

Mr Han 2561

Chapter 2561: His Yan Family Is Actually So Capable

The time was very tight and everything had been planned consecutively.

“But there’s an accident now. They won’t send it out for us,” Deputy CEO Zhang said as he carefully looked at Edwood and Chanders.

“If the paperwork doesn’t come, we can’t hold the opening ceremony either. The timing for the opening ceremony that we had originally set...” Deputy CEO Zhang said uncomfortably.

“Didn’t you ask why it happened?” Chanders said coldly.

“It’s probably... the Yan Family...” Deputy CEO Zhang said.

It was Yan Beicheng who personally gave the other side a heads up to just halt all the progress they have made thus far.

Edwood slammed the table in rage and said, “His Yan Family is actually so capable! He can just tell them to put a stop to it and they will stop?”

Deputy CEO Zhang did not say a word. He thought to himself, *The Yan Family was indeed so capable.*

Any of the eight great families would have such great capability.

“Then what are you guys even doing?” Chanders questioned coldly. “Back then, we let you both take on the role of CEO and Deputy CEO here precisely because of your families’ standing. Now, don’t tell me you can’t do anything about it?”

Deputy CEO Zhang gaped. He could not possibly say that their families did not have as great a say as the Yan Family, right?

He could only try to say it more indirectly, “If other families went to give a heads up, any one of us from either of our two families would have been able to go and resolve the matter. But as for the Yan Family...”

Edwood understood. He laughed mockingly and said, “So, both of your families are of no use at all now!”

CEO Luo quickly said, “You can’t say that. There are still many things that both of our families can do. After all, you still need people who are familiar with this place and have wide connections.”

“If your connections are so wide, why can’t you even get the paperwork done!” Edwood shouted furiously.

“You still have the cheek to say this? If not because you got drunk and caused trouble, would Trubo face such an awkward and difficult situation? All of this is caused by you two’s stupidity! You two had to insist on doing those irrelevant things!”

CEO Luo and Deputy CEO Zhang both fell silent.

Edwood said, "Before the opening ceremony date that was originally set, you two better settle everything that needs to be settled! If not, the two of you can forget about staying on in Trubo! Trubo doesn't want useless people!"

CEO Luo and Deputy CEO Zhang left without a word.

This matter was impossible to settle.

Unless they bowed down to Yan Beicheng.

But it was impossible for the two of them to bow down.

Who did not want to save face for themselves?

"What should we do about this?" Deputy CEO Zhang asked CEO Luo.

"Hmph! If they want us to quit, we'll just quit, then! He really thinks that aside from Trubo, the two of us have nowhere to go? We just worked together temporarily for our own interests," CEO Luo said coldly.

Deputy CEO Zhang also said, "Why didn't that Edwood think that he doesn't have any fault at all? I'm washing my hands off this matter!"

Let's leave aside how troubled and vexed Trubo felt right now.

It was time for Jixia Academy's school anniversary.

Aside from Lu Man, the other people in the Han Family all came from Jixia Academy.

Although Lu Man never went to Jixia Academy before, on this school anniversary day, as long as the school's alumni had time, they would all bring their other half there.

It's just that, because the family backgrounds of the people in Jixia Academy could not run away from this social circle of theirs, their partners mostly also graduated from Jixia Academy.

In this way, even if the couple did not go together, they would still be considered school alumni members all the same.

Like Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

When they reached Jixia Academy, they even bumped into Chu Zhaoyang and the others.

They all brought their wives along.

They even met Yan Zhiqing.

Yan Zhiqing smiled and said to Lu Man, "For handling the incident with Trubo, I really have to thank you."

Chapter 2562: Don't Even Know to Bring Me Over to Get to Know Them?

“Do you need to be so polite with me? Anyway, you had the advantage to begin with. I just took advantage of the advantage you had.”

“You are being too humble right now,” Yan Zhiqing said. “I read the analyses online. It was all because of the very steps you took, which were quick and precise, that the other party was unable to strike back at all. If it were someone else, he or she might not have won as brilliantly as you had.”

Ever since Lu Man got married to Han Zhuoli, she had also gotten to know quite a few people in the industry.

Although Han Zhuoli was not very keen on participating in some business gathering activities, like galas and the like, there were some he had no choice but to attend.

As Han Zhuoli’s wife, Lu Man naturally had to accompany him, so she also got to know quite a few people along the way.

She was not close to them, but she could still have small talk with them when she saw them.

They just had business ties where they boasted about their own businesses.

Han Zhuoling had not arrived yet. He first went to send Shi Xiaoya to where her class was at.

It was summer right now, and today happened to be a clear, sunny day where the weather was very good.

Thus, the gathering place was located right in Jixia Academy’s campus.

