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Chapter 231: Something So Embarrassing, How Can They Casually Say It Out

Everyone in “Sheng Yue” recognized them.

Wei Zilin gave Chu Zhaoyang, Yan Beicheng and the rest a call, inviting them over, and Yan Beicheng made his private room in “Sheng Yue” available to them.

Entering the room, Han Zhuoli pulled out the chair for Lu Man to sit.

Wei Zilin’s tooth ached again upon seeing Han Zhouli’s chivalry, were they bullying him just because his wife was not there?

“What do you want to eat?” Han Zhuoli asked, passing over the tablet to Lu Man.

“Yes yes, order anything you want, Yan Beicheng is treating us.” The eyes of the waiter who was pouring tea for the three of them twitched upon hearing Wei Zilin mention Yan Beicheng.

“...” Han Zhuoli frowned. “Isn’t this dinner party organized by you? Why did it suddenly become Yan Beicheng’s treat?”

Wei Zilin said confidently, “Isn’t this Yan Beicheng’s hotel? Of course, we have to put it in his account.”

Lu Man: “...”

There was really nothing wrong with that!

After some time, Yan Beicheng and Lin Chu came over, they had even gone over to fetch Wei Zilin’s wife Xu Moyan.

Not long after Yan Beicheng arrived with Lin Chu and Xu Moyan, Chu Zhaoyang and the rest came one by one.

Right now, the people seated around the table were all couples, Chu Zhaoyang and Gu Nian, Wei Zilin and Xu Moyan, Yan Huaian and Yu Zi, Wei Ziqi and Wei Ran, Qi Chengzhi and Song Yu, Qi Chenglin and Yan Danchen, Nan Jingheng and Chen Yian couple.

Finally, when all of them had arrived, Han Zhuoli introduced them to her one by one.

These people, all of them were very famous, Lu Man knew about them from her past life.

Honestly, whether it was her past life or the current one, she would never have had the opportunity to interact with these people if not for Han Zhouli, they were worlds apart from her, be it status or anything else.

She never thought that she would have the opportunity to share a meal with them, chatting and laughing; sometimes, fate really knew how to play a joke.

From the way they portrayed themselves to the world, they seemed to be cold towards outsiders and it felt like it was extremely difficult for anyone to get close to them.

But the truth was that when they chit-chatted in the group chat, they were just like normal people.

Now that they had gathered together for a meal, they were chitter-chattering and laughter flowed freely, no one putting on any airs at all. All their words cracked up a joke, there was no sign of the cold atmosphere they usually had around themselves.

Even the Chu Zhaoyang who always had a quiet persona was someone who liked cracking jokes in private.

These people, they really treated outsiders and their own people differently.

“If it wasn’t for the fact that Zilin met you today, this Zhuoli, I don’t know if he even planned on letting us meet you ever,” Qi Chenglin said with a smile on his face.

After chatting for a while, somehow, they became quite familiar with each other.

They were very friendly towards Lu Man and with Gu Nian and other spouses present there, Lu Man quickly became familiar with them and was no longer nervous.

These people seemed to have some kind of charisma, as long as they wanted, they could quickly remove the walls around someone’s heart and the awkwardness and become familiar quickly, talking as if they were old friends.

“I didn’t expect Zhuoli to finally find himself a girlfriend, at least now Old Mrs. Han will let you enter the house right!” Yan Beicheng laughed.

“Is there some kind of story to this?” Lu Man asked curiously.

“Hahahaha!” Nan Jingheng laughed, he had a gloating expression on his face that said ‘now onwards Han Zhuoli even you will have this kind of sorry states’.

“It’s just that Brother Zhouli is already quite old and yet doesn’t even have a girlfriend, because of which the Old Madam is too anxious and said that she would only allow him to enter their house when he brings his girlfriend along.”

Han Zhuoli, “...”

He really regretted calling them over tonight.

Something so embarrassing, how can they casually speak it out loud!

Lu Man did not think that the old madam of the Han Family was so cute.

“Younger sister-in-law, you don’t know that as soon as anyone of us finds a girlfriend or gets married, our Old Madams will make a phone call to agitate the Old Madam Han and once Old Madam Han gets agitated, she takes it out on Brother Han,” Nan Jingheng exposed Han Zhuoli’s situation.

“When Old Madam Han first found out the Qi family’s eldest son was getting married, she pulled on Brother Han’s ear so much that when we met him the next day, we thought that his ear was a bit too big.

Han Zhuoli, “...”

Chapter 232: Bring You Home For Them To Take A Look

“When Old Madam Han found out that Brother Beicheng was dating Lin Chu, she took up the chicken feather duster and hit Brother Han. The next time Brother Han met us, he did not even dare to sit!”

The image was too strong, and unconsciously, it played like a movie in Lu Man’s head.

Imagining the manly, handsome Han Zhuoli being chased around by Old Madam Han and being beaten by a chicken feather duster as well as having his ears being pulled, Lu Man was in hysterics, laughing until she teared up.

