

## Mr Han 771

### Chapter 771: Guest Actor

Pan Xue's head was shaking even harder than Han Leilei's. "It's even more impossible for me. Zheng Yuan and Han Leilei don't dare to, and my ability is definitely worse. This is a vital point in the competition. Lu Man, please be more careful."

Hu Zhonghui used her straw to stir the pearls at the bottom of the milk tea. "I went to find out some things. Donghua Academy of Drama, Donghua Film Academy, and the National Media University, these three schools have only one student in the finals, right? The student from the National Media University does not have any fanbase and has not entered the entertainment industry yet. Hence, that student has no friends in the entertainment industry either and could only find an actor with decent skills through school teachers. But the actor would definitely not be someone very famous."

"The two students from Donghua Academy of Drama and Donghua Film Academy are slightly better than the one from the National Media Academy. Before this, they managed to scheme and become popular on the Internet. One is a young and good-looking newcomer, and the other managed to make herself out to be the prettiest girl in school. Although they have yet to officially enter the entertainment industry, their fanbase is bigger than that of the National Media Academy's student."

"As to the National Drama Academy and your National Film Academy, this competition is more intense. The people who've managed to get into the finals are already popular actors in the entertainment industry. Ni Xue, Li Zeyu, Chen Cong, Yu Lexin, Yang Ruitian, Chang Yachen, all of them have statuses in the entertainment industry, with their own good friends and connections. The actors they find won't be actors who are not famous."

Hu Zhonghui took a mouthful of milk tea and leaned towards the middle of the table.

That mysterious look made Zheng Yuan and the others unconsciously squeeze towards the middle.

"I went around and found out that Ni Xue's manager went around contacting people to be Ni Xue's guest actor, and now she's already confirmed one. It's Qiao Luna," Hu Zhonghui said in a low voice.

Lu Man had yet to react when Zheng Yuan and the other two made a noise of shock, so surprised that they almost jumped up.

"What? Qiao Luna?" Ni Xue said in shock. "The heck, this is a school competition. Isn't Ni Xue going too far?"

"Although Qiao Luna is not considered an A-lister, she's a B-lister who is ranked highly, and she has recently had a lot of publicity," Han Leilei said.

"Yes." Hu Zhonghui explained, "Recently, Qiao Luna's contract with the Han Corporation has just ended, and the competition in the Han Corporation is too strong. Qiao Luna felt that she's popular now, yet the Han Corporation can't give her the treatment she wants and she did not continue to sign a contract with the Han Corporation. She went over to the company Zhong Hang, and it just happens that Zhong Hang

needs a popular young female actress. And so, they are cultivating Ni Xue now and want Qiao Luna's popularity to help Ni Xue a bit."

Zheng Yuan laughed. "What is Qiao Luna not satisfied with? So many people want to sign a contract with the Han Corporation but can't enter. If it were not for the Han Corporation's training, how could she be where she is now? Back then, because the Han Corporation wanted to promote her, they gave her so many resources. If it were other companies, they could not have given those resources to her at all. Now that she's popular, she's starting to be unsatisfied? Why doesn't she think that if it were not for the Han Corporation, she would not have become as popular as she is now?"

"That's the problem with the different angles and thoughts that different people have," Lu Man explained. "The main reason is that Qiao Luna became popular too fast. The Han Corporation gave her resources that were too good at the start, causing her to feel that she deserved it. Suddenly becoming popular, she can't clearly comprehend her position and felt that it was expected that she gets even better treatment. But she did not think that the Han Corporation has a famous female singer that is exceeding the A-list, as well as a lot of A-list celebrities. Why would she have better resources than they do? No company would keep being biased in its distribution of resources. After they've helped her become popular, the rest depended on herself. Yet Qiao Luna was not satisfied and so did not sign the contract with the Han Corporation again."

#### **Chapter 772: Hurry and Find Your Guest Actors**

"But let's talk about Zhong Hang for a bit. Qiao Luna can also be considered as someone of great seniority and power, and the emphasis Zhong Hang puts on her is definitely more than the Han Corporation had," Hu Zhonghui explained. "Although the resources that Zhong Hang can provide her with is not as good as the Han Corporation's, the money she earns might not be less than when she's with the latter. Yes, her resources are just average, but with the increase of her appearance on media platforms, there are both advantages and disadvantages. With the Han Corporation, if you can hold on, you can advance to the international level. But few people can strive on like that. There are only a few at the top. If you want to be trained and given great resources by the Han Corporation, you must first climb up to that position. So, Qiao Luna's choice can be understood."