The campus grounds was huge, so even if there were so many people around, it was still very spacious and did not feel overcrowded at all.

There were wine and drinks, cake, light snacks, fruits, etc, which were all placed outdoors.

The shelves on which these food and drinks were placed all had chiller functions attached.

So even if the weather was hot, they would not need to worry that the food would not be fresh under the hot sun.

And the timing of the school anniversary was chosen to be held at 4 PM, so the weather was just about to turn colder and was not considered very sunny.

“Xiaoya!” Shi Xiaoya’s classmates saw her from afar and quickly waved at her.

Shi Xiaoya also waved back.

When she looked at them from afar, it seemed as if her female classmates had arrived first.

“My classmates are right there, I’ll go over first,” Shi Xiaoya said to Han Zhuoling.

Han Zhuoling raised his eyebrow and lightly flicked her forehead.

He did not even dare to use any strength. He was just faking it, and it did not hurt at all.

Shi Xiaoya also played along with him and rubbed her forehead, asking, “What?”

“You’re going to meet your classmates, but you don’t even know to bring me over to get to know them?” Han Zhuoling said, straightening his back a little more at the same time.

He wanted Shi Xiaoya to specially introduce him.

Shi Xiaoya understood. She smiled as she said, “Didn’t we announce our relationship publicly a long time ago? There aren’t many people who don’t know about it.”

Han Zhuoling then said, “When we announced it publicly, it’s one thing for other people to know, but with you introducing me personally, it won’t be the same.”

“Fine, it’s my bad.” Shi Xiaoya hugged Han Zhuoling’s elbow and said, “Go, go, go, I’ll take you to meet some people.”

Han Zhuoling gave a small smile and continued walking together with Shi Xiaoya.

But after walking for a few steps, Shi Xiaoya wanted to let go of his elbow.

Han Zhuoling quickly pressed her hand onto his elbow and said, “Why do you want to let go?”

“Don’t you feel hot?” Although at this time, the weather was considered cooling already, the warmth of summer could still be felt, so the weather would not possibly be very cool no matter how cooling it was.

“No, I don’t,” Han Zhuoling said as his eye twitched once.

Although these people came to attend the school anniversary celebrations, actually, it was also another form of a business gathering, so they naturally would not turn up in casual clothes.

They would thus wear suits and dress up in business attire as they usually did.

Be it Han Zhuoling, or Han Zhuoli, or the other people whom they knew.

Even if it was summer, they would all wear their suits complete with the blazer, not lacking one part at all.

If they were to dress more formally, they would even wear a three-piece suit, which included the vest.

Shi Xiaoya would already feel unbearably hot just from wearing a dress or pants like she did normally did, so she really admired how they could wear a suit across all four seasons in the year.

The strangest thing was, when she stared at Han Zhuoling, she had a feeling that Han Zhuoling actually did not feel hot at all.

Chapter 2563: She Was Just Playing Dumb

There was not a drop of sweat on him at all and he did not look pathetic either.

Sigh!

This man, how did he manage to look so good all the time and not show any flaws?

As she thought of that, she had already walked up to meet her ex-classmates while holding Han Zhuoling's elbow.

Shi Xiaoya's classmates had already seen Han Zhuoling just then. They then saw Shi Xiaoya walking over with Han Zhuoling.

Before Shi Xiaoya arrived, Yuan Ailin laughed scornfully as she said sarcastically, "I didn't expect that Shi Xiaoya who had been so clumsy and easygoing when she was in school last time, as if she was a fool, would actually manage to coax Han Zhuoling into her arms. She really had fool's luck."

"How do you know she's a fool? Do you think a man like Han Zhuoling is someone whom a fool can coax?" Luo Qingxian scoffed and said, "I think she was just playing dumb. She's quite impressive, actually. She actually managed to become the most glamorous and impressive one among the girls in our class."

"We always talked of how she had left such a huge family business aside and refused to go into it, insisting on becoming some makeup artist, doing some lowly and disgraceful job. In the end? She actually relied on such a profession to hook up with Han Zhuoling." When Shen Mujing was saying this, she did not hide the jealousy in her tone at all.

Survivor was such a hugely popular show. Of course they all watched it.

They naturally did not miss the episode where Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya went public with their relationship.

But when they watched that episode, they could not help making guesses on their own.

They felt that there was something amiss starting right from the first episode.

So they went back to watch the first episode and noticed that although the cameras did not show it, the words that they thought was just Han Zhuoling talking to himself were actually him saying those things to someone behind the camera.

And who were the people behind the camera?

Besides the directors and videographers, wasn't Shi Xiaoya there also?

Shi Xiaoya was actually quite capable. It was only her first time working together with Han Zhuoling, and she could already make Han Zhuoling give her special treatment.

