

Mr Han 2351

Chapter 2351: Even More Convincing

"If the other party really had such considerations, you all wouldn't have met with such difficult circumstances previously," Principal Liu said. "If you want to be respected, you have to be firm first. You did nothing wrong at all."

"Then I feel assured now," Lu Man said with a smile. "And I must next tell you all about Wu Zilin."

"What's wrong with him?" Principal Lu immediately asked.

Wu Zilin was his school's student.

"Even after I taught Howard a lesson, Wu Zilin still went over to apologize to Howard in front of everybody," Lu Man said.

Principal Lu looked a little puzzled at first, but when he heard Lu Man's words, his face immediately fell.

Lu Man had just taught Howard a lesson, and Wu Zilin went over to apologize to Howard in front of everyone. What kind of nonsense was this!

"How did Howard react?" Principal Lu asked in a sullen voice.

He had just said that they did not need to deliberately cozy up to them.

As long as you won and you are capable, you would be able to earn the respect of the other party.

The people on the exchange team had been subjected to bullying the entire time before then. Wasn't it just because the other party thought they were too weak?

But after Lu Man went over, although the other side was not happy with her, they were not disrespectful either, precisely because Lu Man was capable.

You could be unhappy with her, but you had to admit that.

Your own capabilities could not make the cut, yet you went to cozy up and lost your own moral courage, which would make others look down on you even more.

Lu Man smiled mockingly and said, "Howard naturally did not accept it. He even thought that salt was being rubbed on his wound."

"Hah! And you thought you were clever!" Principal Lu said furiously.

Anyone could tell that Principal Lu was talking about Wu Zilin.

Wu Zilin's panicked expression could no longer be concealed even if he wanted to conceal it.

"But not only did Wu Zilin not think that he's in the wrong, but he even thinks that we are in the wrong, that the other team members don't dare to rebuke me and that's why they remained silent about it," Lu Man said. "Of course, it is difficult to judge whether this is right or wrong. Perhaps he is right, and I don't

have the right to say that what he's thinking is definitely wrong. It is not easy to clearly judge between right and wrong with this matter."

"There's nothing that we don't dare to rebuke," Zhang Xiaoying said.

Even Principal Liu felt a little surprised that Zhang Xiaoying would actually take the initiative to stand out and speak up for Lu Man.

After all, Zhang Xiaoying and Lu Man not being on good terms was something that anyone interested in the entertainment industry's gossip would know about. It was not something that only the people in the National Film Academy would know of.

But now, Zhang Xiaoying was actually standing on Lu Man's side.

It showed that aside from Wu Zilin, the others were all very united.

The troubles that they had met with previously were not all bad either.

At least it made them united as one.

The others were all so united, yet Wu Zilin had to insist on contradicting them.

He really made himself stand out from the rest.

But Zhang Xiaoying, who had not been on good terms with Lu Man all this time, could even step up to speak up for her.

So it was even more convincing.

"Yeah. All of us expressed our own views. We also told Wu Zilin that we can't insist that what he thought was wrong. But his actions really halved the aura that Lu Man gave off after she'd finally managed to turn the tables," Guo Hai said. "I think that Wu Zilin doing this made other people look down on us even more, and he is being a hindrance to the whole team."

Tan Mingxiao also said, "We think that even if he really felt that Lu Man's method was not appropriate and just wanted to apologize to Howard, couldn't he have just done it in private? Yet he had to do it in front of everyone. That was not showing how magnanimous and polite you are. That was just slapping Lu Man in the face and making our team look bad.. None of us moved, only he did, because he wanted to show that he was different from us, that he was the rational one and we were not."

Chapter 2352: Who Does He Think He Is

"And the match with Howard was won based on Lu Man's sheer capability. She did not get help from any of us, and we won't have been able to help her anyway," Han Leilei said. "The lesson today required us to act out an excerpt from a Shakespeare play. Lu Man just arrived today, but the task for this lesson had been arranged one week before, so Lu Man had not known about it at all.

"Howard had also noted this point, so he thought that Lu Man definitely won't be able to memorize the lines and would definitely embarrass herself on stage. So he very despicably used this point to try and win against Lu Man. But he still lost," Han Leilei said.

“This was a competition that Lu Man won by herself. It’s Lu Man’s right to decide what should be done. If Lu Man lost, would Wu Zilin have substituted himself for her? Would he have gone down on his knees and slapped himself twice? No. Hence, since Lu Man had won, why should Wu Zilin apologize on her behalf?”

