

Mr Han 621

Chapter 621: Can You Lend Me The Microphone For A While?

"This director, after being praised by the fans a few times, he already thinks he's a grandmaster? He's so arrogant, it's revolting!"

Even the reporters offstage started to become unhappy since this one month, they had seen the miracle of *Red Tiger*.

Even after being ridiculed and derided by others at the start, right now *Red Tiger* had managed a 5.5 billion box office collection, and working a bit harder, they could exceed 6 billion, and maybe even reach 7 billion, this was already a miracle in the local movie industry!

Red Tiger had already become a sensational movie of the country, their pride!

But now it was being mocked by others, even if it was Bourbotte, a world-class big director, it was still not acceptable!

Not able to stand it anymore, a reporter lashed out. "Mr. Bourbotte, do you think that *Red Tiger* is just an ordinary popcorn commercial movie? All the weapons in the show, special effects, martial arts scenes were directed properly and the weapons used be appropriate to the fight scenes. The main actors had followed the army training regime for three months in order to make it realistic, to fight like real soldiers on the battlefield. All the details were meticulously thought through and there is no scene in the movie that barely meets the satisfaction level of the audience. Even the military professionals couldn't find any fault with it. It is the epitome of our movie industry. If such an amazing movie doesn't reach your passable standards, and you look down on it so much, then do you feel that *Attack Force* can do even better?"

Instantly, Bourbotte confidently said, "Isn't that a must? Like what you said, *Attack Force* is definitely of a high standard, and can do it even better than *Red Tiger*."

"Mr. Bourbotte, do you mean to say that *Attack Force*'s box office collection can surpass *Red Tiger*'s, breaking its record?" A reporter asked, coldly smiling.

No matter whether *Attack Force* was filmed better than *Red Tiger* or not, *Red Tiger*'s 5.5 billion box office collection was a record-breaker, and it had yet to stop airing, so there was still space for it to rocket high.

No matter how good *Attack Force* was, no matter how die-hard fans Bourbotte had, could it exceed 5.5 billion box office collection?

Suddenly, Bourbotte went into deep contemplation, he had just remembered that *Red Tiger*'s box office sales were extraordinary.

Just now, he had been proudly insulting them but had forgotten that point.

But now that the words had been spoken already, what else could Bourbotte say?

Sensing the situation, Ryan quickly took over. "The box office collection isn't the only criteria to decide whether a movie is good or not. A good movie needs people to appreciate it, and it also requires people

to have high standards for the movie. Some movies are very deep. But those who understand it are very rare, then could you say that it's not a good movie?"

Ryan's sudden diversion of the topic left the reporters speechless and they didn't manage to retort quickly.

At that moment, Lu Man suddenly stood up and walked down.

There were security officers who saw her go to the stage and wanted to stop her.

However, Han Zhuoli stood up coldly and followed behind Lu Man, warning the security officer with his cold gaze.

The event manager instantly recognized Han Zhuoli, and hurriedly pulled the security officers back.

What a joke, they could dare to stop Lu Man, but who would dare to stop Han Zhuoli, this Big Boss?

More than half of the entertainment industry was his all right?

Offending Han Zhuoli for Bourbotte, this clueless person?

That was not possible!

Having heard Bourbotte's disdainful words, even the event manager was enraged and at this moment, his heart wasn't into his job anymore.

Lu Man walked to the reporter who had asked a question just now. "Can you lend me your microphone for a while?"

Hearing her voice, the reporter raised his head and was left stunned, he instantly recognized the person to be none other than Lu Man!

The reporter's heart skipped a beat with excitement. After all, who was Lu Man?

She was the goddess who managed to ruin a popular actor before she even made a debut in the entertainment industry and when she officially debuted in the entertainment industry, while facing attacks from everyone, she never lost!

The very next moment, the reporter stood up in excitement and passed the microphone to Lu Man. "Yes yes, why don't you sit here?"

Chapter 622: Placing Yourself On A Pedestal

"There's no need." Lu Man smiled at him. "There's more of an aura while standing."

Holding the microphone next to her mouth, Lu Man spoke in fluent English, "I agree with you that the box office collection cannot prove that a movie is good. However, *Attack Force* that kind of movie which has a complex, deep plot that normal people would not understand it?"

Right!

The reporter hit his thigh, how did he forget about that!

Attack Force was a commercial movie, it was all about action scenes.

For such a movie, it was all right to say that it had a meaningful plot.

But to say that the plot was very complex and deep such that normal people wouldn't be able to understand, who were they kidding?

Lu Man's provocative question left Ryan stumped.

"Since *Attack Force* and *Red Tiger's* theme is the same, and even the plot is similar, it's easy for people to pay almost the same attention to it. Since both parties are standing on the same starting line, why can't we let the box office collection sales speak for itself?" Lu Man asked again.

