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Chapter 2341: Tacitly Agree

With the previous batches, the surrounding environment was good and there was no external pressure.

Hence, the exchange students were very comfortable and used their experience in the competition within the team.

As there were competitions within the team, they were not united. Not to mention that they lacked the capabilities, even if they had it, they might still have lost.

One of the reasons for the defeat of Howard and the others was that they could not give in to one another within the team. They looked united, but in reality, there were many problems.

However, the exchange students had external pressure this time, and in a rare occurrence, they were united.

And because of this, they experienced the benefits of being united.

Hence, they did not allow anyone to destroy it.

With regards to this, Lu Man did not have to advise anyone as all of them had already made their judgment.

Wu Zilin was so furious that he exploded. With a loud and sarcastic chuckle, he said, "If we're talking about the students from your National Film Academy, then you can go ahead and express your opinion. You can reach out to your principal and sow discord. But I'm a student of Donghua Academy of Drama. On what basis should we, the people from Donghua Academy of Drama, accept your command!"

Upon hearing this, the others frowned one after another.

Han Leilei and Zhang Xiaoying were the angriest. After all, Wu Zilin had mocked their school.

Did Wu Zilin's words imply that their school principal had to obey Lu Man's command?

By doing this, he was questioning their school!

At the same time, him saying that Lu Man could go to the principal and sow discord made her seem like a school tyrant.

They had gotten along with Wu Zilin for a few months before now, but why did it never cross their minds that he was so terrible!

Han Leilei was so angry that her face turned red.

However, to everyone's surprise, Zhang Xiaoying actually spoke first.

"Has everyone heard of the past conflicts between me and Lu Man?" Zhang Xiaoying asked.

Han Leilei's heart stopped for a moment. She thought that Zhang Xiaoying was turning against Lu Man.

After all, the relationship between Zhang Xiaoying and Lu Man was really not good.

It was possible for her to make use of this opportunity to give Lu Man a blow.

But after Zhang Xiaoying came here, she'd really changed a lot.

Han Leilei felt indecisive.

As the others did not answer, it implied that they had tacitly understood Zhang Xiaoying.

Zhang Xiaoying smiled and said, "Hence, you all should know that my relationship with Lu Man was very bad in the past. We were once in a state of hostility. The two of us even made a bet using our results before. Of course, we did not go overboard like this time. It was just a small-scale bicker.

"The ratings for my previous television drama were very poor. There were many reasons for that, and one of them was indeed due to problems with the quality of the television drama," Zhang Xiaoying said.

"The competition between me and Lu Man was always head-to-head. We had never used tricks. Back then, we were unaware of the relationship between Lu Man and Young Master Han. But the higher management in the school was aware. Despite this, the school did not interfere in our matters, and they also did not side with Lu Man.

"As Lu Man had said just now, regardless of whether it was her conflict with Howard, or the conflict between those students and us previously, or the conflict between me and Lu Man back then, these were our personal matters. They had nothing to do with the school, and the school had never interfered.

"Moreover, Lu Man had never gone to our school leader to say anything just because we couldn't get along. We had openly competed, and after getting the result from the competition, we did not pursue the matter. Lu Man had never obstructed me or used improper methods against me."

Zhang Xiaoying smiled. "Otherwise, I wouldn't be standing here talking to you. If she really bore grudges and didn't want me to have any development, I won't have had the chance to come here to learn."

Chapter 2342: I Am Convinced

Wu Zilin looked dissatisfied and wanted to say something.

However, Zhang Xiaoying interrupted him. "Do you want to say that I'm helping Lu Man because I want to please her?"

"Ha, it had been ages ago when Lu Man and Young Master Han openly declared their relationship. You can go and ask the people from the National Film Academy what my relationship with Lu Man was like at that time. If I wanted to please her, did I have to wait until now?" Zhang Xiaoying said.

Han Leilei could not control herself from laughing.

She had indeed been in the entertainment industry for a long time as her response was quick.

"Before now, when we were being looked down on by others, you weren't that impressive. After Lu Man came, she used her capabilities to shut those people's mouths and allowed us to feel more relaxed here. As she has the capabilities, I'm convinced," Zhang Xiaoying said. "I'm not afraid of admitting that

I'm not as good as others. I also won't look down on you because of this. I look down on people who obviously do not have the capabilities yet still talk a lot."