Han Zhuoling's patience towards her was way, way more than that towards other people.

"Alright, enough," Yuan Ailin reminded them. "Shi Xiaoya is almost here. If you both continue talking, she will hear you."

It was fine if Shi Xiaoya heard them, but they did not dare to offend Han Zhuoling.

The others also stopped talking and pretended to look friendly and enthusiastic.

When Shi Xiaoya came over, Yuan Ailin quickly held Shi Xiaoya's hand and said, "Xiaoya, you came. It's just us who came early. The guys are actually the slower ones."

Shi Xiaoya smiled and greeted all of them.

She really was not considered good friends with Yuan Ailin and the others. They were just being polite to each other as former classmates.

Han Zhuoling stood at the side and did not rush her, just smiling as he looked at Shi Xiaoya.

Ever since he came, his eyes had never wandered over to anyone else.

Luo Qingxian threw glances at Shi Xiaoya and said in a romantic tone, "Xiaoya, aren't you going to introduce him to us?"

Shi Xiaoya then smiled shyly and said, "This is my fiancé, Han Zhuoling."

Shi Xiaoya then said to Han Zhuoling, "They are all my classmates."

She was wondering whether she should introduce their names one by one when Han Zhuoling said, "You all have a good chat, then. I'll go over to my side first."

As for who these people were, he really was not interested to know.

He had just wanted to show his face here and let Shi Xiaoya formally introduce him; his objective had already been achieved.

As for who these people were, he had no interest in knowing.

Yuan Ailin and the others' smiles froze for a moment. They did not expect that though this was a rare chance to meet Han Zhuoling, they would not even get to mention their names in front of him.

Shen Mujing smiled and said, "Young Master Ling, go ahead."

The others all gave her side looks.

Chapter 2564: Wouldn't They Be Chasing After Him?

Han Zhuoling had been talking to Shi Xiaoya. Why did she chime in for nothing?

Han Zhuoling did not even care about her and only smiled at Shi Xiaoya. "I'll get going first. Call me once you're done here."

"Mm." Shi Xiaoya nodded. She stared as Han Zhuoling walked off into the distance and slowly disappeared among the crowd before she retracted her gaze.

"Xiaoya, we are really so surprised. We didn't expect that you would actually end up with Young Master Ling." Yuan Ailin's voice was crisp and clear. She even had a sweet smile on her face, which would make people think that she was a frank and easygoing lady.

But when it came to the people in this social circle, which one would be a simple character?

It was the same even for Shi Xiaoya. She did not harm people or scheme against others, but other people could also forget about trying to scheme against her easily.

Since she could protect herself from getting schemed against, this showed that Shi Xiaoya was very smart to begin with.

So, Shi Xiaoya also never got deceived by her classmates' superficial demeanors and had been cautious deep down all along.

Shi Xiaoya also never felt that Yuan Ailin was as frank and easygoing as she appeared to be on the surface.

From the time she started going to school, there were also quite a lot of people whom she had schemed against.

Shi Xiaoya then smiled and said, "It's not just you, even I didn't expect it myself."

Shen Mujing pulled Shi Xiaoya's hand and asked, "Xiaoya, how did you get to know Young Master Ling?"

Anyway, it was no secret, so Shi Xiaoya said frankly, "When we were on set at the filming for the show, Survivor."

Actually, it was even earlier. To put it more accurately, it was because of Lu Man that she got to know Han Zhuoling.

The time when she first met Han Zhuoling was way earlier than when they met on Survivor.

But in this way, wasn't it akin to telling people that as long as you had a good relationship with Lu Man, you would be able to get to know the people in the eight great families?

It would not be good if she gave Lu Man trouble and let so many people run over to find her just because of the ulterior motives they harbored.

So Shi Xiaoya did not tell the truth and just told them the answer that everyone thought was true.

Indeed, Yuan Ailin and the others did not suspect anything; or at least, they did not appear to.

In the first place, how they got to know each other was not a very important matter anyway, so they could not harp on this topic for long.

"But we really didn't expect that you would find a man who's much older and who had even gotten divorced once before," Luo Qingxian said.

By leaving out Han Zhuoling as the subject, just listening to her words alone made it sound as if this man's qualities really were not very good.

If people who did not know heard those words, it would sound as if Shi Xiaoya went to find an old, divorced man to get married with.

Shi Xiaoya maintained a smile on her face. She thought to herself, You all dare to say these words right now, but will you actually dare to say the same things in front of Han Zhuoling?

Putting that aside, if it were them and they were asked, would they be willing to be together with Han Zhuoling if they had the chance?

How awesome that they'd even ask her now why she would choose an old man who had even gotten a divorce before.

Their double standards were really something.

