

Mr Han 2311

Chapter 2311: The First Lesson

The teachers' acting skills might not necessarily be more outstanding than those of the students they taught, but they would surely know better how to teach to make the students understand and learn better.

Seeing the disappointment on Guo Hai and the others' faces, Lu Man said, "I am also a student. There are many things I still have to learn. Saying that I can teach you is really too much of an exaggeration. During our usual practice, we can discuss things together. I will also share with everyone how I usually practice by myself.

"For example, when we choose a segment from a piece of work, we can discuss and act out the scenes together, then talk about our understanding of the characters. We can find the best way to perform our characters through discussions. If there are any inadequacies, we can all point them out."

It was not that Lu Man did not want to teach them; it's that she felt that her standard was not up to mark yet, and she felt she would not be able to teach them well. However, she was still willing to help them all out.

Everyone then heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing that. So they had misunderstood her intentions just then.

"But in this way, it's unavoidable that we may have conflicts because of our own understanding and beliefs, so when we are practicing, we can quarrel, but when practice time ends, we must put the matter behind us and not let this affect our relations with each other," Lu Man cautioned everyone in advance.

"Of course." Everyone nodded and promised.

Although they said that, Lu Man did not immediately believe them.

Once quarrels happen often, it would affect their relations in some way or another, so she would still have to test the waters first.

When afternoon came and it was 2 PM, everyone then set off for class together.

Han Leilei said on the way there, "The lesson today will be an analysis of a play by Shakespeare."

Lu Man was not yet familiar with where the classrooms were and just followed the others.

This classroom was more like a small theater room.

At the bottom was the audience seating area, and at the front was the performance stage.

"Every time we attended this class, the professor and the students would always be sitting below at the audience seating area, then everyone would draw lots to pick a character and perform the character on stage," Han Leilei said. "Before the end of each lesson, the professor would first briefly explain what we would be performing for the next class so we could go back and memorize the script well.

“If it’s your turn to go up on stage but you didn’t memorize the script well, even if you only stumbled a little, then in future lessons, you would not have a chance to pick any important roles or any challenging roles. If you performed even a little worse, then in future classes, you won’t even get a chance to go up on stage anymore,” Tan Mingxiao added at the side.

If one could not go up on stage, it meant that one would not be able to receive guidance.

Those who majored in acting had an interest in drawing attention to themselves.

But if they could not go up on stage, or if they could get only minor roles with a few or even no lines at all, they would not be able to attract attention to their role, and it would undoubtedly be frustrating.

More importantly, if they were not able to get an even more challenging role to test their own acting skills, they would not be able to examine their own shortcomings and receive guidance for that.

They’d lose not just an opportunity to show their capability; more importantly, they’d lose the chance to improve.

It was okay for them as exchange students.

Anyway, they were going to leave after studying for a period of time here, so no matter what their grades were over here, actually, it would not affect them at all.

So what they valued more was the opportunity to improve their own acting techniques, to be able to have more opportunities to receive guidance from these highly acclaimed performance artistes.

So given all these, they also wanted to memorize their scripts well and not lose the chance to go up on stage.

As for those who were students in the acting class to begin with, their grades were also involved in this.

So they valued the importance of it even more.

Lu Man nodded and said, “In this way, the foundational skills of the students here will also become very strong.”

Chapter 2312: Really as If She Was on a Roll

“Yes.” Han Leilei nodded. “Pick any person here, and they will be able to recite the lines of any segment of Shakespeare’s plays in a very accurate and emotional manner, so it’s not just about memorizing the script.”

Zhou Li also nodded in admiration. “So, the gap between our capabilities is understandable, actually. Their foundational skills and background are really very solid as they’d accumulated them gradually from the start.”

“Let’s not even talk about Shakespeare. Although his works are an internationally famous classic, they’re still not local pieces, so there’s a difference in the level of cultural acceptance towards them,” Tan Mingxiao said. “But we have our own classics too. Leaving aside the ancient ones and just focusing on the classic play Teahouse, how many of us can actually recite it? I myself don’t even know more than one or two lines.”

Everyone fell silent.

So, this was the difference.

