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Chapter 731: How Highly Did She Think of Herself!

No matter what, she had still caused the others to wait, so Lu Man did not retort. "I'm sorry."

But Ni Xue was not done yet. "Is it that only you have fans? We all have more fans than you do. You just got famous, and you want to curry favor with your fans and make your image good, this we can understand. But you can't care so little about the team as to make it seem like you care more about your fans than us, or that you are easier to get close to, right?"

Teacher Liang heard that she was getting more and more out of hand and hurriedly said, "That's enough."

No one had stopped them from talking to the fans for a bit after getting down from the bus.

Likewise, when Lu Man ran over, Teacher Liang did not stop her.

Saying that they had waited for a long time?

They had just entered the school when Teacher Liang called Lu Man over.

What were they waiting for?

They were just making use of this to express their anger!

They themselves did not care about their fans and wanted to be arrogant, and now they did not even let others talk to their fans?

Teacher Liang was unhappy in her heart. This group of children, they became famous too early and lost themselves too fast in this messy entertainment industry.

"We're about to go for the competition soon, so adjust your thoughts and emotions. Don't bring these emotions into the competition and affect your performance."

After Teacher Liang said that, everyone stopped and started to control their emotions, not thinking about Lu Man's thing anymore.

Teacher Liang brought them into the big theater inside the Drama Academy.

While the others were not paying attention, Lu Qi quietly went to Lu Man's side. "Lu Man, after you filmed *Red Tiger*, a lot of people are looking for you to film, right?"

"What is it?" Lu Man raised an eyebrow.

There were indeed a lot of companies that sent her scripts for movies and television dramas.

There were even variety shows.

But she did not take up a single one.

One of the reasons was that she did not like the scripts. Another was that she was still in school. If she took one up, she would be gone for a few months, and the term would end with her not having learned anything. There'd be no meaning in her coming to school in the first place, then.

It would mean that it was better that she did not go to school and just continued filming.

Recently, she'd been reducing her appearances on the media on purpose, not wanting the good reputation she got from *Red Tiger* to be gone too fast.

It just happened that she was met with the Chinese Arts Championships, and even though she received a lot of invitations for activities and dramas and films, she used that reason to reject it all.

"Did you accept any scripts? Are there any suited for me? Why don't you recommend me to them? You have a lot of connections in the entertainment circle now, especially Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng. You can go and greet them and ask them to recommend me. A normal person would have to give face to them," Lu Qi said in a small voice.

Lu Man could not help but laugh like she was hearing some especially funny joke. Pressing onto her stomach, she laughed for a long time. "Recommending you? And even purposely finding Director Sun and Director Ji for you to ask them for help? Owing people a favor because of you?"

Lu Man found it funnier as she spoke. "How highly do you think of yourself?"

Lu Qi's face changed. She lowered her voice, gritting her teeth and saying, "Lu Man, you are doing well now, so shouldn't you be helping your family member? Furthermore, you have so many scripts and activities on hand right now, you can't accept all of them at all. Just give me a few that you don't want, what's wrong with that? Giving me things you don't want, you aren't taking any losses."

"We are sisters, we should help each other. Furthermore, before this, I thought that you had failed the selection and could not participate. I even wanted to let you be my assistant in acting. At that time, I wanted to help you. What's wrong with helping me?"

Lu Man sneered. "You like 'helping' so much, that's your own problem. But I don't like helping you, so what of it? I spent so much effort pulling you from the B list to become someone not even ranked at all. You want me to help you return now? Do I have nothing else to do?"

Chapter 732: The Han Corporation Just Invested in Us

"You!" Lu Qi gritted her teeth hatefully. Lowering her voice, she threatened, "If you help me, I have a piece of important information I can tell you."

Lu Qi raised her head to look at Ni Xue and the rest, and seeing that they were not paying attention to them, she said, "My news is very important for you. You'll definitely regret it if you don't hear it."

"If you want to say it, say it. If you don't, get lost. Anyway, I won't help you." Lu Man not only scolded her, but she also rolled her eyes at her.

Lu Qi was so angry that she was trembling. Why was this Lu Man such a horrible person?!

“Alright! You said it yourself!” Lu Qi smiled coldly. “Don’t regret it! Lu Man, if I’m not doing well, you can dream on about doing well!”

Lu Man looked at Lu Qi mockingly. “You were asking me for help just now, and your attitude changed in an instant. Tell me, how can I help you?”

Lu Qi: “...”

