

Mr Han 2481

Chapter 2481: Wait for Me

With the Xia family setting the precedent, all the more he did not dare to do anything.

But Lu Qi was different.

All along, he had treated Lu Qi so well, so now, when he asked Lu Qi for help, she should help him.

And Jiang Yujie was right. When was there a good ending whenever Lu Qi used him?

He had ended up in this state because he had been set up by Lu Qi time and again.

The He family had cheated him of his money, so Lu Qi should make them pay it back.

This was not even considered helping. This was considered returning!

“What nonsense are you saying!” How could Lu Qi have expected that Jiang Yujie would interfere flagrantly in this matter?

There was no benefit for Jiang Yujie in this matter at all. Why must Jiang Yujie make things difficult for her!

“Watch your attitude!” Lu Qiyuan just shouted at Lu Qi to cut her off. “What did Yujie say that was wrong? Lu Qi, you did something untoward to me. You colluded with outsiders to scheme against me, and now you still want to come and make use of me? In your eyes, am I such a stupid person?”

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“Yujie is right. If you want to patch up with me, show your sincerity,” Lu Qiyuan said coldly. “If you don’t, I’ll know you simply just want to use me.”

“I know, you don’t feel good seeing Lu Man hold a wedding, so you don’t want to let her have an easy time. That’s why you thought of coming to make use of me again.” Lu Qiyuan was utterly furious deep down. “Lu Qi, don’t think everyone else is so stupid. I am your father. After using your mom and throwing her into jail, you want to come and make use of me now? I’m not as stupid as Xia Qingyang!”

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“Bring the money here. Then our father-daughter relationship can become as strong as before. If not, you can forget about asking me to help you!” Lu Qiyuan said coldly.

Jiang Yujie had dared to say that because she knew for sure that it was impossible for Lu Qi to bring the money over.

She knew how selfish Lu Qi was.

As for just how difficult Lu Qi’s current predicament was, Jiang Yujie had also heard Lu Qiyuan analyzing it before.

Indeed, they saw Lu Qi hesitate.

But Lu Qi was not dumb either. She did not reject it outright but said, “Dad, I know you don’t believe me now. Don’t worry, I will definitely use my actions to prove it to you.”

“You don’t know this, but my situation with the He family isn’t good at all. Previously, I didn’t even have any personal freedom at all. Recently, I’ve finally managed to be able to come out freely, but I used my marriage in exchange for that,” Lu Qi said pitifully.

“Dad, I know this is my karma,” Lu Qi said. “I was willful, I hurt myself, and I hurt you. I know I was wrong and came to apologize sincerely, to patch up with you. With what happened in the past, I was the one being a scoundrel. It’s right that you aren’t forgiving me so easily. I also especially regret what I did in the past.”

“As for the He family’s money, I can’t touch it at all now. You want a big sum too, but I won’t be able to take it out within a short period of time.” Lu Qi’s eyes could not help darting from side to side as she said, “How can I not want to take back the money from the He family too?”

Lu Qi immediately said, “Dad, don’t worry. Just wait for me. I will go back and think of a way right now. I will definitely think of a way to take all their money. Not just to return yours to you, but even their own money, I will also give it to you.”

As Lu Qi was saying those words, she walked towards the door. “Dad, wait for me! Wait for me!”

As Lu Qi said that, she opened the office door and just ran off.

Jiang Yujie pursed her lips mockingly.

Lu Qiyuan could also tell that Lu Qi was just appeasing him.

How was she going back to think of a way to make the He family spit out the money? It was just because she knew she could not reject him outrightly, so she had found an excuse to delay it.

Chapter 2482: Even Know How to Exploit Loopholes in Front of Me?

See how she ran even faster than a rabbit just then?

Lu Qiyuan scoffed once mockingly. “That little bastard. She really thinks I’m stupid.”

Jiang Yujie hugged Lu Qiyuan’s elbow and said, “Qiyuan, do you blame me for interjecting just now? For interfering in both of your matters?”

“Everything you said is right, why would I blame you? Even you can see through her intentions, but she actually still thought she could hoodwink me and make use of me. What a joke!” Lu Qiyuan said.

Jiang Yujie gave a gentle smile and asked, “Then... as for Lu Man...”

Lu Qiyuan was also very angry that Lu Man actually looked for Wang Juhuai to replace his position.

But he really did not have the capability to go and provoke Lu Man now.

He still had this bit of self-awareness.

But Lu Qiyuan was even angrier with Lu Qi.

