

## Mr Han 2651

### Chapter 2651: A Display of Skills on the Spot

As Lian Qingyin saw Wu Mosen and the screenwriter appearing very satisfied, she thought to herself, "Oh no!"

Among the makeup artists that they had interviewed, some presented makeup styles that were satisfactory.

However, most of the time, it was either Wu Mosen finding it satisfactory while the screenwriter was thinking otherwise.

For some makeup styles, it was the screenwriter that found it satisfactory while Wu Mosen disagreed.

Generally, they only created good makeup designs for a few characters. The looks that they created for the characters were just not as good.

It was just not up to their expectations.

However, Wu Mosen and the screenwriter had seen Shi Xiaoya's makeup designs and they loved every one of them.

Based on Wu Mosen's and the screenwriter's reaction, Lian Qingyin knew that Shi Xiaoya would most probably win.

And now, Wu Mosen and the screenwriter's eyes had brightened.

The screenwriter was already so eager to make Shi Xiaoya their makeup artist.

There was always something about the designs that the interviewee presented which they had found to be unsatisfactory.

Initially, Wu Mosen was going to finish interviewing everyone and then discuss the result with the screenwriter.

They had taken note of every interviewee's strong points and weaknesses.

However, currently, Wu Mosen and the screenwriter's reaction showed that they were very satisfied with Shi Xiaoya.

The screenwriter's eyes lit up, and he appeared to have forgotten all the other interviewees.

Lian Qingyin knew that she could not just sit and watch.

She suddenly said, "Who knows if you were really the one who drew the designs on the papers?"

Everyone looked over at her. When she saw that, she said, "These designs were drawn on papers that you had taken here. You can't prove that you drew these designs. And now, the makeup that you did was exactly the same as the ones drawn on the papers.

"You could have practiced with the designs given to you. That would be so easy," Lian Qingyin said.

Lian Qingyin was intentionally nitpicking.

All the other interviewees had practiced many times and prepared well before they recreated the look during the interview.

If what Lian Qingyin had said was reasonable, then everyone else could have asked someone else to design their makeup and could have just learned to recreate the same look.

Shi Xiaoya looked at her with an indifferent expression. "Then what do you want me to do?"

"Heh." Lian Qingyin sneered and said, "Of course you have to design a whole new look right here, right now."

Lian Qingyin then took the papers from Wu Mosen's hand.

Wu Mosen did not expect that at all. Before he could even react, Lian Qingyin had already taken the papers.

However, Wu Mosen didn't think too much of it. He thought that Lian Qingyin just wanted to see the drawings on the papers.

Lian Qingyin couldn't possibly go overboard in front of them.

But obviously, Wu Mosen had underestimated Lian Qingyin.

After Lian Qingyin took the papers, she randomly chose one. After taking a glance with a pretentious attitude, she said, "We will choose the character Yan Jiayin. You have to design another look that must be completely different from the makeup design sketched on this paper."

The screenwriter frowned and whispered to the director who sat next to him, "Director Wu, Shi Xiaoya had designed a really good look for Yan Jiayin. The look really suits this character. Another design might not be as good as this one and might not be as suitable for this character. I am afraid that Lian Qingyin would then seize the opportunity to criticize Shi Xiaoya's design."

Lian Qingyin obviously had something against Shi Xiaoya. It was obvious to the screenwriter. Lian Qingyin was obviously trying every opportunity to prevent Shi Xiaoya from joining the team.

Wu Mosen nodded and said, "Let's see what Lian Qingyin might say.. We are here anyway."

Chapter 2652: Are You Suspecting Me?

Wu Mosen looked at the screenwriter with his head tilted. "You really like Shi Xiaoya's design, don't you?"

The screenwriter smiled. "To be honest, although we still need to discuss to make the final decision, I have already made my decision to let Shi Xiaoya be in charge of the characters' makeup design. My vote is definitely for Shi Xiaoya."

Wu Mosen smiled and nodded without saying anything.

Suddenly, they heard a “rip” sound; it’s the sound of tearing paper.

Then they saw Shi Xiaoya’s face change.

Guo Yujie, who was beside Shi Xiaoya, turned red with anger.

Wu Mosen and the screenwriter turned their heads and saw Lian Qingyin taking a piece of drawing and tearing it.

There were still tattered pieces of the drawing in her hands.

The paper used was made for drawing design drafts, so it was thicker than normal paper.