Was Lu Man playing with her?!

Lu Qi directly walked away in anger.

Why was she still staying there for?

To continue to be tricked by Lu Man?

The competition had yet to start; they had arrived two hours early.

Because there was a total of 23 schools, and each school had around 10 participants, there were 230 students.

They needed to undergo a drawing of lots to separate into groups, and that would take a lot of time.

There were too many people. There was not even enough time for everyone to get to know each other.

However, Ni Xue and the rest were actually quite familiar with the students of the National Drama Academy.

Because the National Drama Academy also had students that were already in the entertainment industry and had become famous before they entered school.

Long before they entered the school, they had worked together.

They were not very close, but they would still greet each other when they saw each other.

The bunch of them were greeting each other, even Zhang Xiaoying had people she recognized, and they were totally leaving Lu Man and Lu Qi behind.

Lu Man was on her own, and she felt very carefree.

Not very long later, the principals of the 23 schools all arrived.

Before this, Principal Zhang of the National Drama Academy had brought the other principals to walk around the school and introduce the different places.

At this moment, they reached the big theater, and the other principals expressed their envy.

“There is only one school in the nation that has such a big theater,” the Nan Hua Media University principal said, smiling.

Principal Zhang proudly smiled. “Hahaha, it’s what our school uses to compete. Otherwise, we would be lagging behind.”

Principal Liu could not stand Principal Zhang's proud look. "Hahaha, our National Film Academy is building one too."

"Oh? The National Film Academy also has one?"

The principal of Donghua Film Academy expressed his shock.

"That's right, the Han Corporation just invested in us." Principal Liu jutted out his chin, seeming very arrogant.

Principal Zhang: "..."

The principal of the Donghua Academy of Drama then said, "I saw the news. Chen Cong chose your National Drama Academy. This child is very talented, a rare child with acting skills among the new generation of actors. He can be said to be the leader of the new generation of actors, and he even wins against a lot of his seniors. He is very likely to become a representative of their generation with his acting skills, and in the messy entertainment industry today, his appearance is a good thing for our acting scene."

Principal Zhang smiled happily. "It's this child who trusts in our Drama Academy."

"Haha, after all, your Drama Academy has come out with a lot of older famous talented actors," the principal of Donghua Academy of Drama said with a smile. "He's low key, and his acting skills are good enough. This is what this generation lacks the most, the hardest-to-find and most precious kind. I hope that Chen Cong can maintain himself."

The principal of the National Media University saw Principal Liu's disapproving expression. He smiled and said, "If you want to talk about actors with talent, there is one in the National Film Academy as well."

"Oh? The one you are talking about, is it—?" the principal of the Nan Hua Media University said.

Chapter 733: Does Lu Man Need Your Critiques?

The principal of the National Media University nodded. "That's right, it's Lu Man. I saw the two movies she acted in, her acting was really quite good. Her acting was very natural, very pure. In *Greedy Wolf Operation*, there were parts where she was still lacking in maturity and experience, but in *Red Tiger*, her improvement was great and she became so much more mature, not like a newcomer who had just filmed two shows. That kind of talent is very rare."

"You have a very good opinion on her." The principal of the Nan Hua Media University laughed lightly.

"I do feel that she is not bad." The principal of the National Media University did not deny it. Seeing that the principal of the Nan Hua Media University looked disapproving, he asked, "What is it? You don't like her?"

"I don't really like her," the principal of Nan Hua Media University said. "This Lu Man, she does have quite a bit of talent in acting, but she really knows how to make things popular. She's so young but

already so scheming. I still like people who concentrate on acting. She can't put her whole heart into acting and is distracted with scheming. This kind of person's acting skills cannot reach a high standard."

The principal of the National Media University smiled and did not debate about this with the other party.

But privately, he felt that in this industry, how could there be someone with no schemes and did not how to make themselves or their shows popular and relevant?

Someone who did not know anything would not even be able to enter, and even if they entered, they would not be able to stay for long.

A lot of people with acting skills wanted to be popular yet could not be popular. Were they really content in being low-key?

No, they were just lacking the chance to become famous.

They were even lacking the chance to sensationalize themselves.

If you were not popular, even if you tried to do such schemes, who would notice it?

What the Nan Hua Media University's principal said was not realistic at all.

Could it be that Chen Cong did not do such things?

If he did not maintain his popularity, the audience would have already forgotten him. At that time, when he was auditioning, who would remember him?

And because of that, the principal of the National Media University still had a very good opinion of Lu Man.

