

Mr Han 451

Chapter 451: I Need your Help with Something

"..." To his dismay, Lu Man asked, "Did you have your breakfast?"

"Auntie He sent breakfast to the office, and I ate a little." For some unknown reason, under Lu Man's stern gaze, Han Zhuoli was a little meek.

"How little is a little?" Lu Man asked as she narrowed her eyes.

Han Zhuoli: "..."

"I'm so furious, you're really going to be the death of me." Although enraged, Lu Man was helpless and could only glare at him. "Stay here and have a good rest, I'll go and make some porridge for you. Once you eat something, it will be easier for you to take your medicine."

Han Zhuoli asked blissfully, "Will you be cooking it?"

"Yeah." Lu Man nodded.

Han Zhuoli sure was elated.

Soon, Lu Man headed downstairs and all this while, Butler Xiao Wang and Auntie He were waiting there.

Once Lu Man appeared, both of them turned to look at Lu Man.

Lu Man was a little stressed out by their passionate gaze. "Butler Xiao Wang, Auntie He."

"You know me?" Butler Xiao Wang asked in surprise.

Lu Man nodded and with a smile on her face, she said, "Han Zhuofeng and Zheng Tianming have mentioned you before. However, I just don't know why you are called Butler Xiao 1 Wang? Is it because you have the same family name as Butler Wang and so you didn't want people to be confused between you two?"

Auntie He stifled a laugh and smiled. "He's Butler Wang's son. Butler Wang works for the Old Master and Old Madam Han in the old mansion, so Butler Xiao Wang came here to work for Young Master Han."

"That's right. If there's anything you need, just let me know." Auntie He gleefully pulled Lu Man over. "You don't have to stand on ceremony with us, after all, this is your home."

Lu Man was a little suspicious. What does Han Zhuoli usually say to them about her?

"Zhuoli didn't eat much of the breakfast you had sent to him in the morning. So, I want to prepare some porridge for him, it would be better for him to take his medicine after having some food," Lu Man explained.

"Just give me some time and I will have it prepared." Auntie He smiled, grinning from ear-to-ear.

Butler Xiao Wang pulled her aside. "Sir clearly wants to eat the porridge cooked by Lu Man, why are you trying to step into this?"

“Oh right, right, right! I didn’t realise it at all.” Auntie He lightly patted her head and pulled Lu Man. “Come come, I’ll bring you to the kitchen.”

Auntie He brought Lu Man into the kitchen and told her where the ingredients, seasonings, etc were placed.

“If there’s anything else you need, feel free to tell me.” After Auntie He spoke, she didn’t continue disturbing Lu Man.

While Lu Man was cooking porridge, her cell phone suddenly rang.

Taking out the cell phone from her pocket, Lu Man was surprised to see Sun Yiwu calling her.

Lu Man then quickly answered the call. “Director Sun?”

“Hey Lu Man, it’s me,” Sun Yiwu said, laughing. “I heard that you’ve started school? How is it? Have you gotten used to it?”

“It’s not bad,” Lu Man said as lowered the fire on the stove, “After having some proper, systematic educational lessons at schools, I feel that there is more and more to learn about performance. The more I study, the more I realize that there are so many things that I didn’t know. With a teacher’s guidance and teaching, I feel different from being just like a wild grass.”

“True.” Sun Yiwu expressed his agreement and advised, “Don’t make assumptions just because these past few years all the people graduating from National Film Academy are beautiful and have high popularity, outshining all other students. In fact, a film academy will always be an educational institution, the instructor’s skills are actually completely on-par with theatre academies and the professors there are also rather professional.”

“Right.” Lu Man was surprised to know that Sun Yiwu knew that she gave up on Drama Academy and changed to Film Academy at the last minute.

“I have called you right now because there’s something I need your help with. However, I’m not forcing you to agree, you can consider it and see how it goes,” Sun Yiwu explained his reasons for calling out of the blue.

“What’s the matter?” Lu Man asked.

“I have a close friend, a younger bro, Ji Cheng, do you know?”

“I know. He’s a very famous Wushu celebrity.” Lu Man nodded.

“That’s right. He’s currently filming a movie called ‘Red Tiger’. He was originally an actor, so this is his first time as a director. He is a newbie when it comes to directing, so the investors don’t really have much confidence in him, and thus he doesn’t have much investments. Therefore, he tries to scrimp and save as much as he can and plan to spend all his money on production. Also, most probably he won’t hire any bigshot celebrities.”

Chapter 452: Behave as She Usually Does

Sun Yiwu sighed. "He tried searching for a few actors but unfortunately, all of them rejected him even though they were B-list or C-list actors. All of them gave the excuse of their clashing schedules. Fortunately, he's pretty good at making friends, and still had some loyal friends, who helped him settle the problem about actors. However, he really couldn't find a suitable female lead, and thus left with no other choice he was helpless and decided to cast your younger sister."

"As the female lead?" Lu Man was astonished. She really didn't expect Lu Qi to bag the female lead role in the movie.