The sound made when tearing it was also much louder.

“Miss Lian!” Wu Mosen called out with a deep voice. “What are you doing?”

“Since it needs to be different from the drawing, then it’s no use to leave the drawing lying around. I tore it so that Shi Xiaoya won’t be distracted and think about the design on this paper,” said Lian Qingyin.

This excuse was so hilarious that it could not convince anyone.

The screenwriter also started to get angry.

Lian Qingyin had crossed the line.

During the interviews of the people before Shi Xiaoya, Lian Qingyin herself said that she wanted to judge, but she did not even pay attention and was not even judging.

Nevermind that. She had even been disturbing the interviewees.

She had walked around in the room, made phone calls, and ordered the assistant to do tasks.

Since she had no intention to judge, she should have left straight away and done the things she wanted to do.

But she had insisted on staying and disturbing the interviews.

Now, she was participating in the judging, but she was not even doing any real judging; she was just targeting Shi Xiaoya.

But Shi Xiaoya was very good.

If Lian Qingyin was not causing trouble, then what was this?

If the president of Men Xue were here, perhaps both Wu Mosen and him would not have been able to say anything.

But Lian Qingyin was only a representative. He did not really care.

“Miss Lian,” said the screenwriter. “Shi Xiaoya’s design of the character of Yan Jiayin is completely in line with the design that I had in mind. This makeup is very suitable. If you change it, it may not be as suitable as the one now.”

Lian Qingyin said unhappily, "Are you suspecting me? As a judge, I don't even have the right to test the interviewee with a question?"

The screenwriter pouted and said sarcastically, "How can I suspect CEO Lian? I simply think that this question is unsuitable to test Shi Xiaoya. Besides, Director Wu and I are direct participants in the production of this movie; there is nobody who understands better than us whether the design of the character is suitable. Since the current design is already good enough, it is unnecessary to test her more regarding this character. Your request is unnecessary and time-wasting."

Lian Qingyin was filled with rage. "Aren't you suspecting me?"

The screenwriter smiled flatly, not even caring about Lian Qingyin's rage. "What I mean is that you can test Shi Xiaoya, but I have a more suitable question here."

The screenwriter stopped looking at Lian Qingyin and said to Shi Xiaoya, "When the production crew contacted you and invited you for this interview, they gave you a question. It was me who came up with this question, asking you to design the makeup according to the character's initial setup.. However, this is only the initial setup; as the story progresses, the character's design will naturally change as well."

#### Chapter 2653: New Proposal

"As such, Yan Jiayin's character would be an innocent schoolgirl at the very beginning, but afterward, because of the changes in her environment, she got to know the dance hostess Ying Ying. She was still a student then. It was just because she got to know Ying Ying that the people she met and the environment she was in changed. Her world views changed. She got into the debauched world of drinks and entertainment, which was completely different from her small world at first.

"She started to feel conflicted and she struggled. She had materialistic desires, yet she did not want to become depraved as a result, because deep down, she still looked down on professions like that of a dance hostess, who made a living off of entertaining others and who also dealt with the risks of prostituting herself," the screenwriter said. "You can try designing the makeup for Yan Jiayin's character during this period."

The context of the story was set in the period of the early Republic.

That was a period when celebrations of song and dance coexisted with scenes of devastation everywhere.

The rich indulged in debauchery, numbing themselves with drinks and entertainment, creating a facade of a prosperous world.

Yet between the alleys, beyond the city gates, corpses abound, people everywhere were ragged and shabby, and smoke filled the mountains.

An era of contradictions, that was what it was. Against this huge backdrop, Shi Xiaoya thought for a bit about Yan Jiayin's character image for this period before she started to pick the makeup and colors she needed.

She knew that the screenwriter was helping her like this.

These details of the plot should have been kept confidential to begin with.

Or else, when the production crew contacted them, they would not only reveal the initial, basic image of the characters.

But seeing that Lian Qingyin was deliberately finding fault, the screenwriter just decided to give Shi Xiaoya a completely new character image for her to design.

After all, for Yan Jiayin's previous character image, she had done her best to design the character's makeup after researching and experimenting with it extensively.

Even if she were to redesign the character now, there would not be a better effect produced, which she knew very well deep down.

If the effect of the makeup that came out was not good, Lian Qingyin could naturally find fault with her.

The screenwriter also knew that, so he just provided a new character proposal to give her a bigger space to imagine and be creative.