So that was why Shi Xiaoya did not like to attend any class gatherings.

They were all hypocrites. It was impossible to truly be friends with them.

Speaking to them alone felt tiring. After hearing them say one sentence, she would have to think through it repeatedly in her mind. If not, she would end up getting tricked.

Every time after the gathering, Shi Xiaoya would feel as if she had just finished an arduous exam, her brain feeling extremely exhausted.

Shi Xiaoya just said directly, "Zhuoling's age gap with me isn't that big. Anyway, if he hadn't gotten a divorce, I won't even have been fated to meet him.

"Speaking of that, you are actually the first one to say this to me, how I have chosen an old and divorced man." Shi Xiaoya was smiling so innocently as she said, "I just didn't expect that in other people's eyes, Zhuoling and I actually looked like such a pair?"

Chapter 2565: Just Kidding

Luo Qingxian's smile froze and she began to feel uncomfortable.

She had indeed felt so jealous that she almost lost her reason, so she'd said that in a moment of recklessness.

They saw how loving Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya looked and how Han Zhuoling did not even look at other people no matter how pretty they were.

And he did not even ask for their names.

Even though Han Zhuoling was divorced and slightly older than them, he was still very popular.

Obviously. Could he not be popular?

Han Zhuoling was not that old, and being once divorced was not a big issue.

These things did not reduce his attractiveness at all.

Yet Shi Xiaoya could actually have such a good relationship with Han Zhuoling, so good that Han Zhuoling did not even look at anyone else.

It's true that she also suspected that Han Zhuoling might be deliberately putting on an act because they were in the public eye.

But this did not stop her from feeling jealous.

She also wanted to find such an outstanding fiancé, but why was it so difficult?

Luo Qingxian felt that she was not inferior compared with Shi Xiaoya. Why should Shi Xiaoya be able to find one but not her?

Of course, Luo Qingxian was not the only one with this kind of mentality.

Just now, when Han Zhuoling showed his face here, quite a few people had felt spited.

Yuan Ailin and Shen Mujing also had similar thoughts.

It's just that the two of them were not as reckless as Luo Qingxian, who had said such words out loud so directly.

And actually, Luo Qingxian did that also because she got spited by Wei Wucai.

Previously, on her blind date with Wei Wucai, after she heard Wei Wucai say those things, Luo Qingxian had really looked down on him quite a lot.

But because she saw that Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing had an ambiguous relationship, Luo Qingxian felt upset as well.

Wei Wucai did not have any achievements, yet he still did not take a liking to her.

Then who did he like? Yan Zhiqing?

Most importantly, Luo Qingxian did not think there was anything about her that could not compare to Yan Zhiqing.

Out of bitterness and spite, Luo Qingxian went to ask around about Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing.

Yet she asked one whole round and did not hear anything about the two of them. But she did manage to find out that Wei Wucai was nothing like what he had told her previously.

Wei Wucai was someone from Mount Lan Compound!

Although she did not know the details, she heard that his position in Mount Lan Compound was not low at all!

Luo Qingxian then knew that she had been tricked by Wei Wucai.

It was very likely that Wei Wucai did not like her at all, so he had purposely made it sound like he was very useless and lied to her.

As for Luo Qingxian, when she thought of the things she'd said to Wei Wucai that day, she felt utterly embarrassed.

After her embarrassment faded, she only felt anger.

If Wei Wucai had not purposely misled her, why would she have said those words!

At the end of the day, it was still Wei Wucai's fault!

Why did Wei Wucai lie to her!

And what right did he have to not take a liking to her!

The more she thought about it, the angrier she felt. And today, she saw Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling looking so close and happy together.

Shi Xiaoya was able to find a person like Han Zhuoling who had real power in his hands.

Yet someone like Wei Wucai, who had no real power in the Wei Family, did not even take a liking to her!

How could Luo Qingxian not feel angry?

Now that she got rebuffed by Shi Xiaoya, Luo Qingxian finally felt as if someone had poured cold water right over her head.

She finally knew to feel worried. What if Shi Xiaoya went back and told Han Zhuoling about what she'd said?

She felt that Han Zhuoling probably would not be so petty as to even bear grudges about those words.

Even so, she would still feel guilty.

Luo Qingxian quickly smiled and said, "Xiaoya, don't be so serious. I was just kidding and saying it for fun. Who doesn't think Young Master Ling is a good catch? To be honest, I really envy you."

Shi Xiaoya gave her a patronizing smile.

Luo Qingxian's eyes rolled around once. She thought of how she had even asked other people to find out more about Wei Wucai..

Chapter 2566: Wants to Know Quite a Lot

Wasn't Shi Xiaoya a readily available person right here?