However, giving it a thought, Lu Qi's current PR plan was quite decent. She was trying to stay as low-profile as she could, almost out of the public eye, making herself invisible.

Previously, the continuous scandals of Yu Xingzhou and Bai Shuangshuang almost covered up Lu Qi's scandal. Currently, Lu Qi didn't appear in the news at all, so that she could make a comeback someday.

Worried that Lu Man would be offended, Sun Yiwu hurriedly explained, "He really truly didn't have any other choice. The other actresses refused to take on the role. He went from currently popular starlets to C-list female actresses but no one was willing to act other than Lu Qi."

"It's fine, you don't have to worry about it," Lu Man reassured him calmly. She could hear the worry in Sun Yiwu's words.

"Sigh! But right now he is thoroughly regretting it, he's continually complaining about her." Sun Yiwu felt resigned. "Lu Qi is really too unreasonable. Shooting is about to start tomorrow, but she suddenly told her manager to inform the production team that she wanted a pay raise, otherwise, she won't join the crew."

"Hehe," Lu Man snickered. Lu Qi's behavior really did not deviate from her usual personality.

"My bro, Ji Cheng, really can't stand such snobby people. Isn't she clearly blackmailing them? However, he didn't immediately agree to her demand and instead hurriedly looked for me. He asked me if I have anyone to recommend and I immediately thought of you. I don't know if... you would be willing to take on the role?" Sun Yiwu asked dubiously. "I know the situation between you and Lu Qi, so it's fine if you aren't really comfortable with it, I understand."

"I'll take it," Lu Man agreed right away.

Sun Yiwu was completely stunned. He didn't expect that Lu Man would agree so readily. "You... I know about the acrimony between you and Lu Qi, won't it be inconvenient for you to take the role? This is the reason why I hesitated a lot before calling you."

"You know about the animosity between Lu Qi and me too. Even if I don't take the role, she will still treat me as her enemy. Of course, I do so too. Therefore, you don't have to consider the relationship between us," Lu Man explained. "Besides, I'm indebted to you. You spotted my potential and supported me. If not for you, I wouldn't have entered this industry. Since you've asked, how could I possibly not accept?"

"Oh my, you silly little girl!" Sun Yiwu was so touched by Lu Man's words that his heart melted. These days, there were hardly any people left who knew to be grateful, especially in the entertainment industry. Most people put benefit over everything else, throwing aside any ounce of gratefulness.

In front of benefit, even if you have helped them before or vice-versa, they won't hesitate to say that you are not their friend.

These days, friends easily turned into rivals.

However, on his first request itself, Lu Man readily agreed. So, how could Sun Yiwu not be touched?

Even as a famous director who had seen so many actors trying to suck up to him, Lu Man was clearly one-of-a-kind. Lu Man really had a strong backing with Han Zhuoli and honestly didn't have to care about all these.

"You accepted to take on the role right away? Aren't you going to ask about the pay or tell how you want to be treated or anything?" Touched by Lu Man's gratefulness, Sun Yiwu was more considerate of Lu Man and thought from her perspective.

"Don't worry, I'm fine with anything." Lu Man didn't mind much. "Didn't you say that Director Ji has already put all the money into production?"

Chapter 453: Another Ally

Lu Man's impression on Director Sun improved tenfold. He instantly said, "Lu Man, if you don't mind, call me Uncle Sun from now on! Because of your loyalty, I will shamelessly take advantage of you."

"Director Sun, please don't—"

"Hmm?" Sun Yiwu hummed as if reminding her.

Lu Man smiled in helplessness. "Uncle Sun."

"Now that's right!" Sun Yiwu said, "Don't worry, I am your uncle, I won't let you lose out in any way. As for your pay, I'll talk to Ji Cheng about it."

"Alright, thank you, Uncle Sun," Lu Man said happily.

Being called 'Uncle Sun' by Lu Man, Sun Yiwu was overjoyed.

Unfortunately, Lu Man couldn't see the huge smile on Sun Yiwu's face that was almost touching his earlobes.

He had got Lu Man to treat him as an uncle, not because of Han Zhuoli, but purely because he liked this girl.

It was rare to find someone like her who knew to be grateful and be so loyal. Therefore, Sun Yiwu had her best interests at heart.

Moreover, Sun Yiwu had quite a renowned status in this entertainment industry.

"Since you now treat me as your uncle, there's no need to stand on ceremony with me either. In the entertainment industry, I, your uncle, still have a pretty decent status. I guarantee you that I won't let other people bully you. If you have any problems in the future, just look for me directly. If anyone bullies you, just tell me!" Sun Yiwu patted his chest in pride.

Lu Man was overwhelmed by Sun Yiwu's kindness. "Alright."

She always felt indebted when others treated her well, and she would then treat the other party even better.

Although she had never enjoyed any fatherly love in either of her life, she always managed to meet many good people. In her past life, she had met Mi Qiansong, and in this life, she met even more such good people.