Han Leilei said very pointedly, “Who does he think he is!”

Wu Zilin was so enraged that his face turned beet red. He cut in and said, “What right do you have to make up a scenario that never even happened?”

“Just based on your character,” Han Leilei said and scoffed.

“What’s wrong with my character? Just because of a small misunderstanding, all of you ganged up to single me out! You guys are just taking advantage of the fact that there are so few of us from Donghua Academy of Drama!” Wu Zilin said angrily.

“Don’t quarrel among yourselves!” Principal Liu cut them off and glanced at Wu Zilin with displeasure.

This Wu Zilin was really something!

In front of them four principals, he even dared to sow discord.

Did he really think that they were all fools and could not see through his scheme?

He actually dared to sow discord between the four schools.

Saying that there were few students from Donghua Academy of Drama, wasn’t that hinting that most of the spots had been occupied by the National Film Academy and the National Drama Academy?

He wanted to pull Donghua Academy of Drama’s Principal Lu over to his side to oppose them.

As long as he could instigate Principal Lu to make him side with him, his spot would be secured.

Although his scheme was a little novice and lame in front of them, to be able to think of this move within such a short period of time showed that he was not easy to deal with.

No wonder the others did not like him.

They could already imagine how he’d instigated the others in the team.

Principal Zhang’s face also fell. Given Wu Zilin’s intentions, he already disliked him a lot.

Their National Drama Academy also occupied only three placements.

Principal Zhang said coldly, “Old Lu, we had already discussed and agreed on this beforehand. This time, no matter what, our four schools will not compete against each other anymore. In the past, it was precisely because the team members were not united, because each of them only thought of their own schools, that they were unable to perform to their fullest potential.

“Even if they had, they might not have necessarily won, much less when they were not able to bring out their fullest potential,” Principal Zhang said. “So, this time, we must unite no matter what. Let’s put aside our respective schools’ wins or losses for now and try our best to finish the competition. We must

first change their view of our country's acting industry to receive the respect we deserve on our side before we talk about other things."

"Old Zhang, you don't need to say anything more. I understand what you mean," Principal Lu said in a sullen voice.

He paused for a moment and said, "Where Wu Zilin is concerned, we chose the wrong person."

"Principal!" Wu Zilin exclaimed.

From Principal Lu's tone, he seemed to be planning to give up on him!

"This is just because my views are different from theirs, but it doesn't mean that I'm in the wrong.. But since they brought it up, I didn't insist on my views anymore and still prioritized the unity of the team," Wu Zilin immediately said.

Chapter 2353: Should Just Kneel

"Just now, you told us something like because our school had fewer placements, they bullied you. When you said this, was it of any help to boosting the unity of the team?" Principal Lu said coldly.

Han Leilei instantly seized the chance to say, "Previously, when we couldn't find any professor to help us with rehearsals, he also blamed it on Lu Man. He said that this was because Lu Man had wanted Howard to honor the bet even after Lu Man had won against Howard."

Han Leilei scoffed and said, "So, what he meant was that we just can't win. Even if we won, we can't do that and have to give back our win. Moreover, Lu Man and Howard's bet was agreed by the two of them, and it was even Howard who challenged her first. He should be willing to accept defeat. If Lu Man lost, Howard would not have let Lu Man off. Why shouldn't Lu Man treat Howard in the same way when she won?"

"In Wu Zilin's eyes, we should just kneel, just admit defeat, and just bow down to others. With his mentality, how can he possibly try so hard to win just like the rest of us who all want to win? Previously, after he went to apologize to Howard, Lu Man had already told him that if he can unite together with us and stop acting on his own accord, we would still accept him.

"But if he can't, then we're sorry, our team doesn't need a hindrance like him," Han Leilei said. "This all happened this afternoon, less than two hours ago. Wu Zilin also promised that he would definitely not affect the team's unity again, so we will all work together as one. Yet just half an hour had passed when, just because we have no professor willing to come and help us with rehearsals, he once again pushed the blame on Lu Man.

"The rest of us are all trying to think of ways to resolve the problem at hand, yet he was desperately trying to find someone to blame. As if this could prove that he was right. Whether he was right or wrong was most important to him, and whether we win or lose the competition is not even as important as his personal gain or loss."

