

## Mr Han 741

### Chapter 741: Been Waiting to Take Revenge

Zhang Guangtao, Li Lingmei, and Liu Lijin all stood up to speak. Everyone was unhappy that their professionalism was being doubted.

Wang Shuyi's sentence seemed to have aggravated everyone.

Wang Shuyi could only hurry to apologize, "I'm sorry, I was not doubting everyone's professionalism."

At this moment, Lu Man finally posted on Weibo, "Any kind of unfairness is useless in front of absolute power."

She posted just this simple sentence, without even a photograph attached.

"Hahahaha, Lu Man showing her strength again!"

"These words are domineering. Any kind of unfairness is useless in front of absolute power; it would not be able to do anything at all!"

"Hahahaha, we were worried for nothing. Goddess of Fury Man did not even bother about this. Oppressing her? Purposely lowering her marks? There's nothing to fear, with her ability there. Even if one person gives low marks, there's no need to worry, other teachers will acknowledge your ability!"

But there were netizens who could not stand Lu Man's kind of confidence.

"Lu Man is still arrogant as usual."

"It's never wrong to be more humble. Who knows when you will tumble?"

"Haha, how arrogant, does she really think that she is undefeatable?"

Lu Man was feeling especially good. She was probably long used to it and did not care about those mocking words, concentrating to prepare for the competition that was to come.

Dai Yiran finished looking at Lu Man's information online, then threw the phone onto the bed.

She did not want to keep watch on Lu Man's news, but Lu Man's news became more and more numerous, bigger and bigger.

Now, whenever she went online, she would instantly see Lu Man's information. There was no need to search for it especially at all.

Dai Yiran picked up her phone again.

She no longer had any relations with Lu Man now, but it did not mean that she had forgotten what Lu Man had done before.

If it were not for Lu Man, she would not have been chased out of the Han Corporation.

At least, at this moment, she would still have been in the Han Corporation and could be thinking of ways to get close to Han Zhuoli.

Not like now, where she was unable to even find an excuse to get close to Han Zhuoli.

And because of Lu Man, she'd left the company in such a bad way, becoming a joke to everyone.

She did not forget this offense against her. She had been waiting to take revenge!

Dai Yiran took up her phone and exited the room. She knocked on the door of her father, Secretary Dai Rongcheng.

"Enter," Dai Rongcheng said, voice ringing out from the room.

Dai Yiran entered. Dai Rongcheng was on the phone with someone, and he was reaching the end of the call. "Alright, I know about that now, just follow what I said."

"Secretary Dai, if people were to know about this..."

"What's there to be scared of?! It's nothing big, and if it succeeds, you'll have a lot of advantages. If you want to continue on like this, then have someone else come and find me."

The other party paused. "Alright, Secretary Dai, don't worry. There's no need for anyone else, I can do it," the other party hurried to say.

After hanging up, Dai Rongcheng saw Dai Yiran and asked, "What happened?"

"Dad, do you remember that time when I left the Han Corporation? It was because someone had schemed to chase me out," Dai Yiran said.

"I remember." Dai Rongcheng recalled it. His face was dark as he said, "It is someone called Lu Man, right?"

This name was a bit familiar.

Dai Rongcheng normally did not bother watching the entertainment news, and he only knew a few celebrities. It was only if people were on the level of Gao Zishan, who was a famous singer, would Dai Rongcheng be able to remember their names.

Even with the results of *Greedy Wolf Operation* and *Red Tiger*, people like Lu Man, who'd just entered the entertainment industry, was still a newcomer, and Dai Rongcheng could not remember her.

"That's her." Dai Yiran's face was full of hatred when she mentioned Lu Man. "If it were not for her, I would not have been chased out of the Han Corporation. Now she's doing well, getting by better and better."

## **Chapter 742: Oppressing Her**

"What happened to her now?" Dai Rongcheng knew instantly that Dai Yiran coming to find him concerned Lu Man.

"You know about the Chinese Arts Championships, right?" Dai Yiran asked.

"I know." Dai Rongcheng thought about it and said, "It seems like the various big universities have come together to organize a competition, to let all the students in the performing majors sign up to participate."

"Yes. Winning first place is an honor, and it is a very important accomplishment for students. They can even sign a contract with the Han Corporation and be groomed well," Dai Yiran explained.

"You're saying this has something to do with Lu Man?" Dai Rongcheng found it strange. "I remember that when you were in the Han Corporation, you were in the Public Relations Department, right? This is a competition among performing arts universities. Lu Man is, firstly, not a student and, secondly, not learning to perform. What does that have to do with her?"

