

Mr Han 3171

Chapter 3171: A Successful Revenge

“Instead, you brought him into your room? Late at night? Are you not worried about being taken advantage of!”

Yan Zhiqing really had no good explanation for this.

It was true that she didn’t listen.

Even if she had promised Wei Wucai that she would eat with him alone...

But if Yan Beicheng found out about that, he would be even angrier.

Yan Zhiqing thought about it and said, “Last night, I invited him to eat dinner to apologize to him for getting him involved. We did think about eating dinner outside, but we realized that there would be too many people. It wouldn’t be good if people saw us. And so, we ate in the room.”

Before Yan Beicheng could say anything, Yan Zhiqing hurriedly said, “I did think of inviting Xiaoya. But I had intended to buy Wei Wucai a meal as an apology. If I called a lot of people over, that would seem insincere.

“In addition, what can Wei Wucai do to me? In any case, he wouldn’t bully me. After all, he is your friend. If he were to do anything, he would have to take you guys into consideration.

“Obviously, if he can be your friend, he must be a trustworthy person. If not, why would you consider him a good friend? Given that, why should I worry? It’s like eating with an elder brother.

“If it was someone else such as Zhao Gushen, who is also single, would you be worried?”

Yan Beicheng felt so bitter.

While Yan Zhiqing seemed to be saying that Wei Wucai was trustworthy, she was pretty much just siding with Wei Wucai.

“Just be on his side!” Yan Beicheng said angrily.

Yan Zhiqing thought about it and decided to give Yan Beicheng peace of mind and make him happy.

And so, Yan Zhiqing said, “Brother, don’t worry. I intend to distance myself from Wei Wucai.”

“Eh?” Yan Beicheng didn’t expect to hear such a surprising thing. “What led you to suddenly think this way?”

“It’s nothing...” Yan Zhiqing felt slightly guilty as she said, “It’s just that... our relationship was just a misunderstanding. Like you said, it is inappropriate for me to be that close to him. There was a misunderstanding because many people saw him coming out of my room last night.

“I pondered about this and realized that I should keep a distance from him. It’s not good to constantly create such misunderstandings.

“Therefore, from today onwards, I will keep a distance from him. Don’t worry,” Yan Zhiqing whispered. She felt slightly guilty and was worried that Wei Wucai, who was next door, would hear what she had said.

“Yes. It’s good for you to think this way.” Yan Beicheng was very satisfied. He felt as though he had gotten his revenge.

Initially, he was going to tell Yan Zhiqing that Wei Wucai had been lying about being gay.

But now, even without him saying anything, Yan Zhiqing herself had decided to stay away from Wei Wucai.

That would be awesome.

However, in Yan Beicheng’s opinion, Yan Zhiqing probably wouldn’t be able to stay away from Wei Wucai for too long.

Considering how cunning Wei Wucai was, how much longer could Yan Zhiqing keep her distance from him?

Impossible.

However, Yan Beicheng felt his anger vented.

To be able to make Wei Wucai suffer within such a short time...

Just the thought of Wei Wucai’s sad face once he’d realized that Yan Zhiqing was avoiding him made Yan Beicheng feel really happy.

“Alright,” Yan Beicheng said in a cheerful tone. “I feel very happy that you made this decision. You finally know how to protect yourself.”

Yan Beicheng instructed Yan Zhiqing in an earnest tone, “If you are aware of that, you should stick to your words. Understood?”

“...” The corner of Yan Zhiqing’s eyes twitched as she said, “I know. I will remember it well.”

Although something infuriating had happened, he did get some good news.

Yan Beicheng said happily, “Alright. Now that you have had such a realization, I am less worried.”

And so, Yan Beicheng finally felt satisfied and hung up the call.

At this moment, Fang Qiaohan came back. To give Yan Zhiqing space to take Yan Beicheng’s phone call, she had gone out of the room and went to check on Wei Wucai.

She saw Yan Zhiqing hang up the phone and thought that she had come back at the right time.

“Zhiqing, Wei Wucai has been called away to do some work. You can get your makeup done now,” Fang Qiaohan said.

Yan Zhiqing finally let out a sigh of relief. If she still had to wait, she would have no choice but to see Wei Wucai.

Even though Fang Qiaohan told her that Wei Wucai had left, Yan Zhiqing was still very careful.

She still opened the door slowly and popped her head out to look around.

When she was certain that there was no one there, she rushed outside.

She went into the dressing room and quietly opened the door, peeking inside.

Just as she had expected, Shi Xiaoya was the only one in the room.

Shi Xiaoya was holding her phone and sending a WeChat message.

Yan Zhiqing guessed that Shi Xiaoya was trying to text her.

Yan Zhiqing hastily stepped inside the dressing room. "Xiaoya."

When Shi Xiaoya saw Yan Zhiqing, she let out a sigh of relief. "Zhiqing, you are finally here. Where have you been?"

"I have been reading my script and practicing next door," Yan Zhiqing said, embarrassed.

"Come here quickly. I have to do your makeup for you now." Shi Xiaoya pulled her to the dressing table and started doing her makeup.

Shi Xiaoya started doing Yan Zhiqing's makeup. After a while, she asked, "Zhiqing, are you avoiding Wei Wucai?"

"No!" Yan Zhiqing said nervously. "I am not avoiding him. I came early to prepare for the scene we are filming today."

"I wasn't talking about that," Shi Xiaoya said in a laughing tone. "Why are you suddenly talking about this?"

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

"Isn't it because you asked?" Yan Zhiqing said.

Shi Xiaoya said in a laughing tone, "I asked that because I was the only one you told this morning that you have gone to the film set first. You didn't tell Wei Wucai."

Yan Zhiqing felt speechless.

Ever since Shi Xiaoya got into a relationship with Han Zhuoling, she had become slightly cunning as time passed.

"You don't know about this, but Wei Wucai told me that he went to knock on your door this morning and realized that you were gone. He went to look for you in the lobby but did not see you there. Then, he heard from me that you arrived on the set earlier and he looked obviously disappointed," Shi Xiaoya said.

"You told me, but you didn't tell him." Shi Xiaoya continued. "That's why I thought that you two were fighting."

“No,” Yan Zhiqing immediately said. “I left in a hurry this morning and only had time to tell you. I just forgot to let Wei Wucai know.

“I only remembered when I arrived on the set. However, at that time, I checked the time and thought that you guys had already left the hotel. And so, I didn’t say anything. I knew that you two were leaving together, so I thought that you would tell him.” Yan Zhiqing sighed.

“Oh. I see.” Shi Xiaoya no longer asked.

However, considering Yan Zhiqing’s reaction, Shi Xiaoya knew that she had guessed correctly.

Chapter 3172: Mourned for the Two of Them

Yan Zhiqing did indeed avoid Wei Wucai deliberately.

Before Shi Xiaoya became close with Yan Zhiqing, she truly never imagined that Yan Zhiqing would be such a remarkable actress.

Yan Zhiqing was just like whatever role she took on.

She was clearly such a great actress, yet she was so innocent in private. Her feelings were written on her face, allowing others to understand her with one glance.

Shi Xiaoya knew that as long as Yan Zhiqing wanted to, she was totally capable of concealing her feelings very well.

However, she was instead undisguised without any defenses at all, appearing extremely genuine.

This was why Shi Xiaoya became increasingly fond of associating with Yan Zhiqing.

Shi Xiaoya did not pursue the matter anymore, but she mourned for Yan Zhiqing and Wei Wucai in her mind.

She did not know what Wei Wucai had done, but she guessed it had made Yan Zhiqing anxious.

It was obvious from Yan Zhiqing’s current appearance that she had feelings for Wei Wucai.

Despite being fully aware Yan Zhiqing had misunderstood that Wei Wucai was gay, the latter did not clear up the misunderstanding. Yan Zhiqing probably felt that hers was a hopeless unrequited love, so she decided to distance herself from Wei Wucai without delay.

Shi Xiaoya felt that if the situation really was like this, she really should mourn for Wei Wucai.

On the other hand, if Wei Wucai knew Yan Zhiqing was avoiding him... and furthermore that this was the reason why...

In that case, Shi Xiaoya felt she really should mourn for Yan Zhiqing as well.