They could not just say that others were being arrogant and looking down on them.

Those students had indeed put in much, much more effort and hard work than they did, and they had the right to be arrogant.

Han Leilei thought of something and said, "The professor probably won't call Lu Man up on stage, right? After all, Lu Man didn't come for the previous lessons, so she did not prepare anything at all."

"Probably not?" Zhang Xiaoying could not say for sure either. "Even if she had to go up on stage, it should start from next lesson onwards."

Sun Mengying shook her head and said, "It's hard to say. The professor for this class is a little unforgiving. He won't care whether you've attended classes before or not or how far behind you are. As long as you appeared in this class, then you will have to meet the expectations for it.

"So, for this class, not a single person dares to skip lessons. Unless they really had no choice, or they could apply to take leave."

"Then what should we do? Lu Man, this is the segment of the play that we have to prepare for." Han Leilei took out the Shakespeare play from her bag and flipped the book to the page where she'd put a label. "We will be performing this part today. Do you know this part? If not, maybe you can skip the class this time and not go for it first?"

Han Leilei continued, "Otherwise, Howard and those people would surely seize the chance to find trouble with you."

"Yeah." Sun Mengying nodded.

"It's fine." Lu Man glanced at the segment and said, "I just happen to know this part. I'll go and take a look. I also quite want to give it a try."

Actually, things would have been different if she didn't care more about her family.

When she was chosen as an exchange student, she had just gotten married to Han Zhuoli, but she quite looked forward to coming here.

She could learn some things and definitely would reap different rewards.

It's true that many seniors before her had said that she was born for this industry and had talent.

But she could not rely on her talent for the rest of her life. There would come a time when she would exhaust her talent.

She was also not so conceited to think that she no longer needed to continue learning. This might be something that no one would dare to say.

And Lu Man indeed really wanted to be exposed to different ways of acting, as well as to a different culture.

This was such an opportunity, so she naturally would not want to miss out on it.

Han Leilei heaved a sigh of relief and said, "It's good that you know it. Let's go over and see first. It's best if you don't need to go up on stage for this lesson, lest something happens and you won't be able to go up on stage anymore in the future."

Lu Man nodded.

But she really did not mind.

It was a coincidence, come to think of it. She wondered if she was really on a roll in this lifetime.

She did not memorize a lot of Shakespeare's plays. When she practiced previously, she had used some scenes from classic plays to train and hone her acting skills.

It just so happened that she knew this part.

If it had been some other part, she might really have been thrown off balance.

But this part, she had memorized very well.

Even if she was really asked to go up on stage, she still would not mind.

Chapter 2313: Looks Like Her Underling

Lu Man thought of something. "You all will go up on stage to act out for the professor to see. Then will you all be assigned roles beforehand or?"

Han Leilei shook her head and explained, "No. We will draw lots during class itself to decide. He won't let students know what their role is beforehand. You also won't know which character you will pick. This will require all of us to know and prepare for the lines of all the characters, so that no matter which role we picked, we will be able to manage it."

Han Leilei said, "Actually, the more I learn here, the more I also quite admire the students here. They really put in a lot of effort, something which we cannot compare to."

Han Leilei's words made everyone fall silent.

Although they had been looked down on by the students here, which made them really angry, they had to admit that the hard work the students had put in before really could not be compared to theirs.

Everyone chatted for the whole journey until they reached the location of the class.

The professor had not arrived yet.

The students in the acting class gradually arrived.

Lu Man really saw quite a few familiar faces. They were all those from the team that had gone over to the National Film Academy for the exchange.

Howard was really paying a lot of attention to Lu Man.

He did not stay at the school. As there were no lessons in the morning, he was not on campus in the morning.

When he got Leo's call and learned that Lu Man had already come, Howard immediately came to school.

He'd felt really impatient throughout the whole journey.

All he could think of was how he should deal with Lu Man.

For the class this afternoon, he would definitely have to attend.

It was because of the reason that Han Leilei and the others had mentioned that he had no choice but to go.

Howard did not know that Lu Man would be attending class.

He never thought of this possibility at all.