“I am allowed to come home now!” Han Zhuoli puffed out his chest, very proud, holding Lu Man’s hand as if holding someone who was backing him up, “I told my Old Master and Old Madam as well as my Mom and Dad that I have a girlfriend now!”

With a girlfriend, his status at home had also increased.

Nan Jingheng shook his head in pity. “I originally thought that since I and Yian are going to get married soon, I just need to tell that to Old Madam Han and then Brother Han cannot escape from a beating, but who knew that Brother Han would actually manage to get a girlfriend!”

Lu Man: “...”

So Nan Jingheng had harbored such thoughts.

This was a rare time for everyone to be together and they had come over especially to meet Lu Man.

Now that everyone had their own families, they did not stay too late.

They just ate some refreshing and light dishes for supper and spent most of their time chit-chatting.

Seeing that it was almost 12 o’clock, they all went their own way.

Han Zhuoli sent Lu Man home, and on the way home, Han Zhuoli said, “I have already told my family about you, upon finding a good time I’ll bring you home to meet them.”

Even though it was not even the day she was meeting his parents, Lu Man was already so nervous that she was breathing hitched.

She and Han Zhuoli had just gotten together just sometime back, meeting his parents so fast, she... she had not prepared herself for it yet.

Unknowingly, the car had already reached below Lu Man’s house, after parking his car, Han Zhouli switched off the engine.

“You don’t need to worry, I’ve already met your parents, so sooner or later, it’ll be your turn too,” Han Zhuoli’s low voice rung in the enclosed car.

At that time, raising his hand up, Han Zhouli switched on the light in his car.

Lu Man: “...”

How was this situation the same as him meeting her parents?

“When you told your family members about me, what were their thoughts?” Lu Man was very worried, the Han Family had yet to meet her but their first impression was not good already.

Han Zhuoli did not want to hide it from her, wanting her to be prepared when she really meets his family members.

“The two old people and my parents don’t care much about family background, they only look at a person’s personality and character. It’s just that the old madam has not met you and likes simple, plain girls and because she saw the news about the issues between you and Lu Qi, she has some misunderstanding about you,” Han Zhuoli could not bear to repeat the old madam’s original words, which would probably make Lu Man more uncomfortable.

Lu Man was quiet for a moment. “She doesn’t like me scheming right.”

Han Zhuoli sighed silently, his girl being too smart had this negative point, he just could not hide anything from her.

All he needed to do was reveal a little and she understood everything already.

“She does not know you closely and did not understand your point of view and misjudged you on the basis of the online news, that’s not fair. As soon as she sees you, she will not think that way,” Han Zhuoli said.

But Lu Man was not as confident as him, “Do you not like how scheming I am?”

Unbuckling his seatbelt, Han Zhouli turned his body to face Lu Man completely, “You know what I told Old Mrs. Han? A scheming person not always bad. If someone schemes with an ulterior bad motive, then that disgusts me. But if scheme with a good motive, that’s smart and wise. You’re smart, you never used your intelligence to harm others and only used it to convert trouble into something beneficial again and again.”

Chapter 233: If You Push Me Too Far, I’ll Take You Home Right Away

Han Zhouli raised his hand and softly caressed her hair. Resting his hand on the back of her head, he moved closer to her.

Lu Man saw that Han Zhuoli was smiling so gently, “When I first saw you, didn’t you make use of me? Just sly like a fox. The first time I saw you, I already knew that you were scheming, isn’t it? But I still liked you. I like how you are kind but know when to stop and how you have the potential but you don’t harm people. I like how you boast about your intelligence, keeping your edge while moving forward steadily.”

Actually, after asking that question, Lu Man was worried sick.

She was anxious, fretting that Han Zhuoli might not like that part of her.

But now she knew that she had been worried for nothing.

This man, he always made her feel safe and secure.

Looking at Han Zhouli in the eyes, Lu Man could not help get immersed in his gentle and serious eyes.

How could he be this good?

In both her lifetimes, the two men she was the most familiar with, Lu Qiyuan and He Zhengbai were both such ass*les.

She really did not think that there would be a man like Han Zhuoli who was so good.

She was very thankful that at that time, she chose to step forward and get together with Han Zhuoli, instead of being a cowardly person who hid away.

Taking an initiative, Lu Man moved closed and hugged Han Zhuoli, wrapping her hands around his neck.

Han Zhuoli raised his eyebrows in surprise, and right after that, his lips were kissed by Lu Man.

Han Zhuoli's hands suddenly tightened their grip, with one hand on her waist and the other on the back of her head, she was tightly locked in his embrace.

Kissing Lu Man fervently, he changed from passive to active and directly pressed Lu Man onto the back of the car seat.

His fingers were trying to find the push-back button at the side of the seat and as soon as the back of the seat fell back, Lu Man was pushed down by him.