“It’s done.” Shi Xiaoya finished doing Yan Zhiqing’s makeup and tidied up her things.

Yan Zhiqing went outside and asked Fang Qiaohan quietly, “Is Wei Wucai still busy with work?”

“Mm, I just went and snuck a look at him. He’s still busy,” Fang Qiaohan said.

Yan Zhiqing let out a sigh of relief. In a totally subdued manner, she hurriedly searched for a place to sit and wait for today’s filming to begin.

Yan Zhiqing filmed her scenes in the morning while Wei Wucai dealt with his work. He indeed did not look for opportunities to look for Yan Zhiqing.

Wei Wucai was excessively busy, but he always kept an eye on Yan Zhiqing’s situation as well.

Throughout the morning, Yan Zhiqing filmed her scenes with full concentration.

Meanwhile, Lu Xiuse was in great agony.

First, she looked on the Internet and found that netizens were still scolding her. It seemed that the majority of them were roasting her.

They rushed to give her comments, saying things that made her so angry she might spit out blood.

Even the fighting ability of her fans was not enough to defeat these netizens.

Moreover, she did not actually have many hardcore fans.

She was not like the popular celebrities of the present day who had a pile of fans willing to defend them.

If it were some years earlier, perhaps she would still have had such a group of people.

As the old got replaced with the new, many even more popular newcomers appeared in the entertainment industry. Even so, she still had a higher ranking than those newcomers.

However, her most recent blockbuster films and television series became popular just when she needed them to, so it was currently a good time.

Although their popularity had decreased during this period of time...

They were at least able to provide a cover for her.

As for her fans, most of them had already lost the vigor they had initially.

It could be said that they were too tired to fight.

Her current reputation had already fallen to the lowest point it had ever been in her life.

Additionally, the previous matter of her accompanying someone for drinks had yet to pass completely.

Due to this matter, she was pushed higher up in the search ranks once again.

These weren’t a big deal. Lu Xiuse had already hired a lot of commenters to speak good words about her. She also got her public relations team to suppress these matters.

Moreover, her company had just decided to release the information of a celebrity to try and shift the public’s attention away from Lu Xiuse. The celebrity they chose had a pitiful background and was currently working hard to rise in popularity.

A careful selection process had been required to pick the right person for this.

They had to be somewhat well known by the public yet also easy for the company to control. Additionally, they had to be from a relatively low socio-economic background—someone the company could afford to offend.

That celebrity had always worked hard to increase their fame to get more work opportunities.

However, the jobs she got were not much compared to what Lu Xiuse managed to get.

Of course, they could not let this person suffer losses without getting anything in exchange.

This celebrity was making a sacrifice, but she naturally only agreed to do so because the company promised to get her some work.

They even helped her get a role in a television show. She could not play the female lead, but she could at least take on the role of the secondary female lead.

It was a very good opportunity for her to gain exposure.

When that time arrives, the company would once again manipulate things to boost her popularity.

She would immediately rise to fame.

However, what made Lu Xiuse even more unlucky was that when all was said and done and they were in the midst of preparing to release the female celebrity's dark secrets as a shield...

Lu Xiuse's manager suddenly received many phone calls.

The callers stated that other candidates had already been selected for the works they had been negotiating.

Naturally, they said some civilities and expressed they were extremely regretful that they were ultimately unable to work with Lu Xiuse.

They also looked forward to having an opportunity to work with Lu Xiuse in the future.

Initially, Lu Xiuse's manager did not think there was anything amiss when he received the first two rejections.

After all, the celebrities always outnumbered the available works.

Everyone was striving to land a job. It was impossible to obtain every job they tried for.

It wasn't possible that a job would be set in stone as yours just because you were in talks to get it.

In the fight for work, it was already considered a high rate of success if you could get one out of 10.

However, when Lu Xiuse's manager, Liu Yunan, received rejection after rejection...

Something seemed off.

If one rejection were to have been delivered today and another on another day...

In other words, if the rejections had been delivered in a scattered manner, she would not suspect anything unusual.

Yet it just so happened that right after she ended one call, another came.

The way everyone had piled together and called her at almost the same time to reject Lu Xiuse now seemed very suspicious.

In just one hour, all the production teams they had most recently been in talks with contacted Liu Yunan to reject Lu Xiuse.

Some of these negotiations had already been completed, and they were just lacking the final details of the contract. There were others that had yet to be finalized, but the result was that the production teams also told Liu Yunan today that they had ultimately decided not to work with Lu Xiuse.

It was really strange that so many people called Liu Yunan in succession within the same hour.

Even if Liu Yunan were a duller person, she would still be able to sense that something was not right.

However, she definitely was not dull.

“CEO Wang, it’s Liu Yunan, Lu Xiuse’s manager.” Liu Yunan immediately contacted one of the people in charge of a production for which a job had already been finalized for Lu Xiuse.

The person who informed her that they could not work with Lu Xiuse had not been CEO Wang.

Instead, he had merely appointed one of his secretaries to contact her.

Liu Yunan knew that CEO Wang’s secretary would not be able to say much regarding the outcome, so she called Chief Wang directly.

“Miss Liu, hello, hello,” CEO Wang said politely with a smile.

He clearly knew why Liu Yunan had called him, yet he did not take the initiative to bring up the matter.

Liu Yunan smiled and replied, “CEO Wang, I was just contacted by your secretary, who said that you’re suddenly refusing to sign the endorsement contract we had finished negotiating and that you’re not giving the ambassador role to Xiuse anymore. May I ask why?”

“You see, everything was going great when we discussed the contract previously. When your side made some requests, Xiuse agreed to fulfill them. She is famous in the entertainment industry for being very cooperative. She has always been willing to wear and promote the endorsed products as though they were her personal items...”

Chapter 3173: Polite Interaction

“It will definitely be worth it if you choose to work with Xiuse. Every collaboration will be smooth and easy.”

“In addition, Xiuse has a high popularity. She is also more willing to cooperate than other celebrities that are as popular as her.” Liu Yunan hinted again, “Plus, if we work together well, Xiuse can also join the dinner parties that your company has set up for some clients. This would make things more convenient for you, right?”

“Xiuse is very cooperative,” Liu Yunan said.

Lu Xiuse had often used this method to get more work opportunities.

After getting that work opportunity, she would cooperatively join all types of dinner parties and help the boss by convincing the client to sign the contract.

And so, many brands loved to work with Lu Xiuse.

You could get her to join dinner parties while getting her to promote your company product.

Lu Xiuse was a good deal.

CEO Wang laughed and said, “Miss Lu is not a salesperson. It’s not suitable for her to join our dinner parties. In addition, her presence at the dinner parties does not benefit us in any way.”

“Who said that? Her presence at dinner parties indicates that the collaboration with Xiuse went well. With a celebrity wholeheartedly promoting the brand, the client will have more faith in the brand. In addition, even if there aren’t any actual benefits, her presence there will at least bring some pride.”

“This...” CEO Wang emitted a dry laugh. He seemed troubled as he said, “If this happened in the past, I would have been really happy. I would have agreed without second thought. In addition, we had previously reached an agreement and just needed to sign the contract, right?”

“Yeah!” This was the main point. Liu Yunan hastily said, “We have made an agreement and we just needed to sign the contract. Xiuse even intentionally kept her schedule open so that she could help promote your brand.

“But now... You decided to not work with us on a whim, nullifying all the verbal agreement we’d made previously. This has truly... left us feeling overwhelmed and unprepared!

“I am sorry for being straightforward, but this is a business. Business is about keeping your promise. We have previously made an agreement. Xiuse has always been invited to events and offered to be a brand ambassador. We did get the chance to make a decision, right?”

“We chose you. Both of us had the intention to work together. Therefore, Xiuse rejected many of the work offers she had received. But now, you decided to go back on your words. Our loss is truly... unimaginable.

“We have sacrificed so much for this endorsement deal. We have made so much preparation. But now, all of it is gone. By doing this... Aren’t you being a little unfair?” Liu Yunan said.

“I know, but we are experiencing some difficulties,” CEO Wang said. “If it wasn’t because we didn’t have a choice, why would we want to break a promise we had made? This is not good for our reputation, is it not?”