At that moment, Wang Qianyun saw how Han Zhuoli was standing behind Lu Man like a backer for her, and the two of them were actually standing so close together.

Lu Man just needed to lean back slightly, and she would directly be resting in Han Zhuoli's embrace.

Han Zhuoli was already tall, and with his protective stance behind Lu Man, he seemed very reliable.

Wang Qianyun did not miss how Han Zhuoli looked warned the security officers who wanted to stop Lu Man, scaring them enough to not even to dare to take a step ahead.

Being protected by a man like Han Zhuoli was amazing!

Suddenly, she was jealous of Lu Man!

Thus, without giving a thought, Wang Qianyun raised her microphone and mocked, "Standing on the same starting line? Don't place yourself on a pedestal!"

Finding the way Han Zhouli protected Lu Man annoying, Wang Qianyun's eyes were filled with envy, losing her composure, she scoffed, " *Red Tiger* is like child's play to us, yet you guys are still so over the moon about it. You even think yourself to be amazing, trying to compare *Red Tiger* to *Attack Force* . Saying that we are on the same starting line as *Red Tiger* is wrong in the first place. If you wanted to be on the same starting line as *Attack Force* , you need to work hard for a few more years."

Wang Qianyun asked smugly, "Aren't you the female lead of *Red Tiger* ?"

Meanwhile, Ji Cheng stood up suddenly. "I'm the director of *Red Tiger*, I can't let Lu Man, this girl be at the frontline alone!"

After saying that, he walked towards the front to stand beside Lu Man.

Liu Chuanhui and Zhang Jian also followed him to stand up and stood at either side of Lu Man, shooting daggers at the *Attack Force* team on stage.

"All right, then let's watch *Attack Force* today, and get to know what a really good movie is! I know that you are unwilling to admit defeat, and feel that the *Red Tiger* is prideful and boasting on the basis of its box office collection alone. But now it's time to let the truth awaken you. Let's watch *Attack Force* with attention and compare notes. Also, let's find the faults and areas we all are lacking in."

At that moment, a reporter could not help but question. "Aren't you from China? Why are you stepping on our locally produced movie just to promote *Attack Force* !"

"You are really hilarious," Wang Qianyun said, "At the start, didn't you all asked for our opinions on *Attack Force* and *Red Tiger* ? Now that we've have spoken the truth, you guys cannot stand it anymore?"

"The f*ck, I can't stand it anymore, I really want to punch her!" There were audience members off stage who cursed in rage.

"How disgusting, wanting to earn our money, and still insulting our movie!"

Wang Qianyun looked at Lu Man, challenging her, don't come forward just to be embarrassed!

Ha!

She wanted to see how Lu Man would reply!

However, she did not think that Lu Man would not even look at her, and pretend to have not heard her as she just focused her attention on Bourbotte. "Mr. Bourbotte, so you mean to say that if your box office collection breaks the record, then your *Attack Force* was really filmed well, and that's why it suppressed *Red Tiger* instantly, however, in case you don't surpass our box office collection, it's not because the movie is not good, but rather the audience isn't smart enough to understand the movie to appreciate it. So if the box office collection is not high, it doesn't mean that your movie is no good, right?"

Chapter 623: Another One Crushed By Lu Man

Bourbotte: "..."

"Hahahahaha! He has a problem! How can they compete like that! It's just your *Attack Force* that's excellent, you are the best, you are the best in the universe!"

"Isn't this just plain cheating? Don't they find it embarrassing?"

"Moreover, he's a world-class famous director! He is looking down on *Red Tiger* , yet not daring to let box office collection to speak for the success of the movie. If he could not win, he would say that the audience does not know how to appreciate a good movie, that way no matter what, we would be at fault!"

"Good good good, it's us who don't know how to appreciate, your *Attack Force* , an action film has too deep meaning for us to not even understand fights, and we can only understand movies like *Red Tiger* which pay attention to even minute details."

"I did not say that!" Bourbotte's face turned red.

This woman, why was her mouth so horrifying!

He only knew that Lu Man was *Red Tiger's* female lead, but he did not know about Lu Man's previous records.

“Hahahahahaha, another one crushed by Lu Man!”

Everyone was amused watching it, finding Lu Man’s power of crushing people too terrifying!

“Then what do you want to do?” Lu Man shook her head helplessly as if dealing with an immature child.

“You said *Red Tiger* cannot compare to *Attack Force*, how do you want to prove it? When I suggested box office collection, you said that box office collection cannot prove it. If the audience’s review is to be considered, you feel like the audience can’t understand it. Could it be that everything must go according to what you say? If you say that it is good, it is good, if you say that it is bad, it is bad. You are above the audience. Since you are so capable and talented, why don’t you arrange the Oscars as well?”