"Dad, you really don't watch the entertainment news at all." Dai Yiran smiled helplessly.

Dai Rongcheng was stunned. Smiling, he said, "You know that I'm busy as well. How can I have so much time to care about the messy things of the entertainment industry?"

"When Lu Man was in the Han Corporation, she was picked by Sun Yiwu to act in *Greedy Wolf Operation*," Dai Yiran said. "You know of Sun Yiwu, right?"

"What do you take your dad for? How can I not know about Sun Yiwu?" The people at the top, he still knew about them, alright?

"Alright. Anyway, Lu Man took that opportunity to enter the entertainment industry, and recently, she filmed *Red Tiger*," Dai Yiran said.

"I know about *Red Tiger*. Its box office tickets sales exploded. That starred Lu Man?" Dai Rongcheng was shocked.

Dai Yiran pursed her lips, saying unhappily, "It's her, and she's the main actor. Because of that, her popularity totally skyrocketed. After she filmed *Greedy Wolf Operation*, she entered the National Film Academy to learn acting, and now she's a student of the National Film Academy. This time, she's participating in the Chinese Arts Championships as well."

Dai Yiran roughly explained to Dai Rongcheng what happened during the competition today. "From what I see, she's heading towards the first place."

"Ha. She dared to scheme against you, to make a trap for you, yet she still wants to do well and get first place?" Dai Rongcheng smiled coldly. "Alright, I get what you are asking. You don't want Lu Man to do well, right?"

"Right." Dai Yiran thought about Lu Man, and her face was full of hate. "She schemed against me like that, I can't let her do well. Seeing how well she's doing, I don't feel good."

"Alright, don't worry." Dai Rongcheng nodded. "Leave this to me. Those judges all have schools or theater groups. As long as they care about it, it'll be easy to settle. Hao Zhonghai is a manager in the Han Corporation's artist department. It's not good for me to do anything at the Han Corporation, but towards the others, there's nothing I have to be wary of."

Dai Rongcheng asked for the name list of the judges from Dai Yiran. Dai Yiran very carefully wrote which schools those people were lecturing in and who they signed contracts with for the entertainment industry.

“Dad, I’ll leave this to you. I won’t bother your work anymore,” Dai Yiran said, obedient and well-mannered.

Dai Rongcheng laughed. “It’s fine, just wait here. I’ll settle this in front of you, so you don’t have to keep worrying.”

Dai Rongcheng directly called his secretary, having him check the names of the schools that Sun Changfang and the rest were teaching in.

Sun Changfang had opinions on Lu Man and would originally not give her good marks. He was the easiest to discuss things with.

Dai Rongcheng directly gave a call to the principal of the Donghua Academy of Drama and did not hide his goal, directly and clearly saying, “I don’t want Lu Man to have any good results in the competition. How high of a mark to give her, you all are clear about it.”

The principal of the Donghua Academy of Drama asked in shock, “Lu Man offended you?”

Lu Man was not old, but she had really offended quite a lot of people, and they all had a certain amount of power.

### **Chapter 743: Lu Man Cannot Win**

“Kind of. This is something between her and my daughter. Although it’s between children, and I’m making a mountain out of a molehill by meddling, I only have this one daughter. She was bullied by Lu Man, and I as her father have to help her.”

“Alright, I know, don’t worry,” the principal of the Donghua Academy of Drama said.

After all, Dai Rongcheng’s identity was like that. No one was willing to offend Dai Rongcheng because of matters like fairness.

Wasn’t it just eliminating Lu Man?

Anyway, he did not really like Lu Man.

After Dai Rongcheng hung up, the principal of the Donghua Academy of Drama contacted Sun Changfang, and Sun Changfang very happily agreed.

Dai Rongcheng then contacted the principal of Donghua Film Academy and Li Lingmei.

Li Lingmei did not care how Li Lingmei did and actually did not like Lu Man that much.

It was just that during the judging, she did not go to the extent of Sun Changfang.

Because of that, she also agreed happily.

As to the National Drama Academy, although Principal Zhang knew about Lu Man and Han Zhuoli's relationship, now that Lu Man was attending the National Film Academy, all the good things were being brought to the National Film Academy.

No matter what he did, Han Zhuoli would not reinvest in the National Drama Academy.

Because of the original love being present, there could grow hate, and this was how Principal Zhang was like too.