“In addition, the advertising plan and promoting strategy we had prepared, as well as the marketing team we had hired, were all for Lu Xiuse. But now, all the work we have done has gone to waste. We have lost a lot as well. Not only did we suffer financially, but we no longer have enough time. We needed to choose a new spokesperson.

“But Xiao Liu, you have to understand. We need to earn money as well. You have to prioritize your benefits. We have to prioritize our benefits as well.

“Considering what had happened last night, how can we still hire Lu Xiuse? The netizens now have a very negative opinion towards her. They don’t like her. In fact, they even want to boycott her.

“If we still insisted on her to be our spokesperson, we might not be able to sell our products. The netizens might even boycott them. Xiao Liu, don’t blame me for being straightforward. We are a business. We are not a charity.

“It’s not possible for us to hire her when we know that hiring her would only cause a loss to our business. That’s not possible. Therefore, you have to understand us. If we had a choice, we wouldn’t have made things so difficult for ourselves.

“Honestly, it’s because Lu Xiuse caused too much trouble. It took a lot of effort to conceal the news about her escorting a client. The decision to sign with her was a very risky one because upon announcement of her being our spokesperson and upon the release of the advertisement, some netizens might suspect her of being in a relationship with the higher-ups of this company.

“We would be accused of that even when we did nothing wrong. Isn’t that unfair to us?” CEO Wang continued in a helpless tone, “We only decided to sign with Lu Xiuse because the CEO who supports Lu Xiuse offered us some good business deals. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have taken this risk.

“However, even though the news that was released previously has not completely gone away yet, Lu Xiuse created another mess. Even if the CEO who supports her gave us more business deals, we would not dare to hire Lu Xiuse anymore.”

He explained, “Honestly, she is like a ticking time bomb. You never know if she might get into another scandal. How can we work with someone who is so unstable?”

“Xiao Liu, you have to understand us. Don’t criticize us for not keeping our promise. If we are to discuss everything clearly, Lu Xiuse was the one who made the mistake here. Because of what she did, we were left with no choice. If she hadn’t caused trouble repeatedly, would we have to hire someone else? Would we have to urgently seek out another candidate?”

“In the end, we are getting blamed for being dishonest.

“Xiao Liu, I think I have made things very clear. I know why you called. Let me just be frank. No matter what you say, we will not sign with Lu Xiuse. We really do not dare to take the risk and we cannot afford any potential losses.

“Therefore, you can stop talking about us working together. Let’s... just end it here, shall we? If there’s a chance in the future, we will work together. It doesn’t have to be Lu Xiuse. Considering that you do have other celebrities working for you, I am sure there is a chance that we will work together in the future, right?”

“Wait!” Liu Yunan hastily called out to CEO Wang.

“Xiao Liu, I have made things so clear. If you won’t stop talking about this, it will not be fun,” CEO Wang said in an annoyed tone. He didn’t sound friendly anymore. “Let’s still be polite to each other and give each other a way out of this.”

“CEO Wang, you misunderstood,” Liu Yunan responded quickly. “I am not trying to change your mind. I know that this is mostly Xiuse’s fault. Now that I have figured out everything, I will stop bothering you about this.”

“Then what is it?” CEO Wang’s attitude became much better.

“Here’s what happened. I am not scared of you laughing at me. Let me just tell you the truth.” Liu Yunan went on with a sigh, “All of Xiuse’s work opportunities that were still under discussion recently...”

Chapter 3174: Truly Loved His Sister, Yan Zhiqing, Extremely Dearly

“Today, a whole bunch of people called to inform me of their rejection, and they all did it in pretty much the same period of time. They consisted of representatives from the work opportunities we’re currently fighting for as well as the ones we’ve already won but have yet to sign a contract with.

“I understand that it’s probably because of the matter that broke out yesterday night, making everyone uncertain and unwilling to take the risk. I’m just curious... why did all of you choose to give your rejection at the same time? Even if you merely spaced out your calls to give your rejections throughout the morning and afternoon, I still wouldn’t have felt there’s something strange about it.

“But everyone’s grouped together as if you had made an agreement in advance. All of you rushed to do it during this time,” Liu Yunan said. “So I wanted to ask you, CEO Wang. Did... Did someone contact all of you and deliberately arrange for you to do this?”

Liu Yunan was not stupid.

They were bombarded with so many rejections that it was obvious what had happened. In Liu Yunan’s opinion, these rejections were deliberately done so that she and Lu Xiuse would be exhausted from dealing with the many rejections and become aware they were targeted.

CEO Wang let out a sigh and said, “Xiao Liu, thank you for understanding, as well as for not pursuing the matter and making things difficult for us. Since you asked about this matter, let’s just take it as a mutual exchange of goodwill.

“I’ll just tell it to you straight. Initially, our company had already decided not to use Lu Xiuse. However, before we finalized this decision, we also received a call from the General Manager of Yan Hui.”

It was very difficult to receive a phone call from the General Manager of Yan Hui.

CEO Wang never even imagined that Yan Beicheng would call him personally.

“Yan Hui also wished for us not to work with Lu Xiuse. He even designated a time and requested that we must inform you of our rejection at that time. As a show of gratitude for our cooperation, Yan Hui voluntarily proposed that they were willing to help us mediate a business contract.”

After all, there weren't really any areas in which their business could collaborate with Yan Hui. So, Yan Hui was willing to mediate for them.

This was something many people wanted to fight for but could never get.

This was only a mediation, but if Yan Hui was doing it, the contract was guaranteed.

As long as CEO Wang's side did not cause any trouble, the other party would agree to work with them out of respect for Yan Hui.

They had already decided not to work with Lu Xiuse, and now, they could even gain Yan Hui's promise to assist them...

They truly profited from this situation.

So, it was just a small matter for them to contact Liu Yunan to inform her of their rejection at the time Yan Hui had assigned them.

They did not feel that it was even the slightest bit embarrassing.

"Got it," Liu Yunan said solemnly. "Many thanks, CEO Wang."

From this, she guessed that the other companies must have also been contacted by Yan Hui.

It wasn't a small number of companies. Could Yan Hui really have promised each one of them some benefits?

How much of their resources would Yan Hui have to put into these?

It appeared that Yan Beicheng truly loved his sister, Yan Zhiqing, extremely dearly.

For the sake of getting revenge for Yan Zhiqing, he didn't care how much losses his company would suffer.

Of course, he had great wealth and influence. He most likely did not care at all about this little bit of loss in resources.

Liu Yunan saw it as a great loss, but perhaps it was merely a trifling amount to Yan Beicheng.

After hanging up the call, Liu Yunan wanted to give Lu Xiuse a call.

However, she thought about it and decided to go down to the set instead. She would talk to Lu Xiuse in person about this.

Consequently, Liu Yunan immediately left for the set.

It just so happened that she received a call from Lu Xiuse on the way there.

Without waiting for Lu Xiuse to speak first, Liu Yunan said, "I'm currently on my way to you. Coincidentally, I have something I want to speak with you about. Wait for me to get there, then we'll talk. I'm hanging up."

Liu Yunan rushed over to Lu Xiuse's set and found her.

"I called you because I wanted to ask: what are we doing about the matter on the Internet? Exactly what time is Shao Yuxi's information getting released? It will soon be too late if we still don't have her covering for me. Before the matter gets even bigger, we need to hurry and get my matter suppressed," Lu Xiuse said hastily the moment she saw Liu Yunan.

Liu Yunan was in a really bad mood.

She had worked so hard to win those work opportunities for Lu Xiuse, but they were all gone now.

Liu Yunan had also lost her huge amount of commission. She felt crushed just thinking about it. How could her mood possibly be good?

"It's pointless regardless of whether we release it now. It's too late even if it's released," Liu Yunan said with a heavy expression.

"What do you mean?" Lu Xiuse asked nervously as her heart raced.

"I just had a phone call with CEO Wang. At the last moment, they decided to cancel their proposition and will not sign the contract to work with you," Liu Yunan said. "Moreover, the other companies we're currently in negotiations with have also rejected us."

Lu Xiuse's expression suddenly turned awful.