Because to attend this class, you had to start right from the first lesson. If you missed one lesson, unless you memorized all the lines well and had the confidence not to make a mistake, you would not dare to come.

Although Lu Man was not worried about grades, she could not possibly come and embarrass herself.

He did not believe that Lu Man would be able to memorize those lines well when she just came today.

Yet unexpectedly, the moment he walked in, he saw Lu Man.

Howard's eyes right now could instantly detect and single out Lu Man.

As if he had a pair of titanium eyes.

"Howard!" When Leo saw that Howard had arrived, he immediately waved to him.

Howard saw him and merely nodded. He was already walking in Lu Man's direction.

Leo saw that and quickly got up to go to Howard's side. "Howard, what are you doing?"

Howard scoffed and said, "I see an old friend. I'm going to say hi."

As he said that, he had already walked up to Lu Man. "Lu Man, we finally meet again. Waiting for you to come has really not been easy. Your attitude is really quite something."

Lu Man raised an eyebrow. With that attitude of Howard's, Lu Man did not get up.

She remained seated while Howard stood beside her table.

Howard was clearly looking down on Lu Man from a standing position, yet he gave off the feeling as if he was reporting to work to Lu Man.

Howard was directly involved so he did not feel it, but the other students in the class all had this feeling.

Someone said in a small voice to the person beside her, "Do you notice? With Howard standing beside Lu Man like that, doesn't it feel like he's her underling?"

Thanks to Howard's words, everyone now knew this was Lu Man.

Even if the students in the acting class had not seen Lu Man before, there was still the matter of Lu Man's glorious track record in the past.

Specifically, when Lu Man drove Bourbotte back to his home country after their conflict, Lu Man's name became surely well known, even if it was not known throughout Hollywood.

Chapter 2314: So Headstrong the Moment She Came

So, even though they had never seen Lu Man before, they were not unfamiliar with Lu Man's name.

The student beside her nodded in full agreement. "Yeah. Although Lu Man is sitting down, her aura is just so confident."

"Howard can't tell yet. Judging from his look, he's probably there to find trouble with Lu Man. Alas, he actually embarrassed himself again."

"If I were Howard, I would just wait to defeat her during the exchange competition. At that time, I can do myself proud and exact whatever revenge I want to take. He already can't hold it in now, and if he doesn't handle it well, he will embarrass himself. Take now, for example. He's actually being even more embarrassing."

As they were saying that, they heard Lu Man say, "I just won a competition, after all. You have to let me rest for a while. If you'd won, you could have also put on such an attitude."

Howard: "..."

Everybody: "..."

They really did not expect that Lu Man would be so headstrong the moment she came!

And her being so headstrong in their territory, was it really a good thing?

The teammates who sat in a row with Lu Man thought to themselves that everyone here was too naive.

Back then, when Lu Man had no fame, she was even more headstrong than she was now. How was this even considered being headstrong?

Previously, when Lu Man quarreled with Howard, was that really a quarrel?

She was way too polite to him.

Howard could not even take it now.

But actually, he had never seen Lu Man's true capabilities before.

Sun Hezhou rubbed his palms together and, in Mandarin, he said in a hushed voice to his teammates, "They've never experienced the previous storms and bloodshed that Lu Man had whipped up in our domestic entertainment industry. Just perfect, they can have a good time experiencing it now."

Speaking of this, Sun Hezhou started feeling gleeful.

Actually, among them, the person who'd really crossed swords with Lu Man before was Zhang Xiaoying.

And that challenge at the time to Lu Man was merely a tiff.

Yet Zhang Xiaoying already felt the trauma in her heart.

Zhang Xiaoying swore never to stand opposed to Lu Man ever again.

As long as she was not opposed to Lu Man, it was needless to say how relaxed she could feel just watching Lu Man whip up a storm from the sidelines.

And it actually felt so vindicating for some reason!

What's more, they were on other people's territory right now, and they get to watch Lu Man bring the storm overseas.

They could stand behind Lu Man steadfastly. They were on the same side, being teammates with her and helping her whip up the storms together.

This feeling was really too exhilarating and exciting.