Lu Man was now standing on the opposing side of his school, and the one who was most likely to get first was really Lu Man.

Principal Liu did not wish for this honor to go to the National Film Academy, and so, after weighing it a bit, he called Liu Lijin.

Whether Liu Lijin was willing or not, she could only agree.

As for Zhang Guangtao, as a teacher of the National Film Academy, Dai Rongcheng did not go find him.

Of the six judges, he had already contacted three; that was enough.

This meant that Lu Man would need to take only three people's marks to compete with the other's six-people marks.

Lu Man could not win at all.

"Alright, I've already warned people, so don't worry now. Lu Man definitely can't win."

Dai Yiran left happily.

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Lu Man's mood was quite good. On the other hand, Ni Xue and the others who had yet to compete were under a lot of stress.

And in the end, because of the pressure, when they went to act, they either acted too fiercely or, because of their nerves, they did not perform ideally.

Their acting was even below their normal standards.

Although the National Film Academy students had all succeeded in passing, this was just the preliminaries, and being able to pass it was expected, especially given how their opponents were from universities with weak performing arts programs. Their expectation was not just passing but having much higher results than the basic pass.

Not just winning, they needed to win beautifully!

And in the end, they were all provoked by Lu Man until they had this kind of bad showing.

After the preliminaries, Principal Liu helplessly gathered them to give them a talk.

"You all did not do well this time, did not reach the standard of the school's internal competition." Principal Liu looked at them one by one. "The reason for that, you guys all know very well."

Dong Jingxi and the rest lowered their faces.

But this time, Principal Liu did not give them face.

“You saw Lu Man’s results and wanted to compete with her,” Principal Liu said.

Lu Man’s expression did not change. She was steadily sitting there like it had nothing to do with her.

Principal Liu sweated a bit internally.

Lu Man was brilliant. Her acting skills were good, and it was expected that she would cause stress for the people in the same generation as her.

#### **Chapter 744: Drawing Lots**

Dong Jingxi and the others had such a drop in marks, and it was all because they were aggravated by Lu Man. Although Lu Man did not do anything, it still had something to do with her.

But she did not care about it at all. It was all Dong Jingxi and the rest giving themselves pressure, and that was quite troubling.

“It’s good to have competition, but as to when to compete, you must be clear. Even though you have passed the preliminaries this time, your results are so low. Does that look good? Your passing the preliminaries, it’s not because you guys were good, it was because the opponents were weak. If the opponents were a bit stronger, you all would be in a lot of danger!”

“If you want to compete with Lu Man, you can do so, I won’t stop you. I would even encourage this kind of competitiveness. But Lu Man was not in the same group as you all in the preliminaries, so why are you competing for results with her? During the preliminaries, you aren’t considered competitors. The competition is among those in your group. If in the next round, there is someone who draws the same group as Lu Man, then go and compete. But if you aren’t in the same group, there’s no need to look at her results.”

“Even if you are in the same group as her, I suggest that you guys compete with yourself and not with others. What you all need to do is to outdo yourselves, not Lu Man.”

Principal Liu did not dare to directly tell them that, if they wanted to set Lu Man as the target—he did not dare to say in the long term—but at least in the short term, they did not need to think about trying to outdo her.

This was the vital point in the competition, and Principal Liu did not want to hurt their confidence.

“I hope that in the second round, you all can have good results and not be like you were in the first round,” Principal Liu said.

Everyone agreed.

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The second day after the first round ended, the participating students who had passed the preliminaries gathered at the National Drama Academy again and started their second time of drawing lots to separate into groups.

“There is a slight change in the competition rules for the second round,” Manager Hao said.

“In the second round, there will be five people in each group, but this time, it’s a competition where one person out of the five advances. There were 50 people who advanced in the first round, and the second round will be separated into groups of 10. Every day, there will be one group competing.”

“In the first round, everyone’s acting time was around 10 minutes. For the second round, the time is extended to around 20 minutes. Furthermore, it’ll not be like in the first round where you were only able to draw the scripts right before the competition. This time, everyone will draw lots for their scripts before their own competition. So you need to remember the time you all are competing and to come to the National Drama Academy to draw lots the day before.”

“Although the second round is a single-person competition, everyone will put on their own acting show. But what’s different from the first round is that the organizer of the competition will be providing you with guests to help you act. The guest cannot be chosen by you. It is a professional from the Han Corporation who will act alongside you.”

When everyone heard that, they got nervous.