"But talking logically, Qiao Luna's popularity is a lot greater than Ni Xue's. Even if they were with the same company, how could Qiao Luna be willing to be a side actor for Ni Xue?" Zheng Yuan did not understand.

"Qiao Luna has just moved over to Zhong Hang. She's considered an outsider while Ni Xue is an actual daughter that Zhong Hang has been training and developing. If Qiao Luna wanted the resources of Zhong Hang to lean towards her, then she needs to show her sincerity," Lu Man explained to them. "Zhong Hang just happens to want to use the popularity of Ni Xue and Qiao Luna, tying them together and making them pull each other up a bit. It's already been confirmed that Qiao Luna is going to participate in *The Performer*. That in itself is something that is very attention-grabbing, and that way, Qiao Luna's fans and the viewers who are interested in *The Performer* would go to take notice of Ni Xue and Qiao Luna's performance."

“As soon as Ni Xue successfully advances and enters *The Performer*, at that time, she would become competitors with Qiao Luna. It’ll be very news-worthy. It’s very easy to draw attention and amass popularity, helping them become more well-known.” Regarding Zhong Hang’s plans, while others might only understand a little bit of it, they could not be hidden from Lu Man.

Lu Man had revealed Zhong Hang’s intentions and broke it down for the others to hear.

At that moment, if the higher-ups of Zhong Hang or people who know the insider information had been there, they would have been shocked. What Lu Man had said gave the impression she was there at that time and had heard their business discussion!

“Aiya!” Hu Zhonghui hit the table. “Is now the time to be discussing the goals of Zhong Hang? I’m already so troubled. Although Qiao Luna can only be considered as an upper B-lister, her popularity is actually not low. Ni Xue already went to find her to be her guest actor, how could you not be anxious at all? You should go and find one too!”

Hu Zhonghui blamed herself and said, “This is where I’m weak at. I became a manager not long ago and have very shallow connections in the industry. I don’t know many people and can’t help much. The guest actors Ni Xue is looking for are all on the same level as Qiao Luna, and the other people’s guests would definitely not be lacking. I even helped you find out how those few at the National Drama Academy found not only guest actors but also directors. They didn’t find the top-notch directors, but the ones they did have filmed many dramas. Chang Yachen had even found the director of a recent popular drama, *Tang Gong Ji*, Chen Zilong.”

“There’s a very big difference having a director and not having a director,” Hu Zhonghui said. “Directors can help you get a grasp of the whole scene and its details.”

Pan Xue became extremely worried. “Aiyo. Then, Lu Man, why are you still looking here for us? Hurry and find your guest actors!”

Pan Xue’s voice was a bit loud, and instantly, there were quite a few people who looked over.

“There are too many people here. Let’s not stay in the canteen anymore. Let’s go somewhere with fewer people,” Han Leilei suggested.

“Alright, let’s go to the cafe. There are fewer people there,” Zheng Yuan said.

They stood up and went out.

They were walking towards the cafe when they met Ni Xue.

Zhang Xiaoying and Dong Jingxi were following behind Ni Xue.

They did not know why Ni Xue came to school today.

### **Chapter 773: Skillful Swordmaster Lu Man**

She was already in Year Four and was normally outside filming and participating in all kinds of events. She no longer came to class for lessons.

The school also allowed students to take leave to film outside when they're in Year Four.

Ni Xue not practicing outside school right now was out of the ordinary.

Pan Xue said in a low voice, "Tch, before this, Zhuang Tingting and the rest were the ones following behind Zhang Xiaoying. Why is Zhang Xiaoying the one following people around now?"

Han Leilei's lips twitched upwards, and she said in a low voice, "She finally realized she does not actually have much ability and can't manage to beat Lu Man, so she came to hug Ni Xue's thigh."

"Lu Man?" Ni Xue looked at the people next to Lu Man. "Are you preparing for the competition?"

Lu Man honestly nodded. "We are discussing it now."

Anyway, she had yet to come to a conclusion. There was nothing to hide.

Zhang Xiaoying looked disdainfully at Zheng Yuan and the rest and said, "Lu Man, you can't have been seeking them out to be your guest actors, right?"

"We are just discussing with Lu Man who to find," Han Leilei said coldly.

"Ha, who can you all find, with no friends in the circle and no connections?" Dong Jingxi said.

During the second round, Lu Man's marks had been pressed down and yet Dong Jingxi was still not able to win against her.

Dong Jingxi felt very troubled and was not polite at all towards Lu Man.

"Senior Dong, you forgot that Lu Man has acted in *Greedy Wolf Operation* and *Red Tiger* before. No matter what, she knows Director Sun, Director Ji, the Best Actor Zhang Shuidong, as well as a lot of other people. They are all high-level," Zhang Xiaoying mocked, her tone unhappy.