On the other hand, Principal Liu did not feel happy hearing that. What was wrong with sensationalizing her movie?

Lu Man's schemes did not block anyone's path and were not malicious. Her publicity was all positive, and when she purposely schemed, it was to maintain the dignity of the locally-produced movies.

If it were not for *Attack Force's* provocation, Lu Man would not even have bothered with them.

Principal Liu gave a cold hmph and said, "No matter how much she sensationalizes things, Lu Man's skills are there. Lu Man has a 3-billion ticketing sales for *Greedy Wolf Operation* and an 8.9-billion ticketing sales for *Red Tiger*. Do you guys have that? You guys can go and find one in your schools, who has one? If you don't have the ability, what are you pretending to be good for?!"

"Ah, Lao Liu, your words are too much." The principal of the Nan Hua Media University was not happy. "I just expressed my opinion, why are you speaking so rudely?"

"Lu Man is a student from my school, a very outstanding one. If you look down on her, then you should search in your school and see if there's anyone who can compete with Lu Man. If you don't even have someone who can compete with Lu Man, should you still be commenting that Lu Man is not good enough? Does Lu Man need your critiques?" Principal Liu said, his lips pursed.

“This person! What’s wrong with me commenting?”

“Then there’s nothing wrong with me commenting about your school, right? You can’t find a representative student in your whole school, aren’t you embarrassed?” Principal Liu did not care about anything. “Your school keeps using your most beautiful student every year and making an Internet celebrity out of them. How brilliant! Really, how brilliant. Our school’s Lu Man who’s only filmed movies before really cannot compete.”

The principal of the Nan Hua Media University had known since a long time ago that Principal Liu was an *sshole, but he did not think that he was this much of an *sshole!

Chapter 734: Must Eliminate All the Students from Nan Hua Media University

“Alright, alright, don’t get too angry.” The principal of the National Media University tried to calm both sides. “Lao Yang is not purposely looking down on Lu Man.”

“I am!” Principal Yang of the Nan Hua Media University did not accept the help to get out of the situation. “I just can’t stand her.”

“She doesn’t need you to hate on her!” Principal Liu said angrily. “Concern yourself first with your school’s students—don’t get eliminated in the first round.”

Principal Liu raised his chin up. “Lao Yang, I’m not directing my anger at a certain person in your school, I’m saying that all the people that came to participate in this competition from your school cannot compare to Lu Man!”

Principal Yang was extremely angry, and the principal of the National Media University just pressed his temple helplessly.

The students had yet to start fighting and the principals had already started to argue, was that alright?

“Alright, you’re the one who said that,” Principal Yang said angrily. “I want to see how far Lu Man can go!”

“I’ve said it!” Principal Liu left them behind and walked away angrily.

Principal Liu instantly went to find Lu Man.

He just happened to see Lu Man standing alone. Principal Liu went over and brought Lu Man towards a place with fewer people.

“Principal Liu?” Lu Man asked strangely.

Principal Liu’s face was still dark, and he was still angry. “That Principal of Nan Hua Media University looks down on you and I argued with him.”

Lu Man: “...”

"I already said those words, that his Nan Hua Media University's students coming to participate in the competition this time around cannot compare to you. So you must live up to what I said and not lose!" Principal Liu said.

"..." Lu Man said, feeling speechless, "You helped me say those kinds of big words, what if I lose?"

"Don't joke, how can you lose?" Principal Liu was anxious.

"..." Lu Man said helplessly, "Why is it that when I see how you treat me, I think you're more confident in me than I am in myself? It's really hard to predict things like losing and winning. I'm not confident enough to say that none of them can compare to me. I've never tried before, I can't guarantee it. I've never felt that I'm the best, I've always remembered the phrase, 'there will always be people better than you,' to remind myself that I cannot be arrogant."

"Hmph, I really should let the principal of Nan Hua Media University hear this." Principal Liu pursed his lips. That Lao Yang, he did not have an attitude as good as Lu Man's, who's still such a young girl.

"I can only promise you that I'll definitely do my best," Lu Man said.

"Alright, that's enough already," Principal Liu nodded.

Lu Man did not dare to be too assured, but Principal Liu had a lot of confidence.

As long as Lu Man put in her best, she would definitely not lose.

With Lu Man's acting skills, even when she was meeting the seniors in the entertainment industry, she had the talent to live up to them. It was no longer in the same range as that of the school's students.