Han Leilei nearly lost control and laughed at Zhang Xiaoying's words.

"Before I came, the principals from the four schools had reached a consensus for me to be the team leader. I have every right to make some decisions on my own," Lu Man said. "I originally didn't agree as I was afraid. The team had been pieced together, after all. Everyone is a top student of each school, and it's inevitable to be unconvinced by the capabilities of others.

"And my relations with people have always been average," Lu Man said.

Zhang Xiaoying mercilessly rebuked her. "Yours is not simply average. It's very poor, alright? Whenever you stand up, you end up being mocked by the group."

Everybody was dumbfounded.

Zhang Xiaoying was really frank.

"I also know this." Lu Man smiled and said, "Before I came, you all had already let your experiences unite you. You had also put aside your personal merits and demerits and those of the school that you represent. If it were otherwise, I would be having a hard time."

"It's good that you know." Zhang Xiaoying sneered. "You're usually very good at making others hate you."

Everyone was confused. Looking at Zhang Xiaoying's attitude, it did not seem to them like her relationship with Lu Man was good.

However, that was also not right.

They were neither on good terms nor bad terms. Instead, they were like bickering enemies.

Anyway, Lu Man also did not get angry when Zhang Xiaoying said this.

It was actually quite interesting to hear Zhang Xiaoying rebuke her.

Wu Zilin sneered in his heart. Zhang Xiaoying could just be pretending.

To show that she was not trying to please Lu Man, she had intentionally rebuked her.

It was too intentional.

"I was originally worried that if I led the team, you all would not stand for it and the team would be in a state of disunity. And because you were unconvinced by me, and were dissatisfied, you all might not be able to merge together while preparing for the competition. Hence, I had originally rejected the position and said that I would only come over to do my part.

Sun Hezhou laughed and said, "You can't think like this now. I admit that before I came, and when I found out that you would also be coming but at a later time, I was quite against it. If we hadn't gone through all these setbacks, I would definitely be unconvinced by you when you came today.

“But I’m convinced now. Anyway, I willingly acknowledge you as the team leader,” Sun Hezhou said as she smiled.

Following that, Guo Hai said, “Me too. I’m satisfied with having Lu Man as our team leader.”

Xu Chuansheng said, “We had suffered a serious setback previously and were just waiting for Lu Man to come. She not only helped us to take revenge, but she also taught us more regarding performance matters. If a person like her is not the team leader, who else can it be?”

Chapter 2343: Do You Have the Final Say?

“Anyway, I won’t be satisfied with anyone else except Lu Man as the team leader after today,” Xu Chuansheng said.

Han Leilei, Sun Mengying, and the others also expressed themselves and acknowledged Lu Man as the team leader.

Even Zhou Li also said the same thing.

Although Zhou Li and Wu Zilin were classmates from the same class, she did not support Wu Zilin. This made him extremely angry.

This also showed that Lu Man’s capabilities were the best.

She was not only good at acting, but she was also capable in other areas.

With regards to handling matters, she was more decisive and reacted faster than them. It was perfect for Lu Man to be the team leader.

The people who did not have any contact with Lu Man previously found this to be especially true. After looking at Lu Man’s capabilities and her way of handling matters up-close, they had to admit that there was indeed a big gap between Lu Man and themselves.

If Lu Man was excluded, their standards were probably more or less the same. Any one of them who led the team would make the others feel unconvinced.

But now, they were convinced by Lu Man.

Seeing that the rest of them were actually supportive of Lu Man, Wu Zilin panicked a little.

“Do you have the final say with regards to the matter of switching out a student? This not only concerns our side, but it also requires the consent of New York University,” Wu Zilin said.

“It’s not so troublesome.” Lu Man was relaxed as she spoke. She did not think that this was a problem at all. “Actually, the school on our side doesn’t mind who they send over. If you don’t believe me, you can go and stand in front of the school leaders now and see if they know who you are.”

Lu Man’s words fully showed that Wu Zilin was an insignificant person.