"They're going this far just because of last night's small matter?" Lu Xiuse said angrily. "Aside from me, are there only a few people who have negative news articles released about them?! Yet other people have not had their contracts canceled, nor have they lacked work opportunities. Why can't it work out when it's me? What's the meaning of all those companies canceling their contracts?"

"Do you think it's so simple? Yes, it is indeed because of last night's matter. But why don't you think about who you offended?! I just don't understand. Even if you're contending against Yan Zhiqing, just why did you have to set her up?"

"You can't defeat her. It's not as if you don't know what kind of background she has. Just look around. Aside from Lu Man, who else do you think could be greater than her? Why did you absolutely insist on grabbing onto her? You could have had good days and a good future ahead of you, but you simply had to throw all that away and insist on provoking Yan Zhiqing!"

Liu Yunan was extremely angry. "You think last night's matter was just a small thing? If it were about someone else, perhaps it would be considered so and the company would be able to suppress it for you. However, the one you caused trouble for was Yan Zhiqing. Don't forget that there's still Yan Beicheng behind her! Do you truly think that they would always tolerate you despite the way you've been slandering Yan Zhiqing this whole time?"

"Today, the companies we negotiated with for your work opportunities all informed me of their rejection. Moreover, it was all in the same period of time. They contacted me in succession like a swarm of bees. If they were normal rejections, why would they have contacted me all at the same time?"

"It was clearly because Yan Beicheng contacted them and arranged for them to reject us," Liu Yunan said. "I can even guess that you won't be able to get any more work opportunities to promote

businesses for a very long period of time starting from today. Without these opportunities and the exposure from advertisements, you don't even need me to tell you what the result will be. You know what it is."

Lu Xiuse's face paled. "This... Why is it happening so quickly? How did they react so quickly?"

She continued, "The matter only happened last night, yet these companies contacted you early this morning. Could it be that Yan Beicheng contacted them all throughout the night?"

Liu Yunan pursed her lips and stayed silent for a moment. Then she said, "Indeed. Yan Beicheng reacted too quickly. So I suspect that he might have been planning to deal with you for a long time.

"Even if he'd made his preparations all throughout last night... Going so far as to find and contact all of the companies we've been negotiating with is not something that can be done in a single night."

Chapter 3175: Yesterday's Promise

"Therefore, I suspect that even before you offended Yan Zhiqing, Yan Beicheng had already hired someone to look into all your work opportunities that are currently under discussion.

"It just so happened that your scheme against Yan Zhiqing last night was discovered. Yan Beicheng had been wanting to take you down and took this chance to do so." Liu Yunan was speaking coldly.

"Therefore, it wasn't because Yan Zhiqing couldn't do anything to you. She has been preparing to deal with you, but you didn't even realize. Instead of stopping promptly, you became even worse."

Liu Yunan said in a harsh tone, "I can't help you this time."

Initially, Lu Xiuse had been plotting against Yan Zhiqing secretly. She thought that as long as she kept herself well hidden, Yan Zhiqing would never find out about this.

However, after Yan Zhiqing found out about what she did, Lu Xiuse couldn't help but start counting on luck to keep herself safe.

When she was escorting that client, Yan Zhiqing was the only one targeting her. Yan Beicheng did nothing.

Lu Xiuse then assumed that Yan Beicheng had thought that the fight between her and Yan Zhiqing was not important enough for him to get involved in.

When he's so busy, he must have no time to bother with these trivial matters in the entertainment industry.

Even when it happened the second time, Yan Beicheng did not do anything.

Lu Xiuse then thought that she knew what Yan Beicheng was thinking.

She thought that Yan Beicheng had decided not to bother with whatever happens to Yan Zhiqing in the entertainment industry.

She thought that as long as she didn't overstep the boundaries, Yan Beicheng wouldn't get himself involved.

The things she had done must have been within Yan Beicheng's boundaries.

Lu Xiuse thought she had understood everything. She decided to plot against Yan Zhiqing by doing things that didn't cross the line.

However, she did not expect Yan Beicheng to be waiting for her here.

It was not that he hadn't been doing anything. Instead, he had planned for a deadly blow.

And now, he had taken away everything from her!

"Then... What should I do? We can worry about the work opportunities later," Lu Xiuse said. "Let us at least keep our role in this movie. This way, there will be a chance for us to get more work in the future.

"Because of the mess on the Internet, Director Chen is worried that the movie's box office record would be affected. He is considering replacing me. I promised him that I will settle this mess on the Internet within two days.

"That is why I was in a rush to ask you about the news. As of now, it's not our top priority to keep those work opportunities. Let's try to keep our role in this movie before we deal with the lost work opportunities."

"You still have your brain with you," Liu Yunan said, "If you are able to think this through, why did you choose to make things difficult for Yan Zhiqing!"

"Sister Liu, please stop talking about this. I have learned my lesson. I promise that I will hide from Yan Zhiqing if we get through this. I will never provoke her anymore," Lu Xiuse said.

"Actually, I only thought it was so unfair. She is relying on the Yan Family. Why do we have to work so hard to get an opportunity when she is able to get it without doing anything? It's so unfair.

"If she was capable, she should have fought fair and square for it. Even when her success today was achieved through her powerful background, she claimed to have achieved her success by working hard.

"If that's considered effort, then what about us who are actually working hard?" Lu Xiuse continued in an indignant tone, "Since she had gotten all these benefits, she should have lain low. Yet she kept showing up in front of me, treating me like I am not worthy of her respect."

Lu Xiuse's eyes reddened. "If I was privileged like her, I wouldn't have to be an escort and I wouldn't have to keep those CEOs company! Does she think I am doing this willingly? If I don't do that, will I have those work opportunities? Who gives her the right to look down on me?"

"Did I willingly escort them because I have no respect for myself? She has everything. Who gives her the right to look down on us who have nothing and have no choice but to think of different ways to struggle through life?"

Liu Yunan patted Lu Xiuse on the shoulder and said, "I know. I know. But what can we do? She was born privileged. She was good at reincarnating. You feeling unfair about this will not help in any way and will not change anything.

"And so, if you knew that you wouldn't be able to handle the consequences of provoking her, you shouldn't have done it. Think about it. You have worked so hard to get to where you are right now. Do you want all your effort to go to waste? Do you want all those years of hard work to be wasted?" Liu Yunan comforted.

"Since you can't fight against her, you might as well stay away from her. Most importantly, you have to keep everything you have right now."

"I know." Lu Xiuse said.

"However, let's be candid here," Liu Yunan said. "This is the last time I am cleaning up your mess for you. After this is over, you are going to behave yourself."

She threatened, "If someone makes things difficult for you, then fine, I will help you. However, if you are the one seeking trouble, then don't blame me for being ruthless and giving up on you. I am not a saint. I don't have to always back you up. I still have a lot of celebrities under me. I can easily train a few to replace you."

"I know," Lu Xiuse said hastily. "Sister Liu, don't worry. I won't cause any more trouble and I will behave myself."

"Okay. Then I will help you one last time," Liu Yunan said.

She once again emphasized, "Keep in mind. This is the last time."

"Alright. Alright." Lu Xiuse agreed quickly.

Liu Yunan was just about to contact her company by phone.

The call had just gone through and she had only said less than two sentences when Chen Jinglin came over.

When Liu Yunan saw that Chen Jinglin had something to say to Lu Xiuse, she said to the other employee from her company on the phone, "Something came up. I will give you a call later."

Liu Yunan hung up the phone and smiled as she said to Chen Jinglin, "Director Chen, you are here."

"Xiao Liu, good timing for you to be here." Chen Jinglin showed a faint smile and immediately stopped smiling.

Lu Xiuse felt her heart skip a beat.

Liu Yunan had a bad feeling. "Director Chen, what is it?"

"Since you are here, I will tell you as well," Chen Jinglin said. "I just received news from our investors. The female lead of our movie will no longer be Lu Xiuse. The investors had requested for a replacement, saying that she must be replaced. They even found another actress to replace her in the movie, and she has already joined the crew."

“No...” Liu Yunan said. “How... how can you replace her on a whim? We have signed a contract. Director Chen, I know that it is because of what happened last night. Everyone is unhappy over what had happened, and you are worried about the movie’s box office record being negatively affected by this.