For most of them, when they became famous, they had yet to have formal acting training, and a few had yet to officially film a show.

On hearing that, they instantly became not as confident.

If it were other students competing with them, they still had a lot of confidence.

But compared to those professional actors with experience...

Practically everyone had the same thoughts, hoping that they would draw someone whose acting skills were ordinary, and not someone talented.

At that time, if their acting skills were totally lacking comparatively, what could they do?

“Alright, let’s begin to draw lots to choose groups,” Hao Zhonghai said.

Among the 50 people who’d advanced, all the students from the National Film Academy were included, along with all the students from the National Drama Academy, seven people from Donghua Film Academy, eight people from Donghua Academy of Drama, six people from the National Media University, and three people each from Nan Hua Media University, Nan Hua Film Academy, and Nan Hua Academy of Drama.

#### **Chapter 745: Admit Defeat**

They started to draw lots starting from the school with the most people who managed to advance.

Because the competition this time was being held at the National Drama Academy, the National Drama Academy students started to draw lots first. Then it was the National Film Academy students' turn, then those from the Donghua Academy of Drama, the Donghua Film Academy, the National Media University, then the three universities of Nan Hua.

"Everyone, please register your groups yourself," the new head of the National Drama Academy's performing arts major, Teacher Wang, said.

The people of the National Film Academy did not instantly go to register, and she did not know what they were waiting for.

Lu Man did not really care and went to register herself first.

And the National Film Academy students were currently pushing each other, causing people to find them very strange, not knowing what they were doing.

"Go and look at which group Lu Man is in," Ni Xue told Dong Jingxi.

"Why me? I'm a girl. This kind of thing, it's more suitable to have a boy to do it." Dong Jingxi tried to push the responsibility away.

"It's not like we're going to war. We're just seeing what Lu Man drew, why can't we go?" Yang Ruilin said. "Anyway, the idea was yours. If you don't go, who should go?"

Everyone all agreed to have Dong Jingxi go, and Dong Jingxi could only go unwillingly, pretending to be registering but first going to see which group Lu Man was in.

In the end, she saw Lu Man's name was written under the fifth group.

Dong Jingxi was stunned instantly and hurriedly turned back to leave.

The teacher in charge of registering called her from the back, "Student, you haven't registered yet."

Dong Jingxi did not acknowledge her and, instead, left even quicker to return to the National Film Academy students' side.

"What happened? What group is Lu Man in?" everyone asked one by one.

Dong Jingxi licked her lips and, after a while, said, "The fifth group."

Everyone lowered their heads to check the groups they drew, and all of them let out a breath of relief.

Thankfully, they were not in the same group as her.

If it were three people entering out of the five, or two people entering out of the five, they were willing to try to compete. Even if they could not manage to win against Lu Man, at least they could compete with the others.

But it was one of the five entering now!

Whoever was in the same group as Lu Man would be unlucky!

Unless Lu Man were to make a mistake, who could compete with her?



Instead of praying that Lu Man would mess up, which depended so much on luck and coincidence, it was better to pray that they would not be in the same group as Lu Man.

When Dong Jingxi saw their reactions, she felt very depressed!

Before this, they were discussing how to oppress Lu Man and eliminate her.

And now?

Don't even mention oppressing, they were all hoping that they would not be in the same group as Lu Man. How could they play like this?

Dong Jingxi put her number in front of Li Zeyu.

Li Zeyu blinked. "What are you doing?"

"I'm giving this to you. Didn't we agree on it before? Whoever is in the same group as Lu Man, they will exchange with you," Dong Jingxi said.

She did not plan on eliminating Lu Man right now anymore. She just wanted to throw this difficult-to-handle problem out to someone else.

Li Zeyu sneered, "I'm not going to participate in this anymore."

"Why? Didn't we agree on it beforehand?" Dong Jingxi questioned, worked up. She had already placed all her hopes on Li Zeyu.

Li Zeyu smiled coldly. "Do you think I'm dumb? You don't want to be in the same group as Lu Man because you'll surely lose, so you want to change places with me? But likewise, I don't want to lose. I'm not scared of saying it out loud and embarrassing myself. I don't act as well as Lu Man. I admit defeat. So I won't change places with you. Dong Jingxi, don't think that everyone is dumb, you don't want to be eliminated so you're trying to make me take your place."

Li Zeyu took his number to go and register, not giving Dong Jingxi a chance to change places at all.

Dong Jingxi held her number and could only go to register, her face white.