Wu Zilin’s expression changed. He did not look as calm as just now.

The suspicion on his face had obviously faded.

Lu Man continued to say, "Before I came, you all should have been advised by your respective school leaders and teachers. You should know how much everyone wants to win this time, especially after experiencing the arrogance of the people from Howard's team previously and obtaining the first victory after so many years. Everyone has greater expectations for the competition this time.

"Although there's no order for us to win, we also don't wish to lose while facing these expectations. Even the school leaders from the four schools have put their earlier competitiveness aside for this competition," Lu Man said.

"They have done so in order to win. Or even if we lose, perhaps they want us to lose beautifully and make the opposite party have a difficult win. They want us to strive for our country's entertainment industry, and they will absolutely not allow anyone in our team to be disloyal and destroy our unity," Lu Man coldly said.

"I'm not!" Wu Zilin hurriedly said. "I'm not disloyal! I also meant well for our team and the schools that we represent!

"You can't say that I'm disloyal because my thoughts are different from yours!" Wu Zilin was flustered and exasperated.

"So I'll need your answer now," Lu Man said. "If you want to have peace of mind and stay on, you'll have to put away those active thoughts and listen to other people's advice. When many people tell you that something is not appropriate, you can insist on your own thoughts, but please wait a moment before doing so.

"If something like what happened today happens again, I'll definitely report back to the country. If you think that I'm not right and the others are unwilling to express how they really feel because they want to help me, then I'll let your school leaders judge whether your action is appropriate. At that point, you can forget about staying on the team.

"But if you disagree with me now and insist on your point of view, then I can go back and report it now," Lu Man said.

Chapter 2344: Weakened

"Coincidentally, before I set off, the four principals had asked me to look at the situation here and tell them about it so that they would be aware," Lu Man said. "This is so they could avoid being clueless of what's happening as they are in the country and they could not be of any help if something really happened."

Wu Zilin was completely weakened.

He could not help himself from thinking about how the matter got to this point.

He'd originally acted out of good intentions, but Guo Hai kept stopping him in every possible way, which made him think that these people were really crazy.

They actually did not care about anything and only wanted to vent their resentment.

In the end, he had a face-off with Lu Man and gradually lost control.

Wu Zilin became sober.

He still felt that he wasn't at fault.

And he was very unhappy with Lu Man.

Lu Man was too arrogant.

Wasn't she relying on someone for support?

In the past, she'd relied on Han Zhuoli's support and acted like a tyrant in the entertainment industry.

Although they did not publicly declare their relationship, she was already with Han Zhuoli at that time.

Hence, she'd already had Han Zhuoli's support at that time.

No matter what she did, she wasn't afraid of offending people as she had Han Zhuoli helping her.

Hence, Wu Zilin thought that Lu Man's real abilities weren't at play.

She was only relying on Han Zhuoli.

As she had not yet publicly declared her relationship with Han Zhuoli, everyone did not know about them and assumed that she was capable.

But if he really thought about it, she had no capabilities.

Even now, it was also because of her relationship with Han Zhuoli that the school leaders treated her so politely.

This allowed her to rely on the power of the school leaders.

If she did not have all these, what did she amount to!

She actually wanted to kick him out of the team.

Wu Zilin would absolutely not leave. He would not leave no matter what they said.

As the situation was fixed now, Wu Zilin was unable to do anything alone and could only show his weakness. "My thinking was too extreme today. I'm sorry. I didn't consider it carefully when I hastily apologized to Howard."

The corners of Wu Zilin's mouth twisted as he became tensed up. After all, these words were not from the bottom of his heart.

It was completely for the sake of staying on that he "made accommodations for the overall interests."

Hence, he'd said it with much difficulty.

Wu Zilin felt that he was only temporarily bowing to the evil forces.

He endured it in silence in order to protect his own position.

But how could Lu Man not tell what he was thinking?

Compared to the people Lu Man had dealt with along the way, Wu Zilin was really too delicate. It was simply too easy to see through him.

“Let’s rest for today. We’ll officially start rehearsing the show for the competition tomorrow. How about it?” Lu Man asked.

“Let’s, let’s,” Han Leilei said. “We’d been waiting for you to come so that we can rehearse.”