Lu Man herself had always kept a humble heart, but Principal Liu could see it very clearly. Lu Man could run circles around the other students in the school with her acting skills.

Her competition was never in the school.

Principal Liu believed that Lu Man could definitely win and participate in *The Performer*.

As to how she would perform meeting those famous artists, it was not easy to tell.

Lu Man was quite shocked. Principal Liu was being nice?

It was alright as long as she did her best?

But as soon as she thought that, Principal Liu continued, "But you must definitely get all the Nan Hua Media University students eliminated!"

Lu Man: "..."

The drawing of names began. Lu Man's group did not have any students from the four big schools, but it just happened to have a student from Nan Hua Media University.

The students of the 23 schools went to the filming location and lined up based on the floor plan, then sat down.

The emcee began the opening ceremony of the competition, then invited Principal Liu of the National Film Academy and Principal Zhang of the National Drama Academy, as well as the representative of the Han Corporation and the Artist Department's Manager Hao, to finish off the opening ceremony.

Chapter 735: The Competition Started

If it were not for the fact that they were holding on because of their idols, the fans on the audience seats would not have been able to stand listening to such long speeches.

"We invite the judges of the competition: the Manager of the Artist Department from the Han Corporation, Mr. Hao Zhonghai; the famous actor from the National Theater Troupe, a teacher in the Donghua Film Academy, Teacher Li Lingmei; Sesame Theater's famous actor, a teacher at Donghua Academy of Drama, Teacher Sun Changfang; a teacher for the performing major at the National Film Academy, Teacher Zhang Guangtao; a teacher for the performing major at the National Drama Academy, Teacher Liu Lijin; a teacher for the performing major of the National Media University, Teacher He Shuxin."

"Now, let me explain the rules of the competition," the emcee said. "The first round will be a competition in small groups. We'll draw lots to choose the groups, with 23 participants in each group. The top five with the best scores from each group will pass this round. The participants will draw lots to choose what script they get, and each person will be given half an hour to memorize the script and understand the character."

"Everyone will draw a different script. The scripts have been chosen from famous television dramas. There is no other actor who can help you to finish the performance. We request the participants to settle the problem of lacking an actor to act with. There are no teleprompters here, and what this is testing is the basic skill of memorizing the scripts and your ability to adapt to change."

Because it was only the first round, there were really too many students, so each round of performances was only around ten minutes.

Having to show your good points in that short time and win the competition was a very big test.

It was alright for the students of the four big schools. Those who came were ones who had been famous for a long time, with experience in performing on stage. They were students who were used to this kind of big stage.

But most of the other students from the other schools had yet to experience this kind of big stage. The first time they went on it, they would probably have a bit of stage fright.

That was why they were given only very little time for performing in the first round.

The first reason was to conserve time, the second was that, for the preliminaries, most of the students would really not need a lot of time.

Even if the time given was longer, they probably would not be able to continue on anyway.

And the truth was really like that.

Lu Man was put in the third group for the competition, and she was able to perform today.

For the first two groups, there were a few who did not even need 10 minutes.

There were students who were stunned as soon as they went on stage. They did not think that the scale of the competition was so large.

Standing on the stage, seeing the audience that had so many people, they were so nervous their minds went blank, totally forgetting their lines.

There were students who met the situation where they needed someone to come up and act alongside them, but the requirements of the competition were that they had to do it by themselves and could not find someone to help them.

This made people feel very troubled. They were totally stunned on stage and could only act towards empty air.

But without an actor to act opposite, the effects of their acting were reduced by a lot. They did not manage to reach the expected effects.

There were a lot of students who returned backstage, face totally white.

Very soon, it was Lu Man's group's turn. The female student from Nan Hua Media University who was in the same group as Lu Man continuously took deep breaths then walked on stage.

And in the end, she had not said many lines before she became so nervous she was stuttering. In her fluster, she could not even think up some words on the spot, and in the end, she cried and left the stage.

Not long after, Lu Man's name was called.

Lu Man thought about her lines. The lines she had drawn was a part of the classic Great Earthquake movie. That was a real tearjerker.

She was acting as the mother who had been separated from her daughter for many years before finally meeting her but was hated by her daughter in the end.

Before Lu Man went on stage, she did a simple hairstyle for her long hair and stuck it to the back of her head, then she picked a few strands of hair from the front of her head to let it down and dressed up to look like a simple middle-aged lady.

Chapter 736: Oppressing Her

After she got on stage, there was only the spotlight shining on Lu Man.