Han Zhuoli was obviously the first one, but aside from him, there was everyone from the Han family, then her colleagues from the public relations department, and Sun Yiwu, just so many good-hearted people.

She felt extremely fortunate to have met such people.

Although she had lost one Lu Qiyuan, she received so tenfold of love and care.

"That's right. However, even though I'm ready to act, I can probably join the crew two days late. Zhuoli is sick and I'm worried about him, so I wish to wait until he's better. I will get back to work only after he is well in two or three days," Lu Man said, explicitly mentioning her problem.

"No problem, I'll decide on this on behalf of Ji Cheng," Sun Yiwu said.

Lu Man had agreed right away without any conditions. So, how could a small request of joining the shoot two days late be a problem?

"Ok, then please give me Director Ji's phone number, I'll contact him."

"How can I let you contact him? You have helped him a great deal this time, he must be the one to contact you first," Sun Yiwu said, "Just wait, I'll have him contact you."

"Alright." Lu Man agreed and hung up the phone.

While Lu Man was on the phone with Sun Yiwu, Lu Qi had also just ended a phone call with Ji Cheng.

Feeling a little conflicted, Lu Qi asked Xia Qingyang, "Mom, is this really going to be alright?"

Since Lu Qi stopped getting any offers to star in shows, Lu Qiyuan had fired Lu Qi's original manager, despising the fact that the manager kept getting paid without doing any work, not being able to find even a single gig or job for Lu Qi.

Since then, Xia Qingyang had taken on the role of being Lu Qi's manager.

Xia Qingyang felt that this job was a piece of cake. Wasn't it just finding jobs for Lu Qi, raising their conditions to the other party, negotiating with them in order to get the maximum benefit for Lu Qi?

She found herself to be excellent at doing such things.

It was just like back in the past when she used to go to the market and bargain with the grocery sellers.

Who wouldn't know how to do it? Why should they even bother paying to a manager?

She felt that it was honestly a right move to fire that previous manager of Lu Qi.

Xia Qingyang blew on the nail polish she had just applied. "Why not? He's about to start shooting tomorrow. If you don't join the crew, he can't film his movie either. Extending one day is just wasting one day's worth of money. Ji Cheng finally started directing a film after much effort, he doesn't have much investment, so he can't afford this. As long as he wishes for everything to sail smoothly, he will have to agree to your conditions. Just sit and watch, Mom guarantees you that you will leap straight to become an A-list star. This is our golden opportunity to make a comeback."

Chapter 454: Unexplained Confidence

"Yes, right now, even if he tries to find someone else, it will still be too late." Lu Qi nodded in agreement.

"That's right!" Xia Qingyang said smugly, "I have it all planned out. Putting him in a predicament at such a crucial time, he will be forced to agree."

Besides, Ji Cheng had already gone one through several exhausting rounds of talent searches and returned empty-handed.

If he could have found someone else to play the role, the role wouldn't have landed on Lu Qi either.

Therefore, Lu Qi was his last resort. Even if Ji Cheng didn't want to agree, in the end, left with no choice he had to acquiesce.

"Besides, didn't he say he will think about it? He's just buying some time to raise funds! What 'reply to us in two days'? He's just threatened by us and feels rather ashamed about it," Xia Qingyang said pridefully, "Just wait for the good news!"

Xia Qingyang's confidence also rubbed onto Lu Qi, make her.

Although Xia Qingyang might be rather dumb when it comes to other aspects, she was talented at being a gold-digger. So, Lu Qi had quite a lot of faith in her.

Therefore, they blissfully waited for Ji Cheng to increase her pay.

Elsewhere, Lu Man had just finished cooking porridge. She then scooped it out into a bowl and brought it to Han Zhuoli.

As she helped Han Zhuoli sit up, she placed her hand on his forehead and found that he was still burning up quite a bit.

Hence, Lu Man fed him porridge slowly by the spoonful and related everything. "Director Sun just gave me a call. He said that Director Ji Cheng's new movie hired Lu Qi as the female lead, but Lu Qi suddenly changed her mind and demanded a pay hike, thus Director Sun looked for me to ask if I would take on the role."

Han Zhuoli huffed and scoffed. "He deserves it! He was blind to look for Lu Qi. If he really dares to let Lu Qi act in this movie, I will make all the cinemas in the country refuse to screen his film!"

Lu Man almost broke out in laughter. She blew on the porridge in the spoon gently and fed it to Han Zhuoli. "He didn't have any other choice either. No one else was willing to take on the role."

"But he still can't look for Lu Qi either." Han Zhuoli was rather unreasonable regarding this.

"That's true." Lu Man smiled.

Han Zhuoli happily drank up the porridge Lu Man fed him. "So why did Sun Yiwu call you? Is it that he wants you to take on the role?"

"Yeah, Ji Cheng couldn't stand Lu Qi, so he decided not to work with her anymore. However, they are just about to start shooting and couldn't find anyone on such short notice, so Director Sun came to look for me," Lu Man explained.