He did not expect Lu Man to be unafraid, calm at all. With her two arms wrapped around his neck, she was still kissing back passionately.

Originally, when Han Zhuoli touched her, he tried to control himself, but with Lu Man being so proactive he just could not.

Han Zhuoli kissed every inch of her lips, and his two hands could not help but caress her.

"I really want to take you here," Han Zhuoli gritted his teeth, his throat tight and voice husky.

Lu Man instantly became passive under his aggressiveness and raised her head to kiss Han Zhuoli's jaw, "That's not good right?"

Han Zhuoli smacked her butt. "You really thought that I would do that?"

This little girl, did she think of him as a beast?

He treasured her so much, even if he really wanted to be together with her, it would be more formal, at a good place, how could he wrong her like that.

As soon as Lu Man heard that, she started being active again, tightly clinging onto him, she took advantage of the fact that he would not really do anything to her here and moved closer into his embrace, rubbing herself against him.

Han Zhuoli controlled himself, calming himself down by taking a deep breath. Upon lowering his head, he saw Lu Man's sly gaze just like that of a fox, how could he not know what she was thinking.

"Just continue being bad!" Han Zhuoli clasped onto her waist tightly, she was clearly taking advantage of his spoiling and loving her, provoking him so much, "If you push me too far, I'll take you home right this moment!"

Lu Man smiled like a cat that was stealing things, knowing too well that Han Zhuoli cared for her a lot, and whatever he said was just him making an empty show of strength.

However, this kind of feeling of being spoiled by someone was wonderful.

For the first time, she experienced being fearless as she finally had someone who spoiled and pampered her a lot.

All this while, Lu Man knew that she was just taking advantage of the fact that Han Zhuoli loved her and that was the reason why she dared to mess with him like that.

The more she looked at this man the more she liked him, the yellow light inside of the car shone brightly on Han Zhuoli, highlighting the outline of his facial features, with the light and shadow intertwining his facial features seemed even more profound and beautiful.

Cupping his face with her hands, Lu Man could not help kiss his chin, nose tips, finally leaving a slight kiss on his lips.

Chapter 234: My Self Control Is Really Not As Good As You Think It Is

“Man Man!” Han Zhuoli really could not stand it anymore, lowering his head, he kissed her fiercely and sucking on her lips.

Lu Man’s lips were sucked until they were painful and her tongue numb, seeing that she could not even speak properly Han Zhuoli finally let go of her.

“Be less naughty, my self-control is really not as good as you think,” Han Zhuoli’s voice was tight and hoarse, his forehead beaded with sweat.

At this moment, he was angry as well as in love, not knowing what to do with this little fox!

Then, Han Zhouli straightened the seat, letting her sit properly.

Otherwise, he would surely suffocate here.

Lu Man controlled her laughter, not daring to make it too obvious, otherwise, this man would be provoked beyond endurance.

“Right, this Best Newcomer Award, I heard that there’s a 60,000 yuan prize money,” Lu Man remembered, “When the money is transferred, I’ll return you the 50,000 yuan that I owe you.”

“Alright,” Han Zhuoli smiled and nodded his head in acknowledgment, he did not say anything about how she did not need to return the money.

This small bit of money was really not much to Han Zhuoli, but he understood Lu Man’s intention.

Lu Man hoped that their relationship was equal, with no pending dues.

Furthermore, Lu Man did not want to pretend that her debt of 50,000 yuan was non-existent just because she was dating Han Zhuoli now. She did not feel that since their relationship changed, she would not be obliged to return that sum of money.

Han Zhuoli liked this about Lu Man, he knew that Lu Man was behaving like this just because she wanted to have a proper relationship with him and take it forward to marriage.

Seeing that Han Zhouli understood her, Lu Man felt touched and smiled brightly. "Then I'll go take leave now."

Han Zhuoli saw that it was indeed not early, "I'll send you up."

"I can go up myself," Lu Man's heart ached for him, "You should return home early to rest."

"It won't take much time." Han Zhuoli looked at her gently. "Man Man, you have a boyfriend now. You ain't alone anymore, you have someone to take care of you."

Lu Man heart throbbed fiercely, she was engulfed in a warm feeling and could smell the familiar mint fragrance.

Han Zhuoli walked her to the front door, "It's already too late, Auntie must be asleep, so I won't go in to disturb her."

Lu Man nodded her head obediently. "Then you go back quickly, drive carefully on the road, when you reach home, send me a message."

"Alright," Han Zhuoli smiled and agreed.

He lowered his head, kissing Lu Man's lips. "Good night, rest well."

Lu Man kept staring at Han Zhouli until his shadow finally disappeared at the turning on the stairs, only after that did she open the door and entered her home.

Seeing the light kept on, she thought that Xia Qingwei had probably left it on for her.

The warm light shone onto Lu Man, making her heart felt warm.