Luo Qingxian then took Shi Xiaoya's hand in a very affectionate manner. Shi Xiaoya's mouth twitched and she said, "The weather is so hot right now, my hand will sweat very quickly."

Shi Xiaoya pulled her hand out of Luo Qingxian's hand and took out a tissue to wipe the sweat away. Then she took out a wet tissue to wipe her hand.

After that, she took out a hand cream and applied it to her hands.

As she had to put on makeup for other people and the skin on her hands was also very delicate, Shi Xiaoya treated her hands very seriously and with great care as well.

But when she did these series of movements, Luo Qingxian almost could not control her expressions.

Shi Xiaoya was clearly being disdainful of her!

Shi Xiaoya's series of actions cut Luo Qingxian's words off right then.

For a moment, Luo Qingxian did not even know how to continue saying what she had not managed to finish saying just then in a natural manner.

After pausing for a moment, Luo Qingxian could not care less anymore.

So she purposely pretended to be very friendly again and said, "Xiaoya, you... you and Young Master Ling have such a good relationship. You must be quite familiar with the people from the eight great families, right?"

Shi Xiaoya's expression did not change, but she started having thoughts in her mind.

What? Did Luo Qingxian want her to introduce people from the eight great families to her?

Shi Xiaoya's guess was half-correct.

Didn't Luo Qingxian want to ask her about Wei Wucai?

Wasn't Wei Wucai someone who belonged to the eight great families?

Shi Xiaoya smiled and said, "I just got together with Zhuoling, so I only know those in the eight great families who are married. There are so many people in the eight great families, I haven't gotten to know all of them yet.

"And normally, those who are single don't hang around with those who are married, because they think that it feels too horrible having to witness PDA. So after Zhuoling got together with me, he also quickly called those people who are married out. As for the people I know, I only know those who are married."

Luo Qingxian felt like she could no longer keep up her smile.

What did Shi Xiaoya mean by this?

Was she showing off how good her relationship with Han Zhuoling was?

The people who got married in the eight great families, how many of them were there?

Wasn't that Chu Zhaoyang and the others?

All of them were people who were at the helm in each of the eight great families.

Shi Xiaoya was also showing off to her that she did not know other people who were not important, that the people she knew and was familiar with were all the people at the top echelons of the eight great families.

She really relied on Han Zhuoling to fly to the skies and became a completely different person.

Even if Shi Xiaoya knew these people were two-faced, she would also never have expected that though she was just finding an excuse to avoid Luo Qingxian's question, Luo Qingxian could actually come up with all these other assumptions on her own.

But was Luo Qingxian someone who gave up so easily?

If she were really so magnanimous, she would not have resorted to asking around about Wei Wucai after mocking him.

So, Luo Qingxian then said, "That's fine too. Since you know people who are married, they will all be from the same household anyway. They would surely know each other. If not, they would definitely still know more than outsiders like us."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

What exactly did Luo Qingxian want to do?

Luo Qingxian was then heard saying, "Young Master Ling brought you to meet the people from the eight great families, so you would definitely know Wei Zhiqian, right?"

Shi Xiaoya did not say whether she knew him or not and just asked, "Why?"

"I just want to ask about his younger brother, Wei Wucai," Luo Qingxian said. "What exactly does he do for work? I just know that he's from Mount Lan Compound, but I don't know what exactly he does. And does he have a girlfriend? Also, what is his relationship with Yan Zhiqing?"

Shi Xiaoya thought to herself, Luo Qingxian actually wants to know quite a lot of things.

Chapter 2567: I'm an Outsider. How Could I Possibly Know So Much?

To think that even Yan Zhiqing got involved in this.

After Shi Xiaoya and Yan Zhiqing became Lu Man's bridesmaids together, the two of them gradually became closer.

She never imagined that Luo Qingxian would even want to ask about what Wei Wucai did for work specifically.

Could Mount Lan Compound's matters be inquired about?

"You know Wei Wucai?" Shi Xiaoya asked.

"I won't keep it from you. Wei Wucai's mother quite likes me. She even made a special effort to introduce me to him. It can be considered... considered a blind date." Luo Qingxian thought, "This way, I won't lose."

Shi Xiaoya had Han Zhuoling while Luo Qingxian had Wei Wucai.

Wei Wucai was rather well-regarded at Mount Lan Compound. His work could not be compared with ordinary ones.

It was hard to say who was better between Wei Wucai and Han Zhuoling.

However, the important point was that Wei Wucai was younger than Han Zhuoling, and he had not been married before.

This was the one aspect where he was clearly better than Han Zhuoling.

Even if Han Zhuoling's previous marriage did not affect him much, he would still be considered as a "second-hand" husband.

It did not sound too good to say he was getting married for the second time, right?