“Hahahahahaha! Right! If you’re so capable, then you can arrange the Oscars! After all, whether a movie’s quality is based on your review solely!”

“Right right right! If you say it’s bad, it is bad. Be it the Best Movie, the Best Male and Female Lead award, all the awards are only yours.”

“You guys are twisting my words!” Bourbotte roared angrily.

Since the audience was making a lot of noise, he could not understand what they were saying.

But he could hear the mocking tone in those voices.

On the other hand, Ryan did not think so straightforwardly as Bourbotte, after all, after looking down on the audience’s blockbuster movie on their motherland, no matter who they mocked, that person would definitely not take it lightly!

After filming a few movies, Bourbotte’s films were called the “Work of God”, making him think that he was a big shot in the movie industry. With the scholarly attitude, he started looking down on everyone, not thinking of the consequences. He felt that he had the right to say anything to anyone and that person should not refute him.

Thus, he had an obnoxious prideful temper which he believed that a genius like him should have.

His attitude had enraged Ryan tremendously; the moment they had come, they had completely insulted the audience, what if the audience now refused to watch their movie?

Although the large Chinese market offered several benefits and exciting rewards, it didn’t mean that there were no losses at all.

Thus, Ryan hurriedly tried to manage the situation. “Director Bourbotte did not mean that. You are have misunderstood. I think that this is the difference between the Chinese and Western cultures, the problem lies with bad translation, creating misunderstandings between the two parties.”

“Pei! Do you really think we don’t understand English?” Someone struck back at him in English.

“Earlier you were pushing the blame onto the audience, and now you are pushing the blame onto the translator. Wow! You guys are really too good!”

All flared up, some people even stood up and shouted. "I'm a student from the Foreign Language School and I majored in English, I clearly heard Bourbotte's words just now and no way did the translator translate it wrong at all!"

Lu Man said coldly, "There's no need to find excuses, let the box office collection speak! When *Attack Force* can exceed *Red Tiger*, then you can have the right to critique whether *Red Tiger* is good or not. Otherwise — "

Chapter 624: Sour Grapes For Those Who Can't Have It

Lu Man cast a cold gaze at Bourbotte. "These are just words of people who would claim the grapes to be sour when they can't have it."

Lu Man especially said these words in Chinese so that everyone could understand.

Furthermore, they were in their motherland, so speaking English while the majority of people were Chinese was just too strange!

"As for the movie's quality, we'll let the audience speak for themselves, goodbye." After Lu Man finished speaking she turned to look at Han Zhuoli.

Proud of her stance, Han Zhuoli smiled at her and followed her to leave.

Naturally, Ji Cheng and his team could not stay behind and they all left together.

Even the Sun Yiwu who was sitting told his wife, "Let's go as well."

"Ok, let's go."

The next moment, Sun Yiwu and his wife also stood up from their seats and left.

Even in the entertainment industry, there were people who were cynical to the bone.

And so, they followed suit.

"What a horrible movie! I won't watch it too!" Even though some people from the audience had spent a lot of money for the premiere tickets, they threw their tickets in disgust and left angrily.

"They are openly mocking and deriding our local production, yet they think they can earn our money, disgusting!"

Within a few minutes, a lot of people had left, and in the end, the theatre only had around a third of the audience left.

Those were the die-hard fans of Bourbotte who firmly believed that a big shot like him should have such a domineering personality. They supported his haughty, prideful attitude and thus stayed back while others left in masses.

Despite being looked down upon earlier, a few celebrities stayed behind with the hope of getting to know Ryan and Bourbotte. Even if they managed to grab a very minor character in Bourbotte's future film and even if it did not get any lines, it would still be great.

"It's really too infuriating!" Even after they left the theater, Liu Chuanhui hadn't vented his felt angry.

"Lu Man, can you estimate whether *Attack Force* can break our box office record?" Having seen Lu Man's capabilities when *Red Tiger* aired, Zhang Jian's first reaction was to ask Lu Man.

Even Ji Cheng did not mind it since all of them were already placing all their hopes onto hoping Lu Man.

Being stared at by so many eyes, Lu Man: "..."

"I haven't watched *Attack Force*, so I can't tell for sure," Lu Man said helplessly.

"Ah?" Zhang Jian was shocked. "You were so confident just now, I thought that you already had a plan."

"I will have one on time if I start thinking of a method now." Lu Man scratched the tip of her nose in embarrassment. "Right now, I was just focused on getting back at them, I can't multitask and plan while I attack."

"Oh no, then what are you planning to do now?" Liu Chuanhui asked.