After Lu Qi caused such a fuss, he had to admit in front of Jiang Yujie that he did not dare to provoke Lu Man. This was too embarrassing.

“I won’t go,” Lu Qiyuan said in a somber voice. “What would I go there for? To get angry?”

Jiang Yujie heaved a sigh of relief and immediately said, “Right, and you can’t be used by Lu Qi. Whatever she wants to do, let her do it herself. We can’t be used like a gun by her.”

Jiang Yujie did not mention at all that Lu Qiyuan did not plan to go and make a scene because he could not afford to provoke Lu Man, which made Lu Qiyuan like her even more.

He began to think more and more that Jiang Yujie was so likable.

She was gentle, kind, and understanding, and she even knew to leave men their dignity.

He knew that Jiang Yujie was very smart. It was impossible for her not to have thought of this.

Jiang Yujie did not say it out loud because she wanted to save face for him.

And she did not act smart and remind him about it either.

As if he could not think of the things she could think of.

Lu Qiyuan really liked Jiang Yujie more and more.

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli had collected their marriage certificates first before holding their wedding.

They were already legally married.

But according to wedding customs, Han Zhuoli still had to come to the bride’s house to fetch the bride.

So the day before Lu Man’s wedding, she returned to Wang Juhuai’s place to stay.

Wang Juhuai had always kept her room for her.

Because of the wedding, he had even especially decorated her room all over again.

The wedding would be held on Saturday. On Friday, Lu Man took one day off to come home to prepare.

She also had to put on decorations around her room to make it look more festive.

Wei Zhong brought people with him around the district to put up the “Xi”[1] motif decorations.

According to custom, they even had to cover up the drain covers in the whole district with pink paper.

Lin Liye, Shen Nuo, and Old Mrs. Han all sent their helper aunties over to help Auntie Liang decorate the house.

According to tradition, the day before the wedding, the bride and groom were not allowed to see each other.

So when Han Zhuoli wanted to come, Wang Juhuai would not let him in no matter what.

Han Zhuoli had gotten off work. He was already at the door, but Wang Juhuai personally blocked him outside.

“Dad,” Han Zhuoli said helplessly. “It’s been so long since I’d collected my marriage certificate with Lu Man. Do we still need to be particular about this?”

“Collecting your marriage certificate is one thing, a wedding is another,” Wang Juhuai said. “Since you want to hold a wedding ceremony, you have to be particular about it.”

“You said we can’t meet the day before our wedding, but Man Man was together with me at home last night. This morning, we have seen each other,” Han Zhuoli said as he smiled.

“...” Wang Juhuai was annoyed. “You rascal, you even know how to exploit loopholes in front of me?”

Lu Man heard these two grown men having a field day quibbling, so she wanted to go out and take a look.

She did not quite believe in such practices.

But since the elders said so, she would just follow it.

Chapter 2483: Did Not Let You In

It could make the elders feel assured and also prevent them from feeling unhappy.

So she planned to go over and persuade Han Zhuoli.

Alas, the moment she began to go over, Xia Qingwei stopped her.

“Don’t go. Didn’t we already agree? You both cannot meet,” Xia Qingwei also said. “You two, seriously. Isn’t it just one night?”

“Counting in the time you two stayed together before you two collected your marriage certificates, that’s quite a while already,” Xia Qingwei said. “How come up until now, you two still can’t bear to be apart for even one night?”

“...” Lu Man felt a little embarrassed because of what Xia Qingwei said. She blushed and said, “No, it’s not that I want to let him in. I was going to persuade him to leave.”

Xia Qingwei stared at Lu Man for a while, but her disbelief remained clearly written all over her face.

Lu Man: “... ”

Although she and Han Zhuoli’s relationship was especially good, in the elders’ eyes, were the two of them so clingy?

Xia Qingwei waved her hand and said, “Enough. Anyway, the two of you can’t see each other. Even if you just want to persuade him, you two still can’t meet. But you two can call each other. You can give him a call and quickly persuade him. Don’t let him stand at the door and annoy your dad. Back then, when I married your dad, did the two of us stay together? Your dad also kept to it strictly and didn’t dare to come over.”

Lu Man smacked her head. "Look at me, I was so busy preparing for the wedding that I forgot. I actually forgot about this. Even if I can't meet him, I can give him a call."

Not only did she become dumber, but even Han Zhuoli had become dumber as well.

If he missed her, he could call her.

But he even came over and got blocked outside the door by Wang Juhuai.