“But we have spent so much to bring up Xiuse. We have given her so many work opportunities. We won’t watch her suffer. The company is thinking of ways to suppress that news. I didn’t finish my phone call earlier, but I was discussing with someone about this on the phone. We were talking about this and thinking about how we can counteract.

“Director Chen, I thought you had promised yesterday to give Xiuse two more days?”

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“I promise that we will suppress this piece of news. It will not affect the movie’s reputation. Please give Xiuse another chance.”

“Yes, Director Chen, please give me another chance. I promise I will behave well. I will not cause you any more trouble. I promised Sister Liu that I will behave myself. Please just give me one more chance.”

Lu Xiuse begged, “I will be very grateful if you give me one more chance. I will do whatever you want without asking any questions. In the future, if you direct other movies and you need me to do a cameo, I can do it for free.”

However, whatever Lu Xiuse had to offer was of no attraction to Chen Jinglin.

Even if she offered to do it for free, he wouldn’t dare to use her.

There’s a chance that she would cause him more trouble.

Chen Jinglin smiled and showed a helpless expression as he said, “Yes, I did promise that to you last night, but that was my own decision. I wouldn’t have gone back on my words if I was the only one making the decision. However, there is nothing I can do about this now.

“This is a decision made by the investors. They invested in this movie, and they have to ensure that their financial benefits are guaranteed. I am just a director hired by them. When it comes to money, I have no say. They want you replaced no matter what and there is nothing I can do.

“I did promise you that I would give you two more days. You promised me that you would be able to suppress this piece of news.” Chen Jinglin continued helplessly, “However, those are the investors speaking. They are the real bosses. I have to listen to them. No matter what, the investors refused to keep you in the movie, leaving me feeling very embarrassed in front of them. Because of you, I was even scolded.

“They said that I wasn’t taking the overall situation into consideration. As of now, there are more than enough actors and actresses who want to film a movie and are willing to cooperate. Some are even willing to take a pay cut to film a movie. You are not needed, so why should we keep you?”

Lu Xiuse was so angry that her face tensed up.

She didn't know if these words were truly spoken by the investors or by Chen Jinglin, who took the chance to scold her.

"The investors found a new actress overnight. They moved so fast, which showed that they had already decided to replace you," Chen Jinglin said helplessly. "There is nothing I can do.

"After all, you have already filmed for many days. If we have to start filming again, all those scenes with you in it would be useless. This is a loss of a lot of money. If it wasn't because we had no choice, why would we replace our main actress? By doing this, we are causing ourselves suffering.

"They were willing to spend a night's time to find someone else to replace you. It shows how determined they were. So please don't make things difficult for me!"

"Something must have happened!" Lu Xiuse said bitterly. "In the entertainment industry, who can be completely innocent? Which celebrity has never dealt with negative media reports? In addition, some people would try to ruin the reputation of actors and actresses to influence a movie's ratings. They would find every dirt on the director and the cast members.

"This happens often in the entertainment industry. It never stopped. However, unless the situation was unsalvageable, the cast member would usually not be replaced. The team would try to suppress the piece of news and release the film.

"But why is it not okay when it's me? It's not a big deal. We have a way to silence that piece of news. Why do they have to replace me?"

She had just been told by Liu Yunan that she had lost all her work opportunities.

She could still remain calm because she was still cast in a movie.

But now, she had lost her chance to be in this movie!

Thus, Lu Xiuse could no longer remain calm.

"There's nothing I can do. Asking me is of no use. I have no say in this. Talk to the investors if you want. You can ask them why they want you replaced."

Chen Jinglin had already thought Lu Xiuse was annoying a long time ago. He was too lazy to respond to her, which was why he blamed it on the investors.

If Lu Xiuse was capable enough, she should talk with the investors.

Chen Jinglin left immediately after saying that.

Lu Xiuse started panicking. She grabbed Liu Yunan and said, "Sister Liu, what should I do?"

Lu Xiuse was so worried that she started stomping on the ground.

At this time, the actress to replace Lu Xiuse arrived.

It was an actress who had recently gained popularity.

Because of a popular TV series, she became so famous.

It would be hard to predict the career path of an actress who suddenly gained popularity because of a show. However, she could at least ride on this wave of popularity and expand her career.

If she could take the time to train and build a stronger foundation, her future career would be off to a good start.

However, no matter what, she was currently popular enough. Many fans who liked her from the show would watch the new film in which she was cast.

Considering the current situation, this actress was indeed more popular than her.

Lu Xiuse watched as the actress stepped closer and closer. When the actress saw her, she smiled and bowed as she greeted. "Hello, Sister Lu. I didn't expect to see you here. I am sorry. I was sent by the company. I had no intention of taking the role away from you.

"After all, there is no way you can still be in the movie. Even without me, there is bound to be someone else. So... I think it is definitely better if I took the role. Sister Lu, please don't hate me."

"Why would I? It was me who had asked to leave." Lu Xiuse showed a fake smile. "I left of my own accord because I was worried about the movie's ranking at the box office. In addition, I still have a lot of opportunities. There's nothing to worry about."

"Hehe. I didn't expect you to be so virtuous that you would be so considerate of the film crew and cast," the actress said with a smile.

Lu Xiuse showed another fake smile and said, "But what is your name?"

The new actress's smile froze. She almost couldn't control her expression.

Lu Xiuse humphed.

Although the actress had become famous through a popular TV show, her acting was still pretty bad.

And so, Lu Xiuse would be waiting to see how bad this movie would turn out.

Not having a good script, this movie also would not have cast members with good acting skills.

As of now, the actress was not popular enough to have many fans go to the cinema for her.

When the time came, they should know that the decision to replace her was such a mistake.

"I hope you don't mind. I heard about your TV show that just finished airing. I just didn't have time to watch it. I know it is very popular, but I just can't remember your name at the moment," Lu Xiuse said.

"Hehe. My name is Hong Qiaoyin," the actress said. "Sister Lu, I can't chat anymore. I have to go get my makeup done. I don't want to slow the filming progress down, especially when there is already a delay in production."

Lu Xiuse sneered and waited for Hong Qiaoyin to leave.

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She then waved her hand and said in disgust, "Who does she think she is!"

“Let’s go,” Liu Yunan said.

“Sister Liu, when will we release that information we have on Shao Yuxi to the media?” Lu Xiuse asked.

Liu Yunan sneered and responded, “Why release it? You lost your job. You don’t need to clear your reputation anymore. Just rest while you can and appear in public again after everything cools down. You don’t have any work to do anyway. It’s a waste to release information on Shao Yuxi. You might as well keep it for the future’s sake. It can be used if something bad happens again in the future.

“In addition, Shao Yuxi is very cooperative. Although we won’t be releasing news about her, the company will still be treating her well because of her good attitude. I have to go back and think about how I should plan her future career. I just so happened to have some work opportunities for her.”

“What happened this time should have taught you a lesson. Our company favors obedient celebrities. If the celebrities are willing to listen and cooperate, the company will not let them suffer.”

Liu Yunan had clearly given up on Lu Xiuse as well.

As of now, Lu Xiuse had lost her last gig and she had no more work.

In Liu Yunan’s opinion, there must have been a reason why the investors had spent a night’s time and found someone else to replace Lu Xiuse.

Lu Xiuse was right just now.

Many celebrities had experienced the same things as Lu Xiuse.

However, those celebrities were still filming movies and TV shows. Unless what they did was detrimental, they wouldn’t be removed.

But now, Lu Xiuse had been replaced.

Were the investors really worried about the loss?

It was more likely that Yan Beicheng had done something.

The Yan Family and the Han Family had a very good relationship.

It was very obvious that the Han Family had stood up for Yan Zhiqing.

Liu Yunan decided to go back and confirm her conjecture.

Anyway, she was 60 to 70% certain.

Yan Beicheng had decided to shut Lu Xiuse out from the industry.

If so, she would no longer waste any effort to deal with Lu Xiuse’s matter.

She might as well support someone else with her experience and resources.

Liu Yunan patted Lu Xiuse on the shoulder and said, “You were so busy previously and did not have any time to rest. You might as well take this time to rest for a while. Don’t overthink this. Just wait until everything is over. Honestly, this is not a big deal and the mess will not last for a long time.