Xu Chuansheng gave Howard a deep look of pity. He had clearly already suffered once in their country. Why did he not grow any sense?

If he got attacked by Lu Man again, then he really deserved it.

What Howard hated the most now was being reminded by other people of the competition that he'd lost earlier on.

That was simply the greatest humiliation of his lifetime.

When he heard Lu Man's words, Howard's face turned beet red.

He raised his voice, as if doing so could raise his own dominance, to say, "Lu Man, this is not your school, not your territory. You guys are standing in our territory right now. The home court has already changed!"

Lu Man raised an eyebrow. She did not look shocked at all and said, "It's just another place for you all to lose in again."

Lu Man had been living together with Han Zhuoli every day, so she was naturally getting more and more influenced by Han Zhuoli's aura.

People who lived together would always end up influencing each other.

And Lu Man had been influenced more deeply by Han Zhuoli.

Han Zhuoli had the aura of someone who was the head of a great household.

Lu Man had only around 30 percent of his influence, and it was already enough to deal with all these people.

This was also why, even though Lu Man was clearly the one sitting down, with Howard looking down at Lu Man from a high position, he became reduced to the level of an underling character in comparison to her.

Chapter 2315: Who Needed to Prove Anything to Her

Even if she just sat there quietly and did not speak, as long as she wanted to, she could give the other party immense pressure.

Lu Man just sitting there absolutely gave off full dominance through her aura!

Howard was seriously pissed off by Lu Man's words, and he could not care about being polite anymore.

He pointed at Lu Man and said angrily, "I did lose that competition previously! But that's not my actual capabilities at all!"

Lu Man chuckled and replied, "If you lost, you lost. No one will care how capable you actually are. If you can't perform to the best of your ability during the competition, which is when it matters, what's the point? What use is being very capable when there's no one around? No matter how capable you are then, others won't be able to see it."

Lu Man said calmly, "Exactly how much you can show during the competition, that is really your true capability. It's the same as taking an exam. One can say that they just did not use their full capability, but in fact, their studies are very good. But what's the point? No matter how good you usually are, when the time really comes where you need to produce results but you can't show it, then everything becomes useless."

Howard was shaking from anger at Lu Man's words. *Wasn't this b*tch just saying that his capability could not make the cut?*

"You just wait!" Howard gritted his teeth and said, "This time, I definitely would not make a mistake again! You are standing in our territory now, this is our home court. My mentality and emotions won't be influenced again. I will definitely win against you and show you my true capabilities."

Even without Lu Man saying anything, the other students who heard the words he said did not believe it either.

He said things like how his mentality and emotions would not be influenced by Lu Man.

Wasn't he being influenced by Lu Man now?

So along with that, what Howard said about how he would definitely let Lu Man see his true capabilities also became very unconvincing.

"I'm sorry, I think you won't have the chance to prove that to me anymore," Lu Man said, smiling.

This smile could really irritate the guts out of someone.

It made Howard so enraged that his mind lost focus and even his thinking abilities got reduced.

Who needed to prove anything to her!

Who did she think she was that he needed to prove his capability to her?

Pei!

No!

Hold up!

This was not the main point.

The main point was, why would he not have the chance to prove anything to her anymore?

It was as if both of these ways of putting it were incorrect. No matter how it was worded, it made Howard feel depressed.

He wanted to refute both points, yet he felt as if he could not refute them.

It made Howard confused as to which point he should refute first.

Howard inhaled deeply and adjusted his emotions before saying, "Firstly, I don't need to prove anything to you. Who do you think you are? And how can I possibly not have a chance anymore!"

Lu Man smiled patronizingly and said, "Did you forget? If I remember correctly, you belong to the second-string team among your batchmates. We came over for the exchange competition this time to compete against your top team."

Lu Man laid her hands bare and said in a very regretful tone, "So, I'm really sorry, you won't have the chance to compete with me anymore."

Howard: "..."

*What the f*ck!*

He forgot about this!

"If you really want to compete with me so much, you can only try your best to enter the top team. Or else, you won't even have the right to compete with me again." Lu Man smiled cheekily as she said that.

Howard: "..."

He was so furious that he wanted to cuss!

