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Chapter 841: Can't Do It

"Alright." Ge Guangzhen had thought about it and nodded. "Have Lu Man come out and explain as well. We can't let her participate since she's already rejected our show, and now that something has happened, participating again would make people suspect things more."

Assistant Director Wang instantly had people contact Lu Man.

The good thing was that *The Performer* had worked together with the schools and so could obtain Lu Man's contact number.

When Lu Man received the phone call, she did not know who the other party was. "Hello."

"Hello. It's Lu Man, right?" The one who called Lu Man was Team Leader Wu, who was in charge of publicity for *The Performer*.

"Yes. May I ask who you are?" Lu Man asked.

"I'm the Team Leader of *The Performer*. My surname is Wu." Although Team Leader Wu was not like Xu Yaojie, who was very arrogant and not treating Lu Man and the rest as at all important, his tone did convey a bit of that kind of meaning.

"Hello." Lu Man had roughly guessed why the other party was calling. "May I ask what the matter is?"

"It's like this. Recently, the netizens online have been making a lot of guesses as to why you and Li Zeyu rejected the offer to appear in our show, *The Performer*, which was very detrimental to our reputation. Li Zeyu had already appeared online to give an explanation. Our production team hopes that you can also appear and give an explanation," Team Leader Wu said.

"Explain what?" Lu Man asked while raising an eyebrow.

Team Leader Wu said in his heart, *Aren't you asking something you already know?*

"Of course, it's to explain that the reason you withdrew from *The Performer* was because of your personal reasons and that it has nothing to do with the production team. Just randomly find a reason, like a conflict in the schedule, your own personal conditions not allowing it, or you wanting to concentrate on studies, et cetera. Anything is alright," Team Leader Wu said, feeling like he'd already come up with a reason for her that was already good enough.

"I'm sorry, I can't do it," Lu Man said mildly.

"What?" Team Leader Wu was shocked, and his volume suddenly increased.

"The reason I decided not to participate in *The Performer* is not because I have a problem, it's because you guys have a problem. The blame is not on me, so why do you want me to lie, to take responsibility for withdrawing from *The Performer*?" Lu Man asked back.

“Why is it our responsibility? It’s you who didn’t want to sign the contract!” Team Leader Wu said angrily.

Lu Man raised her eyebrow. She did not know whether Team Leader Wu was pretending to be confused or if Xu Yaojie did not tell them about the whole situation.

“That contract has a problem. I naturally couldn’t sign it,” Lu Man said coldly.

“Our production group invited you, but you didn’t want to participate and refused to sign the contract. Isn’t that your own problem?” Team Leader Wu accused.

“But why didn’t I sign the contract? It’s because the conditions on the contract have a problem,” Lu Man said in a low voice. “It’s your show that purposely tricks people. There are traps in the contract. Aren’t you bullying me because I’m a student with no background and not famous enough?”

“The trap includes forcing us to do things that draw attention on us in order to make the show popular. I’m originally someone from public relations, so I understand this very well and can understand your actions. If it is just that, we could have talked about it and I wouldn’t have directly rejected signing the contract. Also, these things have yet to happen, so I won’t talk about that at the moment,” Lu Man said.

Team Leader Wu’s heart stopped for a while, his expression becoming serious.

This Lu Man was really not easy to deal with!

Lu Man then said, “Let’s talk about the problem of fair competition. Your show ignores fairness. There is no fair competition in existence at all. That means that no matter how much work we put in, it is useless. You’ll let whoever you want win and force whoever you want to do what you want. It’s such a low-level and full-of-lies show. Why do I need to stand out and tell lies to help you get out of trouble?”

Chapter 842: Must Have Lost His Mind

“I can choose to stay silent and not say anything to the audience. Even if the netizens online make many guesses, I did not stand up to say anything. I do not have any arguments with your show. What you want to do is your own problem. I’m not supporting it, and I’m not participating in it. Of course, I won’t actively do things that will be harmful to you guys,” Lu Man said. “But if you want me to take responsibility for something I should not have to take responsibility for, I’m sorry, I can’t do it.”

Team Leader Wu was both shocked and angry. How did Lu Man know about these things?!

“That’s all I have to say.” Lu Man said goodbye and hung up.

Team Leader Wu looked at his phone, stunned. After a while, he understood what was going on.

Team Leader Wu angrily rushed out of his office and went to find Xu Yaojie.