Shi Xiaoya gave the screenwriter a grateful look and said, "The Yan Jiayin during this period experienced the luxurious lifestyle that she normally would not have been able to experience, and she experienced what it was like to lead a befuddled existence in drunkenness. She did not have enough experience or strong enough beliefs to steer herself. As an innocent schoolgirl, she was very quickly tempted by this kind of lifestyle and started chasing after material desires.

"But at the same time, she was a little self-righteous. She had material desires but did not want to make sacrifices just for those. But after seeing such a life for herself, her heart had already been swayed." Shi Xiaoya spoke as she started to put on makeup for the model again.

"So, at this point in time, she was in a state where she wanted to be seductive and coquettish like Ying Ying, to be more extravagant and reckless, but she did not have the courage to do so. She cared about the looks from the people around her, as well as what other people thought of her, and there was that last bit of will left in her own heart."

Shi Xiaoya said, "The makeup design that I gave her at first for her schooling period is fluffy, with slightly unkempt brows, faint eyeliner, no mascara. The eyeshadow is only smudged with brown color near the eyeliner. But when it comes to this extravagant period, her brows would have to be threaded.

"Like girls who have just started learning how to put on makeup, the makeup wouldn't be too heavy, and the brows would not have been threaded so perfectly. The brows would be filled in using gray color," Shi Xiaoya explained as she applied the makeup on the model's face.

"The black eyeliner will be more defined around the eye area, with a slight flick near the tails of the eyes to show her ambition.. Earth tones will be used for her eyeshadow, with a hint of peach color shadow added to the tails of her eyes to give off the feel of a teenage girl who is about to mature and enter adulthood."

## Chapter 2654: I Just Don't Agree

“Yet because of her conflicted feelings during this period, she would not dare to put on heavy eyeshadow. Mascara would have to be added too. Coral color would be used for the blush to give off a healthy glow. The lipstick color would be changed from mauve to strawberry-red, but at the center of her lips, I will apply another layer of classic red lipstick on top.

“Her internal conflict and temptations all came about after she got to know Ying Ying. As the first person who brought her into the adult world, she could only learn how to do her makeup from Ying Ying. She did not have the courage to be as loud and high-profile as Ying Ying, and yet she could not stop having bold thoughts in her mind. So her lip color cannot be as bold and eye-catching as Ying Ying’s. But because of her desires deep down, she would have secretly layered on another deeper shade of red to express the reluctance she felt deep down,” Shi Xiaoya explained as she completed the makeup look.

As she applied it on the model and the model was a non-living object that did not have expressions, the effect would inevitably be a little less obvious.

But even then, Shi Xiaoya still managed to portray the distinct features of the character during this period.

When the screenwriter saw it, he felt as if Yan Jiayin was standing right before him.

As if she had come to life.

She had only applied makeup on the model, yet it already gave him this feeling.

It was very difficult to imagine how it would feel like if Shi Xiaoya was the one doing that makeup on a real actress.

The screenwriter said in a hushed voice to Wu Mosen, “I suddenly have a feeling that no matter who we find to play this character, even if we just casually chose someone, Shi Xiaoya would be able to portray her as the Yan Jiayin we have in our minds.”

This would make it much more convenient for them to choose actors and actresses for the roles.

Things like image and aura would usually be one of the most important qualities at the forefront of their considerations.

But now, they just needed to prioritize the consideration for whether the actor’s acting skills could make the cut.

As for image and aura, it seemed as if Shi Xiaoya could make up for those.

Wu Mosen nodded. This definitely saved them a lot of trouble.

Lian Qingyin did not expect that this would make Wu Mosen and the screenwriter admire Shi Xiaoya even more.

She stared at the drawings on the table. Shi Xiaoya’s heart skipped a bit.

Wu Mosen and the screenwriter had already seen those drawings.

But those were still the products of her hard work and effort after days of staying up overnight. If Lian Qingyin tore them apart, how could she have no emotions at all?

Suddenly, Wu Mosen seized the chance when Lian Qingyin was not paying attention and just snatched all the drawings.

Wu Mosen was sitting in the center. To prevent Lian Qingyin from snatching them again, he just passed the drawings to the screenwriter.

In this way, Wu Mosen would be another barrier in front of Lian Qingyin, so even if she wanted to snatch them again, Wu Mosen could still stop her in time.

