys should give up your second-string position. Don't hold on to that position and embarrass us, lest people think that our second-string team is actually so trashy."

"Exactly. I strongly suggest re-selecting the second-string team. You actually couldn't compare to a bunch of students. We really lost face big time this time!"

"This is a fine thing you guys did, and now the students from other acting schools all know that you lost to that bunch of novices. Now they are already starting to doubt our standards."

"Haha, Howard, didn't you keep boasting that you were going to take revenge for Bourbotte? Yet you also came back dejected. That's really too much."

"We've already watched your competition video. What kind of a joke were you all acting out?"

"In class, Professor McFarlane even specifically showed the competition video to us, asking us to pick out the weaknesses in both parties' performances. To be honest, there were inadequacies on the Chinese students' side, but if it were us, we would definitely have performed better than them. But you guys, haha, we can only try to find something that was worthy of praise."

"But guess what? We couldn't even find something that we could reasonably explain was good."

"What kind of performance was that? It was too disgusting."

"Shana, didn't you say on an interview that you wanted to break away from your idol image and no longer be a pretty vase? Didn't you want to let everyone see your acting skills because you wanted to change your image?"

"Tch, with that kind of acting, you actually want to change your image? You should just be content with continuing on as a vase."

Almost all the members of the second-string team were criticized after they came back.

Because their performance this time around was way too horrible.

Chapter 2308: Not Scared at All

Even if the mentality factor was at play, it was also an extremely important factor in stage performance.

“So, I heard that in the end, they did another round of selection. But the second-string team’s capabilities were real, so even if they chose again, the people in the second-string team still kept their positions and were not replaced,” Han Leilei said.

“Even then, they kept getting talked about by others because of their poor performance at that time. Many people said that they were quite capable in their own school but lost confidence the moment they went out and won’t be able to compare to anyone else. They were like tigers at home but rats outside,” Han Leilei said and laughed.

At the mention of this, she could finally ease a bit of the pressure she felt.

“But it’s also because of this that Howard and those people bear quite a huge grudge against us,” Han Leilei said. “Shana is still okay, actually. She didn’t make things difficult for us like those people. It’s really because our abilities really can’t cut it yet she still lost to us before that she more or less feels indignant, but she never made things difficult for us.”

“It’s just Howard and those other people who keep grabbing every opportunity to put us down,” Han Leilei said.

Lu Man frowned and said, “But you guys weren’t the ones who competed with them previously. Back then, when we competed against them, you guys had already gone here. This has nothing to do with you all.”

“They’re probably taking it out on us, especially on me and Xiaoying. We’re from the National Film Academy, so they bear a grudge against us too,” Han Leilei said. “Speaking of that, it’s also because of us National Film Academy students that our other teammates were implicated.”

If Han Leilei and Zhang Xiaoying had only been implicated in the others’ grudge, it was even more so for Tan Mingxiao and the others.

Previously, they had never interacted with Howard and the others.

Tan Mingxiao quickly said, “Don’t say that. We are a team, there’s no such thing as just being implicated or whatnot. And even though we weren’t around when they were competing in the country, we were also happy when we heard that Lu Man had led the other National Film Academy students to win against them hands down.

“Although we weren’t part of it and did not help in any way, Lu Man did the schools in our country proud. As fellow students, we also feel honored and proud. Since we enjoyed such pride and joy and see ourselves as being a part of that,” Tan Mingxiao said, “then how is it reasonable for us to extricate ourselves when trouble comes?”

"I'm telling you this because for the class this afternoon, Howard and the others will also be attending," Han Leilei said. "Howard already bears such a huge grudge even towards us. If he sees you, the very subject of his ire, I don't even know what he will do."

"It's fine. I'll think of how to deal with him when I meet him." Lu Man was not scared at all.

Lu Man had arrived in the morning.

Zhang Xiaoying checked the time and said, "It's almost noontime. Let's go have lunch together, treat it as a welcome meal for Lu Man."

Lu Man noticed that Zhang Xiaoying was really different now.

It seemed like she really wanted to patch things up with her.

To be honest, although Zhang Xiaoying competed against her before, she never used any underhanded means.

So Lu Man never hated Zhang Xiaoying.

If they were to compete, they could just compete against each other.

After competing, she would not pick on her.

So, now that Zhang Xiaoying wanted to patch up, Lu Man was happy to do so too.

"Then let's go out to eat," Han Leilei suggested. "We'll meet many people in the school canteen, so we might not have a good meal there."

It was fine for them normally. At most, they would just endure some mockery.

But to be able to enroll in an arts college, especially in a film academy, it meant their family's financial circumstances were not bad, actually.

Chapter 2309: Also in a Very Awkward Situation

For instance, before they took the entrance exams to enroll in the film academies, they would especially have to engage teachers to teach them before their performing arts exams.

One lesson would cost around tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of yuan. It all depended on the standard and reputation of those teachers.

Hence, the financial circumstances of the families of those students majoring in performing arts must not be bad.

So, they usually could not be bothered to eat at the canteens and allow other people to roll their eyes at them.

They would just eat at a restaurant outside the school, unafraid to spend a little more money on food.

"Okay." Zhou Li also nodded in agreement.

They did not like to worry about eating at the canteen under normal circumstances. Now that Lu Man had arrived, they would surely attract more hate.

Zhou Li did not even dare to think how much those people would pick on Lu Man when they saw her.

Lu Man was not afraid of being picked on, but she did not want to have to deal with all those annoying issues even when she was eating.

So everyone happily agreed.

When it was time for lunch, Lu Man heard them saying their piece again, describing their experiences over the past few months.

Han Leilei was no doubt at the level of a top student.