Lu Man quickly took her phone and left.

Xia Qingwei smiled and shook her head. These two silly children.

Usually, each of them was extremely astute, yet when it came to this moment, they actually both became dumb.

It's fine if Lu Man did not remember it. But even Han Zhuoli did not remember that he could still call her.

He was still quibbling with Wang Juhuai at the entrance right now.

As the saying goes, the older, the wiser.

Back then, when she and Wang Juhuai got married, although they could not meet the day before the wedding, Wang Juhuai had still spoken to her over the phone for two hours.

Thinking about it, Xia Qingwei even blushed.

The two of them were already quite old, yet they kept saying some childish things over the phone, as if they had endless things to say to each other, talking non-stop.

Thinking about it afterward, the things they said were pretty meaningless.

On this side, Lu Man walked over with her phone.

Just when she was about to call, at the entrance, a car stopped at a near distance behind Han Zhuoli.

Han Zhuoli was quibbling with Wang Juhuai right then and did not notice it.

Until Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya got off the car and he heard Shi Xiaoya's very spirited voice greeting, "Uncle Wang."

"Xiaoya! Zhuoling, both of you are here," Wang Juhuai said as he smiled.

When Xia Qingwei heard the sound at the door, she also went out to welcome them.

"Quick, come in, come in," Xia Qingwei said, smiling.

Right after that, without waiting for Han Zhuoli to do anything, she said, "I'm not saying this to you, I didn't let you come in."

Han Zhuoli felt speechless.

Was this his mother-in-law?

Xia Qingwei had just killed Han Zhuoli's thought of muddling over the situation and entering together with Han Zhuoling.

Han Zhuoli turned and asked Han Zhuoling, "Why did you both come?"

"I'm here to do makeup for Man Man. Man Man said it'd really be too tiring for me to come over at four in the morning, so she's just letting me stay over today," Shi Xiaoya explained with a smile.

Han Zhuoling said right after that, "I'm here to send Xiaoya."

After saying that, he looked at Han Zhuoli cheekily, along with a hint of glee in his eyes, and said, "Can't enter?"

Chapter 2484: The Everyday Squabbles Between Real Brothers

"..." Han Zhuoli's mouth twitched once before he said, "When you and Xiaoya get married, you won't be able to enter the door too."

Shi Xiaoya wanted to tease Han Zhuoli at first, but within a few words, the topic shifted to her and Han Zhuoling.

And it was on the topic of marriage.

Shi Xiaoya blushed furiously.

Han Zhuoling had already proposed, and the two of them would also definitely get married.

But mentioning it all of a sudden like this still made her feel very embarrassed.

"Haha." Han Zhuoling laughed dryly.

It's true that he really would not be able to enter the door when that time comes.

But right now, he could still piss Han Zhuoli off.

So in front of Han Zhuoli, he entered the door together with Shi Xiaoya.

Standing at the entrance foyer, Han Zhuoling turned back and gestured at Han Zhuoli, who was standing outside the door, to tell him to leave, then said, "You should quickly go back. Don't stand at the door and block it. The wedding will be held tomorrow, so today will be especially busy. Don't add on to the troubles of your in-laws."

Han Zhuoli: "..."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

The everyday squabbles between real brothers.

Han Zhuoli was pissed. He thought mockingly in his heart, *Wait 'til you get married.*

He would drag Lu Man with him to go to Shi Xiaoya's family's house!

Right at this moment, Han Zhuoli's phone rang.

When Han Zhuoli took it out and looked, he saw that it was Lu Man calling him.

He smacked his head. He had really become dumb.

Even if he could not enter, he could still give Lu Man a call.

He actually did not think of this point.

Han Zhuoli quickly answered. "Man Man!"

Before waiting for Lu Man to say something, Han Zhuoli said immediately after, "Father-in-law isn't letting me in!"

Look at the manner in which he was complaining. So indignant and extremely aggrieved.

Han Zhuoli's expression looked like he was waiting for Lu Man to be his judge.

Wang Juhuai: "..."

Xia Qingwei: "..."

The two of them could not help but feel their faces twitch as they stared at Han Zhuoli speechlessly.

Han Zhuoli covered his forehead with his hand.

This younger brother of his was really... embarrassing!

Lu Man did not know whether to cry or laugh when she heard that.

She had no choice either, so she could only persuade him, "No choice. This is the custom, even though I don't believe in it too. Seeing each other before our wedding won't affect our relationship anyway."

"Exactly!" Han Zhuoli was in full agreement.