Lian Qingyin realized what was going on and understood Wu Mosen and the screenwriter's intentions.

The two of them were guarding against her.

They thought that she was deliberately making things difficult for Shi Xiaoya, right?

Indeed. She was deliberately making things difficult for Shi Xiaoya.

"Looks like Director Wu and Teacher Hu are both keen on choosing Shi Xiaoya, huh?" Lian Qingyin asked with a smirk.

The screenwriter smiled and said, "I do think that Shi Xiaoya is quite good. I will discuss with Director Wu in a moment, but when selecting the makeup artists, I do want to save a spot for Shi Xiaoya. And after the series of tests just now, be it Shi Xiaoya's pre-interview preparations or her spontaneous designs on the spot, they were all outstanding. She can accurately grasp the distinct features of the character during a particular period. This is one thing that I value a lot."

Wu Mosen also nodded and said, "With appropriate makeup to complement the roles, the actors can find it a little easier to get into character better."

"But I just don't agree to letting Shi Xiaoya come on board," Lian Qingyin said.

"You won't agree, even though she performed well?" The screenwriter tightly knitted his brows.

## **Chapter 2655: She Can Forget About It**

"Director Wu, Teacher Hu, I agreed to let you two interview Shi Xiaoya and gave her this interview opportunity." Lian Qingyin smirked sarcastically and said, "But I didn't agree to let her join the production crew."

"No matter how well she performed, I just won't agree to let her join the production crew. I gave her a chance to interview, which was already considered lucky for her. Joining the production crew? She can forget about it!"

Wu Mosen stood up and said in a solemn voice, "This is my production crew. I am the one choosing the people to join."

"But I represent the sponsor here. If I don't agree, there's no use even if you both want Shi Xiaoya to join the production crew!" Lian Qingyin said very stubbornly. "There are so many outstanding makeup artists. Shi Xiaoya is not the only one out there. You both don't have to run into a conflict with me and fall out with the sponsor just for Shi Xiaoya, right?!"

"I will just put my words out here today. I will never let Shi Xiaoya enter the production crew! I am the only person-in-charge from Men Xue Films here. I represent Men Xue Films' intentions," Lian Qingyin said arrogantly.

"Director Wu, although you said before that for matters concerning the filming, you have the final say and it has nothing to do with us as the sponsor, don't you forget, the people paying are us, Men Xue. Then as for whom to hire, I will surely have some say over it!"

"I am not some unreasonable person though. From the very beginning of the preparations for the film up until now, I have never bossed or interfered in any of your affairs. It has always been me trying my best to fulfill whatever requests that you have. I just have this one request today, that whoever you hire, you just cannot hire Shi Xiaoya!" Lian Qingyin gave the attitude that since she had spoken to such an extent, no one could go against her wishes.

Wu Mosen was a famous director. Famous directors all had their own tempers and had their own desire to be in control of their own films and to be staunchly firm about their ideas.

How could he allow Lian Qingyin to interfere and boss him around in his own production!

If he failed today and went along with Lian Qingyin's wishes...

Then in the future, when such things happen and Lian Qingyin had disagreements with them, something that might not even be out of consideration for the film but out of personal grudges and vengeance...

Would they still have to listen to Lian Qingyin's opinions?

Lian Qingyin would just get bolder and bolder, time and again. Then would they still be able to film in peace?

Wu Mosen knew that he could produce good films precisely because he was determined not to be influenced by external parties.

Be it from selecting actors for roles or on spending, and even on the minor details, he would not compromise.

With many directors who shoot films, the sponsors would request for some particular actor or actress, or some highly-esteemed actor would use his or her own connections to insist on shoving a junior into the film.

And some actors' remuneration occupied a large share of the funds the film received from investments.

Yet those actors who needed to use those connections to stuff themselves into the cast, how many of them were actually really capable?



Perhaps there were people who were indeed capable.

But those who did not have that capability certainly occupied the majority.

With a team pieced together by all sorts of connections and relations, how good could the film that would be produced be?

Wu Mosen deeply understood this point, so he never let those sponsors interfere with his works.

*You can invest, but the decision-making power rests with me. If not, I won't take on this film.*

The sponsor would also want to have good box office sales and both a good reputation and benefits.

So they would also need directors like Wu Mosen, who were truly capable. Even if he had his own temper and principles, they would have to listen to him.

So except during his early days when he had no choice and control over things, Wu Mosen could really do things according to his own wishes.