#### **Chapter 746: Han Zhuoli Was Definitely Not Here to Look at Talents**

In the blink of an eye, it became the day of Lu Man's second round of competitions.

Lu Man was in the fifth group, and she'd gone to see the competitions during the first four days.

The day before, she came to pick a script and picked Wu Zetian's<sup>1</sup> character.

After she finished drawing her script, she came to realize in shock that Ni Xue had chosen the same character and it was the same show. It was just that the scene and lines were not the same as they were from another part of the same show.

After Ni Xue finished performing, she received a lot of praise from people, saying that she acted very well. Although she was still lacking compared to the guest actor, Ni Xue's performance was not bad, and so she had managed to pass this round after yesterday's performance.

Li Zeyu had also passed the round.

And so, until the fourth group, the National Film Academy already had two people in the next round, and the National Drama Academy also had two people to get through this round.

Principal Liu and Principal Zhang were also competing here to see who had more students passing this round.

And today, Principal Zhang and Principal Liu were sitting on the VIP seats, showing relaxed looks.

Principal Liu did not understand. He was relaxed because it was Lu Man competing today.

Lu Man was competing, and there was nothing to worry about at all. She would definitely make a sweeping win.

Principal Liu was not worried about losing at all.

But why was Principal Zhang so happy and so relaxed?

One must know that Lu Man's group today was called the group of death.

Their National Film Academy had two students in it, and there was one from the National Drama Academy, one from the Donghua Academy of Drama, and another from the National Media University.

How bad the competition was, it was easy to understand.

Could it be that this person with a surname Zhang was pretending to be relaxed?

Principal Liu was too lazy to think anymore.

And Principal Zhang thought that Lu Man would easily lose today~

Dai Yiran had specially bought tickets today, just wanting to see how Lu Man would lose.

She wanted to see Lu Man's expression with her own eyes after she saw those three judges give her low marks.

Dai Yiran had even bought the tickets that were closer to the front.

She did not manage to buy tickets in the VIP section because she was too late.

With Dong Jingxi and the rest's fans present, the tickets in the VIP areas were already sold out.

Even Dai Rongcheng was not able to do anything.

If there were additional tickets, it would have been alright to even give them to him for free.

The problem was that there was no more. There was not a single ticket available, and they could not snatch it from their audience's hands, right?

And so, although the Chinese Arts Championships did not get broadcasted on media outlets, because of the popularity of the participants, they still were being watched by a lot of people.

And at the event location, the media area was full of media reporters.

After a while, Old Mr. Han, Old Mrs. Han, Shen Nuo, Xia Qingwei, and Han Zhuoli's aunt, Lin Liye, also arrived.

Han Zhuofeng was also there. Although there were lessons, he used his thick skin to follow them, using the reason of wanting to support his sister-in-law and to cheer his sister-in-law on.

Han Zhuoli had his people give VIP tickets to them.

When it was almost time to start, the audience members were all chatting when there came movements from the VIP seats closest to the front.

Everyone looked over curiously.

They saw the principals in the VIP seats all stand up.

"Young Master Han, why did you come to see it as well?" the Principal Guan of the National Media University asked with a smile.

"It's almost the finals. Those who are left now are all good talents, so I came over to take a look." Han Zhuoli smiled mildly.

Only Principal Liu smiled and showed an "I understand" expression.

Han Zhuoli was definitely not here to look at talents; he was here to look at Lu Man.

The audience gave him the middle seat that was closest to the stage, and Han Zhuoli sat down.

The various principals were all taking the chance to interact with Han Zhuoli, hoping they could send their outstanding students to the Han Corporation. Even if they could not, perhaps Han Zhuoli would remember their names.

### **Chapter 747: Same Role**

Principal Liu did not bother. Lu Man was in their school, and he did not lack interaction with Han Zhuoli normally.

Principal Zhang did not go over either. No matter how much he tried, Han Zhuoli would probably not give them any chance.

Principal Zhang looked on coldly, thinking in his heart that other people could get a chance to talk good things about their students, but the Donghua Academy of Drama was probably over already.

Who asked your school's Sun Changfang to attack Lu Man for no reason?

Just with how protective Han Zhuoli was over Lu Man, Donghua Academy of Drama did not stand a chance.

Principal Liu chuckled, then looked towards Principal Zhang.

There was finally someone who could be a comrade with Principal Zhang, brothers in times of trouble!

Principal Zhang: "..."

Not long after, the lights in the venue darkened, and the competition officially started.