"But since Dad and Mom both said so, it's just one night, so let's cooperate with them," Lu Man persuaded. "You go back and rest first. Don't you need to set off to come over to fetch me early in the morning tomorrow? In another ten plus hours, we can see each other again."

Han Zhuoli was reminded by Lu Man and immediately said, "Man Man, Xiaoya came to put on makeup for you. You're worried that it'd be too early for her to wake up, so you let her stay here?"

"Mm, yeah. This will be convenient too, lest Xiaoya has to tire herself out from traveling," Lu Man said.

"Anyway, I need to come over and fetch the bride, so let me stay here too. Tomorrow, I can just drive the wedding car around the vicinity. In this way, you don't need to worry that I have to wake up so early." Han Zhuoli felt that he was really quick-thinking.

Lu Man's mouth twitched a little before she said, "Stop kicking up a fuss, go back home obediently!"

Han Zhuoli: "..."

Shi Xiaoya said to Han Zhuoli in a small voice, "Seeing how he's like, why do I feel like he's just one step away from going up to a wall to draw circles in dejection?"

Han Zhuoli: "..."

Now that Shi Xiaoya mentioned it, this scenario did feel so alive, which was difficult to ignore.

“We haven’t seen each other for a day. Don’t you miss me?” Han Zhuoli asked Lu Man.

“...” Lu Man went to her own room.

Her room was on the second floor.

At this moment, Lu Man stood by the window and opened it, saying, “Look up at the second floor.”

Hearing that, Han Zhuoli stepped backward until he could see the second floor. He looked up and saw Lu Man standing by the window, smiling and waving at him.

Chapter 2485: Anniversary

Han Zhuoli finally felt satisfied. At least he managed to see Lu Man.

He had really felt aggrieved.

They were husband and wife, yet just because they were going to hold a wedding, they actually could not meet.

Who was he supposed to find and reason with?

“You’ve seen me now, right? Go back home and have a good rest. The two of us can still do video calls. It’s not like we really can’t see each other. Even without the rule that we are not supposed to meet each other, you are supposed to come over and fetch me too. I should be staying here still,” Lu Man said.

“You can’t possibly come here and stay, then go back the next morning again. How tiring would that be?” Lu Man said.

Han Zhuoli also knew that no matter what, he would not be able to step through the door today.

So he just stood there honestly and said, “Then I’ll look at you and talk to you for a while more before I leave.”

But Lu Man’s heart ached for him too.

Seeing that he had been standing there for quite some time already, she quickly urged him to go back to eat dinner and rest.

Han Zhuoli could only leave in the end.

It was actually Han Zhuoling who even stayed for dinner because of Shi Xiaoya.

Not long after having dinner, Shi Xiaoya received a call from her ex-senior high classmate.

Although they were senior high classmates, they were actually classmates right from primary school, all the way until senior high.

Jixia Academy’s schooling ran from primary school all the way to senior high.

The students who entered Jixia Academy all came from reputable, established families.

Even if a family was rich from doing business, or if they were celebrities with very high statuses, they would not be able to send their children there even if they wanted to.

It was precisely because they came from reputable and established families that their families' businesses all had solid foundations within the country, so even if they had overseas business ventures, their foundations still lay in the country.

There were rarely cases of students leaving halfway through their education at Jixia Academy.

Most of them either remained in the country and went to top schools after graduating from senior high or went overseas for further study.

Hence, classmates from Jixia Academy actually had a better relationship with each other than classmates in university, and they were much more familiar with each other as well.

After all, they had interacted with each other for a much longer period of time.

It's true that they had some small cliques in school and had disagreements with each other before.

But as they grew older, everyone all became mature and rational, and they would not easily make enemies of each other.

Whether they were really that close or not, at least they were not foes, so their interaction was still pretty good.

The person who called this time was their former class monitor, Gao Yaohai.

"Hi, Mr. Class Monitor," Shi Xiaoya greeted jokingly.

"Xiaoya, Jixia Academy's 100th year founding anniversary is near. You will be coming, right?" Gao Yaohai asked.

It was the 100th year anniversary, a very memorable number to celebrate for. The school would definitely hold big celebrations even for every tenth anniversary, let alone for an anniversary like its 100th year.

So the school had especially contacted the graduates from each batch to invite them back to school to participate in the school's celebrations.

Luckily, the number of students in Jixia Academy was really not that much. Coupled with the fact that across these 100 years, if one only counted those who were still alive, the numbers would be reduced by at least 30%.