"Why does everyone always comes to find you when they are desperately in need to fill a spot? Are you a professional replacement actor?" Han Zhuoli was rather unpleasant and getting a bit angry.

No matter what, his Man Man should only take on a role made specifically for her!

What's up with always making her clean up after other people's messes!

Han Zhuoli was already in the hunt for a good writer to make a script specifically suited for Lu Man. He wanted to make a drama film specifically designed for Lu Man.

"I am indebted to Director Sun, after all, if he didn't pick me that day, I possibly wouldn't have chosen to walk down this path." Lu Man explained, "Earlier, I never really sat down and thought about my career aspiration. It was Director Sun who brought me into this industry and made me realize that performance could be so interesting. It's already rare for Director Sun to come to look for me for help, so I agreed."

After feeding the porridge to Han Zhouli, Lu Man placed the bowl aside. "I'm sorry for not discussing this with you before agreeing."

Han Zhuoli helplessly rubbed her hair. "You have already made up your mind, what could I have done?"

The more Han Zhouli behaved like this, the more Lu Man blamed herself. "I'm sorry, this is an exception. in the future, no matter what, I will always discuss it with you beforehand."

Even if Han Zhuoli didn't say outright that he disagreed or that he was unhappy about it, Lu Man still felt that it wasn't right of her to make a decision right away without consulting him first.

Moreover, Lu Man was already used to discussing everything with him first and seeking his opinion.

However, this time, Lu Man really wanted to express her gratitude.

Having thought of something, Han Zhuoli paused for a moment before suddenly saying, "I'll forgive you this time. So then will you also forgive me for lying to you that I was sick, alright?"

Chapter 455: Heart to Heart Talk

Lu Man: "..."

Hence she instantly knew that this man wasn't angry at all.

"Alright." Lu Man gave in to his request. "Actually, I'm not blaming you either. It's just that you don't ever share your problems with me, you didn't even tell me that you were sick. I know that you were afraid that I would be worried, but more so at such a time, I want to be by your side. I always feel like you are treating me like an outsider. Whenever I face any problem, you will always help resolve it immediately. As long as you are around, you will rush to my side. Or you will at least get someone else to solve it for me too.'

Just like that time when President Cao had CEO Zhou and the others question her, President He and Zheng Tianming had rushed down so quickly only because of Han Zhuoli.

"Usually, there's not much that I can help you with. Even if it's something small, I still want to do it for you. Yet in the end, just when you needed someone to take care of you, I wasn't the one you thought of first, not even informing me about your sickness," Lu Man said disappointedly, "This is the thing that made me feel the worst."

"I got it." Han Zhuoli grabbed her hand and placed it by his lips. He delicately kissed each of her long and slender fingers. "In the future, discuss everything with me first, otherwise I won't tell you anything either."

"Ok," Lu Man broke into a smile.

Perhaps because he was running a fever that Han Zhuoli's lips felt searing hot.

Just then, someone knocked on the bedroom door. From outside the door, Auntie He called, "Sir, Lu Man, Dr. Su is here."

"That's the Han family's family doctor," Han Zhuoli explained.

Usually, when he was too busy, Han Zhouli didn't have the time to go to the hospital and also now Old Master and Old Madam Han were quite old, thus it was also inconvenient for them to keep going to the hospital for check-ups.

Therefore, Han family had their own family doctor.

Lu Man then opened the door for Dr. Su, an elegant-looking middle-aged man. He was tall and lean, wearing rimmed spectacles.

"Miss Lu," Dr. Su greeted Lu Man.

Just two days ago, he had just visited the old mansion for the Old Mr. and Mrs. Han's regular health check-up. Back then, Old Mrs. Han wouldn't stop talking about Lu Man, and kept praising her. Therefore, Dr. Su couldn't forget about her even if he wanted too.

After Dr. Su checked Han Zhuoli, he said that Han Zhouli would be fine as long as he took some medicine for the fever.

Since they usually had antipyretic medications ready available at home, Auntie He brought them over for Dr. Su to take a look. After seeing them, Dr. Sun instructed them to give it to Han Zhuoli based on the prescription written on the box.

After Dr. Su left, the effects of the medication started to work and Han Zhuoli started feeling drowsy again.

Lu Man stayed by his side in his bedroom just in case Han Zhuoli needed anything.

However, just as Han Zhuoli was about to sleep, Lu Man's cell phone started to ring.

Lu Man hurriedly took her phone and was about to head out, afraid she would disturb Han Zhuoli.

But Han Zhuoli had already opened his eyes and stopped her. "Just pick it up here, it's fine."

He still wanted Lu Man to be in his reach so that he could her hand and feel assured.

Therefore, Lu Man didn't refuse and sat down by Han Zhuoli's side and within a second, Han Zhuoli held onto her hand.

Lu Man thought to herself, "*When this man falls ill, he likes to act cute.*"

She gave a slight pinch to Han Zhuoli's hand as she answered the call. "Hello."

"Hello, is this Lu Man?" Through the phone, a man's voice could be heard.