Lu Man kept her eyes looking forward, as if she was looking at the daughter in the movie.

From silent choking to weak and slow kneeling, from long and slow sniffing to rapid sobbing, tears burst out in a flash.

She looked towards the air as if her daughter who had a grudge against her was standing there.

“Let me apologize to you.”

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“Where did you come out from? Ah? All these years, why did you not send me a single letter?”

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“I was missing the two of you every day! I’ve missed you two for 32 years.”

...

Lu Man’s sniffing became worse and worse, and she raised her two hands to cup the face in front of her that was non-existent.

She used her ability to tell the judges that, even if there were no actors acting opposite her, even if there was no one, towards empty air, she could still act!

After that, as it was hanging in the air, it seemed like her hand had been shrugged off by her daughter. Lu Man fell to the ground, but she still raised her head to look forward. There were suppressed emotions, self-blame, guilt, and she cried without caring about how she looked.

“Oh my gosh! She really acted so well!”

“This is the best performance I’ve seen today!”

“To be honest, I was watching half of the performances before this while taking them as a joke. There were quite a few who became dazed as soon as they got on the stage, not even being able to say a single sentence. There were some who at least acted, but they acted too boringly, not even in it at all. I was about to fall asleep.”

“It feels like the people just now are not on the same level as Lu Man at all.”

“Thankfully, it’s not two people acting together. Otherwise, whoever was acting with Lu Man would not have been able to shine at all.”

“It’s the first time I’ve seen this kind of acting style alone, too brilliant.”

“I had that kind of feeling like there was actually someone in front of her.”

“Really, I felt that too.”

“Don’t say it like that, it really scares me.”

Lu Man slowly stood up, then wiped her tears dry and adjusted her emotions in time.

He Shuxin said in shock, “Lu Man, your acting skills are at a textbook level already. I would just like to say that it’s not fair to other students to have put you in this competition.”

My gosh!

This review was really too great!

It was equivalent to saying that she could not be treated like an ordinary student.

Sun Changfang said, "Teacher He is exaggerating a bit. Lu Man's control of her emotion is also quite good. I saw how she pulled herself out from her acting emotions very quickly at the end as well. That is hard to come by. But in terms of grasp on the lines, you are still a bit lacking."

He Shuxin's lips twitched. Sun Changfang was nitpicking here, trying to find a mistake even when there wasn't any.

It was like if he could not say there's something lacking, then he would not be able to show his skill as a judge.

To speak the truth, if Sun Changfang were the one who acted this scene, he might not have been as good as Lu Man.

"I don't really agree with Teacher Sun's opinion," Zhang Guangtao said. "Don't forget that Lu Man does not have anyone to act against. With this kind of single-person acting, it is very hard to control your pacing, and you also have to control the pacing of the actor that is supposed to be acting opposite you. This is also a competition with only 10 minutes of performing time, and it originally cannot be like in the movies, where scenes go through editing, adding background music, different filming angles, and so on. These kinds of additional things add to the performance and emotions. You can only use your performance here, and Lu Man has already done very well."

"You all have too low expectations," Sun Changfang said as he smiled while also shaking his head, feeling like the other people were not being sincere enough, just trying to give confidence to the younger generation, not wanting them to feel upset.

But the truth was, they did not!

"Alright, since we can't convince each other, let's vote," Zhang Guangtao said in a low voice.

Chapter 737: Probably Biased! So Shameless!

Sun Changfang went first and showed his score.

"Teacher Sun Changfang gave 7.9 marks."

After that mark came out, everyone frowned.

The audience below began to make a lot of noise.

Especially Lu Man's fans. "What's wrong with him? The previous two groups' performances were a lot worse than Lu Man's, just shouting but with no tears, and they both got 7.7. He gave Lu Man 7.9 only?"

"Probably biased! So shameless!"

"Why is it just 7.9 points! Forget about comparing Lu Man's acting skills with those of the older well-known talents, but compared with the younger-generation actors, she is obviously superior, and by a lot. This kind of movie-level acting skills, you give a 7.9 to? What kind of competition is that?!"

"There were people who even forgot their lines on stage, and it was obvious that their lines were not correct and were changed last minute, yet they got 7.5. You're giving Lu Man 7.9? That's too much!"

“What kind of horrible judging is this?! Can you even be a judge like this?”

“I think he is biased against Lu Man and he’s purposely trying to oppress her! Choosing this kind of person to be a judge, it’s too unfair!”

He Shuxin’s face darkened, and he frowned.