Of the remaining 70%, those who were healthy and were able to participate because they were in the country were only actually the middle-aged people and the millennials.

If 50% of people could come, that would already be considered a lot.

But for such an important event, those who could come would definitely come.

Those who had to work hard to come would also give their best effort and try to come as much as possible.

The 100th year anniversary would be a grand affair and would also be a good opportunity to expand one's connections.

The anniversary this time would surely gather the finest rich heirs in the country.

It was very rare for any other activity to be able to gather so many rich heirs from reputable and established families like Jixia Academy's school anniversary celebrations did.

For so many of them to be gathered all at once...

Everyone thought the same way, that they could give the school face and get to know many people whom they did not have a chance to know before.

Chapter 2486: It Will Be Unbecoming of You If You Still Don't Come

So they all decided to participate without first asking each other, and the list of people who were coming was almost fully checked.

"Mm, I received the invitation a few days ago." Shi Xiaoya smiled and said, "For such a meaningful occasion like the 100th year anniversary, I will definitely have to go."

"That's great. Our classmates are all coming," Gao Yaohai said. "We have all been classmates from primary school up until senior high. It's rare that all of us would be present this time, so I'm thinking that after the celebration ends, our class can have a small gathering together. Do you have time for that?"

"Previously, our class also met once every year, but every time, we weren't able to have a full class gathering."

Actually, there were only 20 people in their class. Hearing that their whole class would gather together sounded like it was a large-scale event.

But the number of people was considered very normal for everyday social gatherings.

"You didn't come for quite a few times already. Now that everyone will be present, you can't not attend anymore. We haven't seen each other for so many years now. It would be unbecoming of you if you still didn't come," Gao Yaohai said.

Shi Xiaoya smiled and nodded. "I got it, I will definitely attend this time."

"Yay, that's a promise." Once Gao Yaohai got a satisfactory answer, he ended the call.

"What is it?" Han Zhuoling asked her.

Shi Xiaoya said, "Jixia Academy contacted you before too, right? It's about the 100th year anniversary."

Han Zhuoling nodded. "They did. Besides the fact that it's my alma mater, even if it's just to give the Qi Family face, the people in our family will certainly attend."

"Ah!" Shi Xiaoya recalled. "Uncle, Second Uncle, Auntie, and Second Aunt, they all graduated from Jixia Academy, right?"

“Isn’t it confusing to address them like that?” Han Zhuoling laughed and said, “Since you already call the others Second Uncle and Second Aunt, then you can just call my dad and mom, ‘Dad and Mom,’ alright?”

Shi Xiaoya’s face reddened; she was feeling too embarrassed to speak.

Didn’t she call them like that just then to differentiate them?

If not, how was she supposed to address Han Zhuoli’s parents?

As for her form of address for Han Zhuoling’s parents, wasn’t it because they weren’t married yet?

So she felt embarrassed to call them Dad and Mom.

But they were at the Wang residence, so Han Zhuoling did not put Shi Xiaoya on the spot here.

He did not haggle with her over the issue of how to address the elders and said, “It’s not just them. The two elders also graduated from Jixia Academy. The people from the eight great families all graduated from Jixia Academy.”

“Then will the elders be attending as well?” Shi Xiaoya asked in surprise.

“Dad, Mom, Second Uncle, and Second Aunt would all go as long as they had the time to. But the two elders are already so old, so they will not go,” Han Zhuoling said. “You will be going too, right?”

“Mm.” Shi Xiaoya nodded. “Just now, my former class monitor called, saying that after the school celebrations, we can have a class gathering as well.”

Speaking of that, it was quite coincidental. In Shi Xiaoya’s batch, there was no heir from the eight great families at all.

The people in that batch all came from backgrounds that were similar to Shi Xiaoya’s, either of a little lower or higher status than hers.

“I haven’t attended such gatherings for quite a few years already. Since I’m already going to attend the school’s anniversary celebrations, if I still don’t attend the class gathering after that, it won’t be excusable,” Shi Xiaoya said.

“Why didn’t you go previously?” Han Zhuoling then asked.

Shi Xiaoya gave a long “hmmm” before she scrunched her nose a little and said, “Because I went to learn to do makeup, which was not like the more usual or common professions among the school students, or the more popular professions either. The others either prepared to take over the helm to run their family business or went to work in their family’s company. Or they went out to set up their own business outside, like setting up their own companies or their own brands, things like that, no matter whether they are guys or girls.