Why was this lass so damn infuriating!

Luckily, Leo had kept his eye on the situation all the while this time around and held him back, or else, Howard would really have cussed.

Han Leilei and the others could not hold back any longer and all gestured "666"[1] with their hands at Lu Man.

So, Howard probably had to retain the record of having lost to Lu Man for a very long time.

Chapter 2316: All Visitors Are Our Guests

"Who said so!" Howard retorted angrily. "Aren't you here to attend classes? As long we're in the same class, I will still have the chance."

Lu Man nodded and said with the attitude of a victor, "Okay, then, I will wait for it. Hopefully, you won't let me down."

Howard was so enraged that his anger got all pent up in his chest and was stuck there. He was unable to stomach it or vent it out.

Lu Man's attitude even seemed as if she was dealing with him from a position of strength.

Most importantly, Howard did not think he was the weak one!

"You don't need to gloat. You won once by luck and you really think that you're capable enough?" Howard scoffed and said, "You also know I'm from the second-string team. Back then, to win against us, you guys worked so hard. You were all even mentally prepared to lose.

"The people who are competing with you this time are the people from our top team. You already had such a hard time winning against us and you still want to compete with the top team? You guys will have to go back crying this time!"

Lu Man threw a super nonchalant glance at him and said, "You lost to me. What right do you have to boast in front of me? Winning against you guys was difficult? I think you misunderstood something. Why don't you go back and watch the video of the competition and see in what way was it difficult for us to win? It was more like a slam-dunk win, okay?"

"You—"

Even Leo wanted to scold Howard.

Did this person have no brains or what?

Was he afraid that other people had already forgotten how disgracefully they'd lost?!

He even had to remind them all about this.

He was asking to be pissed off by Lu Man!

Lu Man did not need to say anything else. All she needed to say was that she'd won against him before.

No matter what Howard said, there was no way he could deny that he lost to Lu Man.

"Howard!" A sound interrupted Howard, not giving him a chance to continue talking.

"It's Oren!"

"Oren is here!"

Lu Man seemed to have heard the name Oren from somewhere before.

Han Leilei reminded her at the side, "Oren is the ace of the top team. He's starring in a popular American drama series right now. It's into its third season. He'd even starred in a few movies with good box office ratings. This summer, there's also a highly anticipated movie coming out, one which he starred in. Be it in popularity or achievements, he has things that Howard can't compare to."

"I was wondering why his name sounded so familiar," Lu Man said in realization.

At this moment, Oren had already walked over.

"Howard, as visitors, they are all our guests. Don't be rude," Oren said.

Be it in terms of his fame or capabilities, he was above Howard.

So in front of Oren, Howard could only be obedient.

Howard was still feeling resentful and said, "It's because she was way too disrespectful."

Lu Man rolled her eyes right in front of them.

She wondered who was really being disrespectful.

Howard came to look for trouble the moment he arrived. Was she not supposed to retort, then?

A big grown man like him was actually behaving more sensitively than a lady like her.

Oren threw a glare at Howard before turning to Lu Man and the others and saying, "I apologize for his rude behavior."

"It's fine, I'm used to it," Lu Man said.

Howard: "..."

Oren: "..."

Even Oren did not know how to reply to those words.

Lu Man did not know Oren well.

But based on first impressions, although Oren appeared very polite, sometimes, this kind of politeness was also a form of arrogance.

Oren smiled and said, "It looks like Howard's rude behavior has come up too often. A simple apology indeed doesn't sound very sincere."

No matter what, at least Oren appeared very polite now.

So Lu Man also stood up to speak to him.

Chapter 2317: This Is My Number

Oren said, "I've talked so much, but I haven't even introduced myself.

"I am Oren Hesselg, I'm also a student here. I heard that the last remaining exchange student has arrived today. That must be you."

"Hello, I am Lu Man," Lu Man said graciously.

"Welcome," Oren said politely. "I have watched your performance video previously and have always wanted to get to know you and connect with you. When I learned that you are also on the name list of the exchange students coming over, I had been looking forward to it greatly. You finally came."