"Today, Bourbotte and his team's deriding words would definitely be uploaded by netizens and many more videos would crop up too," Lu Man said.

"How can you be so sure? What if there isn't?" Zhang Jian asked.

"Even if there isn't I can make it such that there will be," Lu Man smiled and said.

"We didn't record it, we forgot to do it at that time," Zhang Jian said, feeling like it was a pity.

"There is no need, I had a friend film it." Lu Man had just finished speaking when she heard someone call her. "Lu Man."

Everyone turned their heads around to see Tang Zi who had just come out with a cameraman holding a camera.

"This is my friend, Tang Zi, he's an entertainment reporter at Nan Yin." Lu Man introduced him happily.

Back then, Tang Zi was a paparazzi, and now he was an entertainment reporter, so naturally, he was familiar with those there.

"Director Li, hello. Director Sun, Sister-in-law, hello. Teacher Liu, Brother Zhang," Tang Zi greeted everyone.

"So you have a friend present here." Zhang Jian let out a breath of relief.

Lu Man smiled knowingly. Nan Yin would definitely send reporters over, even if it wasn't Tang Zi, it would be someone else.

Just based on Nan Jingheng and Han Zhuoli's relationship, wasn't getting the video from the reporter a simple thing?

"Don't worry, we recorded everything," Tang Zi assured. "Once I get back home, I'll upload it on the computer and then send it to you."

Chapter 625: Defeating Attack Force

“Alright!” Lu Man did not dare to delay him any longer. “You should quickly go back, I won’t delay you anymore.

“It’s nothing, the movie started to show already, and we aren’t allowed to film,” Tang Zi said, “But I really want to go back to see, how was Attack Force filmed, to be so arrogant.”

Tang Zi laughed coldly.

After saying goodbye to everyone, Tang Zi and the cameraman returned.

They had been requested to switch the cameras off, and start watching the movie.

Lu Man and the rest directly left, and did not even watch it.

As to how it was, they would just wait for the reviews after the movie.

Ji Cheng and the rest sat on their respective cars and left, and Lu Man followed Han Zhuoli back to the car.

Halfway home, Lu Man received Ji Cheng’s call, “Lu Man, look at Weibo, there have already been netizens who had published that video.”

Lu Man hurriedly opened Weibo, this video was obviously filmed and uploaded by a netizen.

Using the phone to film, the distance was not considered near, because the audience tickets were all at the back of the theater.

But using the phone’s zoom in, they could clearly see how Bourbotte and the rest could see how Bourbotte and the rest looked on stage clearly.

The camera was a bit unstable, but it looked even more real.

That netizen wrote, “I had originally been anticipating Attack Force a lot, but seeing what they said, I directly left the theater and did not see it! Otherwise even though I supported their box office sales, I would still be mocked for not knowing how to appreciate it by them. Haha, tomorrow I’m going to watch Red Tiger for the third time, to help in the effort of defeating Attack Force.”

Whether it was Ji Cheng or Zhang Jian, Liu Chuanhui, including Lu Man, they all had quite substantial fanbases.

Seeing that Weibo, they all reposted it.

“That attitude of looking down on people is so funny, I want to see how much better Attack Force is.”

“Red Tiger might have some areas that is not mature enough, but are your Hollywood films really that perfect? We don’t need to think too far away, just those supposed blockbusters this year, the plot was lengthy and forced, the pacing slow, I was going to sleep while watching in the movie theater. Isn’t it just because it’s a series, and that’s what lures people to watch it. Is that really worth being proud about?”

"I was also there at the event location, and I also left. It was really too angering, looking down on our movies. Even if he filmed a few movies with good reviews, could he randomly criticize people's movies like that?"

"Is no one going to attack that China woman? Licking Bourbotte's boots, and still having a high pride and looking down on our locally produced movies, she doesn't think of herself as a China person right?"

"I checked her details on Baidu, she's an American born Chinese, she probably can arrogantly say that she's not from China."

"This kind of person is disgusting! Forgetting your own roots!"

Someone @Red Tiger's official Weibo, and @Ji Cheng, @Liu Chuanhui, @Zhang Jian, @Lu Man, "I won't say anything else, but I'll definitely support Red Tiger, and will definitely not go and see Attack Force!"

"Add me in!"

"Count me in!" I will definitely not watch Attack Force, even if it's some god film, I won't watch it either.

"The above poster, don't make Attack Force sound so good, it's just an action blockbuster, how high level could it be, still calling it a god film."

"I went to the premiere tonight as well, when I left, there were some audience who stayed behind, waiting for their reviews after watching."

"Those that stayed behind are Bourbotte's fans right? After being die-hard fans for so long, how can you expect them to have a fair review?"

Chapter 626: Shocked To The Core

"Don't say like that! The audience who stayed back are sitting on the fence as they want to see how Attack Force turns out."