“Assistant Director Xu, you told Lu Man and the rest about how we have already internally decided on the competition results?” Team Leader Wu questioned in a low voice.

This was something that happened during the signing of the contracts. Lu Man was with the other four students. Lu Man learned of it, and Li Zeyu chose not to participate as well. This meant that the other three people also knew.

It was just that those three people chose to participate.

Assistant Director Xu's gaze turned away, guiltily not daring to look at Team Leader Wu. "What? How could I have said that?"

When he saw his reaction, what else was there for Team Leader Wu to understand?

"How could you tell this thing to Lu Man and the rest?!" Team Leader Wu angrily pointed at Xu Yaojie. "You... you're really useless!"

"Is it to that extent? If it were not for the fact that Lu Man kept picking on that condition in the contract, why would I have said it? And you had contacted Lu Man before! You've talked to her already, right?! You should know what kind of person she is. Even if I hadn't said it, she could have guessed it," Xu Yaojie said, strongly supporting what he did.

"Her own guessing and you directly telling her to prove it to her, are those the same things? You're throwing the evidence onto her hands!" Team Leader Wu was so angry that he exploded.

He was really an ally that was like a pig!

Lu Man did not have deep roots in the entertainment industry, and it could even be said that she had very shallow connections because she was a newcomer.

But there would always be people who forget that before she entered the entertainment industry, she was a very good public relations officer, the kind that was at the top of the industry.

Xu Yaojie directly throwing the weak point to Lu Man, wasn't he waiting for Lu Man to mess with him?

Team Leader Wu suddenly recalled something. Actually, even though Lu Man did not have deep roots in the entertainment industry, wasn't she still doing very well?

Whoever went against her, no matter how good their background was, wasn't it over for them?

Not to mention those small characters like Bai Shuangshuang and Yu Xingzhou: when Lu Man was yet to enter the entertainment industry, she had already managed to totally ruin them.

And when she'd just entered the entertainment industry, that Zhang Lun was enough of a bigshot, right?

Other people relied on backers, but he was his own backer. And yet, wasn't he played with by Lu Man until his movie flopped?

If Zhang Lun was not impressive enough, Bourbotte should be impressive enough, right?

A top director in Hollywood, when he came here, wasn't he forced down by Lu Man until he flopped?

Could you look upon Lu Man lightly because of her lack of deep roots in the entertainment industry?

From what he was seeing, Xu Yaojie must have lost his mind!

To actually pass the secret manipulations of the show to Lu Man.

Xu Yaojie refused to admit it. He still pulled on his neck and said, "Even if I said it, she doesn't have any evidence!"

"What happened?" Assistant Director Wang walked over upon seeing that the two were arguing until they were red in their face, which was out of the ordinary.

Team Leader Wu took a deep breath. He was angry at Xu Yaojie, but Assistant Director Wang was innocent. He could not throw his temper at him.

He forced himself to suppress his anger and told Assistant Director Wang, "Assistant Director Xu told Lu Man and the rest about the internal decision regarding the competition's results. That was why Li Zeyu and Lu Man did not sign the contract."

Chapter 843: Ruin Lu Man's Reputation

"What!" Assistant Director Wang looked at Xu Yaojie, then suddenly turned around and walked with big steps to the overall director's office.

Xu Yaojie was shocked and hurriedly pulled on Assistant Director Wang. "What are you doing?"

"We must inform Director Ge about this kind of big matter!" Assistant Director Wang shrugged off Xu Yaojie's hand. "Do you think you can still keep it a secret?"

Assistant Director Wang walked over with big steps, and Team Leader Wu followed as well.

Xu Yaojie glared at Team Leader Wu fiercely. He could only thicken his skin and follow after.

Assistant Director Wang was not the direct eyewitness and could not explain it clearly. He had Team Leader Wu explain it to Ge Guangzhen.

Ge Guangzhen did not think that this situation would benefit them and was extremely angry.

But before dealing with Xu Yaojie, the most important thing was how to deal with this situation.

Xu Yaojie's attitude also softened. "Director Ge, this thing is all my fault. I did not consider it enough. I was very angered by Lu Man at that time and revealed things to her. You don't know how angering Lu Man's attitude was. She's too arrogant, not putting our station in her eyes at all. After looking at the contract, she started to pick at things."