Tan Mingxiao rubbed his hands and said, “I also can’t wait. I wish so much that we can start rehearsing now.”

“I’m afraid that we are not in a good state to rehearse now,” Lu Man said.

Everyone immediately understood.

There was unhappiness between Wu Zilin and everyone just now.

Even if their state of mind was not affected, Wu Zilin’s was definitely affected.

One could tell by looking at Wu Zilin’s face right now.

He definitely would not be able to start to act with them right away without feeling any grievances at all.

Everyone knew it and muttered in their hearts as they left.

It was all Wu Zilin’s fault. If not for him, they could have started rehearsing today and do so for a while longer.

Before they all came here, their professional teachers from the four schools had already discussed matters during a meeting.

They had chosen an excerpt from a show and allocated the students’ roles.

Hence, the problem of discussing which show to perform and how to allocate the roles did not exist.

Chapter 2345: A Problem in Reality That Could Not Be Delayed

The problem of snatching roles and being unhappy with one another also did not exist.

This was a decision that had been made by the teachers from the four schools after they had discussed it. Hence, there weren’t any issues of bias.

The teachers had allocated the roles according to the students’ respective capabilities.

However, they had considered that there were really very few people here who knew Chinese.

Even if they knew it, it was also very difficult for them to understand the broad and profound Chinese language.

Chinese lines would not work here.

Hence, they could only choose English dramas.

But then there were the issues of cultural differences and performance methods.

The teachers from the schools also did not dare to provide guidance hastily.

Furthermore, after practicing for a few months here, their standards would be raised, and there would definitely be differences in their performances.

According to past practices, students would look for professors whom they usually got along better with to help them rehearse.

It was just that everyone did not expect the situation to be so bad this year.

At this moment, Han Leilei asked a question. "Which teacher should we look for to help us rehearse this year?"

Everyone finally calmed down from the happiness of Lu Man arriving and winning against Howard. They thought of this problem in reality that could not be delayed.

"Our situation this year is possibly the worst compared to those of previous batches. There won't be many teachers who'd be willing to help us rehearse."

Many teachers with high standards looked down on them.

There were a few teachers who were usually willing to guide them, but they seemed unwilling to help them rehearse.

After all, their capabilities were really quite weak.

Their chances of winning were not high. If they lost, wouldn't the teacher who helped them to rehearse feel ashamed?

Others would feel that the teacher's standard was also not good.

Thus, who'd be willing to come forward?

Everyone thought of this problem.

The standard of the teacher who was willing to come forward might be average.

Hence, there wouldn't be too big of a difference whether a teacher had come to them or not.

"Let's try. No matter what, we have to ask first," Guo Hai said.

"Right. Let's ask first," Tan Mingxiao said. "Let's not look for those teachers who look down on us so that we won't humiliate them. Let's come up with a name list first. One by one, we'll go and ask the teachers who are usually willing to guide us."

"But there's still a problem," Zhang Xiaoying said. "Many teachers only come over during lessons, and they have their own jobs like stage performances and performances in movies and television shows, etc. They may really not have the time to come and help us rehearse."

These words made everyone silent again.

Zhou Li smiled and said, "We'll have to ask first before we know. What if there are teachers who are free and also willing to come?"

“Right.” Han Leilei nodded. “We can make use of the afternoon to go and ask each one of them.”

Hence, everyone started to make a name list.

Lu Man could not interfere in this matter.

After all, she had just arrived and was not familiar with the teachers here at all.

Moreover, back when she was at the National Film Academy, she’d even represented the academy and won against the exchange team that represented this side.

This had really made them lose face.

It was reckoned that many people would ignore Lu Man.

Furthermore, would they help Lu Man to win against their own school?

Wouldn’t it be too lowly of them to do so!

Hence, Lu Man might as well not go.

Lu Man herself also knew this. Thus, she should be well-behaved and wait in the dormitory.

Everyone, including Wu Zilin, was assigned a name of a person to approach.

As some of them were in the office, they directly went to the office to ask those people.

As for those who were not around, they sent emails to ask them.

It was natural that the teachers whom they had sent emails to would not reply so quickly.