Back then, when she was Lu Qi's assistant, she was busy all day and night. When she returned home, no one bothered to acknowledge her, and there had never been anyone leaving the light on for her. Even though there were people in the Lu Family house, it always felt cold to her as if she was alone.

Every time she returned home, she was always met with darkness and coldness.

Lu Man had just changed her shoes when she was shocked to see that Xia Qingwei had not gone to sleep yet and walking over wearing a shawl.

"Mom, why aren't you asleep yet?" Lu Man asked shocked.

"I slept for a little while and woke up when I heard you enter." Xia Qingwei was a light-sleeper and as she was aware that Lu Man had not returned home yet, she did not sleep well.

Although with Han Zhuoli being with Lu Man, she was not much worried.

Also, she was not a conservative mother, Lu Man was already old enough to take her relationship forward with Han Zhuoli, she could make her own decisions, and thus Xia Qingwei never planned to interfere.

But as a mother, with her daughter being out all this time, yet to return home, she could not be utterly relaxed. It had nothing to do with Lu Man's safety, it was just a mother's heart.

Chapter 235: Thankfully There's Xiao Han

Even though Xia Qingwei knew that Lu Man attended the awards ceremony tonight, she did not ask her if she won as she didn't want to give Lu Man any stress.

"Mom, are you feeling sleepy now?" Having changed her shoes, Lu Man walked over and held Xia Qingwei's arm.

"I'm not sleepy. You look really happy, is there some good news?" Xia Qingwei hazarded a guess. Both her eyes were sparkling brightly, her sleepiness long gone.

"Didn't I attend the awards ceremony for the public relations industry tonight? I won the Best Newcomer Award!" At that moment, in front of Xia Qingwei, Lu Man was like a happy school girl telling her parents that she had won an award in school.

"Really? Quick, let me see the trophy." Xia Qingwei was extremely surprised and brightened up.

Holding onto Xia Qingwei's arm all this while, Lu Man went to the living room and sat down. Then, she took the trophy out of her bag, "Mom, look."

Xia Qingwei's hands were trembling, excited, she was eager to hold the trophy in her hands. "Good, good! I just knew it, my daughter is just outstanding, everyone else will be able to see it! Your talent won't be hidden!"

"Actually, I almost couldn't win this award." In the afternoon when she told Xia Qingwei that she was going to the awards ceremony and would be home late, she did not explain in detail.

"What happened?" Xia Qingwei was shocked and gripped hard on the trophy as if she was afraid that the trophy would slip away.

Even though she was already holding the trophy and there could not be any other changes as the results were already declared, Xia Qingwei still could not help but feel nervous.

Lu Man told her about how Han Zhuoli used the nomination slot he had to nominate Lu Man.

"Thankfully there's Xiao Han," Xia Qingwei let out a sigh of relief. With Han Zhuoli having Lu Man's back and looking out for her, she really did not have to worry anymore.

After knowing the truth, Xia Qingwei had never felt more assured. She felt that she could hand Lu Man over to Han Zhuoli without any worry.

"Wu Lize he..." Xia Qingwei shook her head and sighed, "Never mind, he isn't related to us by blood or anything, so we can't say anything either. He has his own plans too."

It turned out that when she had met Wu Lize before in the hospital, Xia Qingwei had a rather good impression of that young man.

She even felt that if ever Lu Man and Wu Lize had a chance to be together, then it would be wonderful.

Moreover, both of them already knew each other. Also, since Wu Lize was Lu Man's direct superior, he did not have to let Lu Man get in through the back door, it would be good enough if he could just to look out for her here and there.

However, she did not expect that not only did he not look out for her but he also made Lu Man almost miss out on such an important opportunity.

Fortunately, Han Zhuoli had Lu Man's back.

Xia Qingwei sighed to herself in her mind again.

She tossed aside this rather unpleasant matter. Anyway, right now, Lu Man was in a relationship with Han Zhuoli and not Wu Lize.

She was very grateful that Lu Man met Han Zhuoli.

Xia Qingwei was exceptionally happy tonight as Lu Man had won an award. She was so elated that she just couldn't fall asleep.

"Oh right, Mom, for the Best Newcomer Award this time, I also got a cash prize of 60,000 yuan. Back when you had your operation, Han Zhuoli had paid for it first and when I returned the money back to him later, he only took 50,000 yuan, letting me use the remaining 50,000 yuan to deal with your postoperative medical expenses. Now that your postoperative medical treatment is settled and that my salary is sufficient too, I want to return that 50,000 yuan back to Han Zhuoli from my cash prize."

"Right, right," Xia Qingwei nodded in agreement without any hesitation. "It should be like that only. Even if you two are dating now, this matter needs to be dealt with properly. Just because you two are dating, you can't play dumb and brush off this debt. Although this amount is a drop in the bucket to Han Zhuoli, we can't just pretend that that incident never happened."

"That's what I thought too," Lu Man said and yawned a little.

Chapter 236: You're Not Going to Give Me a Goodnight Kiss?