The emcee walked to the middle of the stage and introduced the judges.

It was still the six from before.

"Now, let's invite the first competitor, Lu Man from the National Film Academy," the emcee said. "The script she got was *Daming Palace*, Wu Zetian. The guest actor is Huang Yilun."

"Lu Man, it's Lu Man!" Old Mrs. Han said excitedly.

Old Mr. Han coughed and calmly took out his reading glasses from his pocket to put it on.

Xia Qingwei was both excited for and anticipating it.

Because during the preliminaries, the program went too long and Lu Man did not know when she would act. She did not want the elders to sit here for too long and did not let them come.

Anyway, she had confidence that she'd pass the preliminaries.

And so, it was during the second round that she let the elders come.

With just one group competing every day, the program would only be less than two hours a day. To the elders, that length of time was alright.

Old Mr. Han, Old Mrs. Han, and the rest were watching the competition for the first time because, during the previous days, there was no Lu Man, and so they did not come.

Hence, they did not know that Ni Xue had also performed the same role before.

But the audience knew.

After listening to the emcee's announcement, everyone was shocked.

"This will be an interesting show to watch!"

"I remember that Ni Xue was acting the same role before. This comparison will be too great."

"This will be interesting, let's see who acts better."

"I feel that Ni Xue has already acted very well. No matter how good Lu Man's acting skills are, they cannot exceed a certain level. Wu Zetian's role has been destined. There is a line there that says, no matter how you act, you can only be around the same level."

"I feel that Ni Xue's acting is already good enough. At the maximum, they should score the same points."

"I, on the other hand, feel that Lu Man's performance cannot compare to Ni Xue's."

"It's impossible, there's a certainty in Lu Man's acting skills."

“I’m not saying that Lu Man’s acting is no good. It’s that her guest actor is Huang Yilun! Huang Yilun is famous for his good acting skills and strong aura. I did not think that the Han Corporation would call Huang Yilun out. Lu Man’s luck is not that good. How could she draw Huang Yilun as the guest actor? His acting skills can run circles around many people in the entertainment industry. In the previous round, Ni Xue’s guest actor was Xu Lin. To be truthful, whether it’s acting skill or aura, Xu Lin cannot be compared with Huang Yilun.”

“That’s right. Huang Yilun’s aura is too strong. As long as he appears, people cannot help but place their attention on him. It is easy to forget the people next to him. In that way, it’s a loss to act with him.”

“That’s why I said, with this kind of comparison, Lu Man is losing out compared to Ni Xue. It will be very easy for the judges to wrongly feel that Lu Man is not acting well enough.”

### **Chapter 748: Roll Over**

“Let’s wait and see. For a judge to be a judge, they must be clear in their hearts. They are all school teachers and have more experience in that area compared to us audience members.”

“They’ve come out,” an audience member said.

Because it was already the second round of the competition with only 50 participants, it was not as rushed and simple as the preliminaries.

In the second round, there were costumes and props, and they tried to make it like the original set of the original show.

In the middle of the stage, there was a bed, and Lu Man lay on the side with her back facing the audience. A head of silver hair was particularly noticeable.

On the big screen was an explanation of the details of the scene, to let the audience be able to understand it clearer.

The Zhang Yizhi that Huang Yilun was acting was fanning the Wu Zetian that Lu Man was acting with his handheld fan. In his eyes were nervousness and uneasiness, along with contradicting expressions, as he stared at Lu Man’s back with complicated emotions.

“Zhang Yizhi is Huang Yilun. Even his eyes are acting. As expected, as soon as he comes out, he manages to attract the attention of everyone. Lu Man is in danger,” someone in the audience commented in a low voice.

At that moment, Lu Man had yet to turn her body. “What are you constantly staring at me for?”

She purposely lowered her voice until it was very deep, very suited for Wu Zetian’s age and power.

When she said that, she managed to turn the attention that was originally on Huang Yilun back to her.

“Oh my gosh! Lu Man is so good! She did not even show her face, she just used her voice to suppress Huang Yilun’s aura.”

“Lu Man’s foundation in her understanding of the script is too good. Knowing what speed to use and when, what to emphasize, what tone to use.”

“I’ll take back my words just now, Ni Xue cannot compare to her.”

“It just started and you’re already saying that? It’s better to wait and see.”

Huang Yilun: “I... I was looking at your newly... newly grown black hair. How do you know that I’m looking at you?”