Dong Jingxi chuckled like she was very happy. "Aiyo, I almost forgot. Those people are very high-level, but can she manage to invite them?"

"Could it be that she would really invite Zhang Shuidong to be a guest actor and Director Sun or Director Ji to be the director?" Dong Jingxi was just thinking about these images and she already laughed.

"Celebrities of that caliber, it makes me tremble thinking about it."

Lu Man raised her eyebrow. "Senior Dong, did I offend you before?"

"What?" Dong Jingxi was stunned.

Wouldn't people normally insult back or try to look impressive at one's own cost?

What was Lu Man doing?!

"Zhang Xiaoying attacking me, I can understand. After all, I've caused her show to flop." Lu Man smiled, stabbing Zhang Xiaoying's heart.

"And then, I won against her during the end-of-semester exams." Lu Man stabbed with another knife.

Zhang Xiaoying: "..."

“Then, during the competition, she was eliminated on the second round but I went on to enter the finals,” Lu Man said as she smiled. “I think she’s probably really very angry.”

Zhang Xiaoying: “...”

Pan Xue and the rest could not help but laugh.

It was like they heard the sounds of Lu Man stabbing her.

Pu! Pu! Pu!

They saw blood with every stab!

“But Senior Dong, I didn’t do anything to you, so why are you targetting me?” Lu Man’s face was one of confusion.

Dong Jingxi: “...”

Han Leilei stabbed her from the side. “It’s probably because during the second round, she was in the same group as you. You’ve met with an unfair grading and your marks were made lower. At that time, even though the judges were changed, she still was not able to win against you.”

Pan Xue’s face was one of confusion. “But it’s her own acting skills that are lacking. What does it have to do with Lu Man?”

Zheng Yuan dragged out her words, “Some people, they never think to find a reason within their own selves. If others are more outstanding than they are, it’s those others’ fault.”

#### **Chapter 774: Only Lu Man Knows How to Make Herself Look Good**

Dong Jingxi’s whole face became stiff, like a face that had had a failed plastic surgery.

Lu Man’s face looked innocent as she smiled. “Then, Senior Dong doesn’t need to worry anymore. You’ve already been eliminated.”

Dong Jingxi: “...”

Everybody: “...”

Lu Man’s knife was really stabbing extremely mercilessly!

Ni Xue’s expression was one that showed she was confident that she would definitely win against Lu Man. “I’m going to see the director already. I’ll let Director Guo properly arrange my performance. Lu Man you also should properly prepare.”

After saying that, Ni Xue walked off, and Zhang Xiaoying and Dong Jingxi hurried to follow behind.

“I did not think that Guo Haolun would really agree to her request,” said Ni Xue in surprise after waiting for Hu Zhonghui and the other two to leave.

“Guo Haolun?” Zheng Yuan was shocked. “The Guo Haolun who filmed quite a lot of popular web dramas and made multiple main leads famous?”

“That’s him.” Hu Zhonghui nodded.

These last few years, there were not a lot of people who could make web dramas popular. Being able to make web dramas popular while also being able to make his main leads famous, and then directly being able to film movies, that kind of director was even harder to find.

“I heard that Ni Xue wanted to ask Guo Haolun to help her arrange her performance before, but there’s no result yet so I did not say anything,” Hu Zhonghui said. “It looks like Ni Xue really wants the win this time.”

“What’s there to be scared of?” Zheng Yuan suggested, “Lu Man, go and ask Young Master Han. If he opens his mouth, you can get practically anyone to be your guest actor, right? With the director and guest actors you could have, you can totally win against them instantly.”

Seeing that Lu Man did not speak, Hu Zhonghui said in shock, “It can’t be that you didn’t go and ask Young Master Han for help, right?”

“I feel that for this kind of small thing, there’s no need to bother so many people.” Lu Man shook her head. “When we are competing, we are comparing our own acting skills, not who can find the most popular person. If it’s voting by the audience, then finding an assistant in acting who is very popular can help to attract a lot of fan votes. But this time, the competition’s grading is done by the judges. It’s Teacher Ma Xianghuan, Teacher Lian Fang, Teacher Huang Yilun, as well as Teacher He Shuxin and Teacher Zhang Guangtao who are grading our acting skills, and they will not be looking at who can invite the most celebrities and who can invite the best actors. The most important thing is how good your acting skills are.”

“That’s right!” a voice rang out.

The small group turned around in shock. They did not think that it would be Mr. Ma Xianghuan who’d come!