Seeing Lu Man yawn, Xia Qingwei hurriedly chased her to sleep. "Quickly pack up and go to bed. You've been busy the whole day."

"Ok," Lu Man said goodnight to Xia Qingwei. She hurriedly removed her make-up, packed her stuff and went to her room.

Although she laid on the bed, she could not fall asleep immediately. Taking a look at her phone, she saw that there was no still message from Han Zhuoli.

After about 20 minutes, her phone rang.

Lu Man quickly picked up her phone and took a look. Indeed, it was a call from Han Zhuoli.

"Did you reach home?" Lu Man answered the call and asked softly.

Currently, the lights in her bedroom were switched off. It was pitch black except for the moonlight drifting in through the open window.

Hearing Han Zhuoli's voice, Lu Man felt very warm and comfortable.

She knew that she had fallen over heels in love with Han Zhouli, her every move and action was influenced by Han Zhuoli and her heart was already stolen by him.

"Yeah, I just got home and called you. You still haven't slept?" Han Zhuoli's deep and husky voice sounded through her phone, making her feel warm in the dark cold night.

Moreover, Lu Man even felt as if it wasn't dark at all now as her surroundings were all glowing brightly yet softly because of Han Zhuoli.

"Yeah, I was waiting for your call," Lu Man pulled her blanket up, right up to her chin. She snuggled herself up in the blanket, basking in its warmth. It was exceptionally cozy.

Han Zhuoli's breathy, low laugh came through the phone. In this quiet night, his laugh was remarkably clear to her ears. Suddenly, it was as if an electric current surged through her body right to her heart, making her heart feel numb and tingly.

"You can rest assured now, I've safely reached home," Han Zhuoli said, smiling. "You should go to sleep now."

"Mmm, then... good night," Lu Man said softly. Suddenly, she did not want to end this call with him so soon.

Whenever she talked to Han Zhuoli over the phone, the corner of her mouth would unconsciously curl upwards into a smile, now it had become a habit unknown to her.

If someone were to see her right now, they would definitely be able to see the bliss on her face, happiness oozing straight from her heart.

"That's all?" Han Zhuoli raised his eyebrows and asked.

Lu Man was confused.

Seeing no response from her, Han Zhuoli asked, "You're not going to give me a goodnight kiss?"

Lu Man really pondered on how could she give him one through the phone.

After some consideration, she blew a kiss at the mouthpiece of her phone and felt a little silly.

The kiss sounded through the phone and Han Zhuoli heard it loud and clear.

"Good night," Finding it a bit foolish and embarrassing, Lu Man quickly hung up the phone.

Han Zhuoli could not help but laugh at his phone, "Why did you hang up even before I could even give you a goodnight kiss?"

On Monday, Lu Man went to work as usual. When Sister Li and the others saw Lu Man, their hearts itched with curiosity, they were eager to know the exact relationship between Lu Man and the CEO.

However, since Brother Zhang and Sister Li were seniors and older, they were a little embarrassed to ask even though they were curious.

Whereas, Chen Shimian was more open-minded. Even though he had his suspicions due to yesterday's interaction between Han Zhouli and Lu Man, he had forgotten about it after the event.

Therefore, while all of them kept looking at her with conflicted gazes, no one really had the courage to go up to Lu Man and ask her about it.

Knowing what they were thinking, Lu Man did not say anything either.

It suited her that they did not ask anything.

"Lu Man, I still have to congratulate you once again. Yesterday, it was too messy during the awards ceremony, so I couldn't congratulate you properly," Brother Zhang said, chuckling.

"Thank you." Lu Man smiled.

"That's right, Lu Man. Congratulations. This award is really too precious," Sister Li said too.

Just then, You Lili walked in. "Lu Man, I got to know that you won the Golden Finger Best Newcomer Award. It's extremely difficult to win this award. Don't underestimate this Best Newcomer Award. Every year, the best newcomer would always become the most likely candidate to win the Golden Finger Award."

Chapter 237: Headhunt

"Thank you, everyone," Lu Man expressed her gratitude to all of them.

Chen Shimian displayed great sportsmanship in defeat. He was neither utterly devastated because he did not win the award nor jealous that Lu Man won while he did not. "Lu Man, you're really awesome, you're the pride of our Public Relations Department!"

"You two," Lu Man was very touched.

When Xia Mengxuan entered, she coincidentally heard them competing over congratulating Lu Man, and was extremely livid.

Xia Mengxuan's face was caked with a thick layer of foundation, but it still could not conceal the dark circles under her eyes. It was clear that she had been so furious these two days that she did not get a good rest at all. t

Lu Man was pretty amazed by her too. She could still be so enraged even after an entire weekend. She sure had a lot of pent up anger.

Xia Mengxuan looked at Lu Man, her gaze full of hate and detest. It was as if all of it was Lu Man's fault, making her lose face and the award.