Lu Man gently pressed on Han Leilei's shoulder. There were some words which she could not let Han Leilei say.

If they had to bear the consequences, it was more suitable for her to bear it.

So, Lu Man held Han Leilei back and said herself, "So, we hope someone can come and replace Wu Zilin. Although the time is a little tight, at least it's better than having to waste much of our time every day afterward quarreling with him."

Without Lu Man asking, the others quickly agreed with her right after.

"That's what I think too," Zhang Xiaoying said.

"This is what I think too," Guo Hai said.

The others all expressed their agreement.

In the end, only Zhou Li was left. She was the only student from Donghua Academy of Drama and was classmates with Wu Zilin.

It was not very appropriate for Zhou Li to express her stance at this moment. The others all knew, so they did not ask Zhou Li to speak up.

Previously, Zhou Li had been on their side all along. Her attitude was already very clear.

If Zhou Li also helped Wu Zilin, even though they were just two people and not as many in number compared to them, it would also be enough to kick up a huge fuss.

Principal Lu nodded. "Our school's student gave you all trouble. I will immediately go and pick a suitable student to come over. It will be too late to apply for a visa now, so I can only choose from the students who already have a visa application approved."

Luckily, those who could afford the expenses to study acting all came from pretty well-to-do family backgrounds.

There were quite a number of students who already had visas.

And within Donghua Academy of Drama, there were also students who had already debuted to film dramas. As they needed to attend some fashion shows or other similar events, quite a number of them had visas on hand as well.

"Principal!" Wu Zilin exclaimed.. "We had already decided that I was the one coming. How can you exchange me for someone else just like that?"

Chapter 2354: Threaten

"And I also hope that we can win. I never harbored any bad thoughts. How can you decide to swap me out after simply listening to some people's words?" Wu Zilin said. "I have been learning for a few months here, after all, so my standards have improved much more considerably than those of the students back home. My capabilities are stronger than theirs. I will definitely cooperate well. If someone else came instead, they would not be able to perform better than me."

Everyone thought to themselves that Wu Zilin thought too highly of himself.

There were 10 of them in total. For a short stage play, it was impossible to make sure that each of their characters could stand out.

And they'd already received the script. Wu Zilin's parts were really quite small.

Even if someone else came to perform them, there would not be much loss for them.

To put it plainly, their capabilities were all around the same. It would be the same situation no matter who went over.

And with someone who could cooperate and listen to others, the performance outcome should be better than with Wu Zilin.

If Wu Zilin insisted on his own views when he clearly was not that great yet thought he was, then they really might as well get someone else to come over and replace him.

But these words, no one actually said them to him at this moment.

"Things have already come to this, and the decision has already been made. It will not change," Principal Lu said. "You should prepare yourself and get ready to come back. After I find someone, I will contact New York University's side and let them know that you will be replaced by a student who will be going over soon. I will ask the student replacing you to rush over at the earliest time possible."

Wu Zilin was so furious that he felt as if he was about to explode. "Principal Lu, if you really swap me out, I will definitely tell my dad about this."

Just for these words, Principal Lu would have to replace him.

It's fine if he said it in front of so many people and even threatened him.

If he did not replace him now, putting aside the issue of his own pride, this had already incited conflicts with the other members to a certain level. It was impossible for them to patch up now.

Then, in that case, letting Wu Zilin stay behind would only be a bane, with no benefit to name at all.

But why would Principal Lu care about Wu Zilin's threat?

Donghua Academy of Drama was not wholly reliant on Wu Zilin's family.

Principal Lu was a wily old fox. When he heard Wu Zilin's threat, his face did not change as he said, "The school is very grateful to your father for his support of the school's various resources and sponsorships. Your father's support is a contribution to our country's acting industry.

"But this doesn't mean that he can use the sponsorships in exchange for the various opportunities you receive in school," Principal Lu said. "If your father stops his sponsorships of the school because of this, I can only say that this is regretful. But at the same time, I am also very thankful for his past support, and I hope that we will still have a chance to work together in the future."

When Wu Zilin heard this, he knew that Principal Lu was intending to completely have a fallout with him.

Who didn't know about such tacit rules? My family sponsors you, so you should give me the appropriate benefits in return.

Now, you're actually cutting off all ties and even abandoning the sponsorships from their family.

Wu Zilin also realized that he had indeed underestimated how important the competition this time was to those four principals.