"I am here today, so you won't have the right to make decisions for me!" Wu Mosen said coldly and sternly.. "If you do this, then what am I going to do as a director? Do you also want to be the director now?"

#### **Chapter 2656: I Have the Final Say**

Lian Qingyin turned and said to Shi Xiaoya, "Shi Xiaoya, do you want to withdraw of your own accord? Or are you just going to stand here and watch us fall out because of you? Because of you, Director Wu is quarreling with me to this extent. The results of the film produced won't be good in this way. You can stop putting us in a difficult position and just withdraw of your own accord. Don't implicate all of us and ruin things just because of you. A fine interview session today just got ruined by you alone."

"You really speak so ridiculously!" Guo Yujie finally could not hold back and said, "What has this got to do with Xiaoya? Aren't you the one going all out to make things difficult right now? Why don't you withdraw? If you withdraw, Director Wu won't be in a difficult position and can even get such an outstanding makeup artist like Xiaoya. Then everyone won't be put in a difficult position."

Guo Yujie pursed her lips and said, "Today's interview was clearly ruined by you. Director Wu and Writer Hu both think that Xiaoya is not bad. You are the only one stirring things up for no reason other than your own personal grudge. You even accused and pushed all the blame to Xiaoya. This is way too ridiculous."

"What has this got to do with you!" Lian Qingyin said in annoyance. "Without Shi Xiaoya, we won't even have a conflict!"

Lian Qingyin pursed her lips in annoyance and said, "Shi Xiaoya, you should quickly withdraw!"

“This matter today has nothing to do with whether we want to hire Shi Xiaoya or not,” Wu Mosen said. “It’s because you are interfering with my production. Even if the person today is not Shi Xiaoya but someone else, I also can’t let you do this.”

Like the screenwriter, he was also very displeased with Lian Qingyin.

Previously, she had wanted to come and be a judge, but she was not focused at all. Now, she just kept picking on someone because of her own personal grudge.

If Lian Qingyin kept being like this, then he would not be able to continue shooting his film in peace.

He did not find anything wrong with Lian Qingyin previously, mainly because they had limited interaction with each other.

And Lian Qingyin did not have a chance to bring her personal grudge into her work before that.

Yet today, she exposed all of it at once.

When Wu Mosen heard what Lian Qingyin had just said, he felt that Lian Qingyin probably had a screw loose!

Besides the fact that she kicked up a fuss for nothing, her logic was actually so warped.

It was clearly her own problem, yet she still wanted to blame it on Shi Xiaoya, as if all of this was Shi Xiaoya’s fault.

And she told Shi Xiaoya to just withdraw.

As Guo Yujie had said, why was she, Lian Qingyin, not the one withdrawing?

At this moment, Wu Mosen deeply suspected that Lian Qingyin might really have a screw loose.

Her logic was so warped that it made one dumbstruck.

“As the representative of the sponsor, I actually can make this decision!” Lian Qingyin stood up and did not seem to think she was at fault at all, saying very conceitedly, “If not, we can continue being at loggerheads over this. If you insist on letting her join the production crew, you just wait and see if I can’t chase her away or reduce the investment funds for the film!”

“CEO Lian, don’t go overboard! Do you think your family founded Men Xue?!” Writer Hu said angrily.

“Men Xue indeed wasn’t founded by my family, but I am Men Xue’s country representative right now, the CEO of the company’s country office here. Everything here is decided by me. So, as long as it’s on this territory, whatever I say counts. I have the final say over everything!”

“If you guys can’t stand me making the decisions, then in the future, don’t film in the country.” Lian Qingyin scoffed as she said that. “But as long as you choose to film here, then I have the final say! If you have the capability, tell them to remove me from my position, then I won’t be able to boss you around.. But as long as I am in this position, my words will have influence!”

## **Chapter 2657: Negotiate Personally**

“Then you can go back!” A cold and stern male voice suddenly sounded at the door.

This unfamiliar voice made everyone turn their heads to look.

When Lian Qingyin saw the other party, her expression instantly turned ugly.

“Lu Zeqing, why are you here?” Lian Qingyin’s expression looked extremely terrible.

Because Lu Zeqing was her competitor.

She had pulled some tricks to defeat Lu Zeqing and become the head of Men Xue Films’ country office here.

Even though she won, Lian Qingyin did not let down her guard at all and did not think of becoming friends with Lu Zeqing.