After half an hour, everyone returned one after another.

Chapter 2346: Sow Discord

Everyone returned looking downcast.

Even without asking, Lu Man knew that they had been rejected.

Han Leilei also entered with a dejected look.

Shortly after that, Wu Zilin also returned.

However, the expression on Wu Zilin’s face was very subtle.

Two contradictory emotions of frustration and happiness could be seen on his face.

It made his face look as if it was twitching.

Lu Man would have laughed if not for the present atmosphere that was really depressing.

“How is it? Been rejected?” Lu Man asked.

Han Leilei was feeling extremely downcast as she nodded. "I just asked everyone along the way. No one agreed to come."

Wu Zilin said with a grudge, "Are you satisfied now? It's all because you're too arrogant. You've offended everyone. You previously made their school lose face so badly, and we're coercing them today. No matter what you said about this being a problem between Howard and you and about how the school would not interfere, the fact is that these teachers are rejecting us now."

Han Leilei unhappily said, "Wu Zilin, what do you mean? When we were bullied previously, you'd counted on Lu Man. Now that those teachers have rejected us, you're also pushing all the blame to Lu Man? Anyway, regardless of whether it's good or bad, it's Lu Man's responsibility. Why are you being a bully?"

"You had promised to be united with us just now. It has been only half an hour, and you've switched gears again?" Guo Hai also said.

"It's not the time to blame anyone right now. Furthermore, we can't blame Lu Man for this matter. What do you mean by saying such a thing?" Sun Mengying also said. "Are you trying to make us push the blame on Lu Man?"

"What's important now is how to solve the problem, not finding someone to push the blame to when nothing goes well, like what you just did. This matter concerns everyone. We have to shoulder it and take responsibility together. Lu Man doesn't owe you. On what basis should she solve all these matters for you?" Sun Hezhou said.

Wu Zilin was infuriated. These people were still helping Lu Man at this point in time.

Couldn't these people tell that it was actually Lu Man's fault that they could not get any teacher to guide them?

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Zhang Xiaoying said, "If not for Lu Man, do you think any teacher would be willing to guide us based on the earlier display of our capabilities?"

These words made Wu Zilin speechless.

It was indeed true that this matter was not Lu Man's fault at all.

Wu Zilin had completely just used this as an excuse to push his mistake on Lu Man.

Even without Lu Man, no teacher would be willing to come and guide them based on their earlier capabilities, which had failed to meet their standards, as this would ruin their own reputation.

"You had earlier assured us that you would stay united with us. If you're still thinking of ways to sow discord among our team, I'll also agree with Lu Man's suggestion to find someone else to replace you," Guo Hai said.

"That's right. You indeed have very good results from Donghua Academy of Drama. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for you to get chosen for this team," Sun Hezhou said. "But one's results are also related to his luck and development. Your results are good, but they're not exceptional. Not to the

extent whereby no one can compete with you. There are actually many people in Donghua Academy of Drama who have roughly the same results as you. You are not irreplaceable.”

Sun Hezhou had been polite, but Xu Chuansheng was not. “We all come from Donghua, and both our schools are close-knit.. Guo Hai and the others from the National Drama Academy and the National Film Academy may not know it, but we, the people from Donghua Film Academy, are well aware of this.”

Chapter 2347: Run Out of Patience

“Besides your mediocre results, the reason you were chosen to join the team was also due to your family, which is one of the biggest sponsors of Donghua Academy of Drama. Based solely on results, it wouldn’t have been easy to say whether or not you could have entered. If it weren’t for your family being a big sponsor, you might not have gotten the chance,” Xu Chuansheng said impolitely.

“So why are you pretending? We didn’t expose you because based on our standards, we are also not qualified to look down on you. But you have to make trouble and cause disharmony within our team. As this is not a problem of capabilities or standard, we won’t let you get your way.”

Xu Chuansheng and Sun Hezhou were not afraid.

Both their families were not easy to bully.

Wu Zilin’s face changed and he looked at the others.

Actually, the rest of them did not have much expression on their faces. Zhou Li had already known about it. It was just that she didn’t say it.

Although Han Leilei and the others felt surprised, they had the basic skills to hide their emotions given their acting background.