Before this, when he had chatted with people over a beer, as they were chatting about the new generation of actors, he heard someone say that Sun Changfang had a lot of bad opinions about Lu Man and directly said that he did not like Lu Man as a person.

No one could make everyone like them, that point he understood.

And in your own heart, you can choose to like her or not to like her.

But this was work matters. They were only talking about acting skills and not your personal opinion on people.

But Sun Changfang actually brought his personal emotions to the judging table. It was a very unprofessional action.

He Shuxin’s original mark for Lu Man was 9.0.

But because of Sun Changfang’s actions, He Shuxin rewrote his marks.

“May Teacher He Shuxin show his marks?” the emcee said.

He Shuxin showed 9.6, a high mark!

“Finally, someone who knows how to judge people!”

“What kind of person is Sun Changfang? He’s not professional at all, and he’s still calling himself a teacher.”

“Teacher He, well done!”

This time, it was Sun Changfang’s facial expression that was not good.

“May Teacher Zhang Guangtao show your marks, please?” the emcee continued.

Lu Man was a student of the National Film Academy and also had good acting skills. Zhang Guangtao naturally could not give her low marks.

So he showed his score: 9.3.

Although Zhang Guangtao was a teacher of the National Film Academy, the marks he gave were lower than He Shuxin’s, who went before him. Thus, even if people wanted to say that he was biased towards Lu Man because he was a teacher at the National Film Academy...

The score he gave was even lower than He Shuxin’s!

If He Shuxin had followed his original mark of 9.0, then Zhang Guangtao could be talked about by people.

But He Shuxin had changed his marks the last minute because of Sun Changfang.

When He Shuxin saw Zhang Guangtao's mark, he could not help but shake his head and laugh.

Because of that, Lu Man did not lose out and even seemed to have benefited.

The final outcome would depend on the teachers to give a score after them. If their scores were also in this kind of mark range, that would be basically making up for Sun Changfang's mark, and it might even be higher than their expected marks in their heart.

After that, they heard the emcee continue to say, "May we invite Teacher Li Lingmei to show her marks now?"

Li Lingmei smiled and showed her marks: 9.1.

"I feel that Lu Man's acting was extremely good. Even though she was alone, she managed to make us feel like there's an invisible person there. For example, her action of holding the air, it was basically her caressing someone's face. If it had not been done well, it would have become a joke. But she acted very well, and it made people totally forget the awkwardness of acting towards air."

Chapter 738: This Was the Real Biased One

"Teacher Li Lingmei's marks for Lu Man are also very high," the emcee said with a smile. "Following that, may we invite Teacher Liu Lijin to show her marks?"

Liu Lijin showed her marks: 8.9.

Although it was lower than expected, it could be because of the fact that the National Film Academy and the National Drama Academy were rivals, causing her to give a not-so-high mark to Lu Man, who was a student of the National Film Academy.

But this score was still more reliable than Sun Changfang's.

Sun Changfang seemed to have very high expectations, but people who understood could tell that he was being biased and had purposely lowered his marks.

But despite that, Lu Man had already gotten 44.8, which was such a high mark!

Although they had yet to count Manager Hao's marks, as of now, Lu Man's marks were already in the first place!

The emcee spoke again. "Then may we ask Teacher Hao Zhonghai to show his marks?"

As the investor of the competition, and them still having to choose young actors to sign on, Hao Zhonghai's opinion was the most important.

Hao Zhonghai smiled and showed his marks.

Suddenly, the whole audience went quiet.

9.8 points!

Lu Man: "..."

Even Sun Changfang was speechless. He wanted to scold Hao Zhonghai, but thinking of Hao Zhonghai's identity, he controlled himself.

But 9.8 was really too much!

Why didn't he just give full marks?!

When he gave 7.9 just now, there'd been audience members who had called him biased.

The f*ck, this was the real biased one!

9.8 points, why don't you go to h*ll!

The emcee was also stunned and smiled while asking, "It looks like Manager Hao really admires Lu Man."

"Of course." Hao Zhonghai nodded seriously.

Sun Changfang: "..."

Liu Lijin: "..."

He Shuxin: "..."

Emcee: "..."

Zhang Guangtao was amused. Was Hao Zhonghai a teammate sent over by monkeys?

9.8, eh?!

Even he did not dare to give such high marks.

It's not that he couldn't give it, it's that he didn't dare to.

If he gave such a high mark, won't he be said to be biased by people?