“Why did you come here instead of staying in the US?” Lian Qingyin asked coldly.

Lu Zeqing walked in. Lian Qingyin’s cold and harsh expression suddenly froze for a moment. She looked at Lu Zeqing’s back in disbelief.

Han Zhuoling actually walked in behind Lu Zeqing.

Lu Zeqing came to a steady stop after he walked in, but Han Zhuoling’s footsteps did not stop. He just took big strides to walk up to Shi Xiaoya.

Lu Zeqing had at least taken a look at Lian Qingyin when he came in.

But Han Zhuoling seemed not to have seen her at all. His gaze was pointed straight at Shi Xiaoya.

“How are you? I’m sorry I came late.” Han Zhuoling sized up Shi Xiaoya from head to toe.

He had received Xiao Yu’s call after he touched down and learned that Shi Xiaoya had actually met with an ambush on her journey, so he quickly rushed over.

He had learned early on that Men Xue Films was the main sponsor for Wu Mosen’s new film, and as Men Xue Films’ country head here, Lian Qingyin would have her fair share of interaction with Wu Mosen.

Shi Xiaoya was interested in competing for the makeup artist role in Wu Mosen’s new film, but as long as Lian Qingyin was around, he could not feel assured.

Lian Qingyin would definitely make things difficult for Shi Xiaoya and would very likely not even let Shi Xiaoya have the opportunity to go to the interview or enter the production crew.

Even if Shi Xiaoya entered the production crew, as long as Lian Qingyin was around, she would surely make things difficult for her.

If he did not settle Lian Qingyin, how could Han Zhuoling be at ease?

Shi Xiaoya really wanted to win the opportunity this time around.

Since she wanted to, then he would definitely have to sweep away all these obstacles for her.

Hence, he had personally taken a trip to the US to negotiate with the CEO of Men Xue Films.

He had just finished the negotiation and immediately rushed back. When he received Xiao Yu's call, he and Lu Zeqing had just touched down.

From the airport to the company, and from the company to this location, it took quite a lot of time.

Shi Xiaoya shook her head. "Why did you come back today?"

She knew he went to the US for a business trip, but she actually did not know what exactly he went there to do. She just thought it was a work matter.

Shi Xiaoya never asked about Han Zhuoling's work matters.

So she did not know that Han Zhuoling actually specifically flew to the US to stand up for her.

"I knew you were coming for an interview today, so I rushed to come back." Han Zhuoling frowned and said, "I heard from Xiao Yu on the way here that you met with a car accident. Did you injure yourself anywhere?"

"I'm fine." Shi Xiaoya shook her head and said, "It's all thanks to Xiao Yu that those two cars did not get their way. I managed to call the police in time, so the police came, and those two cars then sped off."

Han Zhuoling nodded. He had asked about this on his way here and knew that those two drivers had been caught.

But they had not found out who the mastermind behind the incident was.

For some reason, those two drivers simply refused to confess who the mastermind was.

For a simple monetary transaction like this, who knew where the loyalty of those two people came from?

He could not bother with the police station just yet and could only wait for the matter over here to be over before he could go over with Shi Xiaoya to take a look..

## **Chapter 2658: How About... Look at It Once We're Home**

Han Zhuoling continued to look at her with concern. Shi Xiaoya said, "I'm really fine. I don't even have any wound on me. If you don't believe, then touch me."

Han Zhuoling was speechless. "..."

How could he touch her here in front of everyone?

After reading his mind, Shi Xiaoya started blushing.

This man!

He could still think of something else when he was here!

She... she did not mean anything else.

She just saw that he did not believe her, so she had blurted that out without thinking.

“What I mean is... pinch my arm or leg or something, so you know that I am not injured...” Shi Xiaoya explained quietly with a blushing face.

Looking at this man’s response, it was as though she had said something very bold.

A sentence that she thought was pretty normal became very embarrassing for her to have said.

Han Zhuoling blocked everyone’s vision with his back and covered Shi Xiaoya completely.

Then he pinched her arm. He was afraid that there would be wounds on her arm and it might hurt when he pinched her, so he did it softly.

But Shi Xiaoya’s expression never changed.

Han Zhuoling rolled up her sleeve and looked. There was really nothing.

“I told you I’m really fine. I was just a little scared back then, but now, it’s already in the past. In the end, the police protected us and sent us there, so nothing else happened on the road,” said Shi Xiaoya.