"If she were an A-lister with speaking power, discussing the contract with us would be fine. But she's a student. How can she not know what kind of status she has in the entertainment industry? She really thinks of herself too highly, telling me this and that. Before signing the contract, she started to be arrogant first and found trouble for us. If we really signed her in, she would have been a problem. At that time, when the show was to broadcast, she'd have been a time bomb, and if she really made trouble, it would have been hard for us to get out of it!"

"Are we trying to get to the bottom of whether she had signed the contract or not right now?" Ge Guangzhen said angrily. "What we are talking about right now is you casually telling that handful of

students about our show's situation! If she didn't sign, that's one thing. Having a problem with the contract and not signing it is alright, but why did you say so much?!"

Xu Yaojie said, "You all weren't present at the time. You don't know what the situation was like. At that time, Lu Man made it such that if I didn't state everything out clearly, it would not only be Lu Man who won't be signing the contract, even the other four would not have signed it. If it were just one or two, it was alright, but if all five students did not sign, then that would have been too much. I was thinking that they would get to know about it sooner or later. When they join our production group, they'd have to cooperate with us, so I said it clearly. If they could accept it, they can sign, and if they could not, then they cannot sign the contract. I didn't wait until later on when they aren't happy and make trouble."

Ge Guangzhen pressed the center of his brows. Xu Yaojie did make sense as well.

Anyway, who would treat five students as something important?

"Then right now, we can only strike first to gain the upper hand," Ge Guangzhen told Team Leader Wu. "Li Zeyu is not bad. He is very smart, knowing to publicly make a statement very early and take the blame for the situation. Based on what he did, let's take him out of this equation and treat it like he really had something on and could not participate in our show. As for Lu Man—"

Ge Guangzhen's face was dark as he said, "Before this, we've discussed things properly with her. She did not want to do it and cooperate, so we've had to deal with that. After we've tried to do things politely, it's time to use force. If she refuses to take responsibility, we will help her."

Ge Guangzhen gave a cold hmph. "If she had automatically taken the responsibility herself, then the damage could have been controlled by her such that there'll be no harm done to her and everyone will be happy. But having us do it now—"

Ge Guangzhen smiled coldly. "It's no longer up to her."

Ge Guangzhen told Team Leader Wu, "I'll hand this problem to you. Put our production group in the party that is making losses and ruin Lu Man's reputation!"

Chapter 844: Hitting Back

Team Leader Wu hesitated and said, "Director Ge, Lu Man was a talent who was one of the top public relations officers before this. I'm scared that this situation will be... hard to deal with. And before this, there were a few people who'd made trouble for her. There were not only small characters like Bai Shuangshuang and Yu Xingzhou but also big characters like Zhang Lun and Bourbotte. There was even the show Great Desert that got attacked. Lu Man, she..."

Really never lost before.

But the more Team Leader Wu spoke, the worse Ge Guangzhen's facial expression became.

And so, in the end, he could not continue saying anything.

Xu Yaojie was very scared that he would be kicked out of the production group by Ge Guangzhen because of his mistake.

Ge Guangzhen's variety shows were always popular, and a lot of people wanted to squeeze into his shows.

And so, Xu Yaojie hurriedly said, "That's right! Just because she hasn't lost before doesn't mean that she won't lose. Before this, she had always been scheming, but others had been careless. But this time, she is being schemed against by us. We won't give her time to prepare to respond to it. I don't believe she has the ability to deal with that!"

"That's right," Ge Guangzhen told Team Leader Wu. "You've been working with our station for so long. You've seen and gone through so much big ups and downs. Our station has done so many promotional activities, publicity plans, and trending topics, and you are the one who planned them. As the head of our publicity department, are you really scared of Lu Man, this little girl?"

What else could Team Leader Wu say?

Ge Guangzhen, in terms of planning shows, was very talented, but he was considered a layman in the public relations sector. He did not know which part of Lu Man was scary.

Seeing Lu Man's series of successes before, Team Leader Wu had known that if it were him, he could not have achieved the kind of results she had been collecting.

If it were him, there would have been totally different end results, and they would not have been good ones.

But how could Team Leader Wu explain that to Ge Guangzhen?

He could only thicken his skull and go do it.

Xu Yaojie hurriedly took the chance to say, "Director Ge, please let me use my abilities to make up for my mistakes. That day at the signing of the contract, I was at the location itself and I know the situation best, so let me step out to accuse Lu Man. It will be more convincing. I'm willing to take the lead here!"