"Right, it's not bad to stay behind. After all, having watched the film till the end, you get the right to criticize it, moreover, you can at least tell us where the movie goes wrong."

Backing them up, Lu Man casually posted on Weibo and tagged them too. "Thank you, we accept your suggestions, and honestly accept constructive criticism. However, we do not accept arrogant people who look down on us and try to step on us."

Following Lu Man's post, her fans also came out to show their support on Weibo.

With Xu Ningxian leading them, they spoke in favor of Lu Man.

Not just Lu Man and the fans of other actors, but even the passive netizens also had strong reactions.

The passive netizens who originally were not Lu Man's fans were also pumped up. "Well-said!"

"Right, if we are lacking, we can change, but we don't accept being looked down on and stepped on!"

“I heard that the Red Tiger team had also come to the premiere of Attack Force but they left the venue before Attack Force officially premiered. Moreover, some people from the audience also left the venue after the Red Tiger team.”

“It’s good that they left, if it were me, I would also leave. Having been mocked and trampled upon, if they did not leave, were they supposed to stay there till the New Year?”

“All the members of Red Tiger team are hot-headed, no wonder they get along so well with Lu Man, it’s just a group of horrible tempered people.”

“Even the thought of them together is too beautiful, with their bad tempers, did they fight while filming?”

“What fight!” Our Goddess of Fury is very loyal to her fans, and her temper is very good. She only has a bad temper towards those who attack her on their own accord, how cute!” Lu Man’s fans supported her instantly.

“Our Zhang Jian is like that too.”

“Our Professor Liu is only strict and serious towards work, his temper is still very good.”

“Our Director Ji too, otherwise, would he listen to Lu Man?”

“Alright, alright, alright, your Red Tiger team is good-tempered, I’ll believe it, all right?”

Keeping up with the trend, Ji Cheng and the others posted on Weibo as well.

“A dignified person would never let it go willingly. It’s better to speak out rather than putting on a happy smile and saying that all is good while cursing in the heart.”

“Even though I need to work overtime tomorrow, I won’t sleep, I’ll wait for the movie reviews to be out after people have Attack Force.”

Because of Lu Man, Han Zhuoli naturally cared about how things progressed, and thus he followed Lu Man home, planning to stay over for the night at Lu Man’s house.

As soon as he entered their house, Han Zhuoli made a phone call to know the current situation.

He then followed Lu Man and Xia Qingwei to watch television.

The drama going on right now did not affect Lu Man and Han Zhuoli at all, they were quite relaxed, enjoying the show with Xia Qingwei.

Even Xia Qingwei was not worried too much about it, she was going through Weibo just to see how things were progressing, caring more about tonight’s incident than Lu Man.

“Aiya, Man Man, look,” Xia Qingwei directly passed the phone to Lu Man, smiling as she cast a look at Han Zhuoli.

When Lu Man looked, she saw that some netizens were planning on booking Attack Force’s movie tickets.

Although Attack Force had its premiere today, it would officially air from next Friday.

Most of the netizens stood on Red Tiger's side because of patriotism, however, there were still quite a few netizens who did not care about it and would enjoy the movie as long as it was good.

And because they believed in Bourbotte's reputation, they did not care about Bourbotte mocking them.

Some people even felt that what he said was quite right.

Thus, quite a lot of netizens were booking movie tickets through the booking application.

But who knew they would get a shock upon looking at the screen.

Enthusiastic Citizen Mr. Wang: "I originally wanted to book the tickets for Attack Force on Friday, but when I saw the airing schedule, I got a shock.

He had even attached a screenshot.

The photo showed that the movie chains did give Attack Force quite a lot of airing time and that it even exceeded Red Tiger's, but the difference was not significantly big.

Chapter 627: Teach Him To Be A Human

Attack Force scheduled airings took up 31.6 percent and ranked first.

White Red Tiger's scheduled airings took up 29.8 percent and ranked second.

But the Han Corporation's theater chain was powerful, and over there Red Tiger's airings were 40.5 percent and ranked first.

While Attack Force's scheduled airings were at 0 percent.

Thus, the overall scheduled airings for Red Tiger took up 36.05 percent, ranking first.

Surprisingly, after having its airings being averaged out by Han Corporation's theater chain, Attack Force took up just 14.9 percent, even lower than the newly aired animated movie Little Lamb Run Quickly for children aged 12 and below.

Little Lamb Run Quickly's scheduled airings took up 16.8 percent, ranking third.

Thus Han Corporation's movie theatre chain not airing Attack Force had a drastic impact on Attack Force.

Seeing this, all the netizens broke out into laughter.

"Hahahahaha, Mom, I spit out saliva onto my computer, I need to repair it tomorrow."