Only Wu Zilin felt that they were mocking him.

He was also flexible and immediately said, “I was being too anxious and didn’t do it on purpose. Don’t think of me so badly because of a mistake that I had made. Furthermore, the previous incident was also unintentional.”

Guo Hai and the others pursed their lips. How could he explain it away as a mistake every time?

If that’s so, then his “mistakes” had been too many.

Even if it was really a mistake, the team could not always shoulder them for him.

“Then you have made too many mistakes,” Guo Hai said in ridicule.

“Don’t be like this,” Wu Zilin said. “Didn’t you all say we have to be united? Have you all forgotten how much mockery we have suffered together before Lu Man came? We have shouldered all these together.”

He thought that the others would not be able to decipher what he meant by those words.

He had just started talking when he bad-mouthed Lu Man again. Moreover, he did it in front of her.

He had implied that before Lu Man came, although they were weak, they were united, and nothing happened when they were together.

But after Lu Man came, all these arguments appeared.

Hence, Wu Zilin was actually hinting that everything was caused by Lu Man.

The rest of them had run out of patience with Wu Zilin.

Everyone was previously in similar predicaments. Hence, they had empathy for one another and even encouraged each other.

But now that there was an additional person in Lu Man, who was capable, Wu Zilin was unsatisfied.

People like him could bear with someone worse or similar to him, but he could not bear with someone better than him.

The rest of them wanted so much to swap Wu Zilin out of the team now.

They could have originally rehearsed today, but because of Wu Zilin, they couldn't do it.

They even had to argue with him once every few days now.

They wondered how much they were going to argue again when they officially started to rehearse tomorrow, especially when they wanted to let Lu Man direct the performance.

With Wu Zilin being like this, could he modestly accept it?

He definitely could not. He would sing a different tune and suggest all kinds of opposing opinions.

How much time would be wasted during the rehearsal?

Setting aside the time that would be wasted, they wouldn't be able to achieve any results as well.

Everyone looked at Lu Man.

They believed that if they could think of it, Lu Man could also definitely think of it. It would depend on what Lu Man was going to do.

However, they didn't expect that Lu Man would not continue with this topic. Instead, she asked Zhang Xiaoying, "Even Professor Howell is not coming?"

Zhang Xiaoying was the one who had asked Howell.

After Lu Man changed the topic like this and brought it back to the original one, everyone was shocked and realized that they shouldn't be wasting time right now to deal with Wu Zilin.

The most important matter at present was to quickly look for a teacher to come over and help them with the rehearsal.

Chapter 2348: Ill Intentions

Lu Man's mind was very clear. Nothing could throw her into confusion.

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief. It was also fortunate that Lu Man was present.

Because then they could just brainlessly follow Lu Man and did not have to think about anything.

Zhang Xiaoying helplessly shook her head. "Professor Howell really doesn't have the time. He has to take part in a Broadway performance during this period of time."

Zhang Xiaoying thought for a while and laughed. "Professor Howell is quite cute. As he was afraid that I would misunderstand him and think that he was unwilling to help us, he even purposely showed me his schedule. He really doesn't have the time."

"The few teachers who previously guided us are also busy. Besides teaching at the school, they have their own jobs outside the school and have no time to spare," Xu Chuansheng said.

"What should we do?" Wu Zilin spoke again. "We can't possibly blindly rehearse on our own."

Everyone felt disdain in their hearts. *Are you the only one who knows it and can talk?*

Is it meaningful to keep showing off at times like this?

Han Leilei said, "I personally believe in Lu Man's capabilities. If there's really no teacher who can help us with the rehearsal, we'll rehearse by ourselves. If Lu Man feels that there are any areas I've not acted appropriately and she wants me to try another more appropriate method, I'll listen to her."

"That's right," Xu Chuansheng said. "Anyway, didn't we want Lu Man to guide us in our performance from the beginning? Then it's also the same if we let Lu Man guide us in the rehearsal before the competition."

"Right. It's better for one person to have a universal opinion than for all of us to stick to our own opinions and not give in to one another." Sun Mengying also made her position known.

One after another, the rest of them made their positions known that Lu Man could take on the task of guiding them.