Lu Man’s tone was calm, as if she did not know of the danger that was going to happen and was still very confident. “For me to be able to reach where I am today, I used this bit of skill. Whether a person can smoothly walk forward, what is most important is to look at the situation behind you. I just have that ability. That’s why I’m where I am now.”

When Lu Man turned around, using her confident gaze that also held disdain to look at Huang Yilun, the audience exploded!

It was like she was Empress Wu herself!

After years of stability, after the destruction and the killings on her way up, she was self-confident and in control of everything, looking at you coldly like you were a clown.

Just one look and it made the audience hold their breath unconsciously.

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There was a night that seemed calm but was full of murder, full of the pressure of coming events casting their shadows before them.

Until, in the end, there was a eunuch who sung from afar, “The Nangong Door is peaceful, may your majesty have a good sleep and the world be at peace.”

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When the performance ended, Lu Man and Huang Yilun walked to the frontmost of the stage to wait for the reaction of the audience and the judges. The whole area was extremely quiet, the audience unable to return to their senses for a long time.

After 10 seconds under that oppressive atmosphere, the audience finally returned to their senses.

Suddenly, the whole audience was clapping loudly, a moved expression on their faces.

“You acted so well!”

“Not losing to Huang Yilun at all, and even winning in terms of aura!”

“Lu Man had even totally let out the aura of the Old Empress Wu!”

“That line was great, every word, every pause, it was too good!”

“Comparing with Ni Xue? How can Ni Xue compare? There is no possibility of comparison between Ni Xue and her! Even though they are not on the same stage, she was still being oppressed!”

“Ni Xue is quite pitiful, very unlucky to have picked the same role as Lu Man. Even though the script is not the same, they are from the same show, and she was totally oppressed by Lu Man. Really, this shows the difference between the buyer’s knowledge of the item and the seller’s knowledge.”

#### **Chapter 749: Being Able to Act Opposite This Kind of Actor Is Something Very Fortunate**

The Old Mrs. Han excitedly clapped until her palms were red. “Man Man is really too brilliant.”

Xia Qingwei could not help but nod continuously, eyes filled with hot tears. “Before this, I’ve seen only the movies she acted in, and I’ve felt that she was acting well in them thanks to the director and the seniors in the same crew. The director had taught her well, with the seniors helping her enter the role. I did not think that it would be so shocking seeing Man Man’s performance live.”

“No wonder Sun Yiwu said Man Man was born to be in this industry,” Shen Nuo said with a smile.

The clapping sounds did not go away even after a very long time. The emcee had already been standing by Lu Man’s side for a while, waiting for the clapping sounds to slowly stop before saying, “Thank you, Lu Man and Teacher Huang Yilun, for bringing such a good performance.”

Lu Man and Huang Yilun bowed in thanks to the audience again.

“I did not think that the audience’s reaction would be so great as well,” Huang Yilun said, smiling.

“I’m the one who did not think that Teacher Huang was coming to be a guest actor,” the emcee said, also smiling.

Huang Yilun laughed loudly. “I’ve been resting recently, and the company asked me if I’m interested in acting alongside students. I felt that it was not bad to help to teach a new generation of actors and to watch them grow. It has a lot of meaning, so I accepted it. But I didn’t know who I would be acting alongside, and Lu Man found out I was going to act with her only when she got on stage. We had time to do only a short rehearsal before we got on stage.”

“What is your comment on Lu Man’s acting here?” the emcee asked.

“Good!” Huang Yilun did not hesitate and gave a thumbs up at Lu Man. “People who know me know that I’m a straightforward person who says what I think. If it’s good, I’ll say it’s good; if it’s bad, I’ll say it’s bad. I won’t try to push around the topic or say that it’s good even though you only acted mediocly. I won’t do that.”

“Lu Man really acts extremely well. Let’s not even compare her to the new generation, even if she were judged against my generation, she is still very outstanding. She is just 20 years old, but she managed to act out the aura of Empress Wu’s old age. When she became older, she did not have a very sharp aura; she looked calm and nice, but she had a lot of control. That kind of imperial power as an emperor had been changed and melted into her bones from the initial sharpness, and she grasped this point very well.”

“To tell you the truth, before the official performance, I was very troubled, scared I would not be able to get the level of acting right. After all, I’m acting with a student. The student’s acting experience is definitely not like ours. If I was to be too open, I’m scared the student would not be able to follow my

spacing and that it would influence the student's performance. After all, the main character of the competition is the student. I was scared of oppressing the student's talent."