"The Han Corporation is amazing! Earlier, they had given Attack Force more than ten percent of the air time, but now they decided to not air Attack Force at all, it's too much! However, I want to say, you did well!"

"666, this is the first time I found Han Corporation so amusing."

"Han Corporation is too domineering!"

“My Mom asked why I’m kneeling down and checking Weibo.”

“Didn’t anyone find it strange as to why Han Corporation is always helping Red Tiger? Before this, when it went against Fighting Hero, Han Corporation was obviously helping Red Tiger, and this time too, they did not give Attack Force any screening slots. I’m not saying that Red Tiger is not good, also everyone had seen that Fighting Hero did not match up to Red Tiger. But Attack Force has a strong foundation and it is definitely better than Fighting Hero. There is no reason for Han Corporation to lose out on money by not letting Attack Force air in their theatres.

“In front of the country, there is no such thing as profits!”

“There are no idols in front of the country!”

“What, how did our country come in between this?”

“He’s looking down on our country’s movies, in the end, isn’t he looking down on our country?”

“Did you forget that Han Corporation is the biggest investor in Red Tiger? If Red Tiger is embarrassed, it would not be good for Han Corporation as well. Furthermore, Red Tiger had helped Han Corporation earn a lot already, as for Attack Force, even if the Han Corporation does not earn money, they won’t lose money too. The netizen above, don’t randomly worry, people know how to calculate profits better than you, no matter what, they would not let themselves lose out.”

Smiling, Lu Man passed the phone to Xia Qingwei, and looked knowingly at Han Zhuoli. “You made a phone call as soon as you reached here just now to organize the screening times, right?”

“It’s our land, let’s teach him how to be a human.” Han Zhuoli pursed his lips, he was also bugged and unhappy with Bourbotte and his team’s attitude.

Anticipating the reviews of Attack Force, even the Xia Qingwei, who usually went to sleep early, was awake till midnight, constantly refreshing Weibo, waiting for someone to express their views.

Seeing that Xia Qingwei’s eyes were closing, Lu Man tried to convince her to sleep, but Xia Qingwei just did not agree.

“How about this, the moment someone posts a review, I’ll wake you up and tell you about it,” Lu Man suggested.

“There’s no need, it’s almost time, I’ll just wait for a while more,” Xia Qingwei said.

At that moment, Lu Man’s phone vibrated.

There was a WeChat message notification on her cellphone.

Upon opening it, Lu Man saw that it was on the Red Tiger WeChat group, and Ji Cheng had even added Sun Yiwu to it.

Ji Cheng: “Is everyone waiting?”

Zhang Jian: “I’m waiting.”

Liu Chuanhui: “I’m waiting, I want to see what kind of thing these obnoxious people have filmed.”

Sun Yiwu: "Haha."

Zhang Jian: "Oh, Director Sun is also here."

Sun Yiwu: "I'm here, your sister-in-law has also not gone to sleep and is waiting together. Has Lu Man gone to sleep?"

Chapter 628: Slap in the Face

Lu Man: "Nope, I'm waiting."

After midnight, some reviews finally came up on Weibo.

"I just came out of the movie theater. Honestly, it's filmed quite well, but it's still a little slow-paced. It's probably because I've become used to the fast pace of Red Tiger that when I watched Attack Force, I found it quite draggy. Right from the start to the end, Red Tiger was full of fighting scenes with planes, warships, all sorts of weapons, bomb denotation, exploding scenes, it's just one after another, never letting me move my gaze away from the screen, I didn't even go to the washroom at all, not daring to leave the theater, scared that I would miss something, the whole way to the end, I was excited and captivated by Red Tiger unlike Attack Force."

"On the other hand, Attack Force is kind of letting down secret agents. The opening was a *longueur* with the world-building taking up of half of the time. The director spent a lot of time trying to illustrate the cruelty of war, and he wanted to make the movie seem very deep, but in the end, it did not really hit where it wanted to. It isn't deep or complex to understand, rather the story it too dragged out, wanting to stir up emotions but it only ended up ruining the pacing. They wanted the starting scene to be a big, engrossing and meaningful, but the main plot only came in the second half of the movie. Perhaps because the director's previous movies were successful, he has become prideful and placed himself on a pedestal and his overconfidence must have barred this movie from even matching up to the standards of an average movie."

After this review was posted, some netizens instantly replied to that post. "What did Bourbotte say before? Didn't he say that Red Tiger had barely matched the standards? If Red Tiger barely passed as a true movie, then what about Attack Force, a below-average movie, doesn't that mean they did not pass?"

"After mocking Red Tiger, he really got slapped in the face, well done!"