Next to him were Principal Liu and Vice Principal Wang, and behind him were many leaders of the school.

Among the group, there was also Ni Xue and the other two.

It was quite coincidental for them. They had originally wanted to leave, but in the end, they saw that Principal Liu was accompanying Teacher Ma Xianghuan out of the building, like he wanted to bring him to look at the school compound.

Ni Xue and the other two hurried to take the chance to greet him.

Ma Xianghuan had some impression of her, remembering that this was a student from the competition, and allowed her to follow.

They did not think that as they were walking, they would meet Lu Man.

Ma Xianghuan had only a faint impression of Ni Xue, but towards Lu Man, he had a deep impression.

Walking over, he happened to hear Lu Man’s words and kept nodding.

The top 10 students who had advanced had all gone to contact the celebrities in the entertainment industry that they had some relations with, and the judges had all heard about it.

Just yesterday, Ma Xianghuan had been chatting with Lian Fang about this and had exclaimed, "If they competed like that, then the original meaning for the competition is lost!"

"Principal, Teacher Ma," Lu Man and the rest instantly called.

Ni Xue and the other two were in the group, and their expressions were very bad.

Only Lu Man knew how to make herself look good, speaking until she seemed so noble. Even Ma Xianghuan admired her after listening to her.

### **Chapter 775: Asking Teacher for Help**

She did not believe that Lu Man really thought that way. She just could not find good guest actors, that was why she said such sour words.

Ma Xianghuan walked over. "Yesterday, I was just discussing this with Lian Fang. Variety shows need high viewership ratings, and wanting more popular actors can be understood. But the Chinese Arts Championships is a professional competition among schools. What we are trying to train is the student's acting skills. There is no need to do the same kinds of things as variety shows, and it's only right to return the competition to the performance itself. Don't let the students lose sight of the original reason the Chinese Arts Championships is being held and leave behind the essence of acting."

"I can't expect students from the current generation to be the same as us from the old generation, but I hope that there would still be people who'd maintain their love for acting in this superficial generation."

Ma Xianghuan was not targeting Ni Xue but the overall situation in the present.

But Ni Xue still felt that her face was burning up.

Hearing Ma Xianghuan's words, Zheng Yuan and the rest were moved.

"Your words, I'll remember them. I don't know how I'll advance in the future, but I'll definitely always keep your words in my heart. I will do my best to return to the essence of acting and not forget my original reason for acting," Lu Man said seriously.

"Good, good, good!" Ma Xianghuan said as he smiled. "Although during the second round, I did not manage to see your live performance, later on, I had Xiao Huang get me the video of it and I watched it many times. I can see your sincerity towards acting. Your performance in the finals, I anticipate it a lot."

Principal Liu saw that the two of them were chatting very amicably and asked Lu Man, "Are you all here for something?"

They looked at each other then said, "Nothing much."

"Then let's take a walk around. Teacher Ma hasn't come here for over ten years, he doesn't know that our school has changed a lot," Principal Liu walked and explained. "Teacher Ma is here this time to check on our school."

It turned out that this time, Ma Xianghuan had emerged from his reclusive lifestyle to be a judge for the Chinese Arts Championships.

The National Drama Academy and the National Film Academy were both moved, wanting to invite Ma Xianghuan to be a teacher of their school.

Ma Xianghuan saw the performance of this generation of children and the new generation of actors with their varying levels of performance. He really felt the temptation to come back out and teach.

And thus, he came to take a look at the National Film Academy.

He was planning on looking at both schools.

It was just that the National Film Academy had Lu Man, and so, Ma Xianghuan was more interested in the National Film Academy.

After seeing Ma Xianghuan off, Lu Man directly went to find Teacher Fang, who was giving lessons in the Performing Masters Studies.

“You want me to be your guest actor?” Teacher Fang was surprised at this unexpected development.

After all, other contestants were looking for celebrities for help. Despite how Lu Man had the ability to do so as well, she came to find him. That was really quite surprising.

“I want the competition to be returned to pure performance,” Lu Man explained.

Teacher Fang could not hide his excitement and stood up. “I heard about your words with Teacher Ma Xianghuan today. But I did not think that you would come and find me.”

Teacher Fang paced a bit around his original spot, his gaze bright. “It’ll be my honor.”

“What script did you draw?” Teacher Fang then asked.

Lu Man was prepared beforehand and passed the script to Teacher Fang.

When Teacher Fang saw the script, he knew why Lu Man came to find him.

The script that Lu Man drew was the scene in *The Last Emperor* between Wan Rong and Pu Yi.

During lesson time, Teacher Fang had once especially brought up *The Last Emperor* actors so that they could talk about their roles, and they had analyzed these roles on the spot and performed them.