The other party was all polite, so Lu Man was naturally polite as well. "Because I had some private matters on, I came here a little later."

Howard scoffed beside Oren and said, "You call this a little late? You arrived when it's just about time for the competition. You're just looking down on us."

Oren turned and gave Howard a warning look, telling him to restrain himself a little more.

Lu Man would not let Howard off just because Oren stopped him.

If he dared to speak thus, she'd dare to rebuke him too. "Looks like the previous loss has really dealt a great blow on you, you even lost your confidence. Even though I simply arrived a little later, you want to think of it as me looking down on you."

"I didn't say you were looking down on me!" Howard immediately said.

Lu Man chuckled and said, "You said I'm looking down on all of you, but I'm not looking down on anyone, so there's only you left."

"You—"

"Enough!" Oren turned and cut Howard off. "Leo, go back to your seats with Howard. The professor should be here soon."

Leo quickly pulled Howard away.

Howard was feeling unhappy at first, then Leo took out his phone to show Howard the time.

It was indeed almost time.

Professor Howell had always been on time. He would definitely enter the classroom at the same second when the bell rings for class to start.

So Howard finally stopped his pestering.

Seeing that, Oren was finally satisfied and then said to Lu Man, "If there's anything you don't know or need help with, just tell me."

Oren took out a notebook from his bag, wrote down his own number, and said, "This is my number. You can just contact me directly if you need any help."

Lu Man smiled as she accepted it and thanked him.

Oren wanted to sit beside Lu Man, but alas, there were no more seats.

Albertine, who was on the same team as him, waved at him and said, "Oren, here!"

When Oren saw that, he could only give up and smile at Lu Man as he said, "I'll go over there to sit first then."

Lu Man naturally replied to him politely.

After Oren left, Zhou Li then said in a small voice, "Oren is quite polite. He's famous and capable, and he has a nice personality too. He's really different from Howard and the others."

"Yeah," Sun Mengying agreed and said, "There are many people who look down on us and just mock us to our faces. But actually, compared to Oren, they can't hold a candle either. Oren doesn't even do anything to us, but they themselves think they're so impressive. With this comparison, they actually look like clowns."

Tan Mingxiao pursed his lips and said, "You guys, don't you just think that way because he's good-looking? As long as he's good-looking, everything is good."

Howard was not the especially handsome type. At least, compared to Oren, he was far behind.

Oren was famous and very capable. His looks were the princely type, which really made him an idol in many girls' hearts. This was not an exaggeration at all.

"What? He's just polite and coincidentally good-looking too," Zhou Li objected indignantly. "I'm not so superficial."

Guo Hai also said, "But I think he isn't as nice as he appears to be."

Seeing that the girls had quite a good impression of Oren, Lu Man shook her head and asked while laughing, "Was Oren at school the entire time previously?"

Chapter 2318: Not as Friendly as He Appears to Be

"Yeah." Han Leilei nodded.

Han Leilei was very smart. She paused for a moment and understood Lu Man's words. "You mean—"

"Previously, you guys said that you were all getting bullied and mocked at this school. Did anyone come and stand up for you guys and help?" Lu Man asked.

Zhou Li shook her head. "Some people would take quite good care of us in private. This is the first time we came here, so we are not familiar with the place. If there's anything we needed to ask, there will be people who will help us. After all, not everyone is so rude. There are still many people who are very friendly. But in front of everyone else, there was really no one who spoke up for us."

Sun Mengying said, "But I think this is fine. After all, this is our own matter. We can solve it ourselves. We can't possibly rely on others for help or to protect us even over such a small matter."

Lu Man smiled and said, "Then among those who treated you guys nicely in private, was Oren included?"

Sun Mengying was stunned for a moment before she said, "No, actually. But we aren't able to interact with him usually."

But Tan Mingxiao had already reacted and said, "We aren't able to interact with him, but he can always interact with us. Like just now, when Lu Man was having a quarrel with Howard, didn't Oren come out and stop him?"

"He even gave his contact to Lu Man just now, saying she could look for him for all matters. But before then, has he ever done such a thing? We don't need him to speak up for us, but did he ever say hi to us in a friendly way or give a greeting? There's no need for him to even say much like he did just then."