Even Wu Zilin actually agreed this time. "I also agree to let Lu Man do it."

Everyone looked at Wu Zilin in astonishment.

They couldn't be blamed for being astonished as the change in Wu Zilin had caught them off guard.

He was actually so easy to talk to now and was willing to accept Lu Man's guidance?

"Don't look at me this way. I also hope that our rehearsal can take place smoothly and we can eventually get a good result. I don't wish to keep dragging this," Wu Zilin said.

Seeing that everyone still looked surprised, Wu Zilin smiled bitterly and said, "Do you all still think that my earlier actions were intentional? They weren't intentional. I feel the same way as you all. I hope that our team will do well and achieve good results. You all hoped that we can be united. I also feel this way and am doing this. In contrast, why do you all not believe me now?"

Although the rest of them did not understand him, Lu Man understood him too well.

Based on what Wu Zilin had done earlier, Lu Man could already grasp his thoughts.

Wu Zilin must be feeling that he should join hands with them to let Lu Man take the lead.

Whether it was during the rehearsal or for guidance with the performance, they would follow Lu Man's decisions.

Hence, if they failed or lost and the judges pointed out the areas where they didn't do well, they'd have a reason to say that it was because they had followed Lu Man's instructions, that Lu Man was responsible for it.

The rest of them wouldn't have thought of this as they did not think so deeply into the matter.

Hence, when Wu Zilin also agreed to let Lu Man take on the task of guiding them, they were so surprised.

However, Lu Man did not think so purely of Wu Zilin.

When he had pushed the blame for their inability to find a teacher to guide them just now on Lu Man, she had already guessed his way of thinking.

Lu Man was not afraid to take on this responsibility.

Since her debut, she had never stopped being questioned.

Chapter 2349: A Way

She would not take to heart this bit of pressure.

But Lu Man did have better options.

Before they completely ran out of solutions, she would not choose to be the director.

It was not that she did not want to be responsible. She just felt that she was not up to it yet.

She really did not have the level of skill to be the director.

If there was really no other choice and no other way, she would then be the director.

"I will take on the role of directing the rehearsals only when there's really no other choice," Lu Man said. "Before that, I will think of a way."

Han Leilei felt a sparkle of hope light up in her heart once more.

That's right, Han Zhuoli came over with her too.

Who knows, Han Zhuoli might be able to help them look for someone.

But Wu Zilin did not think highly of this.

Even if Han Zhuoli had wide connections, it could only work if he had arranged a time with someone beforehand.

If they went to look for someone at the last minute like this, those big shots would have their schedules fully packed. How would they have the time to come over instantly?

Lu Man did not care about Wu Zilin's doubtful and slightly disdainful look and made a call first.

Just when everyone thought that Lu Man was calling Han Zhuoli or someone else she knew to find a teacher to guide their rehearsals, the moment Lu Man spoke, she actually said, "Principal, it's Lu Man."

Everyone stared at her in surprise, but they were not worried. They were just curious why she gave the principal a call.

Some people even thought a little deeper. Which principal did she call?

Only Wu Zilin was panicking frantically in his heart.

Whichever principal Lu Man called, why was she calling them now?

To swap him out?

Why should she!

What did he do wrong even?

"Principal Liu," Lu Man said.

Everyone then knew that Lu Man was speaking to the Principal of the National Film Academy on the phone.

Wu Zilin then quietly heaved a sigh of relief.

So, like the others, he too thought that Lu Man wanted to ask a teacher to come over from their home country.

Everyone thought that this was a solution too. It was still better than no one helping them with rehearsals at all.

Just now, they were too stunned, so they forgot that, actually, they could still ask a teacher from their country to come over.

Even if they needed some time to apply for a visa, if the school came out to do it, it was not impossible for them to make a special request to speed up the process.

And many of the teachers had come over here for exchange before, so they had visas with them that would not have expired so soon.

So they could just come over.

Even if, at the start, the school felt that having a local teacher to direct a foreign play might be a bit of a misfit, they clearly could not find anyone else now, so having a local teacher to go over to guide them was still better than nothing.

"Lu Man, you arrived at the school today?" Principal Liu asked.