"I am."

"Hello, nice to meet you, I'm Ji Cheng. Director Sun must have spoken to you before this,' Ji Cheng said politely.

"Yes, Director Sun just gave me a call," Lu Man said, "I can take on this movie, it's no problem. However, I can only join after two days."

"That's no problem at all," Ji Cheng readily said, "I really can't thank you enough, you have helped me a great deal. Otherwise, in such short notice, I really don't know where else I would have found a new female lead."

All the other skilled actress were busy shooting other shows.

Even if someone could take some time off and join a film midway through another shoot, Ji Cheng still didn't support taking two roles at one time.

Chapter 456: Cannot Arrange A Kiss Scene

If they wanted to act in his film, they needed to do their best, putting their heart and soul into the character.

"Since Director Sun has asked for a favor, no matter what, I have to help. Even though I've only acted in one of Director Sun's movies, and just started to learn how to act as I am lacking in many areas, I'll try my best, please go easy on me."

"You're too humble, I saw *Greedy Wolf Operation*, you acted very well, and compared to Zhang Shuidong, you really didn't lack much."

"It's Ji Cheng?" Han Zhuoli asked from the side.

Lu Man nodded at Han Zhuoli.

Han Zhuoli said, "Let me talk to him."

Helpless, Lu Man could only tell Ji Cheng, "Director Ji, it's that... my boyfriend wants to talk to you."

Ji Cheng was stunned for a bit and tittered. "It's Young Master Han, right?"

Since Sun Yiwu knew that Ji Cheng was a very serious while filming and had an exceptionally bad temper, not regarding the person's status while scolding them, he had told Ji Cheng about Lu Man being Han Zhouli's girlfriend beforehand.

]When Ji Cheng heard that from Sun Yiwu, he was shocked to the core and was speechless for quite a while.

"So, it's enough that only you know about this. Lu Man did not announce it to everyone, so we shouldn't go around telling people about it either. I'm just letting you know so that you won't scold her too much. Don't be like other people who don't care about anything when they berate someone, control yourself when it comes to Lu Man." Director Sun had given him a few instructions.

"F*ck, Lu Man's backer is too strong, still Yu Xingzhou and Bai Shuangshuang dared to go against her? No wonder they were ruined so fast." Ji Cheng was so dumbstruck that he could not even close his mouth.

Sun Yiwu sneered, "As for Yu Xingzhou and Bai Shuangshuang, although Han Zhuoli's involvement possibly made it worse, the one who really destroyed them was Lu Man. Let me tell you the truth, when *My Greedy Wolf Operation* was screened, originally I predicted the ticketing sales would be only 1.5 billion. Even the investors shared the same view and based on our experience we thought that final results would probably be around there, but because of Lu Man's publicity skills, the gross ticketing sales was 3 billion. This was something I didn't even dare to imagine before."

"So, even without Han Zhuoli supporting her, you still need to get along well with Lu Man, it will be beneficial for your movie. After all, this is your first movie, and your future depends on this if you really want to be a director."

"I understand, really, thank you, Brother Sun," Ji Cheng was touched, Sun Yiwu's words were really sincere.

Thus, just now, when Lu Man mentioned her boyfriend, Ji Cheng could instantly guess.

"Yes, it seems you know about it already," Lu Man said, "Please wait a while."

After that, she then passed the phone to Han Zhuoli.

"Director Ji, hello." Han Zhuoli sat up as he greeted Ji Cheng.

"Young Master Han, hello."

"Man Man told me that she wants to act in your movie, and I support her decision, but I have a request, I hope you can agree to it," Han Zhuoli said politely.

"Just say it, if I can satisfy your request, I'll definitely do it," Ji Cheng assured.

“It’s nothing too over the top.” Han Zhuoli smiled and looked towards Lu Man. “It’s just that you cannot arrange a kiss scene or a bed scene for Lu Man.”

Ji Cheng smiled and agreed right away. “Oh, that’s no problem, originally, there was an unnecessary kiss scene in the script, and I was still discussing with the scriptwriters, but now, I’ll just directly remove it.”

“En, if you can do these, and won’t go back on your words, then Han Corporation will come up with a 1.5 billion guaranteed box office investment for your movie,” Han Zhuoli said bluntly, not at all feeling that he was making a too big promising.

Even Lu Man was left stunned.

Chapter 457: The Legendary Bringing Investment Into The Production Group

She did not want Han Zhuoli to lose out because of her.

Moreover, it was the first time Ji Cheng directing a film and he could not compare to Sun Yiwu.

Back then, at first Sun Yiwu had only dared to say that his ticket sales would reach 1.5 billion, but right now, Han Zhuoli immediately promised Ji Cheng a guaranteed box office investment of 1.5 billion from Han Corporation.

Ji Cheng was even more shocked than Lu Man.

Only because Lu Man was the third lead, Han Zhuoli had given Sun Yiwu 1 billion guaranteed box office investment, had she been the main lead, it would not have been just 1 billion.