“So, I want to know more about him. I’ve thought about it. Among the people I know, you’re the one who is the closest to the eight great families. Help me ask around, okay?”

Shi Xiaoya understood now, but she did not really believe Luo Qingxian regardless of how much of what she just said was real.

“Qingxian, it’s not that I don’t want to help you ask around, but who dares ask about Mount Lan Compound’s matters? Even if you went and asked Wei Wucai’s mother, Auntie wouldn’t tell you either. You can go ask around. Who has ever heard from Auntie even a little bit about Wei Wucai’s work matters? Even we who only know a bit about Mount Lan Compound have heard about their strict levels of confidentiality.

“So, this... I really have no way of asking for you. Even Zhuoling doesn’t know how to ask, let alone me,” Shi Xiaoya said.

Of course, Han Zhuoling knew, but Shi Xiaoya did not actually want to cause Wei Wucai any trouble.

It did not matter how Luo Qingxian managed to connect the dots between Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing.

However, since she suspected that Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing might have a romantic relationship, it meant Wei Wucai did not actually like Luo Qingxian.

Otherwise... Considering Wei Wucai’s character, he must truly like her if he said so.

So why would Luo Qingxian need to go around outside and ask other people about him?

If there really was anything she wanted to know, she could just go ask Wei Wucai.

This was Wei Wucai’s personal matter, so Shi Xiaoya could not simply divulge details as she wished.

“Why is it impossible? You’re often together, so how could you not know even a little bit?” Luo Qingxian asked somewhat aggressively.

Shi Xiaoya smiled. “Please don’t make things difficult for me. You can just ask him directly. Since the two of you have already been on a blind date, I imagine you must have a way of contacting him. It would be a bit better if you asked him directly. If he feels he can tell you, he will naturally tell you. I’m an outsider. How could I possibly know so much?”

There were still things Luo Qingxian wanted to say, but Yuan Ailin spoke first: “Qingxian, don’t make things difficult for Xiaoya. We’ve all heard the many rumors about Mount Lan Compound. How is it possible to make inquiries about it willy-nilly?”

Yuan Ailin felt that what Shi Xiaoya said was not wrong. If you wanted to know something, you should go ask the person in question directly.

It was a somewhat shady move to go around behind a person’s back and ask about them.

Luo Qingxian pursed her lips. Since even Shen Mujing urged her not to, Luo Qingxian could only stop asking for that.

“But Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing’s matter—you ought to know about that, right?” Luo Qingxian asked with an unpleasant expression.

Chapter 2568: Becoming Hostile After a Fallout

Shi Xiaoya could not be bothered dealing with Luo Qingxian anymore and didn’t even smile.

“First of all, this is Wei Wucai’s personal matter. I’m truly not that close with Wei Wucai. Why would I blindly ask around about his personal matters? I don’t know anything about any of the things you asked about,” Shi Xiaoya said coldly.

She really had no idea why it was suddenly rumored that Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing were lovers.

This was the first time she had heard anyone mention it.

Shi Xiaoya did not dare speak about whether the two people had such a relationship.

When she saw Yan Zhiqing and Wei Wucai previously, they seemed like a quarrelsome but loving couple. So Shi Xiaoya did feel it was rather possible they truly were lovers.

However, she did not know if it was real or fake.

If it were fake and she revealed it without careful consideration, wouldn’t she be causing trouble for the two?

If it were real, then the parties involved ought to be the ones making the announcement.

“Qingxian, I advise you not to ask these questions to anyone you come across. If news of you inquiring into Mount Lan Compound’s matters were to reach them, who knows what they would do or if they would bother you about it? I don’t dare to play around with such a matter,” Shi Xiaoya said.

On the outside, Luo Qingxian still appeared to be unaccepting of Shi Xiaoya’s words as correct, but inwardly, she was somewhat frightened by them.

“Moreover, regardless of whether Wei Wucai and Yan Zhiqing have a relationship, it is still a personal matter between the two of them. If there is nothing going on between them, how much trouble would you be causing them by talking about it so openly and letting everyone else misunderstand as well?” Shi Xiaoya said.

“First, you say it’s because you can’t help me ask. Then you say it’s because you feel it would cause them trouble. Speak frankly—you’re just unwilling to help me,” Luo Qingxian said in annoyance. “Xiaoya, we were schoolmates for so many years, yet you’re not even willing to help me with this little thing. Aren’t you too petty?”

“Even if it’s as you said and it’s not okay to inquire about Mount Lan Compound’s matters, then is the matter regarding him and Yan Zhiqing such a difficult one? Are you really so disinclined to talk?” Luo Qingxian sneered. “Or is it that you feel we, your old schoolmates, are not worth your time now that you’re Han Zhuoling’s fiancée?”