If Lu Man had the talent, Han Leilei really relied on hard work and effort to study and train.

After speaking about some trivial matters, Han Leilei passed the notes that she had consolidated over the months to Lu Man and said, "These are the notes that I took. I photocopied one set for you too. I don't know if it will be of use to you, but I just prepared it for you anyway. I think that it might still be of a little help in some way."

"Of course." Lu Man quickly took it. "You're so thoughtful. It's so lucky that you're here."

Han Leilei saw that Lu Man not only felt so happy and surprised but also thought that it could be of use to her, so she naturally felt happy too.

Western-style simple meals could be eaten very quickly, so everyone did not spend much time eating before they went back to the hostel.

Even so, the news that Lu Man came today also spread around the campus like crazy, as if it had wings attached to it.

But the people who really took notice of her were limited to those who were in the acting major.

People from other schools or specializations did not care about this at all.

When everyone reached the bottom of the condominium and was about to enter, they saw Shana and two girls whom Lu Man had never seen before walking towards them.

Lu Man did not know those two girls, but the others who had been attending lessons here for quite a while knew them.

Han Leilei quietly explained to Lu Man, "Those two people are on quite good terms with Shana. They are the substitutes for the second-string team. Shana was originally one of the members of the top team. Previously, when she came over to our school for the exchange, she came over from the top team as their ace."

Alas, they still lost.

"This time, when she came back, even though she returned to the top team, she still lost in the previous competition, so her position in the top team is unstable now too. The people in the top team are doubting her standard. Although they didn't say it explicitly, it seems they all think that her standard is more suitable for the second-string team and her being in the top team will be a burden to them. So now, Shana is also in a very awkward situation," Han Leilei quietly explained to Lu Man.

After she said that, Han Leilei quickly stopped talking.

Because Shana had already walked up to them.

“Lu Man, I heard you came,” Shana said.

Lu Man saw that Shana’s attitude was still fine. She was not enthusiastic to see her, but there was no enmity either.

Lu Man emerged from the group, nodded, and smiled at Shana as she said, “Hi, Shana. We meet again.”

Shana also gave a small smile and nodded. “Ever since the competition ended and we came back, I had been waiting for you to come. To me, these few months felt a little long.”

Lu Man just smiled but did not reply to that.

Shana continued, “The previous time, you guys were in your home court. I admit, my mentality had more or less been influenced. But this time, we are competing in our home court, so I definitely won’t be influenced again. This time, I will definitely show you my real capabilities.”

Chapter 2310: Is There a Problem with My Attitude Just Now?

When Lu Man heard that, she said, “I look forward to that.”

The girl beside Shana, called Christine, according to Han Leilei’s description, said with displeasure, “I watched your performance before. It was quite good. But even if you won before, it’s not based on your real capability. It’s because Shana did not show her real capability at all back then.

“If she’d brought out her real capability, who knows which one of you would have won? You might not even have been a match for Shana,” Christine said. “So, there’s no need for you to act like a victor.”

Lu Man raised an eyebrow. She turned back and asked Han Leilei and the others, “Is there a problem with my attitude just now?”

Han Leilei and the others all shook their heads in unison.

They did not think so.

Actually, even Shana did not say anything.

This Christine was a little too sensitive.

But Christine felt that Lu Man’s attitude was belittling!

She then saw Lu Man turn back and say, “I don’t mean anything else. It’s just how I normally converse. If my attitude made you misunderstand, I apologize. But if you think I should adopt a more humble attitude to talk to Shana, then I’m sorry, I think your demand is going overboard.

“My teammates and I, each one of us, are equal to all the students in your school, whether they are famous or not. There’s no reason for anyone to be any more humble when speaking to each other,” Lu Man said. “Shana said she will show me her true capabilities, and I look forward to it. This attitude of mine is also unacceptable to you?”

As far as she could tell, this was not because there was a problem with her attitude but that Christine was probably like those students that Han Leilei and the others talked about, thinking that they had weak capabilities so they should hide their tails between their legs.

Even if Shana had made a mistake, she was still much more capable than them.

“Christine.” Shana turned and said to Christine, “Lu Man and I might not have become friends, but we are definitely not enemies. She is an opponent I respect.”

Christine twitched her lips, but she did not say anything after that.

Because of Lu Man’s capabilities, Shana respected her.

Capable people indeed deserve to be respected.

“If there’s anything you all need help with, you can look for me,” Shana said to Lu Man and the others. “I know there are some people who are being very rude to you all, but not all of us are like that. I can’t control personal opinions, I only hope you guys don’t have any misunderstandings towards our school.”

Han Leilei and the others thought to themselves that, to put it plainly, this all boiled down to a matter of capabilities.

Like Lu Man, even though Jose had been very impolite to her at first, that was because those people had not seen Lu Man’s capabilities before.

Meanwhile, Shana had really competed on the same stage with Lu Man before.

Lu Man had used her capabilities to earn Shana’s respect.

Before Lu Man came, Shana had never thought of helping them.

But after Lu Man came, Shana took the initiative to offer help.

“Many thanks.” Lu Man smiled at Shana.

Shana reciprocated with a smile and left together with her two friends.

The people behind Lu Man also indeed deeply felt the importance of capability.

Once your capability is high enough, wherever you go, no one would belittle you.

“Lu Man, if you’re free, can you teach us?” Guo Hai said.

“What?” Lu Man felt a little taken aback for a moment.

She then heard Guo Hai say, “Our capabilities really cannot make the cut. If you can teach us—”

Lu Man understood what he was getting at and said, “I won’t dare say I can teach you. The teachers at the school would definitely be able to teach better than I could, and they would know even better how to go about teaching.”