#### **Chapter 776: You’re the Big Boss, So We’ll Just Follow What You Say**

“Alright.” Teacher Fang nodded. “Actually, I’ve always had a wish. I wanted to be able to perform Pu Yi’s role once. I did not think that I would manage to fulfill my dream this time.”

She sought out Teacher Fang also because Teacher Fang’s performance leaned more towards the traditional arts, making it very suited for the requirements of this script.

“How about this? Let’s go and find Teacher Wan from the directing major.” Teacher Fang wanted to do things the instant he thought about it, and he directly led Lu Man out of the office, telling her on the

way, “It’s better to find a directing teacher to help to arrange the show. The difference in one’s own unique points, the differences between stage performances and movies, and the need to rearrange the script a bit, we’ll need a directing teacher to help with them all.”

“Teacher Wan is very low-key, and very few people in the school know that Teacher Wan had directed quite a lot of good shows. It is just that they are all for small audiences and are not as attractive to the audiences of the big commercial films. At the same time, he’s also a director in the Sesame Theater. The Chinese Arts Championships’ performance style is closer to that of stage plays, so for this, it’s the most suitable to find Teacher Wan.”

Lu Man was very thankful that she had come to find Teacher Fang. Otherwise, she would not have been able to think of such details.

Teacher Fang brought Lu Man to Teacher Wan’s office.

Teacher Wan hesitated upon hearing why they were there. “That’s not very good, right? We have a total of three students from our school who’ve advanced to the finals. As teachers, it’s no good for us to be biased and help a single person.”

“Stop it, the other two already went to find celebrities for help, they have no need for us at all,” Teacher Fang said. “If they need our help and they come to find us, we would definitely not reject them. But they did not come to find us, Lu Man did. Could it be that you do not want to help Lu Man? What is fair, what is biased? If you don’t help Lu Man because the others didn’t seek you out, that’s called being biased.”

“If the three people all came to find us for help but we only helped one of them, that is being biased. But right now, it’s obvious that they do not need us, and our other student Lu Man needs our help as her teachers. If we don’t help her, can we still be considered teachers?” Teacher Fang did not want to let Teacher Wan reject the invitation. “Anyway, I don’t care, I’ve already brought Lu Man over, you must help her.”

“Hey, you’re being unreasonable,” Teacher Wan said helplessly.

“You’re the unreasonable one! Not wanting to help your student, aren’t you embarrassed?” Teacher Fang directly started to become worked up.

“I didn’t say I won’t be helping! Look at your short temper.” Teacher Wan shook his head. “I just said a couple of sentences more. I’ll help, I’ll help, I’ll help you!”

“If you were also direct just now, wouldn’t it have been easier? You just had to make me anxious and worried.” Teacher Fang even started to grumble at him.

Teacher Wan was really scared of Teacher Fang’s temper and hurriedly pleaded for mercy from him. “It’s my fault, it’s my fault, please be magnanimous, forgive me this once.”

“Alright,” Teacher Fang said. “As for a practice room, I’ll provide one. You don’t have lessons later, right? If you don’t have lessons, let’s start to arrange matters first.”

“Fine. You’re the big boss, so we’ll just follow what you say.” Teacher Wan was helpless.

This Teacher Fang, how was he asking people for help? He was practically being bossy!

The three of them went into the practice room and started to look through the script.

Teacher Wan said, “Lu Man, you only came to find Teacher Fang?”

“Yes. Even though at the start of the show, there are a lot of people, those with actual lines in the script are only Pu Yi and Wan Rong. There are too many people at the banquet, I’m scared that it’ll be hard to arrange,” Lu Man explained.

### **Chapter 777: I’m Not Pulling Them Over to Be Scapegoats**

Teacher Wan shook his head. “If you want to do it, we need to do it big! Since you said that Li Zeyu and Ni Xue have already found people and don’t need our help, then let’s call over the performing arts teachers in the school who are free! Lu Man is representing our school, let’s have them all contribute!”

Lu Man couldn’t help feeling that Teacher Wan totally thought that he could not be the only one being used to do menial labor. He already got pulled over by Teacher Fang, so he needed to pull the other teachers so they could be scapegoats together.

“Alright, alright.” Teacher Fang was happy. “Just thinking about it, I feel like the situation will be very grand.”

“I’m not pulling them over to be scapegoats,” Teacher Wan said again.

Lu Man: “...”

Teacher Fang: “...”

*Could it be that you are really thinking like that?*

Teacher Wan just laughed. “Teacher Fang, have you talked to them about *The Last Emperor* before?”