Seeing that Han Zhuoling was going to squat down, Shi Xiaoya stopped him immediately.

Full of embarrassment, she whispered, “I’m really not injured. How about... look at it once we’re home?”

Han Zhuoling looked at her quietly all of a sudden.

Shi Xiaoya was feeling hot. It was as if Han Zhuoling’s gaze was saying that he was going to strip her naked once they were home.

Han Zhuoling did not speak a word and still squatted down. He rolled up her pants little by little until her knees showed.

Her calves did not have any injuries as well.

As for her thighs, Han Zhuoling decided to check when they get home.

He could not let others see.

After seeing that Shi Xiaoya was really not injured, Han Zhuoling was finally relieved.

From the moment Han Zhuoling came in, he had not looked at other people or cared to greet them; he was talking to Shi Xiaoya the whole time.

The others were just watching from the side. Nobody said anything as well.

In the end, this scene only consisted of Shi Xiaoya’s and Han Zhuoling’s voice as the room was dead silent.

Even Shi Xiaoya’s soft voice might have been captured by the people’s ears.

Shi Xiaoya's soft and sweet voice sounded even more adorable than usual.

Upon hearing it, people would know that she was pampered.

As for Han Zhuoling, the moment he appeared, his face had seemed cold and he looked unapproachable.

But once he was in front of Shi Xiaoya, his attitude had changed immediately.

His back was facing everyone, so they could not see the expression on his face.

However, they could hear Han Zhuoling.

When he was talking to Shi Xiaoya, Han Zhuoling's voice was not loud. It was very gentle and soft, as if he was worried that he would scare Shi Xiaoya.

Even without seeing his face, just by hearing his voice, they could imagine how gentle Han Zhuoling was to Shi Xiaoya.

The others were all extremely surprised.

If they had not seen it with their own eyes, it would have been very hard to imagine Han Zhuoling being so gentle and careful with someone and talking to them so quietly.

Only Lian Qingyin's face was filled with rage.

In front of her, Han Zhuoling was so gentle towards Shi Xiaoya; it was completely different from his attitude towards her.

At this point, Han Zhuoling suddenly remembered there were other people here other than Shi Xiaoya..

## **Chapter 2659: Replacement**

Han Zhuoling turned and finally greeted Wu Mosen and Writer Hu, "My apologies for interrupting the interview."

Wu Mosen and Writer Hu naturally gestured that it was okay.

Lu Zeqing had arrived as well. Looking at Lu Zeqing's attitude, it was obvious that he had specifically come to take down Lian Qingyin.

This was much better. This prevented Lian Qingyin from taking full control and making things worse for them.

"Director Wu and Writer Hu." At this moment, Lu Zeqing came up to them and shook their hands.

"I am the person in charge of Men Xue Films from now on. This is my first collaboration since coming here. I will be counting on you guys from now on." Lu Zeqing then handed his name card over to them.

Wu Mosen and Writer Wu took his name card.

When they heard Lu Zeqing say this, they thought it was weird.

How did Lu Zeqing become the person in charge of Men Xue Films?

if Lu Zeqing was the person in charge, then who was Lian Qingyin?

However, the name card that Lu Zeqing had handed over did state that Lu Zeqing was the CEO of the company in the greater China region.

His position was written clearly.

Wu Mosen stared at Lu Zeqing with a confused expression.

Lu Zeqing smiled and was about to explain when Lian Qingyin could no longer endure her own silence. She interrupted and said, "What is going on? I am the person in charge. Why did you come here?"

"Actually, since the day before yesterday, you have been removed from this position," Lu Zeqing said. "The company has decided not to make you the CEO of Men Xue Films in the greater China region. I am your replacement, and you must go back to the main headquarters in the United States."

Lian Qingyin's facial expression changed as she shouted, "That's impossible! You can't possibly think that I would believe you just because of some words you said!"

"If you don't believe me, you can call the company," Lu Zeqing responded calmly.

Lian Qingyin questioned, "What did you do?"

Lu Zeqing felt as though he had heard a joke. He laughed and explained, "What can I do? This is the decision made by the higher-ups in the company. If I can control what they wanted to do, I would have been the CEO of the company in the greater China region since the beginning. You would have never been here. If I could make the decision, I would not have had to wait to come until now, right?"

Lian Qingyin stared at Lu Zeqing and then glanced over at Han Zhuoling. She felt that this had something to do with Han Zhuoling.