Lu Man turned on the speaker on her phone to let everyone hear, then replied, "Yes. I came over early in the morning to process the administrative work. In the afternoon, I attended a class, which was not bad."

"Everything is fine, right?" Principal Liu asked further. "How are the other students there doing?"

"I was about to tell you about the situation over here," Lu Man said. "Before I came, our exchange team's situation wasn't very good."

Lu Man told the principal about the experiences of the exchange team members before she came over.

"They're too much of a bully!" Indeed, Principal Liu was extremely furious. "You hang up for a moment first. I'll call Old Zhang and the others over. We can video call together and speak about this. It's better than if I relay it all again to them afterward. It might also not be convenient to tell them about some issues verbally."

"Okay." Lu Man ended the call. "The other students are all beside me. Can we have a meeting together later?"

"Of course.." Principal Liu then hung up.

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"Do you have a phone stand or something?" Lu Man asked Han Leilei. "We can speak to the four principals together later."

"Yeah, I brought one," Zhang Xiaoying said. "I often do live-streams over here, or do some vlogs, so I need to use a phone stand and brought one over. Give me a moment."

After Zhang Xiaoying said that, she went back to her room to search.

Not long after, she took out a tripod stand and fixed Lu Man's phone on top of it.

Not long after, Lu Man received a multi-person video call invite from Principal Liu.

Lu Man opened the link and everyone saw their respective principals.

Principal Liu still could not contain his anger as he asked, "Lu Man, you said that before you arrived, they were getting bullied. What exactly happened?"

"Everyone is here, so I'll let them say it themselves," Lu Man said.

In the end, Han Leilei represented them and explained in detail everything that had happened from start to end.

Principal Liu had only heard Lu Man mention it briefly before and he was already very angry.

Now that he heard Han Leilei explain everything from start to end, he became even more enraged.

The other three principals were also very furious.

Principal Zhang said angrily, "This is too much! Lu Man, did you teach them a good lesson after you went over?"

The other three principals all glanced at Principal Zhang.

How righteous he sounded when he said that!

Lu Man is not even your school's student, yet she must still stand up for you? You even made it sound so natural that she should have done so.

When it came to being shameless, the three of them were no match for Principal Zhang.

“I have indeed stood up for them already,” Lu Man said. “I can’t single out each and every student to vent on, but those who provoke me, I will definitely not let off.”

Following this, Lu Man spoke about the incident with Howard.

The four principals all heaved a sigh of relief and even looked really happy.

Seeing the reaction from the four principals, Wu Zilin knew that things would not go well.

Who’d have thought that the four of them actually would not think there was anything wrong with what Lu Man had done? Or that they’d even clap and cheer for her?

Were all these people crazy?

“You did well! We can’t let them think that we’re weaklings who are so easy to bully! Since that school doesn’t care about their students’ actions, then that school has no right to interfere with how you’ve dealt with Howard!” Principal Liu said.

Principal Zhang agreed and said, “You all remember this by heart. When you step out of your country, you are not just representing yourself or our schools but also our country’s future entertainment industry. Because this industry will ultimately belong to you all, you all cannot be soft. You cannot let them think that our country’s new and rising actors are all so timid!”

“Even if you’re outside, you have to be tough,” Donghua Film Academy’s Principal Min also said right after that. “You can’t let them think that you, and by default, us, are all so easy to bully. We can have a friendly exchange, but we cannot cozy up to them. If we cozy up to them, that would really then be embarrassing.”

If not for how Lu Man had been with the others all this while after she arrived and would not have had the chance to give Principal Liu a call, Wu Zilin might really have thought that Lu Man had already secretly told this to them sometime before. Those four principals would clearly not know about Wu Zilin’s matter beforehand.

Yet Wu Zilin had a feeling that those four principals seemed to be directing their words at him with every line they spoke.

He felt really uncomfortable sitting at the side.

When she heard Principal Min’s words, Lu Man glanced at Wu Zilin and said, “Since all four principals have said so, then I am assured. I was even worried that I was a bit too extreme and would ruin the friendship between both sides.”

“How could that be? What friendship is there to speak of between us and them?” Principal Zhang said nonchalantly.