But Lu Man just pretended as if she could not see anything and went to do her work.

However, Lu Man did not have peace for much longer and her phone rang.

It was an unknown number. Lu Man thought that most probably it was a telemarketer. "Hello."

"Hello, is this Lu Man, Miss Lu?"

"Speaking." Lu Man was confused. "Who are you?"

"I'm from Le Dong Century. We would like to know if you would be interested in joining our company to further your career? Our company's Public Relations Department will definitely give you the biggest room for development."

Lu Man did not expect that after winning the Best Newcomer Award, other companies would start headhunting her. "I'm sorry, I'm currently not thinking about that."

"Why don't you give it some more thought?"

"No, it's alright, thank you. My current company has helped me a lot, I don't wish to leave."

"Alright then." The other party sounded disappointed. "This is such a pity, but if you ever feel interested, feel free to contact me anytime. You can just call on this number."

"Alright."

Not long after Lu Man placed her phone down, CEO Jia who had spoken to Lu Qiyuan before about Lu Man called her personally.

"CEO Jia, thank you for your appreciation and thank you for your invitation. However, my current success and opportunities were given to me by Han Corporation, so I don't feel like changing companies. Sure, I'll contact you again."

Right after she hung up, her phone rang again.

Call after call, they were all to headhunt her.

Suddenly, Xia Mengxuan picked up a file and slammed it onto the desk. "Bam!" It shocked everyone in the office.

"Xia Mengxuan, are you out of your mind!" Chen Shimian said furiously.

"Lu Man, we are all busy at work, why is your phone constantly ringing! Clearly now you're so capable that there are so many companies fighting over scouting you over, right!" Xia Mengxuan jealous face was almost twisted out of shape. "If you're going to pick up calls, head outside to do it! Over and over again, it's so annoying!"

Even though Xia Mengxuan was using this opportunity to expel some of her anger, Lu Man had to admit that she really was at fault here and had disturbed others.

"I'm sorry," Lu Man apologized and put her phone on silent mode.

When she received any calls after that, if they were unknown numbers, she did not pick them again.

At noon, Lu Man headed to Han Zhuoli's office.

Xia Mengxuan stared at her until Lu Man's figure finally disappeared behind the entrance of the office and said, "Don't you find it strange? Where does Lu Man go every afternoon? She has never eaten with any one of us nor has she ever gone to the company's cafeteria. I've never seen her bring a lunch box either. At noon, I've also never seen her leave the company, but she can't be found in the office either."

Sister Li had never noticed it before, but now that Xia Mengxuan raised it up, she wasn't surprised.

She thought that she must have gone to the top floor to eat with him.

As Sister Li thought that, her expression changed suddenly.

She realized that ever since Lu Man entered the company, she had indeed never seen Lu Man around lunch time.

If she had really gone to eat with Han Zhuoli, then could it be that they...

Chapter 238: Director Sun Yiwu Has Come to Our Company to Cast People

As she thought about it, no matter whether her hunch was right or wrong, cold sweat was already beading down Sister Li's back.

She recalled that when Lu Man had just entered the company, other than Chen Shimian, everyone else in the office was rather impolite to Lu Man.

However, Lu Man did not say anything, and the CEO did not make things difficult for them either, it really was...

Amidst her conflicted and complicated feelings, Sister Li could not help but be grateful to Lu Man for not taking things to heart.

When she saw that Xia Mengxuan still stubbornly refused to give up, and seemed like she still wanted to pick a fight, Sister Li sighed, her heart tired. "Xia Mengxuan, Lu Man has never provoked you, nor has she hurt you. Why do you always have something against her? Think about Dai Yiran and Ye Xiaoxing, has any person who hurt Lu Man before ever has had a good outcome? So you should try to hold back a little after all."

"Hmph!" Xia Mengxuan was completely unappreciative. "I really don't know why you all are so polite towards her now. You all hated her at the start!"

Although Sister Li wanted to speak further, she stopped. Finally, she sighed and walked away.

She definitely could not say that something was going on between Lu Man and Han Zhuoli, right?

Moreover, she didn't have any evidence, and both Han Zhuoli and Lu Man had not spoken anything.

If she were to say it, with this blabbermouth Xia Mengxuan around, she would make such a fuss that the whole company will know about it. And once Han Zhuoli would try to find a culprit, Xia Mengxuan definitely could not handle the consequences.

Since Xia Mengxuan was so glad to give herself a death sentence, she will leave her be.

Moreover, she had already tried her best to advise her.

After the lunch break, when Lu Man returned, Xia Mengxuan asked weirdly, "Lu Man, where have you been going every day during lunch?"

Lu Man just glanced at her briefly. "How's that any of your business!"

"You!" Xia Mengxuan was so stunned and furious because of Lu Man. Just as she was about to retort back, You Lili ran in, bubbling with excitement.

"Director Sun Yiwu has come to our company to cast people!" You Lili said excitedly.