“I’ve talked about it.” Teacher Fang’s corner of his lips twitched.

“I thought so too. It’s a must-have lesson you have every year.” Teacher Wan smiled. “If you’ve talked about it before, that’s good. Look at this script, actually, in this part, the people in the banquet are not just background characters. They are recognizable characters and cannot be left out at all.”

“Yes. It was filmed by a world-class director, so there must definitely have been a reason for the scene to be arranged like this,” Teacher Fang said.

Teacher Wan felt that they needed to quickly pull the other teachers over. He almost could not stand Teacher Fang’s mouth anymore.

“Fine, let’s split up and call everyone over now.” Teacher Wan patted his kneecaps and stood up.

And so, Teacher Fang and Teacher Wan grandly left.

Lu Man also wanted to go but was stopped by the two of them, who wanted her to carefully look over the script here.

And so, Lu Man looked for the video clip of this part in the movie and carefully looked through it.

Not long after, Teacher Yao, Teacher Hong, Teacher Liang, and the other teachers in the same year were pulled over by Teacher Fang and Teacher Wan.

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Regarding Lu Man finding Teacher Fang and Teacher Wan for help, she did not purposely try to hide it and could not hide it either.

And so, people in the school all found out that Lu Man went to find two teachers for help, but they did not know that Teacher Fang and Teacher Wan had pulled over all the teachers that they could pull over to act.

“Haha, that Lu Man is really so scheming. She knows well that she can’t find a celebrity and went to find teachers instead. She can manage to curry favor with the teachers and leave a good impression at the same time,” Dong Jingxi coldly mocked. “A teacher in the performing major as a guest actor, a teacher in the directing major to help to arrange the scenes.”

“Of course she is scheming. Otherwise, how can she be doing so well?” Zhuang Tingting and Yu Jingxian followed Zhang Xiaoying over and had started to mix around with Dong Jingxi and Ni Xue. Seeing Dong Jingxi’s anger towards Lu Man, Zhuang Tingting instantly took the chance to speak.

“The two of you were not there yesterday, and you didn’t know how pretentious Lu Man had been in front of Teacher Ma Xianghuan,” Dong Jingxi said in a sarcastic tone, referring to what Lu Man had said before. Then she repeated what Lu Man had said. “She really knows how to suck up to people.”

“But even Teacher Ma Xianghuan has already said that. Finding those celebrities doesn’t seem very suitable now,” Ni Xue said, her face dark.

“But Qiao Luna agreed with much difficulty. How will you tell the company and Qiao Luna?” Dong Jingxi asked.

“How else can I say it? I’ll say it directly.” Ni Xue stood up. “I’ll directly tell the company what Teacher Ma Xianghuan said, that the judges do not like us finding celebrities as guest actors. The company can’t insist on doing what the judges don’t like, right?”

“Then where are you going now?” Zhang Xiaoying asked after seeing that Ni Xue was leaving.

### **Chapter 778: Why Didn’t You Say It Earlier?**

“I’m going to find the teachers for help! Lu Man went to find them. If I don’t go to find them, what will the teachers think? They’ll think I’m looking down on them.” When Ni Xue mentioned Lu Man, she got very angry.

This Lu Man, she really knew how to make trouble!

Lu Man herself could not find people to be her guest actor, so she wanted to make trouble for her and mess up her original pacing.

Now it was even better, she needed to restart her preparation process.

Why was there someone so hateful like Lu Man?!

But when Ni Xue went to Teacher Yao's office, she found that Teacher Yao was not there.

It was not only Teacher Yao. It was better to say that the office had no one in it at all!

The same kind of situation also happened to Li Zeyu.

Li Zeyu had also given up on his original plan and was planning on finding the teachers of the school for help.

And in the end, when he came to the office, there was only Ni Xue.

Li Zeyu: "..."

Ni Xue: "..."

"Are all the teachers not here?" Li Zeyu asked.

"It was like this when I came," Ni Xue said, troubled. "They probably have lessons."

Li Zeyu took out his phone to look at the time. "You also came here to find the teachers to be guest actors?"

Ma Xianghuan's words had long spread throughout the school, and everyone knew about it.

Li Zeyu did not feel that it was just a coincidence, meeting Ni Xue in the office.

Obviously, everyone's thoughts were the same.

Ni Xue raised her eyebrow. "You too?"

Li Zeyu smiled and admitted readily, "Yes. If Lu Man can do that, I can do that too."

"Same same."

The teachers were not in the office, and the two could only leave first and come back after lessons.

It just so happened that on Lu Man's side, because Teacher Yao and the rest needed to go for lessons, she also came back to attend lessons first.