Actually, it was simply because of the presence of Lu Man as an ace in the team that the four principals saw a glimmer of hope in winning, that was why they treated the competition with such high importance more than ever.

If they could win this time, it was totally not an exaggeration to say that this would be an event that would go down in history.

Compared to the interests right before them, if they could win this time, this would heighten their societal reputations to unprecedented levels and bring even greater long-term interests in the future.

No matter what, the odds still favored Lu Man.

Of course, there was still the possibility of them losing.

But it was impossible for Principal Lu to offend Lu Man just because of Wu Zilin.

Lu Man and the others all expressed their stance that they did not want to keep Wu Zilin.

Chapter 2355: Don't Tell Me We'll Just Let It Be?

If, just for the sake of keeping Wu Zilin, Principal Lu affected the whole team's performance, it would be as good as offending the other three principals and Han Zhuoli at the same time.

It would be fine if their team won. Even with such a discordant character like Wu Zilin around, if the result in the end was still a good one, they would not pursue the matter with Wu Zilin too much.

But the moment they lost, no matter what the reasons for their loss were, Wu Zilin would definitely become the most important reason.

Even the whole Donghua Academy of Drama would be implicated in the blame.

So, no matter how he considered it, Wu Zilin had to go.

Wu Zilin was already forced to a dead end, so he decided to go all out and ask, "If you all casually swap someone out, will the school on this side agree? If that's the case, if we can simply choose someone else to come over to attend classes, then what's the point of holding a competition to enter the exchange team on our end? We can just keep swapping different people in, so everyone can come and attend classes for a month, and everyone can benefit from it."

"You don't need to worry about this," Principal Lu said. "And it's only the last week that's left. Even if we swap someone, that person would not be able to attend more than a few classes. The other party will understand and know that we really have our own reasons for doing so."

Principal Lu still had to rush to find a replacement, so he said to the other three principals, "You all go ahead, I will go and find a replacement first."

The other three principals' expressions looked much better now. Clearly, they were very pleased with Principal Lu's decision.

Principal Min from Donghua Film Academy then said, "You all must remember. No matter when, as long as you have reason on your side, you must not bow down."

"Yes," everyone answered.

Wu Zilin could not go on listening anymore.

This bunch of people was just ostracizing him!

He simply returned to his own bedroom and forcefully slammed the door shut with a loud bang.

Everyone was stunned for a moment by this sudden loud bang.

The three principals were on the other side of the screen, so the sound was not as loud as it was at the scene right then, but they also frowned.

"Don't bother about him. As for his matter, leave it to Principal Lu to deal with it," Principal Liu said.

"From what Han Leilei had said just now, you guys couldn't find a teacher to come and help you all rehearse?"

Principal Zhang also asked, "They are actually so despicable! They won't let teachers come and help you all rehearse to make sure you all fail?"

In previous years, they could still find some teacher to help them with rehearsals. No matter whether the other party was truly sincere about helping them rehearse or not, the situation was not as extreme as it was now.

"Some didn't like us from the start, so their rejection is expected. There are also some teachers who really don't have the time," Lu Man explained.

"Then should we also send a teacher over?" Principal Liu suggested. "Although it might be a bit of a misfit because of the cultural difference, at least it's better than you all having no one to guide you at all."

Lu Man thought about it and said, "Let me try and find someone first. If that doesn't work, then you can let a teacher come over."

Principal Liu knew of Lu Man's capability.

Since she could say that, she actually already had a certain level of confidence about it, so he stopped feeling anxious.

"If anything happens again, contact us at the first instance. Although we are far away, whatever we can help you resolve, we will try our best to do it," Principal Zhang said.

As they ended the video call, Wu Zilin was also phoning his father to complain to him in his bedroom.

Alas, when Mr. Wu heard that, he said, "Since they told you to come back, just come back. Stop making a scene there."

"Dad!" Wu Zilin was furious and perplexed. "You invested so much money in the school, yet at the most critical moment, he kicked me aside just with a few words. Isn't this ridiculous? Don't tell me we'll just let it be?"

Chapter 2356: Unexpected Joy

"Actually, Principal Lu is quite right," Mr. Wu said. "For every bit of money I'd invested into your school, he had already returned the favor to you."

"Each year, whenever the school had a chance to send students into a production team, you would definitely be in it." It was just that Wu Zilin was really not very competent.