Hearing that, Xia Mengxuan could no longer bother fighting with Lu Man. She ran over and asked, "Why is Sun Yiwu here?"

"Sun Yiwu is a director under our company, it isn't strange that he's here," Brother Zhang said nonchalantly.

In Han Corporation, several celebrities come and go every day. So Brother Zhang had long since been accustomed and used to it.

Also, he wasn't a fan who chased after celebrities either.

"Apparently the third female lead in his new film 'Greedy Wolf Operation' got injured and there are still some rather important fight scenes that they have to film. Left with no choice, he could only change the cast at the last minute, so he came directly to the company to pick them. No matter which company it is, they won't have as many readily available actors like ours right?" You Lili explained animatedly, "Right now, Sun Yiwu is in the filming studio downstairs. All the actors from our company have gone there. Even those who aren't with our company but could schedule for it are rushing back here too."

Lu Man vaguely remembered something like this in her previous life, but since she did not really follow entertainment news, she did not know much about it in detail.

After all, she was still in jail back then. Every day, she only had a little bit of time to surf the internet that too under surveillance. She had too much news that she wanted to catch up on as she didn't want to be out of touch from the outside world. How could she have had so much time to focus on entertainment news?

She had only briefly scanned through it and did not really have a deep impression of it.

However, combining it with her understanding in this life, among the action film directors, Sun Yiwu could rank in the top three. Every single one of his films had a decent box office collection, and the reviews were good too.

All television actors were always eager to move onto the silver screen. Moreover, since it was a film by Director Sun Yiwu, the film would garner a lot of attention even before it premiered and once it would be released, there would be another wave of promotions. All of this would help them increase their popularity and ranking as actors.

Therefore, as long as their schedule fit, all actresses wanted to audition even though it was just the role of a third female lead and hoped to be chosen for it

“Aiya, then we should quickly head downstairs to take a look too!” Xia Mengxuan said eagerly, “It’s so rare that we see so many celebrities together and even watch them audition!”

Chapter 239: Audition

Xia Mengxuan quickly combed and arranged her hair, “Who knows, maybe Director Sun Yiwu might take a liking to me. Aren’t there many other celebrities who also had a similar experience? They followed their friend to the audition, but ended up getting chosen instead.”

“...” The corner of You Lili’s mouth froze for a moment. What Xia Mengxuan meant was that she, You Lili, was her “friend”, huh.

Haha!

“Xia Mengxuan, stop joking,” Chen Shimian bellowed in laughter, “Quickly take a mirror and look at yourself. You’re just an average, ordinary person, yet you’re hoping that the director would take a liking to you at first glance? Stop dreaming! There are plenty of beauties in the entertainment industry. Even if you go for plastic surgery, you probably still can’t match up!”

“Chen Shimian, I’m not even talking to you, why are putting your nose in!” Xia Mengxuan was so furious that her features looked menacing. The one thing she couldn’t stand the most was men calling her ugly!

“How am I any uglier than those actors! Besides, many actors aren’t very good-looking either. What matters most is your charisma and aura!” Xia Mengxuan exuded what she personally felt was her most elegant and poised aura. “Maybe the director will like my charisma!”

Xia Mengxuan genuinely felt that she was no worse and matched up to the standard of those currently popular budding starlets.

With some make-up, lighting and editing, she could be that pretty too.

“Sure, let’s not talk about your appearance, we’ll take it that you might get cast, ok? But they are filming an action movie, you don’t even have any experience in fighting, yet you’re still thinking of filming it? Now, don’t even say that other actors don’t know kung-fu either, at least they have some background in dancing! They are filming all year round and have experience. Why will they ignore those legitimate actors with experience and pick you instead? Stop dreaming!” Chen Shimian rolled his eyes at her.

Honestly, Xia Mengxuan’s self-confidence was way too good.

She didn’t even have an inkling of how she really was!

“You! Chen Shimian! How is it any of your business whether I’m dreaming or not?” Xia Mengxuan turned around and grabbed You Lili’s hand, “Lili, let’s go, let’s head down to the underground filming studio to take a look.”

After the two of them left, Sister Li smiled at Lu Man. “Lu Man, go and take a look too.”

The young ones would be interested in such things after all.

Lu Man shook her head. "I'm not really interested in this."

Sister Li felt that Lu Man really did not behave like a girl her age.

She remembered that Lu Man was probably only 22 years old. A typical 22-year-old girl would still be a fangirl in a university, discussing with her friends about her favorite celebrity, but Lu Man was so mature that she seemed to not be interested in anything like that.

Working in Han Corporation, one couldn't help but meet a lot of celebrities. However, she had never seen Lu Man getting excited over it nor had heard her talk about who was her favorite celebrity.

She was so mature and reliable that others often tended to forget about her age. In reality, she was the youngest in this office, yet Xia Mengxuan and Ye Xiaoxing behaved so immaturely. They were not sensible at all, behaving as if they were younger than her.