Tan Mingxiao said, "I'm not saying that he should have helped us, that he did wrong by simply not doing so. No such obligation exists. If he helped us, we would have been grateful. If he didn't, we don't have any right to resent him either. But Oren didn't step forward previously. He only appeared in front of Lu Man, which shows that he isn't as friendly as he appears to be."

Lu Man nodded. "This is what I mean. If he's really that friendly, he wouldn't have waited until now."

Sun Mengying and the others finally understood, and the good impression they had of Oren instantly dissipated.

"So, we should still be cautious. Don't believe him so easily," Guo Hai said. "Who knows what on earth he's really thinking?"

Sun Mengying thought about it. She felt that Oren might be interested in Lu Man.

But she did not dare to say it out loud.

Lu Man was Han Zhuoli's wife, after all.

Anyway, this was just a thought she had. Actually, even she herself felt that it was quite implausible.

After all, they had just met for the first time. It could not possibly be something as ridiculous as love at first sight.

How could there be so many dramatic things in real life?

Hence, Sun Mengying cast this thought aside once it crossed her mind and did not say anything.

On his side, Oren sat down beside Albertine.

Beside Albertine sat their other teammate, Helena.

Helena liked Oren. This was something everyone knew.

Helena did not intend to hide it either.

But Oren was not interested in Helena and did not accept her pursuit.

Their views were quite liberal though.

Even though Helena liked Oren, she did not stop dating other people, and she would often date some men who caught her eye.

Even with Oren, although the two of them were not lovers, they were still friends with benefits.

Of course, it wasn't a regular thing.

Although Oren was not interested in her, she did not mind having a soulless interaction with him, so Oren naturally would not reject either.

But Oren was also worried that if it happened too many times, it would make Helena forget her place and blur the lines between their relationship.

Chapter 2319: Are You into That Skinny Little Girl?

So Oren was very cautious. After the third time, he made things clear with Helena.

The two of them were simply friends with benefits. Off the bed, they were just fellow students, nothing more.

After those three times, the two of them did not meet in such a manner again.

Anyway, for Oren, there were plenty of women. Helena was not the only woman out there.

No matter how pretty the woman, after trying her out, it would be all the same.

He had no interest in Helena in the first place. It was Helena who'd taken the initiative, so he might as well take her and try her out a few times.

So, even if they'd completely ended their relationship, Oren did not regret it at all.

Although Helena liked Oren, she could form relationships with other men too at the same time.

Judging from this, Helena actually also did not like Oren that much either.

She did have a liking for him, but it was probably that she was just obsessed with him.

The more she could not get him, the more she insisted on getting him.

After getting him, she might not like him that much anymore.

But as long as she did not get him, she would surely want him.

In the end, she saw that the moment Oren came in, he went straight to Lu Man, looking all polite.

Oren was not some friendly and helpful young man.

He became famous at a young age, and he was indeed very capable.

To be able to get such achievements at such a young age, it was impossible for him not to be a little proud.

Most people who achieved such results would find it very difficult to control their self-aggrandizement.

And Oren was also not some very self-disciplined person, so he naturally would be conceited and arrogant.

So, could such a person really be so friendly and polite towards a bunch of weaklings?

Helena had been watching Lu Man's side. When Oren came to sit down, she then retracted her gaze and asked Oren, "Why are you wasting your breath on those people? Don't tell me you really want to help them?"

Oren flipped the script open and said leisurely, "I was just saying some nice words. I don't lose anything from it, and it will show that we are magnanimous. What's not to love? They can't possibly really look for me to help them with anything."

Behaving as Howard did was what's really dumb.

But Oren noticed that there were quite a lot of idiots like Howard.

Even if you really looked down on them, you did not need to show it.

Saying some niceties on the surface would not make him lose anything.

But after saying that, he heard Helena scoff and say, “Then why didn’t I see you going up to be nice previously? Yet the moment that girl called Lu Man came today, you went over to be nice?”

Oren did not seem to be bothered by Helena at all and scoffed before saying, “What do you want to say? You can just be direct about it.”