The principal of Nan Hua Media University's face turned black while he was sitting on the VIP seats.

Just now, when Sun Changfang gave Lu Man low marks, he was quite happy.

After all, from the first three groups, quite a lot of students of Nan Hua Media University had been eliminated.

In terms of the performing arts major, the Nan Hua Media University was not very well known and had never been a competitor of the four big schools. It was normally the students who failed to enter the four big schools and were forced to retreat who picked them, and they were even behind the Nan Hua Film Academy.

But Principal Yang had ambitions. He wanted Nan Hua Media University's performing arts major to increase in ranking and to be more well-known.

Furthermore, their relationship with the National Drama Academy had always been not bad, and they were brother schools.

He did not know how Lu Man had managed to provoke the National Drama Academy, but Principal Zhang had a lot of opinions on Lu Man based on his words.

He did not mind oppressing Lu Man with Principal Zhang.

Before this, he had already told Sun Changfang, as long as it was reasonable, don't give Lu Man too high marks.

And it just so happened he also made a bet with Principal Zhang and did not want Lu Man to get results that were too good.

Just when he thought he was about to succeed, what was with Hao Zhonghai?!

9.8?!

Why didn't he just give full marks?!

Principal Yang was extremely troubled.

Only Principal Liu and Principal Zhang knew what was going on.

Hao Zhonghai was trying to curry favor with his future lady boss.

"9.8, the highest mark in the competition so far," the emcee said, feeling like he had to have Hao Zhonghai give a reason for why he gave such high marks.

"Yes, Lu Man acted well," Hao Zhonghai said.

Everybody: "..."

The f*ck, there was definitely something going on!

"Do you still need me to say more?" Hao Zhonghai asked.

Chapter 739: Another Big Fuss

The emcee laughed. "How about you be a bit more specific?"

"To be more specific, Teacher He and Teacher Zhang have already said it. Furthermore, I'm representing the Han Corporation to pick people. We are not using the textbook acting angle to judge students. Instead, we are making an overall judgment on how well the student can advance. As an actor, Lu Man's acting skills cannot be doubted. And as a celebrity, Lu Man is outstanding in various areas. Her acting skills are not bad, and her looks are also not bad. It's very rare that a person can be so good in all areas. You all are giving marks based on acting skills, but I'm giving marks based on overall standard, and so I gave 9.8."

There was nothing wrong with what he said.

And because of that, Lu Man's marks were so high they reached 54.6!

She was currently ranked first, and it was very possible that after the preliminaries end, she would still be ranked first!

Among the other students from the National Film Academy, Dong Jingxi was in the first group with 45.6 points.

Li Zeyu was in the second group and had the final result of 48.9.

They both had a very large point difference with Lu Man.

Dong Jingxi and Li Zeyu's facial expressions were not good because of that; they were under a lot of pressure.

Before this, Dong Jingxi had even said that if they were picked to be in the same group as Lu Man, they were to switch with Li Zeyu and have Li Zeyu kick Lu Man out.

But now that they were looking at it, what kicking her out?!

The Li Zeyu with the best acting skills among them had such a big difference of 5.7 marks!

And the stress levels of the National Film Academy students who had yet to act were even higher than Li Zeyu and Dong Jingxi.

Lu Man's results were like a set goal, very high up, waiting for them to try to surpass it. If they did not surpass it, it would be like they failed.

And because of this, when Lu Man returned backstage, all the students who were participating did not have a very good expression. Their faces were dark, and not a single person congratulated Lu Man.

Lu Man did not know of their stress, and she did not care, being too lazy to find out about it.

It was just that after the competition that day ended, there was another big fuss online.

Lu Man's fans had published the video of the competition that day onto Weibo, including Lu Man's performance, and a few videos of the other competing students' performances.

Lu Man not only had a lot of hardcore fans now, but even her likeability among the public was not bad.

When the netizens saw the results Sun Changfang gave Lu Man, they all expressed their unhappiness.

"What's with that Sun Changfang? There's someone acting not that well whom he gave 8.2 marks to. Lu Man had acted so well and he gave her only 7.9?"

"I was at the event location at that time, and to tell you the truth, a lot of people in the audience cried after Lu Man acted. Given this acting skill and ability to pull the audience, 7.9 is disgusting. He's trying to oppress a talent."

"Why did they choose this kind of person as a judge?"