Sister Li smiled and stood up, walking over, she tugged at Lu Man, "Come on, just take it that you're accompanying me, I'm interested in taking a look too. My daughter is a die-hard fan of celebrities right now, her favorite one is Qiao Luna. Who knows if she will be coming here right now but if she is, I'll surely get an autograph from her for my daughter when I have the chance."

Therefore, Lu Man was dragged along by Sister Li to the filming studio.

In the studio, there were many B-list and C-list celebrities gathered. Even though Director Sun Yiwu was looking for actresses this time, many male celebrities took the time off to come over too.

They weren't here to ask for a role in the movie, but just here so that Director Sun Yiwu would be familiar with their faces and perhaps catch a word with him too. They just wanted to leave an impression on the director so that he would remember them in the future when he would cast for new films.

Currently, an empty space had been circled out in the studio for the audition.

Chapter 240: Have Some Decency Even If You Are Chasing After Celebrities

When Lu Man arrived, one artist was standing in the center, striking a couple of Wushu actions according to the Wushu Director's instructions.

Lu Man casually glanced over, but her gaze was stuck immediately.

Mi Qiansong!

Mi Qiansong was actually here!

It looked like she was the assistant of the Wushu director. The Wushu director was describing some rough actions and Mi Qiansong performing them to instruct the actors.

Lu Man remembered that in her previous life, Mi Qiansong was only a Wushu coach in a school and had yet to enter any production team as a Wushu director.

She did not expect that in this life things would turn out this way. She felt that perhaps because she had sent Liu Musen to jail, Mi Qiansong's life took a turn in a different direction and she did not end up in jail, becoming a Wushu director instead.

Meanwhile, Xia Mengxuan was craning her neck, looking here and there among the crowd. She wasn't interested in any of the actors that had come for this audition.

Xia Mengxuan was just contemplating how she could catch the director's attention, maybe he would take a liking to her at first sight!

Eventually, she happened to see that Lu Man come too.

Xia Mengxuan tugged on You Lili's elbow, "Lu Man is here too. Tch! Wasn't she still acting all high and mighty like she wasn't interested at all just now? She sure knows how to fake!"

You Lili had no animosity towards Lu Man and wasn't competing with her in any way, so she did not reply Xia Mengxuan.

Xia Mengxuan looked away from Lu Man and focused all her thoughts on how to make herself stand out among the crowd of actors.

Letting go of You Lili's elbow, she started squeezing her way forward.

Some female artiste who was shoved by her said unhappily, "What are you doing? Where are you from, why are you pushing us!"

"You aren't an artist, right? I've never seen you before in the industry," someone said.

"She's from the Public Relations department, I've seen her before," another person replied.

"If you're not an actor, why are you here being a busybody! Why are you pushing!" All the actors who were pushed and shoved by Xia Mengxuan were displeased.

However, Xia Mengxuan did not bother responding to them. They were just some small fry who barely made it to a C-list, nobody knew if they will ever have the chance to be popular. Right now, she couldn't care less about them.

"Hmph," Xia Mengxuan huffed, her disregard towards them obvious even without speaking.

The few people who were shoved aside by her exploded immediately.

She needed to take a look at herself in the mirror! How dare she look down on them!

"Stop it!" An artist suddenly grabbed onto Xia Mengxuan's elbow, "Have some decency even if you are chasing after celebrities! Don't mess up the order here at the audition!"

"Please, she's not a fan. I think she's dreaming of becoming a celebrity herself! Using all her energy, shoving her way forward to gain attention, she's an idiot who should first take a look at herself in the mirror, she's dreaming of something impossible!"

"Even if you really want to audition, queue up! Can't you see that we are in a queue?" Another person said.

Those who weren't going to audition stood at the side. They were just curious to see what was going on.

Moreover, there were also other currently popular celebrities who could audition first upon arrival.

In this industry, all that mattered was experience, seniority, and popularity. Everyone knew it very well and also they could not say much about it.

But if someone like Xia Mengxuan wanted to cut the queue too?

No way!

Just a while back she was insulted by Chen Shimian, and now she was again being looked down upon by a small celebrity that wasn't even C-list. Xia Mengxuan angrily pointed a finger at that person, "What's so impressive about you? You have got a nose and chin job, making you look like some snake demon and yet you still have the cheek to talk about me? No wonder you aren't popular, you won't get famous in this lifetime!"

That person was so angry that her face was twisted out of shape. It was fine to say that she had plastic surgery. Who in the industry didn't get something fixed these days?

But the one thing she hated the most was people saying that she would never be famous!

Furious, that artist suddenly grabbed onto the finger Xia Mengxuan was pointed at her and twisted in hardly.

"Ah!" Xia Mengxuan screeched in pain. She put in all her effort to pull her hand away and ducked to the side, trying to hide.

Yet, eventually, she hit the person next to her. And one after another, they all fell like dominoes.