Donghua Academy of Drama also had quite a few students who became famous. Especially among students from the same batch as Wu Zilin, there were quite a few others who also became famous. But Wu Zilin was simply not among them.

This was indeed not something that could be achieved simply through forced support.

How many people vied for support yet did not manage to become famous?

"The investment I poured into your school this year came as an exchange for your spot to come over as an exchange student," Mr. Wu said.

Suddenly, his voice turned cold as he said, "I invested so much in you, and this is how you waste it?"

"Dad, I didn't—"

"What do you mean you didn't? Why did you provoke Lu Man for nothing? I invested so much money in you, but you didn't even give me any results. This time, you said you wanted to enter the exchange team. Sure, I gave the school a big sum of sponsorship again. In the end?" Mr. Wu said angrily.

"In the end, this is what you did! Why are you so dimwitted!" Mr. Wu warned in a stern tone, "Wu Zilin, I am warning you. The family's money isn't for you to splurge and squander. You can have no results to show, but you can't not show results and still instigate this and that to implicate the family!"

"Is Lu Man someone you can provoke? Why are you provoking her for nothing!" Mr. Wu said angrily. "Since they want you to come back home, then just come back. Before you do the handover, behave properly over there. You are not to provoke anyone else!"

Mr. Wu even felt a little worried and said further, "If you stir up some trouble again, don't even talk about investing in you in the future. I won't give you a single cent from now on!"

After saying that, Mr. Wu ended the call, not leaving any chance for Wu Zilin to make excuses for himself.

On Lu Man's end, when everyone saw that they'd finally resolved Wu Zilin's matter, they all heaved a sigh of relief.

And even if they really could not find a suitable person to be the tenth member, or if the person could not arrive in time, the nine of them would just go up on stage by themselves. It was still better than having one Wu Zilin who did not fit in with them at all.

Not long after, Lu Man received a reply from Principal Lu.

He had already contacted a person.

He was a male actor who had pretty good acting skills, a rare feat among the young generation of actors nowadays. He was called Wang Yanglin.

“He happens to have a visa.” Principal Lu also heaved a sigh of relief after completing his mission. His expression was much more relaxed now. “Actually, it would have been better for him to come over previously, but he had a show to film and he couldn’t come over for half a year as it would have affected his exposure level within the country.”

Wang Yanglin was at the start of his rising fame now.

It was hard to see people who were good at acting among the younger generation of stars, so the appearance of one like Wang Yanglin really made people surprised.

It was rare that he was handsome and had good acting skills. He could clearly rely on his good looks to make a living, but he chose to rely on acting.

His use of his capabilities to speak for himself made people even more attracted to becoming his fan.

What made the fans like him the most was his low-profile personality, as if he put all his energy into acting.

He was also very conscientious when picking shows to act in, and he would not act in any film just for the money.

He put his heart into everything he did, so his good reputation naturally came about.

And he was not after money and did not accept any ads casually just because there was good money to make.

Once he took on an advertisement, his fans would have to pay for the product to help him boost its sales.

Wang Yanglin also put in a lot of thought in accepting sponsors, so he was also rarely seen becoming a brand ambassador.

When they heard that Wang Yanglin would be coming over to replace Wu Zilin, this was an unexpected joy for everyone, and they were all extremely surprised and happy.

Chapter 2357: He Was the Trouble

Principal Lu was evidently very happy too. He smiled and said, “Like Lu Man, half a year is too long for him, so he couldn’t come, but he can still come for a week. He has already confirmed his schedule.

Going by the time in the country, he will leave in the afternoon. Going by the time over on your end, you guys will be able to see him tomorrow.”

Wu Zilin quietly opened the door slightly to hear the conversation outside.

When he learned Wang Yanglin was coming to replace him, he knew he really had no chance at all left.

Wu Zilin had still been thinking at first that since he had been here to learn for a few months, his capabilities had significantly improved.

As for the student who would come to replace him, even if he was obedient, if his capabilities really could not make the cut, then Wu Zilin would still have a chance to snatch back his spot.

But the person coming was Wang Yanglin. Even if Wu Zilin’s capabilities had improved, he still could not compare to Wang Yanglin.

He really did not even hold on to that last bit of hope now. He could only behave properly, just like what his father had said.

Meanwhile, the others were overjoyed.

“That’s great. What happened this time was really a blessing in disguise,” Zhang Xiaoying said.

Wu Zilin felt so angry that he almost rushed out.