Teacher Wan had appointed a time for them to have a rehearsal every day to make it more convenient.

Before the lessons ended, Ni Xue and Li Zeyu were waiting orderly in the office.

Teacher Yao and Teacher Hong came back after lessons and saw the two of them.

"Do you two have something you need?" Teacher Yao and Teacher Hong entered the office and called the two in.

Ni Xue looked at Li Zeyu and said first, "Teacher Yao, Teacher Hong, for the Chinese Arts Championships finals this time, do you two have time? I want to ask you two to be my guest actors."

Li Zeyu instantly said, "My script needs only one guest actor. Teachers, I also need one guest actor, so—"

Teacher Yao said, troubled, "Why didn't you say it earlier? I already agreed to be a guest actor for Lu Man."

"Ah? Then, Teacher Hong—" Li Zeyu looked towards Teacher Hong again.

Teacher Hong did not know whether to laugh or to cry. "I've also agreed to help Lu Man already."

"That's not right," Ni Xue hurriedly said. "I heard that Lu Man had asked Teacher Wan and Teacher Fang for help. She should have enough people already."

"We are there to be extras," Teacher Yao explained as he smiled. "Her show's scene is quite grand. Teacher Wan is the director, and he felt that he needed to present the group-acting part because that would be best."

Look, this was the good thing about having a director.

"This... this is too..." Ni Xue wanted to say, *This is too wasteful!*

So many teachers were going to be extras for Lu Man?

Furthermore, they would go and be extras for her yet not be guest actors for Ni Xue and Li Zeyu? How could that be?

"Teachers, are there a lot of teachers who are going to help Lu Man by being extras?" Li Zeyu asked.

"There's really quite many." Teacher Yao nodded. "To prevent you from running around and wasting effort, I'll write a name list for you two."

Teacher Yao took out an A4 paper and wrote down a few names for them.

Ni Xue saw it. "There's not a lot of people."

Teacher Yao explained, "This is the name list of the teachers who are not going to play extras for Lu Man."

### **Chapter 779: Walking Her Own Path, Causing Them to Have No Path to Walk on**

Ni Xue: "..."

Li Zeyu: "..."

There were only eight f\*cking people in total!

Lu Man either did not need to have so many people or that these eight teachers really could not find the time.

Li Zeyu believed the second was more possible.

"Teacher Yao, Teacher Hong, since Lu Man has so many teachers helping her already, having one or two less will be fine, right? Would it be alright for you two to tell Lu Man that you need to help us? It can't be that we don't have a single teacher to help us over here, right?" Ni Xue said.

Teacher Hong asked strangely, "Didn't you two already ask your celebrity friends to help you?"

Ni Xue: "..."

Li Zeyu: "..."

What could the two of them say?

Ma Xianghuan had already said what he did, so who else would dare to ask their celebrity friends to help them?

That meant that those celebrity friends would not manage to fulfill their role of helping and instead have the opposite effect.

But there was no need for the two to say that. Teacher Yao and Teacher Hong already understood.

"This... we've already agreed to help Lu Man. Even though we are extras, each of us has our own positions. We've already started to rehearse, so suddenly saying that we want to withdraw would not be good," Teacher Yao said, troubled.

"But we can't let her occupy so many teachers from the school, right?" Ni Xue said, finding it unfair. "She's entered the finals, but so did we."

"Yes. But before this, didn't you say that you've asked your celebrity friends to help you? We thought that you two did not need help anymore, and so we agreed to help Lu Man," Teacher Yao said.

Ni Xue was extremely angry. So this was their fault now?

"We want to help every student in the school," Teacher Hong said. "Why don't you two go and find Lu Man to discuss it with her? If Lu Man agrees, then we will definitely help you. Otherwise, we can't go back on our words."

She had already said that, and though Ni Xue and Li Zeyu were both not happy in their hearts, they could not keep insisting on it and could only leave the office.

"What do you plan on doing after this?" Ni Xue asked Li Zeyu.

They really did not dare to ask their celebrity friends for help, scared that if Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang saw it, they would not be happy.

But most of the teachers in the school had been asked for help by Lu Man already.

Lu Man was practically walking her own path, causing them to have no path to walk on.

"What can I do? I'm going to ask the remaining eight teachers if they are free or not," Li Zeyu said as he walked. "But I think there is little chance. If they had the time, they would definitely have gone and helped Lu Man."

But no matter what, he needed the help.

And in the end, as Li Zeyu thought, the eight teachers really had no time.

The two of them could not go to Lu Man, of course, and Ni Xue believed that even if they went to talk to Lu Man, Lu Man would not agree to their request.