The very next moment, Bourbotte fans came out in his support. "If you don't understand, then don't just comment. It's the work of the Great God Bourbotte, how could it be so superficial? This movie might not feel as exciting as Red Tiger, but you definitely need to bring your brain along to watch it, it's different from the brainless feel of Red Tiger."

"You said that the story was draggy, but I feel there were many scenes in it where its deep, silent meaning spoke volumes. From the attack of the special attack team to the contrast of retreat, the soldier shouted wanting to go home again and again. Such a heart-wrenching scene left me crying. There is also a vast and calm ocean at the beginning that made me feel the insignificance of human beings. Only Bourbotte can make me experience such emotions within a short span of time."

“Boast, just vague, blind boasting, do you think that we can’t realize it? You need not make a film sound deep to increase its quality.”

At that moment, Lu Man’s phone rang. “Lu Man.”

“Tang Zi.” Lu Man greeted. “How did you find it? Tell me the truth, don’t favor Red Tiger because of me.”

“Ha, what favor!” Tang Zi yawned. “I’ll tell you the truth, I slept for more than half of the movie. I saw the arguments online, those fans were intentionally pretending, saying that the movie was too emotional. It isn’t as deep as they claim it to be, you’ll understand as soon as you see it.”

“Alright, I know.” Lu Man hung up.

Even Ji Cheng and the rest in the group had got to know the reviews from different channels.

“Alright, just sleep first. If there’s anything, we can discuss it tomorrow. It’s too late now, my brain can’t work anymore!” Ji Cheng exclaimed.

“Right, there aren’t a lot of reviews online yet, we will have to wait for the official public premiere for the specifics,” Sun Yiwu also said in agreement.

Meanwhile, Bourbotte and his team rest had yet to see the reviews as they were left stunned by screening times allotted to them by Han Corporation.

“What does Han Zhuoli want to do now! Not giving us any showtimes at all!” Ryan roared angrily.

The Han Corporation theater chain took up more than half of the movie industry in the country.

With Han Corporation not giving them a single screening at all, they had clearly lost out on more than half of the movie industry.

Chapter 629: Exceed 7 Billion

Before the competition with Red Tiger even started, they had already lost.

With a fierce gaze, Ryan lashed out at Wang Qianyun. “You claimed confidently that you had a good had a relationship with Han Zhuoli, thus we were hoping that you could help increase the screenings of our movie, but now look at this, you can’t even help at all!”

“I... I really don’t know what’s going on with Big Brother Han, he never treated me like this before.”

“Stop giving excuses, I no longer believe your lies!” Ryan angrily waved his hand.

“You Chinese people are really unscrupulous, just to win you would not give us any screenings at all. How can this be considered as a fair competition?” Susanna berated angrily.

“Susanna, don’t bring me into this,” Wang Qianyun gnashed her teeth. “I migrated to America when I was young, I don’t even know this culture or place at all.”

“Ha.” Susanna laughed coldly, cursing Wang Qianyun in her heart.

Although she had migrated when she was a child and had even obtained American citizenship, what was the use of that?

Her skin and her morals had not changed.

Ryan and Bourbotte were both extremely furious at Han Corporation’s actions.

The next day, the official Chinese Weibo of Attack Force fulminated about Han Corporation’s actions. “If you want to compete, compete fairly, what’s with not giving us screening times? This way, even if you win, it’s not an honest win. Is Red Tiger scared? Not daring to compete with all their might! As for these biased screenings, Han Corporation needs to give us a proper explanation.”

Instantly, the official Weibo account of Han Corporation’s movie theater chain replied back. “First look at the screenings of Red Tiger’s in your country, and then look at the screenings of Attack Force over here, we’re already being very generous, if you want to talk about fair competition, you must first increase the screenings of Red Tiger.”

Han Corporation’s retort was way too domineering!

All their netizens were moved by the domineering reply of Han Corporation showing their patriotism.

“Daddy Han Corporation, you’re so strong!”

“Right, if you want to request for fair competition, then don’t push the Red Tiger’s screenings out! If you want to be fair, then everyone should be fair!”

“Originally I was a fan of Bourbotte, but this time, no matter whether the movie is good or not, I’ll support Red Tiger only.”

Ji Cheng hurriedly looked for Lu Man. “Lu Man, we’re very thankful to Young Master Han this time.”

The Han Corporation giving Attack Force zero screenings really gave him a scare.

Even though Han Zhuoli was doing this for Lu Man, he was the one who also benefited from it.

This favor was too big!

Zhang Jian and Liu Chuanhui also replied in their group. “Young Master Han really dotes on his wife a lot.”

“Director Ji, since Zhuoli is supporting us so much, if we don’t completely subdue Attack Force, it wouldn’t look good, right?” Lu Man asked with a sly smile on her face.