What blessing in disguise?

That meant he was the trouble!

“I’ve worked together with Wang Yanglin before,” Tan Mingxiao said with a smile. “He’s very easy to get along with, and he’s very serious when acting. On performance matters, if there were any disagreements, he would be very willing to accept those other views. And he would go and try out those different methods and choose the best way to act in the end. Basically, if he can come, he is really the best candidate.”

Principal Lu also said with a relaxed look on his face, “When I spoke to Yanglin about this, he agreed very readily. If he can come, I can feel assured as well.

“Rest assured, you all. Wang Yanglin knows the importance of unity. He’s very cooperative and very serious. Sometimes, when he gets into character when performing, there might be some disagreements, but he is definitely not someone who will carry those conflicts beyond the performance. If indeed, someone else makes a better point, he will adapt. He won’t stubbornly insist on his own views,” Principal Lu said.

Besides students like Wu Zilin whose families gave huge sponsorships and whom the school would take more care of, there were also people like Wang Yanglin, who were capable to begin with and had a good character. Principal Lu cherished such talents a little more.

Of course, Wang Yanglin came from a family background of established actors, so he was not less comparable to others.

With the second biggest problem resolved and Principal Lu's mission completed, he could also end the call with peace of mind.

What's left was the problem of finding a teacher.

"Actually, I am not that confident, but I'll go and ask first," Lu Man said.

The others did not pressure her. They all said it would be good enough if she could ask, and it was fine even if they still could not find someone.

"Anyway, we are already in the worst case scenario now. No matter how bad it is, it wouldn't get any worse. Even if you don't go and ask, we still have to think of other ways in our current situation," Sun Mengying said.

Lu Man smiled and said, "Okay. Don't worry, I won't feel pressured."

Han Leilei smiled and said, "She won't feel pressured at all. Her mental resilience is very strong."

It was as if, without Wu Zilin causing trouble, everyone's mood had lightened considerably.

Coupled with the prospect of the addition of a star player like Wang Yanglin, the immense stress they felt previously seemed to have halved.

No matter what, they would still have Lu Man and Wang Yanglin around.

Wu Zilin secretly eyed their exuberant faces, feeling really sour deep down.

When they suddenly lost one member, they were actually not affected at all.

So much for their past few months of interaction!

"In that case, do we need to change up our originally assigned roles?" Tan Mingxiao asked.

Chapter 2358: Did This Make You Both Uncomfortable?

Everyone did not expect that Tan Mingxiao would broach that subject.

Initially, back when they were in the country and had discussed this with the teachers, they had agreed that Tan Mingxiao would act as the male lead.

Now, Wang Yanglin was coming to replace Wu Zilin, and it was indeed not suitable for a person with such good acting skills like him to play Wu Zilin's minor role.

But nobody brought this up at this moment. They had finally eased the tension among everyone.

If they suddenly brought up this issue, they were afraid that Tan Mingxiao would be unhappy.

They had already swapped one person. They could not afford to swap another person now.

And Tan Mingxiao was really not bad.

Who'd have thought Tan Mingxiao himself would actually broach the subject.

But Tan Mingxiao was also quite capable, so it was not appropriate for him to take on Wu Zilin's role.

Lu Man nodded and said, "Then let's wait until we've found a teacher to reorganize the assignment of our roles."

Hence, the matter was left at that for the moment.

Lu Man had to leave first while the others remained in the hostel to use the limited time left to practice even more.

Han Leilei had not met up with Lu Man for a long time, so she stood up to send her off, intending to walk her until the school's entrance.

On the way there, the two of them could also have a chat.

As for meeting up with Lu Man individually, Han Leilei would skip that.

Han Zhuoli was way too clingy. How could she dare to take up their time together?

Anyway, when they went back home, they could still meet often, so they did not need to catch up here.

The two of them were walking across the campus grounds towards the entrance. Han Leilei was talking to Lu Man when suddenly, someone called out, "Lu Man."

Both of them stopped and turned around to look, feeling puzzled.

It was because the intonation of this voice was very strange. It clearly came from a foreigner who did not know how to speak Mandarin.

And it was a male voice.

After Lu Man came, she really had not interacted properly with the students here before. The only people whom she could consider as friendly would be Shana and Scarlett.

These two people were not men.

Lu Man vaguely felt that this voice sounded a little familiar. When she and Han Leilei looked over, they then saw that it was Oren who was walking towards them.