“Do I need to say it explicitly? Are you into that skinny little girl?” Helena said jealously.

Lu Man had a small frame. Although she was curvy in the right places, she normally wore loose clothes.

The t-shirt she was wearing now, for instance, was big and loose, so it concealed her good figure.

It was also precisely because it was loose that it seemed as if she was much younger.

Although it wasn’t so bad that she looked underage, she definitely did not look like the mature type.

In the eyes of a busty and mature Westerner with a bigger frame like Helena, wasn’t that just skinny and small, like a child?

She looked absolutely tasteless. There’s barely enough to be stuffed between the cracks of her teeth.

She was like a plain, tasteless soup, unable to excite anyone’s desires at all.

But this was only Helena’s thoughts.

And her thoughts definitely involved her personal bias and emotions.

Because after seeing Oren treating Lu Man specially, Helena naturally did not like Lu Man, and she’d dislike her whatever she did.

But actually, to men—or at least, for most men, including Oren...

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And especially old perverts, they could tell with one look that Lu Man had a good figure yet was so small at the same time. She had the kind of delicateness that would allow them to rub her into their embrace with one hand, making one feel even more easily aroused.

Her delicate size became an obvious juxtaposition against a man’s strong and sturdy frame.

She was so small, and thus, even that most accommodating spot would also be so tight and narrow.

Thinking of that soul-satisfying feeling that could all the more highlight his own strength made Oren a bit unable to hold it in, and he felt aroused.

“It doesn’t matter whether I took a liking to her or not,” Oren said dismissively. “I am just a little interested in her.”

There was no such thing as love at first sight. He was just interested in Lu Man’s body.

“I have really never tried a small woman like her before. If you think about it, it must feel good.” Oren played with a pen using his fingers, a smile on his lips.

Thinking of Lu Man, Oren then turned to look over.

He sat diagonally behind Lu Man, so he could only see a third of Lu Man's side profile.

As he stared, he heard Helena say, "Oren, I think you're crazy! There's no shortage of women around you. Why must you go for Lu Man? Don't forget, her husband isn't someone to be trifled with!"

Although Han Zhuoli's name was not as well known here as it was back home, at least in their industry, they were no stranger to it.

The Han Corporation had already carved out a place for itself in Hollywood.

"So what? This is not his territory, not a place where he alone calls the shots." Oren was not bothered at all. "In his country, he can call the shots in the entertainment industry and dominate the scene. But he can't do that here. He, the Han Corporation, is just an outsider. They have only just stabilized their position here and haven't even officially started developing. Why should we be scared of him? He has to keep a low profile over here himself and be like a grandchild. This is not a place where he can do whatever he wants."

Helena narrowed her eyes and heard Oren say, "Anyway, we'll just do it secretly and won't let him know. Doing it secretly adds an even better flavor to it."

"A man and a woman having a good time is understandable." As Oren said that, he stared in Lu Man's direction as well. "Even if we were discovered, so what? Han Zhuoli is an outsider who can't do anything to me. We have so many film companies here, it's not like his is the only one."

"Our developments are way more advanced than theirs. We don't need to be scared of his trick at all. I'm not scared of being canceled by him." This was why Oren had no fear. "Anyway, as for Lu Man, I would probably get tired of her after one or two times. As for my interest in her, besides the fact that she is quite pretty and I'm satisfied with her figure, there's also her arrogance."

"She won the previous competition so arrogantly. This time, when she came, it's also with a victor's attitude. You both saw too how arrogant her attitude towards Howard was just now. It's for no reason other than the fact that she won the competition. That's why she felt confident."

Oren twirled the pen around his fingers once more and said, "The more arrogant she is, the greater an achievement it would feel when she succumbs under me, don't you think? She's so arrogant outside, but with me, she can only cry for mercy under my body."

Albertine could understand Oren's feelings really well and instantly gave Oren a very conniving smile.

Helena scoffed twice and said, "Then we'll see if she'd be willing or not."

After all, her husband was Han Zhuoli.

After being used to such a sumptuous meal like Han Zhuoli, her taste had long been elevated much higher. Could she still take a liking to Oren?