Fortunately, Lu Man did not let Han Zhuoli lose out and successfully pulled up the box office sales to 3 billion, earning profit for Han Zhuoli instead.

However, the movie being Sun Yiwu’s movie they were sure that it would be popular with the audience.

But what about Ji Cheng?

It was his first time being a director, and before this, in all the movies he had acted in, he had never been the main lead.

Honestly, he did not have a large fan base, and when he decided to switch to direction from acting, a lot of investors did not think that it was a good idea.

Giving him 1 billion guaranteed box office investment already had a very large risk, not to mention the offer by Han Zhuoli, it was 1.5 billion!

“You don’t dare to take that?” Han Zhuoli raised his eyebrows.

“I dare!” Ji Cheng instantly agreed, having excellent artistic talent, he was very brave and would dare to take up every challenge thrown at him. “Young Master Han, don’t worry, I definitely won’t let you make a loss.”

Pleased, Han Zhuoli smiled. “I’m doing this for my girlfriend, as long as you keep her best interests in mind, it’s fine, don’t let anyone bully her.”

“Young Master Han, don’t worry!” Ji Cheng assured Han Zhouli. “Since I’ve promised you, I’ll definitely do it. Once Lu Man joins the production group, I definitely won’t let her feel aggrieved. I am also aware of the Bai Shuangshuang incident, this time, all the actors are my talented, skilled old friends, moreover, besides Lu Man, there aren’t any other female actors with many scenes, the rest all are just cafare, there definitely would be another Bai Shuangshuang incident.”

“Since you are the one saying it, I can trust you.” Otherwise, had Lu Man said this instead, Han Zhuoli would not have agreed so readily.

Ji Cheng was shocked by the sudden favor, he did not think that Han Zhuoli would have faith in him.

After Han Zhuoli finished talking to Ji Cheng, he passed the phone back to Lu Man, and since she did not have much to say, she just said goodbye to Ji Cheng.

After hanging up, Lu Man helped Han Zhuoli to lie down. “Why did you invest 1.5 billion for box office, what if you lose it? Every time, just for me, you invest so much everywhere I go, it makes me a bit embarrassed.”

She had become the legendary golden goose, bringings investment to the production group!

Wait, that was not right, it was bringing investment everywhere!

When she went to the Drama Academy, Han Zhuoli invested in the Drama Academy.

But when she didn’t want to go, Han Zhuoli removed all investments.

When she changed to go to the Film Academy, Han Zhuoli started to invest in the Film Academy.

Wherever she went, Han Zhuoli would invest.

This made her very embarrassed.

“What is there to be embarrassed about?” Han Zhuoli raised his eyebrows. “Isn’t what’s mine also yours? If the money I earned isn’t spent on you, who will I spend it on?”

Lu Man started to laugh.

Look at how casually he said it.

When people said that; it was simply buying lipstick for their girlfriend.

But what about him?

He was spending billions!

How could he be like that?

Han Zhuoli smiled and pinched her cheeks lightly. “Anyway, you definitely won’t let me make losses.”

This girl, how could she see him make losses?

“That’s true too,” Lu Man affectionately lay in his embrace and kissed his jaw. “I definitely won’t let you make any loss.”

Scared, Han Zhuoli said, "Stay a bit further away from me, what if I spread my illness to you?"

Chapter 458: Lu Man Really Helped Him Gain Face

"Even if I'm infected, I'm not scared," Lu Man did not leave and instead held his face, and kissed him on his lips.

Prying open his mouth, she slipped her hot tongue inside his mouth.

Han Zhuoli felt very helpless, but there was an indescribable softness and warmth in his heart. He could not help but tightened his hold on her.

After a long while of breathlessness, Lu Man stopped kissing him and left a small kiss on his forehead. "Go to sleep, you'll get well sooner."

Han Zhuoli wanted to get her assurance, "You said it when I'm not sick, it's fine for us to do whatever I want, right?"

Lu Man nodded her head happily. "Of course, I always keep my word."

When he was not sick anymore, she would have entered the production group, what else could he do?

Lu Man had a sly look on her face.

Seeing her look, Han Zhuoli knew that she was being crafty again.

Haha, this time, he would let her know, there will be a day that this little fox would fall into his trap!

Thinking about that, Han Zhuoli happily let go of Lu Man.

He was indeed sleepy, and slowly closed his two eyes. Not too long later, his breathing became stable and slower.

Lu Man put the blanket over him and used the ear temperature measuring device to check his temperature before going to the kitchen.

Auntie He had already kept some ice packs in the fridge, so Lu Man took one out and covered it in a wet cloth, before returning to the bedroom and putting it on Han Zhuoli's forehead.

She then sat at the bedside, and since she had nothing else to do, she just kept looking at Han Zhuoli's calm sleeping face.

No matter how much she looked at him, she just didn't find it enough. The more she looked, the more engrossed she got and fell in love with him again.