“Moreover, what is there that can’t be said about the matters regarding Mount Lan Compound? Other people could tell me that Wei Wucai is a member of Mount Lan Compound. So why can’t you tell me about it?” Luo Qingxian pouted. “Ultimately, you’re just unwilling to help me.”

Shi Xiaoya pursed her lower lip in displeasure.

“That’s right. I’m unwilling to help you.” Not only was she unwilling to help, but she was also unwilling to indulge Luo Qingxian. “Since you’ve come to this realization, why are you still wanting me to talk?”

“You!” Luo Qingxian was angry, but she also found this situation laughable. It seemed that Shi Xiaoya had truly become more articulate.

At gatherings in the past, Shi Xiaoya would always smile wordlessly no matter how much Luo Qingyan attacked her.

Now that Shi Xiaoya was with Han Zhuoling, even her temper had become worse.

Shi Xiaoya must be feeling that she was someone amazing now and that no one could afford to offend her.

“You’re lucky I’m still treating you as my old schoolmate. I never thought that you’d have a fallout with me just like this and become so hostile,” Luo Qingxian said furiously.

Shi Xiaoya did not want to add much else.

There was simply nothing much to be said to this sort of unreasonable person who treated whatever others said as wrong just because they disagreed with her.

“Qingxian,” Shen Mujing called out with an urging expression.

She had heard what Luo Qingxian said and felt it was a bit too much. The situation was not like that.

If Luo Qingxian alone went overboard, that was still okay. However, she just had to say, “we, your old schoolmates,” and become their representative.

The others at the side had not even said anything, and Luo Qingxian had already become their representative. What an injustice!

“That’s not what Xiaoya meant,” Yuan Ailin chimed in.

Luo Qingxian pursed her lips and sneered inwardly.. Behind Shi Xiaoya’s back, these two people had never refrained from badmouthing her.

Chapter 2569: Evil!

Yet Shen Mujing and Yuan Ailin were now pretending to be nice.

They were just too afraid to get on Shi Xiaoya’s bad side.

Luo Qingxian was angry, but she still remained rational.

She kept her thoughts to herself. She could not offend everyone.

As for Shi Xiaoya, she still felt bitter.

Shi Xiaoya could do it, but she refused to help.

Evil!

Luo Qingxian's anger could be seen on her face. The atmosphere immediately turned very awkward.

Since it was so awkward, Shi Xiaoya thought that it would be better for her to go see Han Zhuoling.

When that thought crossed her mind, a few boys from her class arrived.

Gao Yaohai, the class monitor who had called Shi Xiaoya on the phone, Mu Changxun, Wu Erjia, and Lin Chengfeng were among those boys that had arrived.

"Hey! What happened?" Gao Yaohai said with a smile as he sensed the awkwardness between the girls upon his arrival.

His voice was like a pebble that broke the ice, and the atmosphere that was as cold as ice became lively again.

"Nothing. Because you guys were taking too long to get here, we became bored," Yuan Ailin said with a smile. "You all are terrible. Why did you guys arrive so late?"

Gao Yaohai apologized and said, "There was a traffic jam, especially near the school gates. There were increasingly more people and there were long lines of cars waiting to get inside the school. Even though a police officer was directing traffic, it was still very bad."

Then, Gao Yaohai saw Shi Xiaoya and called out, "Xiaoya, thanks for coming for my sake. We haven't seen each other for a long time. You didn't come to the past few gatherings."

Shi Xiaoya smiled and said, "I couldn't make it to those gatherings. I was either working for a production crew or traveling outside B City. There was no way I could come back. I just so happened to be in B City during this school celebration, so I made sure to come."

"So, you definitely can't leave early today. We have to spend enough time together." Lin Chengfeng laughed as he spoke.

"Of course," Shi Xiaoya promised.

"By the way, Dongsen just came back from overseas not long ago. He is coming to this school celebration as well," Gao Yaohai said.

"Dongsen is back?" Yuan Ailin said, feeling surprised and happy. "I haven't seen him in a long time."

"Yeah, it was such a coincidence. He was going to come back a few days later and wouldn't have made it to this school celebration. However, when he heard that Xiaoya, who was rarely present, was coming as well, he said that he would come back for the school celebration no matter what." Gao Yaohai spoke while throwing a glance at Shi Xiaoya that seemed to imply that there might have been a flirtatious relationship between this Dongsen and Shi Xiaoya.

Shi Xiaoya didn't know what to say.

In the past, they would tease her and Huo Dongsen. But Shi Xiaoya never took their words seriously.

If Huo Dongsen had liked her in the past, he would have said something.

Yet during every teasing, Huo Dongsen just smiled. He never admitted nor denied that he liked her.

And Shi Xiaoya had always thought this kind of behavior was annoying.