He was alone. When he saw Lu Man, he smiled in an exceptionally friendly manner, even radiating charm.

Of course, this was what other students who passed by on the school grounds thought.

Oren thought that he was radiating charm to Lu Man, but he did not know that Lu Man probably did not receive it at all.

She did not think that Oren was unleashing his charm at all and simply felt that this was as normal as it could be.

Lu Man's receptivity towards romantic feelings had been dulled more and more by Han Zhuoli. As for her judgment of the opposite sex, her beauty standards for males had also been raised considerably by the Han Family brothers and the men from the other eight great families.

Oren was really not handsome enough to her.

Plus, Lu Man's beauty standards for males were still more traditional. She was more appreciative of Chinese male faces.

She did not know why Oren called out to her, so the two of them waited for him.

Oren then brisk-walked over before stopping in front of Lu Man.

He unleashed his attractive smile and said, "Are the two of you going out?"

He came of his own accord to have a chat, so Lu Man could not just ignore him and replied politely with a smile, "I am going back. Leilei is sending me to the school entrance."

"What a coincidence, I am going out too. Why don't we leave together?" Oren said as he smiled.

Lu Man and Han Leilei could not reject him, so they agreed.

Whether it was because Lu Man had given Howard a ruthless lesson the moment she came, her stance so domineering that news of it swept the whole school, or whether it was because of Oren's popularity, the whole way out, they received quite a lot of attention.

But Oren clearly attributed this to his popularity.

He said very apologetically, "I'm sorry. Because of me, we are getting too much attention right now. I wonder if this makes you both uncomfortable?"

Chapter 2359: Not Too Appropriate to Call Me Like This

Lu Man and Han Leilei both rolled their eyes dramatically in their hearts.

Lu Man faintly smiled and said, "It's fine."

Han Leilei thought in her heart that Lu Man had received much more attention in the country. Hence, why would she be afraid of this small amount of attention?

"Right, don't you stay in the school?" Oren asked Lu Man.

"No, I don't," Lu Man replied to him. "My husband and my family also came here with me. My husband came here to handle some official business, and my family came along to travel. I'll stay together with them and will come over for lessons and practices in the day."

Oren didn't expect Han Zhuoli to have followed her here.

This was a little difficult to handle.

If Han Zhuoli was far across the ocean, he wouldn't be able to attend to Lu Man.

Han Zhuoli would not know how Lu Man was doing here, and things would be much simpler.

It was a pity.

However, it would be more exciting to be sneaky.

He would have to look for a chance to do it.

"Right, I heard that you all are looking for a teacher to help with your rehearsal?" Oren asked.

Lu Man was surprised as she did not expect Oren to hear about this matter within such a short period of time.

She smiled and said, "We couldn't find a teacher to help us with our rehearsal. This is such a pitiful matter. Does the whole acting class know about it?"

"They don't," Oren said. "When one of the students from your team told the teacher about this matter before, a friend of mine happened to be present. He was the one who told me about it."

Oren paused before asking, "Do you all need help? I can help you all to look for someone."

Lu Man's impression of Oren was of a solicitous person who hid evil intentions.

Hence, Lu Man politely said, "We'll think of a way ourselves first. If we have no choice, then we'll trouble you. Anyway, thank you for the offer."

"Don't be so polite." Oren exuded a charming smile. "As you all are studying here, we are classmates. Besides this, you all are guests when you come over. Whether it is from the perspective of a classmate or a guest, I should offer help."

Han Leilei thought in her heart that she had never seen him so willing to help people previously.

Lu Man did not answer him.

Soon, Oren continued to say, "Forgive me for not knowing your language. Your names are a little hard to pronounce for us. Lu Man, when I called your name, do you think that I've pronounced it strangely?"

It was indeed strange.

When foreigners spoke Chinese, most of them had a strange accent.

This was like when the Chinese spoke English. When one did not live in the other party's environment, it was very difficult to speak accurately and naturally.

This could not be forced. Hence, one would not laugh at the opposite party because of this. It was good enough to be able to understand one another.

Thus, Lu Man said, "It's fine. Anyway, I knew that you're calling me, and that's good enough."

"But I feel that it's a little hard to pronounce. Furthermore, it seems very strange when I call your name," Oren said.

Lu Man smiled and said, "Sorry, but I don't have an English name."