“Of course!” Ji Cheng hit his leg. “If you have any ideas, feel free to say it out, I’ll support it all the way.”

“This time, we can’t do it like the previous times where I found a few friends to publicize the matter more. After all, the opponent this time is Attack Force, we have to compete on a higher level now level. I hope that we can make proper use Internet to do publicity this time around. All kinds of publicity posts, movie analysis, promotions need to be sent out to different media outlets, from posters to mobile advertisements, as kind of information flow should be covered.”

Not even contemplating it, Ji Cheng agreed right away. "Alright, no problem! I'll send you 20 million yuan now, is that enough?"

"It's more than enough," Lu Man chuckled. "You're being too generous."

"Haha, let's not talk about how much Red Tiger will earn. Even if we end up with no profits, we have to teach these foreigners a lesson they will remember their whole life. Even if I have to make losses, I'll do it too!" Ji Cheng said carefreely.

"Since you trust me so much, I won't let you make any loss," Lu Man said with confidence and asked, "Do you want Red Tiger to exceed 7 billion?"

Chapter 630: No One Dared To Hope For It At All

The next moment, the sound of Ji Cheng taking a deep breath could be heard followed by the sound of things clashing.

"How... how much did you say?" Ji Cheng dug his ears, asking in disbelief.

Don't blame him for being so dumbstruck, having a reaction of a hick who had not seen the world; after all, the number mentioned by Lu Man mentioned was too terrifying.

If it really reached that number, the future movies would not be able to break that record let alone the currently airing and past movies.

"7 billion!" Lu Man quickly checked the real-time rankings of the box office collection on her laptop. "Right now, Red Tiger has reached 5.9 billion, by today it can exceed 6 billion. If there was no Attack Force, Red Tiger's popularity would have actually fallen with its box office collection being 6.2 billion at max. But that is normal and as expected since there are only a few movie enthusiasts in the country and those who would go to the theatres must have watched it already, leaving no space for the box office collection to go up."

Ji Cheng nodded in agreement, that was quite normal!

But then Lu Man let out a sly smile. "However, don't we have the altercation with Attack Force now? Yesterday, Bourbotte and Wang Qianyun's derisive words have angered the citizens of our country. No matter whether they have watched Red Tiger or not, they would definitely not want Attack Force to do well. So now we need to benefit from their hatred towards Attack Force by making Red Tiger popular again.

Yet, Ji Cheng still felt that it seemed impossible for the box office collection to reach 7 billion.

It was not that he did not have the guts to dare to think so big, it was just that no one would dare to have such extravagant hopes at all.

Only Lu Man dare to!

Thus, Ji Cheng really admired her.

This girl, why was she so amazing!

No wonder Han Zhuoli did not like women who went after him and only doted on Lu Man so incessantly.

After hanging up the phone, Lu Man went to the study and started devising a publicity plan, and in the meantime, she waited for Ji Cheng to transfer the money for promotion expenditure.

Carrying two cups of freshly brewed coffee, Han Zhuoli came over and offered her one. "What are you busy with?"

"By exploiting the hatred of netizens towards Attack Force and leveraging their patriotic support towards Red Tiger, we can promote Red Tiger and trample on Attack Force till they are pushed into the ground." Lu Man took a sip of the coffee, and gave a cold hmph. "We will teach that Hollywood team a lifetime lesson; if they want to earn our money, they have to follow our rules and keep the citizens pleased. If they think they can insult and step on us while wanting us to contribute towards their profit, no way anything good would ever come to them."

However, the next moment, Lu Man raised her head and smiled sweetly at Han Zhuoli. "Just like what you said, teach them how to be a human."

Han Zhuoli happily lowered his head to kiss her lips. "If there's anything you need me to do, feel free to give me orders."

Suddenly, Lu Man wrapped her arms around his neck and took the initiative to kiss him just when he was about to move away.

Yet when Han Zhuoli wanted to deepen the kiss, Lu Man pulled away.

When Han Zhuoli opened his eyes, he saw they sly, foxy smile on Lu Man's face.

Han Zhuoli gritted his teeth. "Are you messing around with me?"

"You messed around with me first," Lu Man grinned at him.

She had thought that he was going to deepen the kiss and she had been ready for that, yet he just pecked her, making her all flustered and giddy for nothing.

Looking at her grumpy face, Han Zhuoli laughed. "Are you saying that I didn't kiss you deeply and long enough?"

Seeing Han Zhouli's darkened eyes, Lu Man instantly felt that something was wrong and hurriedly wanted to deny it.

However, luck was not on her side as Han Zhuoli grabbed her nape and kissed her fiercely.

At the same time, he carried her up from the chair with one hand, and sat himself down on the chair before placing Lu Man on his legs.