If you like someone, you should say it.

She had no feelings towards Huo Dongsen...

However, she thought that he should have cleared up the misunderstanding if he did not like her so that the teasing could end.

Those people thought the teasing was fun, but Shi Xiaoya thought it was very annoying.

If this teasing had gone rampant, even if she herself never took it seriously, more and more people would have misunderstood and some might have taken the joke seriously.

In the past, even her parents and her brother had asked her if she was dating Huo Dongsen.

Because of this joke that they thought was funny, even her family misunderstood her relationship with Huo Dongsen.

Because of this, Shi Xiaoya did not like Huo Dongsen even more.

She did not understand the intention behind those jokes.

They could have said some other harmless jokes, but they just wouldn't stop this joke.

In addition, if you were angry about this joke and told them seriously about how bad this joke was, they might just think that you were being petty and couldn't take a joke.

Chapter 2570: Why Didn't You Finish Your Words

It was fine if they joked about it in the past.

However, she had started a relationship with Han Zhuoling. She was someone with a fiancée.

Yet Gao Yaohai still thought this joke was funny. He still gave her such glances that implied that there was something weird between her and Huo Dongsen.

Crazy!

Yuan Ailin's smile froze. Then, her facial expression changed to become the same as the expression on Gao Yaohai's face, implying too that there was a flirtatious relationship between Huo Dongsen and Shi Xiaoya. She then asked, "What's wrong with Huo Dongsen? We have been classmates for so long, but he never came back earlier. But the moment you brought up Shi Xiaoya, he decided to come back earlier?"

Shen Mujing knew what Yuan Ailin was thinking. Now that she heard what Yuan Ailin said, she snickered and said, "Huo Dongsen's motive is so obvious. Speaking of this, it has been so many years, but he still has not given up."

Shi Xiaoya smiled and said, "What are you guys talking about?"

Since she still needed to keep this relationship cordial, she decided to pretend like she knew nothing.

No matter what they said, she had decided to pretend like she did not understand.

As expected, they felt dumbfounded when she asked that question.

In the past, they did this as well. They would never be clear with their words. They would always say something ambiguous that would result in a misunderstanding.

As Shi Xiaoya thought about it, she felt terrified.

In the past, she only felt uncomfortable when they teased her and Huo Dongsen and when Huo Dongsen never clarified.

But as she thought about it now, she realized that though these people were teasing and having fun, they were also really saying ambiguous words that could be comprehended depending on your preference.

It was quite easy to misunderstand their comments, making it seem like there was something going on between her and Huo Dongsen.

However, at the same time, if she had told them not to bring this joke up anymore, they could argue and say that they never said anything.

They could then ask if she had misunderstood something.

Because of this, Shi Xiaoya felt more and more angry as she pondered more about this.

What could be the intention of these people for making such jokes?

If she misunderstood, were they going to laugh at her or do something else?

Shi Xiaoya suddenly realized that Huo Dongsen might have not said something because of this.

Because they were always so ambiguous with their words, allowing listeners to interpret it however they would like.

If Huo Dongsen told them to stop joking, they would say that Huo Dongsen had misunderstood.

Hilarious.

Shi Xiaoya really did not understand what they were trying to do!

"Speaking of this, Dongsen always had..." Yuan Ailin never finished her sentence.

However, Shi Xiaoya had figured out their tactic. She smiled and stared at Yuan Ailin.

"Had what?" Shi Xiaoya asked with a smile.

Yuan Ailin was at a loss for words.

Previously, whenever this happened, Shi Xiaoya would never fall for their tricks. However, she would show an awkward facial expression.

She had never acted like this before. She had never looked back and smiled with a very natural and poised attitude.

It was as though... Shi Xiaoya had seen through her tricks.

Yuan Ailin froze. She opened her mouth slightly. "Ah?"

Shi Xiaoya still had the same smile. "You were saying, Huo Dongsen had what? Why didn't you finish your sentence?"

Shi Xiaoya's smile was so sweet. She appeared so thoughtless. And so, Yuan Ailin thought that her realization earlier was just a misconception.

And now, as she looked at Shi Xiaoya, she couldn't tell anything through that facial expression.

And so, she thought that she had been mistaken.

Could her wrong perception be because of guilt?

And immediately, Yuan Ailin thought to herself that there was nothing to feel guilty about.

With this, she resumed her normal state.

"Nothing." This was the only answer Yuan Ailin could give.

She was never planning on finishing that sentence. She was going to keep it ambiguous and let Shi Xiaoya finish the rest of the sentence by herself.

But she never expected that Shi Xiaoya would act differently. In the past, Shi Xiaoya would ignore the statement.. Yet this time, she would not stop asking her to finish the sentence.