"It's alright," Oren said. "Can I call you Lu or Man?"

"..." Lu Man was speechless.

She trembled and had goosebumps.

Han Leilei, who was at the side, directly rubbed her arms quietly.

"Sorry, our culture is not the same as yours. It's not too appropriate for you to address me like that." Lu Man directly rejected him.

He even wanted to call me Lu?

Man?

Even Han Zhuoli had never called me like this.

However, if Han Zhuoli really called her like this, she would also get goosebumps.

It was too mushy.

Lu Man was really afraid of Oren's narcissism. Hence, she might as well tell him clearly. "Moreover, I'm not used to other people calling me that way."

Chapter 2360: Was There Something Wrong with Him?

"My husband and family call me Man Man, but only they can call me this. If other people, especially people of the opposite sex, call me this, it will cause a misunderstanding. In order to avoid such misunderstandings, it'll be better for you to use my full name.

"Furthermore, I don't think that there's anything wrong with the way you pronounce Lu Man. It's quite pleasant to hear." What pleasant to hear? She only said this to dispel Oren's thoughts.

Even though Lu Man was already quite slow in the area of relationship, after being with Han Zhuoli, and especially after their marriage, she had no more desires for anything and lived peacefully. She had also never worried about her and Han Zhuoli having any bad relationship problems.

As she had such a good husband, she was very contented.

With Han Zhuoli present, she simply could not look at other men and also did not want to look at them.

It was to the extent that her emotional nerves had completely degenerated on matters besides Han Zhuoli.

However, even though Lu Man was slow, she was still able to tell at this moment.

Oren wanted to pick her up.

This person is crazy.

Why does he want to pick up a married woman?

Many people, including people far from here, knew about her marriage with Han Zhuoli as they were both in the entertainment industry. Furthermore, Han Zhuoli was known here.

Hence, everyone knew that she and Han Zhuoli were husband and wife.

But Oren still used this trick. Was there something wrong with him?

However, he had only tried to pick her up and did not say anything clearly. It was also not nice for Lu Man to be so straightforward and reject him.

She could only intentionally keep a distance from him.

Han Leilei, who was at the side, also helped to speak up for Lu Man. "Yes, you say her name quite well. I feel that your calling her Lu Man directly is pleasant to hear. Whether it is Lu or Man, it sounds even stranger."

Oren felt oppressed in his heart but he still had to maintain a smile on the surface.

"Alright, I'll call you Lu Man," Oren said, maintaining his smile.

When they reached the entrance, Lu Man saw Xiao Guo waiting in front of the car.

When they came here, Han Zhuoli also brought Xiao Chen and Xiao Guo over.

Han Zhuoling had also brought along Xiao Zhang and separately assigned a driver to Shi Xiaoya.

Lin Liye and Shen Nuo directly used the same chauffeur as the two elders.

This was because they had come here to play. Hence, they would do everything together.

On the other hand, Shi Xiaoya had to work. Hence, Han Zhuoling specifically gave her a chauffeur to pick her up from and send her to work.

This was also the case for Lu Man.

Wang Juhuai had brought Wei Zhong along.

Han Leilei also knew Xiao Guo. When she saw Xiao Guo, she knew that Oren did not have a chance now. Hence, she bid farewell to Lu Man.

Lu Man said to Oren, "Someone's here to pick me up. I'll get going now. Goodbye."

Oren took a glance and wanted Lu Man to give him a ride so that he could get close to her.

But the thought of that person who was definitely sent by Han Zhuoli made him dispel the thought.

He could only watch helplessly as Lu Man got into the car and left.

Xiao Guo did not ask unnecessarily about Oren. He said, "Young Master Han sent me here to wait for you. After you've finished work, he wants me to bring you to the company to look for him."

Lu Man thought for a while. There was still some time left before Han Zhuoli clocked out of work. Hence, she said, "Let's go somewhere first before going to the company."

The place that Lu Man wanted to go to was Broadway Avenue.

She wanted to look for Robert and Hayer.

Back in the National Film Academy, Robert and Hayer had given her their name cards before they left. They had also told her the name of the theater they were from.

Actually, Lu Man could call Robert first.

But since she had come, it would be polite and sincere for her to personally meet up with them.

Although Lu Man did not know whether Robert and Hayer were at the theater, she decided to try her luck and widen her knowledge at the same time.

Speaking of Broadway, it was actually located on a long street on Manhattan island.