“You can go back first. Just relax and don’t get too bothered by it. The more you think about it, the sadder you’ll feel. If you really can’t help it, you should go travel and relax!” Liu Yunan continued, “Erm... I have to go back to the company now. Because of this unexpected change, I now have a lot of work to do. I won’t be sending you back. Just go back by yourself.”

Lu Xiuse watched as Liu Yunan left hastily.

The moment she became useless, Liu Yunan abandoned her.

She didn’t even bother to pretend about it.

Liu Xiuse’s heart sank and her eyes reddened.

She turned and saw how busy the crew and cast looked. No one looked at her.

As for Hong Qiaoyin, she had asked her assistant to give out coffee and dessert as a gift for meeting the crew and cast for the first time and was currently greeting everyone.

No one remembered Lu Xiuse.

Lu Xiuse went back to the hotel with her assistant. She packed up her things and was going to head back home.

After she had been kicked out like that, she felt embarrassed to continue staying and allow others to mock her.

She quickly packed her bags. She’d brought a lot of things to the set. Besides the luggage she had brought here, she also had boxes of things.

She had no choice but to call for someone to pick them up to be shipped back home.

While Lu Xiuse was on the way home, she thought it was so unfair.

Although she did play a role in this, Luo Qingxian did as well!

Why did Luo Qingxian get away without suffering any consequences while she had to deal with so many unlucky things?

The more Lu Xiuse thought about it, the more unfair she felt it was.

The phone rang for a long time before Luo Qingxian picked up the phone.

Luo Qingxian didn’t want to pick up the phone, but she was worried about the consequence of hiding like this: Lu Xiuse might become so desperate that she would just behave recklessly and reveal to the public the other things Luo Qingxian had done as well.

She knew about what happened last night.

Fortunately, Lu Xiuse was much more popular and everyone had their attention on her.

Although her name was mentioned in the recording, she wasn’t a public figure and no one knew who she was, which was why she was ignored.

Luo Qingxian let out a sigh of relief. She cunningly hoped that the mess that Lu Xiuse was currently dealing with could become even messier.

This way, Lu Xiuse would be the only one under fire and she would then be able to escape without anyone noticing.

Because of how conflicted she felt, it took her a long time to pick up Lu Xiuse's phone call.

Lu Xiuse was holding in her anger. Immediately, she said abruptly, "Why did it take you so long to answer the phone? Are you trying to avoid me?"

Luo Qingxian was not easy to deal with. She immediately responded, "Why would I avoid you? My phone was not next to me. I hurriedly grabbed my phone after I heard the ringtone. That's why I picked up the phone late."

She asked, "What do you need from me?"

"What else?" Lu Xiuse took a deep breath and tried to keep her tone as calm as possible. She held her anger in and said in an amicable tone, "Because of what happened last night, I lost all my work opportunities. They even removed me from the movie I was filming even after I have already filmed so many scenes.

"I will be honest with you. I am jobless. I don't have any work. Qingxian, I admit that I had my own reasons when I helped you. I didn't like Yan Zhiqing, which was why I decided to work with you. We were helping each other."

Luo Qingxian pouted.

They were not helping each other. They were merely using each other.

Luo Qingxian didn't reply. She was waiting for Lu Xiuse to continue speaking.

She then heard Lu Xiuse say, "No matter what, this all happened because you sought me out and asked me to help you. I could have chosen not to help you. When I found out about Yan Zhiqing's background, I had decided not to provoke her.

"However, because you are my friend and you promised me that I would remain safe with you no matter what happens, I was able to contact people and come up with ideas for you without any worries.

"But I am doomed now. You won't watch me suffer without doing anything, right? You promised that to me. That's why I helped you. But now, I even lost all my jobs. I am not asking that you help me settle the mess that is happening online, nor am I asking you to help me take some of the criticism."

"After all, I know that we all have to keep ourselves safe first. You definitely won't do anything for me publicly. However, even if your identity was exposed, you would remain unharmed."

Chapter 3178: Relations

"After all, you're not like me. You're not a public figure. Even if I expose you, they won't be able to find you, right?" Lu Xiuse said.

Lu Xiuse made Luo Qingxian extremely angry.

Wasn't her every word just implying that it was because nothing would happen to Luo Qingxian?

"So, I'm not requesting anything else from you," Lu Xiuse said. "Your family is so powerful. I'm sure you can give me some work opportunities from your family's company, right? I won't request for you to invest in me to film something. Instead, things like doing some advertisements or being an ambassador for a brand, come find me for those. At least let me have some work and income."

Luo Qingxian rolled her eyes.

Currently, Lu Xiuse's reputation had become so bad. Who would want her to be the ambassador for their brand?

Wouldn't this just be digging a hole for the Luo Family?

Using her as their ambassador would be like asking to be cursed to death.

Nevertheless, Luo Qingxian understood what Lu Xiuse meant.

If she didn't find a way to let Lu Xiuse have some income, the latter would expose her.

At worst, they would both go down together.

However, Luo Qingxian actually didn't mind it.

Just like what Lu Xiuse had said, Luo Qingxian was not a public figure, after all.

Even if the netizens criticized her, where would they even be able to reach her?

If they found her physical location?

It wasn't as if she couldn't afford to hire bodyguards. Moreover, she could report it to the police.

Compared to Lu Xiuse, Luo Qingxian wouldn't be negatively impacted as greatly.

However, Luo Qingxian considered herself to be someone of a high status, which meant that she could not let herself get humiliated.

If she were to allow those who knew her to see it, she would be greatly humiliated.

Yet helping Lu Xiuse was an impossible thing for her to do.

No matter what, Luo Qingxian could not dig a hole for her family.

She was well aware that Lu Xiuse would definitely be a total loss for them, without the slightest benefit. So why would they still want to employ her?

Luo Qingxian said, "Sure, I will discuss this matter with my family's elders and let them see if there's anything suitable for you to advertise. There may not be any ambassadorship opportunities because many of our products already have ambassadors. Moreover, they're still within the contract period, so it's impossible to change them out just like that.

"However, I will take a look if there are any missed products. If there are any that don't have fixed ambassadors, I will have them give the ambassadorships to you. But if there aren't any, you can only film ordinary commercials. There are also promotional events. If you're willing, you can go do those too.

My family will find some celebrities to participate in the annual year-end meeting. If you find that acceptable, you can go to that as well.

“Of course, the year-end meeting is at the end of the year, so it’s too early to talk about it now. No one can accurately predict what it will be like at the end of the year.” Luo Qingxian smiled briefly.

“Perhaps by that time, you’ll have regained a good reputation. Maybe it’ll be even better than in the past. When the time comes, even if we invite you, you may not have the time or willingness to participate,” Luo Qingxian said.

Upon hearing Luo Qingxian’s favorable words, Lu Xiuse finally let out a sigh of relief.

“Sure. Then I’ll leave this matter to you,” Lu Xiuse said. “I have to thank you greatly for helping me get through this difficult time.”

“It’s just like you said. You caused so much trouble because you were helping me. Since I promised you that I would support you when trouble arose, I certainly have to keep my word,” Luo Qingxian said.

Lu Xiuse had heard Luo Qingxian say such nice things. There was no way she could expect that Luo Qingxian had absolutely no intention of helping her. Luo Qingxian was just toying with her to stall for time.

Lu Xiuse let out a sigh of relief and ended the call.

Luo Qingxian tossed her phone aside and sneered disdainfully, “Idiot.”

Did Lu Xiuse really think Luo Qingxian would help her?

However, Luo Qingxian did not expect that...

She had just called Lu Xiuse an idiot, and now her own situation wasn’t any good either.

Before long, Luo Qingxian received a call from Shen Mujing.

She did not know why the latter was calling her, so she was still very relaxed when she answered the call.

“Yo, Mujing. It’s been a long time since you last contacted me. Why are you looking for me today?” Luo Qingxian asked nonchalantly.

However, Shen Mujing’s tone did not sound as relaxed as that of Luo Qingxian.

Shen Mujing hesitated for a moment before asking, “Qingxian, you still don’t know?”

“Don’t know what?” Luo Qingxian was astonished.