Her face darkened as she went to the corner to give Montrealle, the CEO of Men Xue Films, a call.

This happened so suddenly that Lian Qingyin had forgotten that it was midnight in the United States and people there would have already been asleep at this time.

The phone rang for a long time before Montrealle finally picked it up.

He was sleeping fine and had been awakened in the middle of the night to see that Lian Qingyin had called him. Therefore, Montrealle was in a bad mood as he said angrily, "You better have some important things to say that you called me at this hour!"

Lian Qingyin suddenly remembered that this was an inappropriate time to call.

However, it was an emergency to her. Therefore, she could not bother too much.

"Mr. Montrealle, I just wanted to confirm if Louis is a replacement for me," Lian Qingyin said.

Louis was obviously Lu Zeqing.

Montrealle had been woken up and could no longer sleep.

Because he did not want to disturb his sleeping wife, he left the bedroom with his phone. "Yes, the company has made this decision. I was the one who gave him that position. Did you not read your emails? Why would you disturb me at this time when you could have read your emails?"

Lian Qingyin had no choice but to say, "I did not see the email because I was interviewing candidates with Director Wu Mosen. The interview had been going well when Lu Zeqing arrived and said that he was here to replace me.."

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Montrealle said impatiently, "Since it is already decided, then you should get yourself prepared immediately and do a proper handover to Lu Zeqing. Then, come back to the headquarters!"

Lian Qingyin had not been the person in charge for very long anyway, so there was not much handover work that needed to be done.

Lian Qingyin was very unwilling. "Mr. Montrealle, I would like to know why you asked Lu Zeqing to replace me all of a sudden. I clearly won, and the company also chose me to be in charge here. Now, you've let Lu Zeqing come over; what is the meaning of this? Is the company's mission a child's play? How come it changes so frequently?"

"I have just made some progress in the work here, and now I am being removed? If that is so, then why didn't you let Lu Zeqing come right from the start?" said Lian Qingyin angrily.

However, Montrealle was not her father, so he was certainly not letting her have her way.

"I, too, regret not letting Lu Zeqing go and choosing you because of my blindness. If I had asked Lu Zeqing to go right from the start, then there wouldn't be so many things to deal with." Montrealle was completely awake now and had simply told Lian Qingyin that.

Lian Qingyin was stunned. "What do you mean? Mr. Montrealle, what do you mean by that? What do you mean by not many things to deal with? Since when were there things to deal with?"

"Hah." Montrealle let out a laugh of anger.

His sleep had been disturbed by Lian Qingyin, so his mood was already bad.

Lian Qingyin did not have any self-consciousness. If it were someone else, they would have packed everything first and asked him what was going on afterward.

But Lian Qingyin was different; she never let go of this issue during the phone call.

"Are you not embarrassed to ask?" Montrealle did not try to hide anything from her. "You want to know? You have no idea at all what you yourself did. Even if I asked Lu Zeqing to replace you because of this, it was not wrong at all."



Lian Qingyin gritted her teeth. "What did I do? I don't even know what I did wrong to make you remove me. I have always been very serious in my work and have worked hard for the company's development here. Because this movie directed by Director Wu Mosen is Men Xue's first movie in the country, I took it even more seriously and kept worrying about whether I've done anything that was not good enough. I have been working so hard to open up the market in the country for the company, but in the end, I have to be insulted by others, saying that I did something wrong?"

"You really think that you did a pretty good job, without any mistakes?" On the other side of the phone call, Montrealle sneered. "Why did you not think about the fact that you angered Han Zhuoling right after you returned to the country. He was so annoyed that he came to me himself."

Montrealle said straightforwardly, "You're so capable; you even made Han Zhuoling talk. As long as you're there, there is no chance for a partnership between the Han Corporation and Men Xue. That included this new movie by Director Wu Mosen. Men Xue's production and Wu Mosen's fame had attracted a lot of investments.

"Among them, the Han Corporation is the second-largest investor, but as long as you're there, the Han Corporation will not invest," said Montrealle. "So the plan to shoot Wu Mosen's new movie will go down the drain!"

It did not cross Lian Qingyin's mind that Han Zhuoling would use this to threaten to remove her!

Was she so unbearable to look at for Han Zhuoling?

She did everything to gain back everything. Who was it for?

But Han Zhuoling still had to chase her away!