Ni Xue thought about it, and she did not tell Li Zeyu as she went to find Principal Liu by herself.

“Principal, can you tell Lu Man to not forcibly occupy so many teachers?” Ni Xue begged helplessly. “I went to ask for help from the teachers with Li Zeyu, but there is no one left.”

“Shouldn’t you have prepared a long time ago? Why did you start seeking out people only now?” Principal Liu was shocked. “That’s not right. Didn’t you two already go and ask your celebrity friends?”

Ni Xue: “...”

She no longer wanted to explain.

Principal Liu did not trouble her either. “This... Lu Man already asked the teachers for help. I can’t force her to let people go or order the teachers to help you. This is a choice they made themselves. I really cannot interfere.”

Principal Liu made it very obvious that he did not want to deal with this. It made Ni Xue very curious. Principal Liu seemed to keep helping Lu Man. Why was that?!

### **Chapter 780: Sending Lu Man Backstage**

Coming out of the principal’s office, Ni Xue really could not think of any other method.

She went to ask Li Zeyu again, and Li Zeyu was in the same situation.

In the end, there was no other way. Li Zeyu discussed it with his management company and decided to seek out someone who was not very popular. And although it was just for a supporting role, they still found an actor with good acting skills.

They did not have tight schedules to adjust like the currently popular celebrities, and they could properly practice with them. At the same time, they would not drag him down and could help to increase the quality of the whole performance because of their good acting skills.

Li Zeyu also thought about it carefully. Setting aside Ma Xianghuan and the other judges’ impression of him, if he followed the original plan and asked his celebrity friends for help, firstly, those currently popular celebrities had tight schedules. It would not be easy to schedule practices with them, and they also would not have much time for it. Hence, it would have been hard for them all to practice until the performance was satisfying.

He was currently quite popular, and it did not matter to him whether he won or lost, but it was important for his reputation.

Because he was a currently popular young actor, if he could not even win a competition and his acting skills were doubted, he would be ashamed.

Ni Xue was helpless and could only take cues from Li Zeyu.

The two finally stopped messing around and started to properly practice.

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The day of the finals finally arrived. Lu Man sat on Han Zhuoli's car and reached the entrance of the National Drama Academy.

"I need to go backstage. Let's meet later," Lu Man told the Han Family seniors and Xia Qingwei.

"Go on, go and prepare properly, don't be nervous," Xia Qingwei told Lu Man as she smiled. "Don't worry about the results, relax and come back."

"Right, right." Old Mrs. Han nodded in agreement. "It's already good that you're in the top ten. At this current stage, a lot will depend on luck. To see how you perform on stage, to see if there are any sudden happenings, there are too many unconfirmed things. You must therefore definitely just relax."

"Grandma, what would you do if she became even more nervous because of what you've said?" Han Zhuofeng said helplessly.

Originally, if her mindset was quite good and she was told not to be nervous by people, she would have become even more nervous.

Han Zhuoli smiled and said, "Don't worry, Man Man's mindset is good."

The Old Mrs. Han was also scared that the more she spoke, the more nervous Lu Man would become. Hence, she did not dare to say anything more.

"I need to go and prepare backstage, I'm afraid I can't spend time with you all," Lu Man said as she smiled.

"There's no problem. We're going to watch the whole thing today, and we'll wait for you and leave with you when it ends," Old Mrs. Han said.

After Lu Man got down from the car, Han Zhuoli also got down.

Lu Man looked at him in confusion, and Han Zhuoli said, "I'll send you there."

Lu Man took advantage of when no one was paying attention and secretly scratched the palm of his hand.

Han Zhuoli's heart became itchy at how she was scratching him. His two black eyes darkened.

Han Zhuoli had told her before that they would not go public with their relationship during the competition, and he had also stated the reason.

Lu Man remembered, but now, why was it that this man wanted to walk with her again?

"Mischievous." Han Zhuoli held her hand, not letting her play around with his palm. "I'm sending you backstage."

Lu Man smiled, nodded, and did not reject it.

Anyway, he was there.

If he felt that there was no problem, she was fine with it too.

The two of them walked across the school compound towards the theater.

Han Zhuoli secretly looked at Lu Man. This girl seemed to have forgotten that today was her birthday.

This girl, before this, she had remembered his birthday so clearly.

When it came to her own, she could not remember.

Han Zhuoli thought about how, before this, when Lu Man celebrated his birthday for him, she seemed to not have any experience with celebrating birthdays.

It was probably that from a young age until now, no one had placed emphasis on her birthday.

And although Xia Qingwei placed emphasis on it, she did not have the ability to celebrate it with her.