“The matter on the Internet. Have you not gone to check?” Shen Mujing asked.

Luo Qingxian thought Shen Mujing was talking about last night’s matter and felt very irritated.

However, she still pretended as if she didn’t mind it and smiled. “Eh, you’re talking about last night’s matter about Lu Xiuse, right? That’s a misunderstanding. The whole matter was caused by Lu Xiuse. She just dragged my name into it.

“I’m total strangers with Yan Zhiqing. Why would I want to cause trouble for her? It’s just that Lu Xiuse was always at odds with Yan Zhiqing. And because I’m on pretty good terms with Lu Xiuse, she dragged me into it.

“To think that I treated her as a friend. I didn’t expect that she would dig a hole for me.” Luo Qingxian spoke angrily. “I’m being blamed alongside her for nothing. But in fact, I wasn’t involved in this matter at all. It was all Lu Xiuse’s doing.”

Luo Qingxian sighed and said, “Lu Xiuse, that person—I don’t dare to have any more relations with her from now on. Look at how big a hole she’s dug for me.

“Moreover, Yan Zhiqing is a famous person with so many fans. If this trouble attracts the attacks of her fans, who are so crazy that they might even come straight to me in person, how will I go on living my life?!”

Luo Qingxian clicked her tongue twice. “Just earlier, this Lu Xiuse even made me arrange some work opportunities for her. Because she offended Yan Zhiqing, the Yan Family totally shut her out from the industry, leaving her with no work at all.

“However, don’t you think this Yan Zhiqing is too much as well? She’s too resentful.” Luo Qingxian used this opportunity to speak badly of Yan Zhiqing. “It’s true that Lu Xiuse is in the wrong for this matter and that she truly went overboard in slandering Yan Zhiqing.

“But it’s not right for Yan Zhiqing to be so cruel. Yan Zhiqing’s career wasn’t destroyed because of the slander, and she didn’t suffer any substantial damage. Of course, this doesn’t mean what Lu Xiuse did was nothing. Just because it’s not at all worth pursuing doesn’t mean what Lu Xiuse did wasn’t wrong.

“But I feel that it’d have been enough if she taught Lu Xiuse a lesson. But totally shutting her out from the industry and leaving her with no work means she won’t be able to continue with her career in the entertainment industry. This is a bit excessive. Lu Xiuse graduated with a major in acting, and she entered the workforce with acting as her profession. She never developed any other skills.

“What can she do now that they’ve forced her out of the entertainment industry? Isn’t this making it so that she can’t continue living?”

The phone call made Shen Mujing roll her eyes.

Luo Qingxian’s words were like those of a typical female representative of the goddess of virtue.

What’s that about not being too cruel?

In Shen Mujing’s opinion, Yan Zhiqing had been plenty courteous to Lu Xiuse.

Even though Lu Xiuse had already caused her trouble quite a few times before, Yan Zhiqing hadn’t done much about it.

Yan Zhiqing’s kindness had instead encouraged Lu Xiuse to become even more arrogant. The latter caused her trouble time and time again.

It was Lu Xiuse who did not know when to stop before she went too far. Then she finally caused Yan Zhiqing so much trouble that she no longer intended to tolerate Lu Xiuse’s behavior.

Yet Luo Qingxian said some nonsense about how Yan Zhiqing should not have gone to the extent of totally shutting Lu Xiuse out of the industry.

Chapter 3179: You Know Her Very Well

However, if they gave Lu Xiuse a way out of this and allowed Lu Xiuse to still thrive in the industry, Lu Xiuse would never stop being a menace and Yan Zhiqing would still be bothered by her in the future.

If they were going to do something anyway, they had to ensure that they finished her off once and for all. What's wrong with this?

It's easy for Luo Qingxian to say it. She even thought that she herself was being kind.

If the same thing had happened to her, what would she really say?

In addition, would she need to worry about Lu Xiuse's livelihood?

Lu Xiuse had slept her way to the top. Anyone who had connections in the industry knew about this.

Shen Mujing also knew some producers and had heard a lot of stories about this at the dining table.

No matter what, Lu Xiuse was unarguably very beautiful.

Even if she could no longer work as a celebrity in the industry, she could rely on her past status as an A-list celebrity and accompany people to dinners or even get many CEOs to be her sugar daddies.

She wouldn't need money to survive.

From Shen Mujing's point of view, Luo Qingxian was not worrying for Lu Xiuse's livelihood because she was a kind person. She was merely trying to express how morally good and kind she was as a person.

However, Shen Mujing didn't tell Luo Qingxian anything. She also didn't want Luo Qingxian to hear the contempt in her voice. She just said, "I am not talking about that. About what happened last night, I saw it as well. But do I seem like the kind of weirdo who comes gossiping with you and hurting your feelings the moment I learn about something new? In addition, that is between you and Yan Zhiqing. I am not asking about what's going on between you and her."

Luo Qingxian raised her brow and asked, "Then what is it?"

But Shen Mujing still refused to tell her.

It was like she was intentionally keeping Luo Qingxian in suspense. Shen Mujing sounded like she was in a difficult position when she responded, "I am not intentionally gossiping about this. But... it seems to me that this matter is quite serious. I was worried that you didn't know about it. Or you might find out about it too late and miss out on the best time to solve the issue. This was why I came to ask you.

"I was thinking that if you knew about it, then... I won't say anything. But if you don't, I have to tell you as soon as possible."

Luo Qingxian frowned and urged, "What is it? Tell me!"

Shen Mujing pouted before she opened her mouth and said, "A netizen reported online that Mr. Luo... your father has a mistress."

When Luo Qingxian heard this, she didn't think much about it.

She had already known that her father had many mistresses.

When a man has money and a certain amount of power, it would take a lot of self-control for him not to flirt around.

Obviously, her father Luo Yonggang was not someone who had self-control.

However, she also hadn't heard about her father developing a long-term relationship with another woman.

Luo Yonggang liked new things and would be with a different person after every two to three days.

Her mother wanted to do something about it, but she couldn't keep him under control.

In the beginning, she would argue with Luo Yonggang every day.

Later on, as long as she knew nothing about it, she would pretend as though nothing had happened.

However, if she found out about it, she would still have a fight with him.

Her mom even said that Luo Yonggang not having the same mistress was the only fortunate thing.

At least she wouldn't have to worry about Luo Yonggang having a long-term mistress and actually developing real feelings over a long period of time.

This would also feed the woman's greed and she would want to be his wife.

By then, things would be much worse.

For now, her mom's place as Luo Yonggang's wife was still secured.

Luo Qingxian knew about all these things as she responded, "I think he recently got a new mistress. It's all games for my dad. I know that it will never last long.

"Actually, isn't your family the same as well?" Luo Qingxian didn't believe that Shen Mujing's father didn't participate in such games.

Shen Mujing's father would often attend dinner parties and events with Luo Yonggang.

If the two were always together, could one remain innocent?

Yet Shen Mujing had the audacity to laugh at her. Why didn't she go home and check herself in the mirror?

Shen Mujing could obviously hear the sarcasm in Luo Qingxian's voice.

Shen Mujing was so angry that she started laughing.

She was merely being a kind person and notifying Luo Qingxian so that she could react as soon as possible and not be taken advantage of.

Instead of being grateful, Luo Qingxian responded with sarcasm.

This girl was obviously very sick!

“Really? I don’t know much about my dad.” Because of Luo Qingxian’s attitude, Shen Mujing no longer behaved cordially. “However, this time, the person who reported this had confidently said that the lady is your father’s long-term mistress.

“In addition, there were many pictures taken. They were in different locations and wore different clothing in every picture. By looking at their clothes, you could tell that the seasons had changed. If the seasons had changed, it means that they have been together for a long time. She seems more than just a mistress.

“Therefore, the person who reported it was able to confidently say that she is your father’s lover.”

Luo Qingxian took a deep breath and said, “I am now aware of this. Thank you for specifically telling me about this. I will search up that piece of news later.

“But I really don’t care about this. Even if she is a long-term mistress, she merely exists for fun. Just because she is a long-term mistress does not mean that my father will take her seriously. She’s just a toy.