She did not know that she was experiencing the same feeling that Han Zhouli had when Han Zhouli visited her on the first day of the New Year and kept looking at her sleeping calmly. Back then, even for Han Zhouli, no matter how much he looked at her, it didn't feel satisfied.

Suddenly, the vibration of her phone pulled Lu Man back to her senses.

Since she was scared that she would disturb Han Zhuoli's sleep, Lu Man had put her phone on vibrate.

Upon unlocking her phone screen, she found it to be a notification from WeChat.

Opening WeChat, Lu Man saw that it was a group invite from Sun Yiwu.

Before this, while filming *Greedy Wolf Operation*, she had added Sun Yiwu and the rest on WeChat.

Accepting the invite, Lu Man joined the group created by Sun Yiwu.

At first, she had thought it to be some work-related group, but who knew that when she joined she would just find three members, there were only three people in the group including her.

Sun Yiwu, Ji Cheng and her.

“Brother Ji, come come, Lu Man has joined,” Sun Yiwu called happily.

Ji Cheng: “Lu Man ah, this group is just for the three of us, if you have anything, just directly contact me on WeChat.”

As soon as he said that, Lu Man received Ji Cheng’s friend request.

After accepting it, she returned to the group screen and saw Sun Yiwu’s message. “Lu Man, when you film with Ji Cheng, if he scolds you or treats you badly, don’t hold it in, come and look for me, I’ll help you teach him a lesson!”

Ji Cheng: “... Brother Sun, you are saying that in front of me, is that really good?”

Sun Yiwu: “How is it not good? Even if you were physically in front of me right now, I would say that too. Lu Man is someone I introduced to you to save the day, so I have to take responsibility for Lu Man. She is going to help you, I can’t let her suffer grievances.”

Ji Cheng: “Alright, then you’re in charge of supervision, I definitely cannot treat Lu Man badly.”

As Sun Yiwu held the phone in his hand, his mood became extremely good.

It was all because just now, after Ji Cheng finished calling Lu Man, he had given him a call and said, “Brother Sun, the girl you recommended me is just too good, her personality is excellent! She said that it’s because of you that she’s taking this show. After all, it’s only because my Brother Sun whose reputation is good!”

How could Sun Yiwu not be pleased upon hearing that?

Lu Man really helped him gain face.

“Have you discussed the pay with Lu Man?” Sun Yiwu asked.

“I’m just planning to talk to Lu Man about it,” Ji Cheng said, and directly sent a chart picture over.

Chapter 459: Doesn’t Hold Back At All

It was the pay chart of A-list celebrities.

The pay for films could not compare to the television dramas; it was much higher for television dramas, and many female actresses who were paid more than 100 thousand yuan or even a few 100 thousand yuan per episode would at maximum get around 5 to 6 million, and most of them got only 1 million yuan for movies.

However, for the actors who did not film television dramas anymore and only acted in movies, their pay would be even a little higher.

Such as the famous Gao Zishan, her payment per movie was 17 million while Dong Qinrong and Joni were paid 15 million and 8 million respectively.

These three were the top paid female actresses; it was easy to know how less the other actresses get paid per movie.

And there were still some more popular A-list female actresses.

Although there were also rankings among the A-list female actresses, A-list was still A-list, even if a person had the lowest ranking of all A-listers, they would still get paid much more than the B-listers and C-listers.

However, if they only got 1 million yuan, the female celebrities behind would get much less.

Naturally, Lu Man knew about that too.

“Lu Man, you helped me at the vital moment, I can’t let you lose out. The amount I told Lu Qi was 500,000 yuan, at first she accepted it, but in the end, today, she gave me a call and wanted 3 million yuan for the movie,” Ji Cheng said, “Honestly, I need to save every bit of money, even if it’s just a hundred yuan, I need to use it on the production. I cannot compete with those movies with billion-dollar investments who spend it all on paying celebrities, leaving only a few million for rough production. However, I absolutely cannot stand Lu Qi’s temper. Since you offered to help in dire times, I’ll give you 1 million yuan as payment for the film, based on the lowest pay for an A-lister. Later on, when the movie is aired, based on the box office, I’ll give you a percentage of the earnings.”

Lu Man had not even spoken yet when Sun Yiwu said, “If you wanted to give Lu Man only 1 million, I would be angry at you, but since you offered a percentage of the earnings too, it’s alright.”

Keeping the movie results aside, with just 1.5 billion box office investment by Han Zhouli, Lu Man had already earned a lot.

So naturally, Lu Man agreed right away. “Actually, it doesn’t matter how much I earn, it’s enough that I have the opportunity to gain my experience.”

Her current classmates didn’t even have shows to film, while Lu Man was about to film a second movie already.

The public preferred movies over dramas and that was why so many actors wanted to act in movies.

Having managed to get a new movie offer, Zhang Xiaoying was already so full of herself; it could be seen how reputable acting in a movie was.

And so, Lu Man felt fortunate to have received an opportunity and she did not wish for anything more.

Moreover, it wasn't like she was not getting paid for the movie at all, a mere 100 thousand yuan of pay were enough for Xia Qingwei and her to live.