"But if I was to hold myself back too much, I was scared I wouldn't act well enough, causing the student to not be able to show their true talent. I was the most scared of influencing the student's showing of their abilities. That was the hardest point for me," Huang Yilun said. "Before I went on stage, I also told Lu Man about my concerns. Lu Man told me that I can feel free to act however I wanted, to act in the way I'm most comfortable with, and that I did not need to be concerned about her. But I still felt uneasy. Yet who knew that as soon as I got on stage, as soon as I heard the first word Lu Man said, I knew that she was not wrong. I can act comfortably."

"While acting together with Lu Man, I did not get the feeling that I was acting with a new actor. It was like I'm acting with an old and experienced actor; it felt very good. I could act however I wanted to and trust her. No matter how I acted, she could deal with it. I needed not be scared of ruining this scene. This feeling is too addictive. An actor being able to act opposite this kind of actor is someone very fortunate."

### **Chapter 750: Sun Changfang, Are You Joking with Me?**

Huang Yilun smiled and said, "I'm really anticipating getting the chance in the future to act together with Lu Man."

Huang Yilun's opinion of Lu Man could be said to be very high.

"Thank you, Teacher Huang," Lu Man said, smiling.

The emcee also thanked him and invited Huang Yilun off the stage.

"Teacher Huang Yilun's comments on Lu Man is really quite high," the emcee said with a smile. "Teacher He Shuxin, what are your thoughts on Lu Man's performance?"

"Great. Other than 'great,' I can't even say anything else." He Shuxin was a bit excited. "From Lu Man, I can see that there's hope for the new actors again. To tell you the truth, when I heard what role Lu Man was acting, I did not have much confidence in her. She's a young girl, so could she act this role of Empress Wu, the first female emperor, well? The Empress Wu was also well in her old age, and it's especially hard to dissect her character."

"When she was middle-aged, Empress Wu's edge had yet to be dulled, and she decisively cut down people, focusing on showing her decisiveness and fierceness. But in old age, it became much more complicated. Any emperor will become extremely complex when he gets old. In just 20 minutes, Lu Man showed how she was full of the complexity that came with old age. The scene took place on the eve of the political revolution, and it had a very depressing atmosphere. When I looked at it, my scalp went numb and I was completely brought into the scene. Very good."

"Teacher Zhang Guangtao?" the emcee called.

Zhang Guangtao smiled and nodded. "My scalp burst open when I uttered the first sentence from the long road. Although she hasn't shown her face yet, she used her voice to set the tone of the whole



performance and to suppress the rhythm and atmosphere. Teacher Huang Yilun's acting skills have always been clear to all of us. It is no longer possible for ordinary actors to equal him. I am proud of Lu Man."

"Teacher Sun Changfang doesn't seem to agree?" the emcee said.

"This emcee really doesn't feel like things are bad enough. This is not some television show. It won't be played on any media platform. It doesn't need more streams, so why is she making trouble?" someone in the audience said in a low voice.

As expected, Sun Changfang smiled and said, "Teacher He and Teacher Zhang are doing this to encourage the student, and they have put a lot of effort in it too. But from my point of view, Lu Man's performance is far from what they said. Lu Man's performance was a bit pretentious and too purposeful. Anyway, I was not brought into her atmosphere."

He Shuxin and Zhang Guangtao's expression looked bad.

But their expression was not as bad as Han Zhuoli's.

Han Zhuoli's face had already become cold as he mildly looked at the principal of Donghua Academy of Drama.

"Does he have something wrong with him? Is this Sun Changfang not done nitpicking? I don't see where Lu Man was acting pretentiously. If he feels that it's pretentious somewhere, then he should state it out!"

"Does this Sun Changfang have a problem?! How did Lu Man offend him? Why is it that he cannot stand Lu Man doing well?"

The emcee laughed dryly and did not ask Sun Changfang anything more. The emcee hurried to ask Li Lingmei, "Teacher Li, what do you feel?"

"It's alright. Lu Man's performance has a lot of room for improvement," Li Lingmei said simply.

The emcee did not dare to ask anything more. Regretting why she asked so much, she could only hurry them to give their marks.

"Then after this, let's have Teacher Sun Changfang show his marks first," the emcee hurried to say.

Sun Changfang showed his marks: 7.2.

After that score came out, the whole audience exploded.

"7.2? Sun Changfang, are you joking with me? Lu Man acted so well and you gave 7.2?"

"Looks like Teacher Sun is being strict as usual," the emcee said awkwardly.