“My father is not stupid. He wouldn’t risk losing his properties by divorcing my mother. And so, no matter how much time that mistress spends with my father, she will never get actual benefits.

“In addition, this mistress exists because she is young and pretty. This will never last long. Eventually, she will be replaced by someone even younger and prettier. The mistress is not like the wife, who cannot be easily replaced.” Luo Qingxian was speaking in an uncaring tone.

“Mujing, thank you for thinking about me and telling me about this. Let’s talk next time. I will chat with you about this after I learn more about it.” Luo Qingxian wanted to get rid of Shen Mujing as soon as possible. She didn’t want Shen Mujing to continue laughing at her.

However, Luo Qingxian’s attitude had already offended her, and Shen Mujing didn’t want to be sent away this easily.

“Wait, I haven’t said it all,” Shen Mujing immediately said, stopping Luo Qingxian from hanging up the phone.

“The thing that shocked me was the identity of that mistress,” Shen Mujing said. “Actually, you know her very well.”

“What?” Luo Qingxian frowned. She thought about it for a long time and couldn’t come up with anyone whom she knew that could become a mistress.

The people she knew were either rich or noble. They didn’t need to be anyone’s mistress.

“Impossible. Why would I know anyone who would become a mistress?” Luo Qingxian didn’t believe what Mujing said. “Mujing, who are we? We hang out with the same type of people. Do those people need to be someone’s mistress?”

“I wanted to verify this piece of news. But now that you said this, it must be fake news. Someone must have intentionally twisted the truth when they read the whole story through a few pictures.”

Shen Mujing smiled and responded slowly, “I don’t think so. You must have forgotten. You have made friends who are not socialites.”

Chapter 3180: It Couldn’t Have Been Her

“How did Mrs. Yu leak this news? How did Lu Xiuse drag you down with her?” Shen Mujing paused before she said, “Oh, that’s right, I haven’t told you.

“The reason why I am telling you this is because you know this person and you know her very well. It is because that person is Lu Xiuse. The seasons shown on the picture indicate that Lu Xiuse has been with your father for at least a year.”

“Impossible!” Luo Qingxian could no longer keep her emotions under control as she shouted, “It couldn’t have been her!

“She was just begging me to give her some work through the Luo Family. If she was really dating my father, she could have just begged my dad for it. Does she need to ask me?”

But she wasn’t confident either.

Otherwise, she wouldn’t have reacted so emotionally.

Her friends were just fake friends, but they were still people of the same age whom she had befriended.

Yet she suddenly became her father’s lover.

How could she accept that?

Luo Qingxian thought it was so gross.

“How is that impossible? The picture showed it very clearly,” Shen Mujing said. “After all, Lu Xiuse is a public figure who is famous. It is impossible to mistake someone else for her.

“If you don’t believe me, you should go check it out yourself.” Shen Mujing had achieved her goal as she said, “Alright. I will stop taking up your time. You should go check it out as soon as possible.”

Luo Qingxian didn’t bother to reply as she quickly hung up the call.

She then started searching it up online.

Actually, she didn’t even need to search up anything.

She saw it the moment she went online.

Because one of the two in the picture was Lu Xiuse, who was currently in the public’s eye.

Because of the repeated negative news, Lu Xiuse’s public image had hit rock bottom and her popularity suffered disastrously.

However, because of the repeated negative news, there were more netizens paying more attention to news about her, hoping to see more negative news.

Since last night, Lu Xiuse's popularity had been decreasing, but more and more people were paying attention to her.

Because Lu Xiuse was the subject of this scandal, Luo Yonggang received an exceptional amount of attention.

He was never a businessman known by the public, but because of Lu Xiuse, he suddenly received more attention than he had ever had.

As Luo Yonggang was a businessman, his information could be publicly accessed online.

And soon, someone found his name and what he did for a living.

Although Luo Qingxian was not part of the entertainment industry, she wanted to be famous as well. She didn't want to be a rich second-generation heir that nobody knew about.

And so, Luo Qingxian's name had appeared in the family relations section of Luo Qingxian's Wikipedia page, and it stated that she was his daughter.

Luo Qingxian had hired a marketing team not long ago to build her public image and promote herself as a socialite. She wanted to become the It-girl.

She had one foot in the entertainment industry.

And so, a Wikipedia page about her existed as well.

As for Luo Yonggang, Luo Qingxian's name was recently added to the family relations section.

If you clicked on her name, you would be taken directly to her Wikipedia page.

Initially, when the netizens saw Luo Yonggang's Wikipedia page, they didn't think much about it.

Not everyone would pay close attention to his family relations.

However, there was an attentive netizen who noticed Luo Qingxian's name in the family relations section.

If anyone clicked on her name, they would be taken to Luo Qingxian's Wikipedia page.

The netizen then posted screenshots of Luo Qingxian's Wikipedia page.

"Do you guys remember that Luo Qingxian's name was mentioned in the recording of Yu Guangxin's wife? Could the Luo Qingxian mentioned be Luo Yonggang's daughter?"

"Damn, it can't be this crazy!"

"There is a chance that she could just be another person with the same surname and given name, but it couldn't have been so coincidental. I think there is a higher chance that they are the same person."

"I remember Yu Guangxin's wife saying that Luo Qingxian and Lu Xiuse are good friends. Damn. If so, their relationship must be extremely complicated and very intriguing."

“Lu Xiuse and Luo Qingxian are friends. At the same time, Lu Xiuse is the mistress of Luo Qingxian’s father. If something bad happened, Lu Xiuse could become Luo Yonggang’s wife. The friend from the past would become the stepmother. Hmmm... Rich people know such fun games to play.”

Luo Qingxian was furious. She immediately contacted Lu Xiuse.

Lu Xiuse didn’t expect herself to be so unfortunate.

She hadn’t settled what happened last night and something like this happened.

She was not actually dating Luo Yonggang yet.

If not, she wouldn’t have gone to beg Luo Qingxian. She would have just begged Luo Yonggang.

Her relationship with Luo Yonggang was rather complicated.

Luo Yonggang was a business client of someone who was currently sponsoring her.

Back then, she was dating the person who was sponsoring her. The sponsor was very generous and found many work opportunities for her.

Lu Xiuse was able to get to where she was today because she had been smart. The only time she was stupid was when she was dealing with Yan Zhiqing.

That was why people thought it was weird. She was smart, yet the moment she encountered Yan Zhiqing, she became stupid.

Anyway, when Lu Xiuse first started dating this sponsor, she knew how she should behave.

She knew that she should be obedient.

To get more work opportunities, she tried her best to do whatever the sponsor told her to do.

Naturally, the sponsor was just playing with her. He had no feelings for her.

Therefore, he didn’t mind if she was keeping other guys company.

He conveniently used this chance to make Lu Xiuse a tool in his business dealings.

Because the sponsor wanted to work with Luo Yonggang, he asked Lu Xiuse to keep Luo Yonggang company a couple times.

It didn’t happen all at once. Whenever Luo Yonggang would work with the sponsor, he would be reminded of her and would ask the sponsor for her presence.

The sponsor would then generously give her away.

This was why the pictures showed clothings for different seasons.

But she couldn’t explain it this way.

And so, if one looked just at the pictures, they would think that she was in a long-term dating relationship with Luo Yonggang.

Lu Xiuse felt so much pain that she couldn’t express it.

She had just managed to convince Luo Qingxian to help her.

But now, something like this happened. Luo Qingxian wouldn't help her anymore!

Just as she had expected, she got a phone call from Luo Qingxian.

"Lu Xiuse, how dare you still ask me to help you? You are trying to replace my mom and become my stepmother! You should have just asked my father for help! Why did you ask me!" Lu Xiuse roared furiously.

Lu Xiuse was still hoping that Luo Qingxian would help her.

She didn't dare to contact Luo Yonggang because she was scared that it would anger her current sponsor.

Previously, she had gone behind her sponsor's back and accompanied the members of Turbo, and her sponsor was very angry about that.

And so, she didn't dare to repeat her action within such a short timespan.

After all, she had lost all her jobs. Even if she had asked Luo Qingxian for help, she didn't really trust Luo Qingxian. She had certain reservations.

If Luo Qingxian was not going to help her, she had made preparations.