"Then that settles it!" Sun Yiwu declared. "Oh but Ji Cheng, Lu Qi has caused you so much trouble, do you plan on leaving it just like that?"

When Sun Yiwu first heard about it, he was already so furious, much less to say Ji Cheng who was troubled by Lu Qi.

Lu Qi was practically threatening him.

They had already discussed the pay beforehand, and she had agreed at that time, it wasn't like Ji Cheng was taking advantage of her, if she thought it was low, then she shouldn't have agreed!

Even if she regretted it and felt that it was too little, she had to say it earlier!

If she just had to do it at this vital point, isn't this threatening Ji Cheng?

If he wanted the movie to film smoothly, then Ji Cheng would have had to agree to her demands, otherwise, without a female lead, he would be losing a lot of money!

The main thing was that Lu Qi's reputation was already so horrible, and it was already not bad that she had got a film offer, yet she was too greedy!

"I can't get over it either!" When Ji Cheng wrote that, his hand trembled in rage.

"Fool! Lu Man is here, why don't you just ask her instead of keeping it to yourself," Sun Yiwu insulted him. "Lu Man, come up with an idea please."

While dealing with Lu Qi, Lu Man definitely never held back at all.

Chapter 460: How Heartbreaking!

"When Lu Qi asked for a pay hike, how did you reply to her?" Lu Man asked Ji Cheng.

"I didn't promise her anything, and I just told her that I would consider it and reply a few days later." Actually, Ji Cheng was also holding back. "I just wanted to leave an escape route for myself. When Lu Qi requested to increase her pay, I did not plan on hiring her anymore. Haha, I gave her 500 thousand yuan, she doesn't find it good enough, right? Then I won't even give her 50 yuan!"

Actually, Lu Man really did not understand how Lu Qi's mind worked.

If she was on the top and looked down on 500 thousand yuan, feeling like it was too little for her, then that was one thing.

But right now, her reputation was already horrible, her first priority should be to film more movies and be in the public eye, not letting the audience forget her existence. Her earnings should come secondary.

After all, as a rich second-generation heir, she did not lack money at all. At such a crucial stage of her career, what was the use of being picky with the pay?

However, if Lu Qi really did think like Lu Man, that would mean she was not dumb.

But if she was not dumb, would she still be Lu Qi?

Listening intently, Lu Man nodded and then told Ji Cheng, "Then that's easy to settle. Since you haven't contacted her for a few days, Lu Qi will definitely be anxious. If she doesn't contact you, just ignore her. But if she contacts you, you don't need to say that you've found someone else, just tell her that you agree to the pay hike and you are currently getting people to redo the contract, and have her wait for a few more days. When you say this to her, remember that you must sound helpless, and grit your teeth as if you have no choice but to agree, and make it very clear to her that if it was not for the fact that you are rushing to start filming, and have no time at all, you would definitely not have agreed to her demands. The more you do this, the more she'll believe you, and the more she'll gloat inwardly. Usually, when people feel happy about getting their way, they will do dumb things easily."

Ji Cheng: "..."

Sun Yiwu: "..."

The sum of their ages added was more than four times of Lu Man's, yet when it came to causing trouble for people without making noise, they could not compare to this little girl.

"Alright, I'll do what you said!" Ji Cheng rubbed his fist to his palm, preparing to trap Lu Qi.

"But this thing can't be kept from Lu Qi forever, she'll know about it eventually, but even if she knows, it won't be a problem. As long as she dares to make trouble, I can make her reputation even worse. Since a day before joining the production group, she dares to demand a raise, naturally, other directors would not dare to cast her too. But the best thing to make her feel worse would be letting the movie results hit her in the face. Lu Qi's most regretful moment would be when the movie premieres."

Ji Cheng excitedly said: "Lu Man, you have so much confidence in my movie?"

"No, I have confidence in my publicity skills," Lu Man sent a smiling smug emoji.

After all, in her past life, she had never heard about a movie called "Red Tiger".

In her past life, it probably failed.

Even Sun Yiwu's *Greedy Wolf Operation*, had an average box office collection, the same as Sun Yiwu expected, around 1.4 to 1.5 billion. In her past life, it did not manage to reach the 3 billion mark and it also did not become a local blockbuster movie.

Ji Cheng: "..."

How heartbreaking!

Lu Man's reaction caused Sun Yiwu to break out in mock laughter.

"Ji Cheng, ah, just leave this thing to Lu Man." Sun Yiwu sent a wildly laughing expression. "Having Lu Man act as the main lead in your movie, you have already earned a lot! From the main lead to publicity and PR, she'll solve everything for you, and she can even help you get your revenge on Lu Qi."

After Ji Cheng giving a thought to what Sun Yiwu said, he found it to be really like that.

While Ji Cheng was working with Lu Man to ruin Lu Qi completely, yet Lu Qi was unaware of the disaster that would befall her and was happily waiting at home for her pay, living in her dreams.