“When they were establishing their own companies, I was still following my teacher around as an assistant.. It was only during these two years that I’ve finally carved a name for myself.”

Chapter 2487: Chain of Contempt

“It is a job that I like, so I don’t think I am worse than others in any way.”

Shi Xiaoya scratched her temple. “But they don’t think so. During the reunion, they asked me why I chose this job. They asked me, what’s the point of doing makeup for actors and actresses and being more inferior than others? They said that if I liked makeup, I should have started a company and created my own brand, blah blah blah.

“I don’t enjoy those conversations. Those conversations seem to be implying that it is embarrassing to have a job that society does not recognize as high-class even if that very job is something you like. It was tiring listening to them flattering each other, and my job got busier, so I just stopped attending.

“There was nothing in common to talk about with them anyway,” said Shi Xiaoya. “Such class reunions were all about business experience. Everyone talked about what kind of business they just completed and how difficult it was to complete a certain deal. We did not have anything in common to talk about, so I skipped whenever I could.”

Shi Xiaoya thought about this coming class reunion and felt annoyed. “Hopefully, my successful classmates can talk less about their businesses. They have already succeeded, so they should be sick of talking about it.”

Before meeting Han Zhuoling, she’d thought that the members of the eight great families would talk about high-class topics during reunions.

However, she was shocked by the truth. These people, who are considered high-class by the public, talked about very down-to-earth topics during reunions.

Those who had kids talked about their kids.

Those who were single talked about how their parents urged them to get married.

Those who were married mocked the single ones.

Those who were not married were struggling as the married ones watched.

Those scenes were very interesting.

Perhaps after reaching such heights in life, there was nothing for them to brag about.

Things which others thought could be bragged about were ordinary to them, so they were not worth bragging about.

Oh no, they had something to brag about.

That was their marital status.

Being married or not was a chain of contempt in their small group of people.

Those who were single were looked down on by those who had girlfriends.

Those who had girlfriends were looked down on by those who were married.

Those who were married were looked down on by those who had kids.

It was terrible.

Han Zhuoling rarely attended these reunions. He only attended reunions organized by their own small group, so he did not experience the things mentioned by Shi Xiaoya.

After all, nobody came to brag in front of him.

What could anyone brag about in front of Han Zhuoling?

Whatever one had, he had them. Whatever one did not have, he also had them.

In front of Han Zhuoling, all the bragging would eventually turn into a joke.

And so, Han Zhuoling did not experience what Shi Xiaoya talked about.

He then said, "How about I come to your class reunion with you after the celebration? Do you think that's appropriate?"

After all, it was Shi Xiaoya's class reunion, so whether it was suitable depended on Shi Xiaoya's opinion.

"Let's not do that," said Shi Xiaoya. "My batch does not have anyone from the eight great families. They are just concerned about not being able to build relationships with the eight great families. If you were to go, I don't even want to imagine what kind of scene it will cause. I don't mind if everyone just talks, but if they start targeting you, it will be too awkward."

"I don't mind," said Han Zhuoling.

"It's okay." Shi Xiaoya smiled. "Other than my not being able to join their conversation, the rest are actually fine. I will just show my face, take a seat for a while, and leave.. It will be okay."

Chapter 2488: Nervous

Han Zhuoling nodded and said, "If you can't stay there anymore, give me a call and I will pick you up."

Han Zhuoling could not stay here for too long since it was someone else's house.

He was too embarrassed to suggest staying here with Shi Xiaoya.

Therefore, it was not only Han Zhuoli who was unable to see his own wife and hug his soft wife to sleep.

Han Zhuoling also could not see his fiance and hug her to sleep.

After Han Zhuoling left, Shi Xiaoya washed up and went to find Lu Man.

"You're still not asleep?" asked Shi Xiaoya after seeing that Lu Man was not tired at all.

"I can't sleep." Lu Man hugged her pillow and invited Shi Xiaoya to come over.

Both of them had changed into their pajamas, giving off the vibe of besties who were about to have late-night talks.

Shi Xiaoya sat on the bed as Lu Man shoved a bolster pillow into her arms.

"It's been a while since you married Han Zhuoli. Do you still get nervous?" asked Shi Xiaoya, laughing.

"Yes." Lu Man pinched the corner of the pillow. "I also thought that I won't be nervous. After all, before we got married, we lived together for a while. I thought that although we were not husband and wife, it should be almost the same. However, as I think about the wedding tomorrow, I get so nervous just like on the day before we have gotten our marriage certificate. I was so nervous that I couldn't sleep that night."