"Who is Sun Changfang? I used Baidu to search it up. Although this person acts in theater productions, he's never been the main character before. Of course, there are a lot of older talents with a lot of acting skills, and when they act in theater productions, they might not be the main character, but they are famous and well-known. This kind of not-famous person whom I've never heard about before, being so picky when you are a judge, aren't you being too arrogant?!"

"Is this kind of unfair judge suitable?"

It became more and more messy online, and a lot of netizens ran to the Chinese Arts Championships official Weibo to protest.

Sun Changfang finally could not sit still anymore and posted, “I’m judging from a professional viewpoint. I naturally have my reasons for giving this score. I’ve always been stricter than other teachers, and giving this marks is for Lu Man’s own good, hoping that she won’t be arrogant and would continue to better herself. There is no limit to acting, and she still has a lot of points where she’s lacking. She shouldn’t lose herself because of the praise of the outside world.”

Chapter 740: Shameless

“What kind of logic? Do tell! Saying that there is logic but refusing to say where the logic is.”

“Haha, a sentence saying that you want to make sure Lu Man does not become proud and instead continue to improve herself and you’re just ending it like that? Why did you give another student who is obviously not as good as Lu Man marks higher than hers? Don’t tell me it’s to encourage him? Didn’t you say that you’ve always been strict?”

“For Lu Man’s own good? How disgusting!”

“With an attitude like that, acting like you are above others, even though you are doing unfair things, you still phrase it so nicely: Strict, for your good. I think it’s shameless!”

“Strongly requesting the organizers to change the judge!”

“Boycott Sun Changfang. In the future, the shows with Sun Changfang in it, I definitely won’t watch!”

“How coincidental. Recently, he’s been participating in a theater performance that is showing now. He has quite a lot of screen time in this. It’s called *Marathon of Love*.”

“*Marathon of Love*. Alright, I’ll remember that, I won’t go watch it.”

“I find it disgusting when I look at him.”

“I just bought *Marathon of Love* because of Sesame Theater, but I’m going to refund it now.”

Sun Changfang did not care about the words of the netizens.

These people were just having a say. Most netizens were like that: they could speak, but their actual actions were lacking.

Even the organizers of Sesame Theater did not care about it, leaving it be.

At that moment, Zhang Lun posted on Weibo, “Some people feel like they’re being embarrassed if the results are bad and did not reach the standard they want. They then activate netizens to boycott this and that. Childish! What a joke! If you have a low score, go and improve yourself, don’t find trouble for the judges. They are not your father for you to have them do things your way.”

“F*ck, Zhang Lun came out to show his presence again. Has he not been attacked enough?!”

“I found out that as long as it is concerning Lu Man, he needs to come out and try to step on her. An adult man trying to bully a young girl every day, how embarrassing.”

Wang Shuyi saw that Zhang Lun was being attacked he hurriedly added, “Director Zhang is only commenting on the problem of the young celebrities nowadays. Could it be that we can’t even speak the truth now?”

There was another netizen who said: “Haha, you guys speaking like this, you probably don’t know Lu Man’s final results, right? Aside from the unfair 7.9 that Sun Changfang gave Lu Man, the other teachers all gave Lu Man 9 marks and above, and Lu Man’s final results reached 54.6!”

“So that is to say, Lu Man’s acting skills have been witnessed. Sun Changfang being blind aside, everyone has eyes and can see it. Even though Sun Changfang gave low marks, Lu Man can still get first place.”

Seeing Lu Man’s marks, Zhang Lun instantly went quiet.

He indeed did not know that the other judges had given Lu Man such high marks.

Wang Shuyi still refused to admit his fault and said, “Haha, it’s probably that Teacher Sun Changfang gave low marks and the other teachers were scared of hurting Lu Man’s feelings and gave her high marks.”

When Xu Ningxian saw Wang Shuyi’s words, she was amused. This person’s IQ was 250.

She instantly tagged Zhang Guangtao, He Shuxin, Liu Lijin, Hao Zhonghai, and Li Lingmei, “Teachers, someone is doubting your professional standards.”

When Wang Shuyi saw it, he was extremely angry.

He looked at Xu Ningxian’s description and saw that she was the president of Lu Man’s fan club.

Wang Shuyi: “...”

*F*ck, isn’t this Lu Man’s hardcore fan?!*

Xu Ningxian’s Weibo post caused He Shuxin and the rest to all jump out.

They naturally could not stand people doubting their professional standards.

He Shuxin: “All the teachers have their own ways of grading in their hearts. You can disagree with the marks I gave, but you can’t randomly doubt my professional standards.”