Shi Xiaoya placed her chin on the bolster pillow. "How does it feel to be married? How does it feel to get your marriage certificate? How does it feel to have a wedding tomorrow?"

Lu Man blinked and smirked. "Why? Are you curious about how it will feel to get your marriage certificate and have a wedding with my elder brother?"

Shi Xiaoya felt that she had already asked the question, so there was no harm in admitting it.

Shi Xiaoya blushed as she nodded. "Mhmm. Even though we are staying together and are engaged, this must be different from being married. To compare, I think we are still two separate individuals right now, but after getting married, we will become a family, then..."

Shi Xiaoya was gesturing as she drew a ball with her two hands. "It's like combining into one. Even the small conflicts and things that we fight about will be different after getting married."

Lu Man asked curiously, "Have you argued with Big Brother?"

She was curious what Han Zhuoling would look like when quarreling with someone.

He had always been so serious. Usually, nobody was bold enough to anger him, let alone quarrel.

Arguments between couples always start because of some odd topics.

From others' points of view, these were always very minor things.

So Lu Man was very curious about what Han Zhuoli would be like when he was arguing with his girlfriend.

Shi Xiaoya immediately waved her hand and said, "No, we haven't argued."

They could not argue.

For there was nothing to be angry about.

No matter what it was, Han Zhuoli always put her first, did not make her sad, and did not let anything that would make her angry happen between them.

"I can't imagine how Big Brother would look like when he argues with people," said Lu Man.

After being curious about Shi Xiaoya's and Han Zhuoling's relationship, Lu Man did not feel very nervous anymore.

"You still need to wake up early tomorrow. Sleep early. I won't disturb you anymore." Shi Xiaoya got off the bed and placed the bolster pillow nicely.

As she walked to the door, she reminded her again, "You must sleep. Don't keep your eyes open for the entire night. You're the bride tomorrow; your beauty is a priority. Even though makeup can cover up dark circles around your eyes, it can't cover up your energy level."

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"Got it." Lu Man promised, "I will try my best to sleep."

Just as Shi Xiaoya was about to leave, she saw Xia Qingwei carrying a tray with two cups.

Xia Qingwei smiled as she said, "Just in time. Don't go to sleep yet. I made some Bird's Nest Soup; sleep after you drink it. Although I am not sure what the use of this last-minute effort is, at least eat a bit so you feel at ease. Your complexion might really be better tomorrow."

The two then took the cups. They drank the soup and went to sleep.

Lu Man did say she could not sleep. However, after lying on the bed for a little while, she fell asleep.

At four in the morning, Shi Xiaoya was woken up by the alarm clock that she'd set.

Lu Man was also woken up.

Shi Xiaoya started to do Lu Man's makeup. Guo Yujie also came from home with people from the workshop and did Lu Man's hair.

At six in the morning, Yan Zhiqing, Zheng Yuan, Han Leilei, and Pan Xue arrived as well.

Shi Xiaoya was not only Lu Man's makeup artist, she was also that of Lu Man's bridesmaids.

Yan Zhiqing, Zheng Yuan, Han Leilei, and Pan Xue were also bridesmaids.

As for the groomsmen of Han Zhuoli, they were Han Zhuoling, Han Zhuofeng, Wei Zhiqian, Han Wucai, and Zhao Gushen.

After Shi Xiaoya was done with Lu Man's makeup, she followed Yan Zhiqing and the others to put on their bridesmaids' dresses.

Usually, the dresses that the bride picked for her bridesmaids would not look very good as the bride was supposed to be the highlight and the prettiest.

But that was not the case when it came to Lu Man.

She even went to Qin Zigou to choose suitable dresses.

Besides, Yan Zhiqing was one of the bridesmaids; she was an international celebrity, so Lu Man had to take care of Yan Zhiqing's looks to make sure she looked good.

They were kind-hearted enough to be the bridesmaids. It would be very mean if she dressed them up to be uglier.

In the end, she chose a Greek-style long dress. This style was simple yet elegant. It was a style that would not go wrong.

This style would also show off the lines of the neck and shoulder, which looked good.

Lu Man had finished her makeup. From the moment she started to dress up, there was a videographer holding a video camera at the side, recording everything.

There were no outsiders in the house. However, if anyone saw who was in the house, their jaws would drop.

Because the one who stood next to the videographer was Ji Cheng!

Ji Cheng, the director who had raked in six billion in box office sales, was asked to make Lu Man and Han Zhuoli's wedding video. This was basically similar to using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

This was such a waste of talent!

Lu Man, feeling embarrassed, said, "Brother Ji, sorry to bother you. I didn't think that Zhuoli would call you."

"Haih, why are you being so courteous?" said Ji Cheng, laughing. "Young Master Han has given me the order to make your wedding into a movie."

Wang Juhuai said, disappointed, "It's sad that I can't clone myself. I have to walk Lu Man into the wedding hall, or else I would have been performing the wedding music."

Yan Zhiqing said, laughing, "How can that be? The wedding video is being directed by a director who has six billion in box office sales. If the wedding music is also performed by the world's number one violinist, that would be too terrifying."

Ji Cheng turned his head and said to Wang Juhuai, "That's alright. You can record the background music for the video and I will add it into the video."

"Yes. Yes. Yes." Wang Juhuai agreed immediately. "That's a good idea."

Auntie Liang, Auntie He, Auntie Liu, and Auntie Sun were all preparing food in the kitchen.

The food was for the groom and the groomsmen when they arrive to pick up the bride.

Xia Qingwei had on a cheongsam and had her hair tied into a bun, which people thought matched with her dress.

Chapter 2490: Cute but Adorable

Xia Qingwei stood there quietly, looking like a rich lady from the past.

She stood at the door and looked at Lu Man in her wedding dress, sitting down in front of the dressing table.

Guo Yujie was doing the finishing touches for Lu Man.

Lu Man had already gotten her marriage certificate. However, long before that, she had been staying with Han Zhuoli.

Therefore, Xia Qingwei felt better. She was not struck by emotions.

However, when she saw Lu Man in her wedding dress, she was so moved that she could not hold back her tears. She also felt reluctant to marry her off.

Even if she knew that things would be just like before and that Lu Man would not leave her after this wedding...

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli had already gotten married. Since their marriage, nothing much had changed with their lives.

Lu Man still came home frequently.

But it just felt different when she saw her daughter in a wedding dress.

Wang Juhuai approached Xia Qingwei and held her hand, whispering, "Don't let Lu Man see or else she will be sad. If she cries now, she will ruin all the makeup and we will need to do everything again."

Xia Qingwei laughed as she held back her tears. She said quietly, "I know. Besides, Man Man is already married and I am already used to it; I won't cry."

Wang Juhuai didn't expose Xia Qingwei's lies.

No matter how long Lu Man had been married, Xia Qingwei would still feel reluctant to let her go.

When Lu Man was done preparing, she sat on the bed.

The hem of her dress was spread out, like a fishtail, on the bed. It looked gorgeous.

Wei Zhong decorated everything in the area and came back with people.

At that moment, she heard the sound of a baby crying, "Waaa!"

Xia Qingwei went to Little Yijun's room immediately.

She saw Little Yijun holding the railing of the baby bed with his two tiny hands and sitting up by himself.

He was not even seven months old and could only sit on his own with people supporting him.

If nobody supported him, he would still fall.

Today, no one knew how he did it, but he had gained the ability to hold on to the railing of the baby bed and sit up by himself when nobody was there.

Those tiny hands grasped tightly.

His chubby body was shaking within the railing

Luckily, he could not stand up yet as his legs did not have the strength.

Or else, with this little guy's skill, he would probably have climbed out of the railing.

After seeing Xia Qingwei, Little Yijun called out while holding his hand out towards her.

But he forgot that his hands could not leave the railing, and he tumbled down.

Little Yijun was swinging his arms and kicking his short legs in anger as he screamed more fiercely.

It was really fierce but adorable.

Xia Qingwei walked to the bed and saw that there were tears on his cheeks as he screamed.

He was screaming until he was out of breath. His small, round face turned red.

After seeing Xia Qingwei, Little Yijun called out even more hurriedly and swung his arms towards Xia Qingwei.

Xia Qingwei carried him up. "Yijun, you're awake? Today is the day your elder sister is getting married. You must be good today, you can't be noisy."

It was uncertain whether Little Yijun understood or had calmed down after being held in Xia Qingwei's arms.

He stopped screaming but kept whining.

In Xia Qingwei's arms, a pair of fat arms extended out and those small legs kicked nonstop.

Xia Qingwei was surprised and she laughed as she asked, "You want to go out? Then should we go see your elder sister?"

"Oh! oh!" Little Yijun called out happily.

Just as she had guessed, this little guy wanted to see Lu Man.