Ge Guangzhen looked towards Team Leader Wu. "What do you think?"

After all, it was Team Leader Wu who was doing the plan. He needed to ask for Team Leader Wu's opinion.

Since he needed to splash dirty water on Lu Man, he's not scared of Xu Yaojie hiding the truth or not speaking the truth.

Seeing Xu Yaojie being so hateful towards Lu Man until he was gritting his teeth, he knew he was definitely going to speak bad things about Lu Man.

Anyway, they were going to try to ruin Lu Man, so it did not matter.

Thus, Team Leader Wu nodded. "Alright."

"Alright, then, the two of you can go and discuss it." Ge Guangzhen told Xu Yaojie, "Listen to Team Leader Wu's arrangements for everything."

Xu Yaojie's attitude was especially good. "Definitely."

Lu Man's classes had already ended for the day, and she was spending time with Xia Qingwei now.

Xia Qingwei had just finished giving lessons to the children, and at that moment, she had just reached home and was planning for the lesson tomorrow.

Lu Man crossed her legs on the sofa. Placing her laptop on her kneecaps and using her earphones, she watched a movie.

She listed the movies that had won awards in the past years from China and other countries, and based on the topic and the type, she separated them into groups, then went to investigate them one by one.

Just as she was watching, her cell phone rang.

Lu Man picked up the phone, then heard Hu Zhonghui's hurried voice. "Lu Man, quickly, look at Weibo. The Performer's production group is too shameless. Because you aren't participating in their show, they are slandering you, saying that you were arrogant and gave unreasonable requests to the production group. They are too much! It's their show that is faking results, and you aren't willing to participate!"

"You did not stand up to expose them, and they actually played the blame game. How shameless!"

Chapter 845: Coincidence

Lu Man paused the movie and frowned slightly. "I think I know what is going on."

"What happened?" Hu Zhonghui hurriedly asked.

"Just now, the team leader for the publicity team whose surname was Wu contacted me," Lu Man said. "Because Li Zeyu had publicly dispelled the rumors and said that he did not join *The Performer* because of personal matters, Team Leader Wu wanted me to say that as well. But I rejected him."

Lu Man smiled. "Their reaction is quite fast. I just rejected them, and they started to try to make my reputation bad not long after."

"I won't say anymore, hurry and take a look," Hu Zhonghui said. "Are you at aunty's house right now?"

"Yeah." Lu Man nodded.

"Then I'll go and find you now. It's not very convenient to contact you over the phone. We'll talk about this when we two meet." Hu Zhonghui hung up and rushed towards Xia Qingwei's house.

Lu Man picked up her laptop and cleared up the place, then went to the study.

Aside from preventing the Lu Family from bothering them, another benefit of moving was that there were more rooms.

Lu Man also had her own study, and it was more convenient for her to work there.

Lu Man entered the study. After closing the door, she logged on to Weibo to take a look.

She saw that *The Performer's* official Weibo directly posted something: "Recently, the netizens online have a lot of questions. Our show's official Weibo will make it clear here. The show has no internal decision making. Lu Man is not participating in *The Performer* because of her personal reasons, and it has nothing to do with the production group. Because Lu Man changed her mind at the last minute, the production group also took a bit of loss."

These words could be interpreted in different ways, but the meaning in their words was that the responsibility was all on Lu Man.

The production group had worked very hard and was really welcoming towards Lu Man.

Everything had already been prepared, but Lu Man changed her mind at the last minute, causing the production group to take losses.

"Eh? *The Performer* pointed out only Lu Man but did not mention Li Zeyu. Could it be that Li Zeyu did not withdraw at the same time as Lu Man?"

"The two of them withdrawing from *The Performer*, could it be a coincidence?"

"Li Zeyu had already made a statement before, saying that his withdrawing from the show was due to his own personal reasons and had nothing to do with the production group."

"That means that although Li Zeyu has left the show with Lu Man, the reason was different. Li Zeyu is not in the same group as Lu Man, right?"

When the netizens were all confused, *The Performer's* official Weibo reposted Li Zeyu's statement on Weibo and said, "I understand, Xiao Li, rest up properly. Resting for a while now is to allow you to go further in the future. Although I'm regretting that I'm not able to work together with Xiao Li, we still anticipate being able to work together in the future."

The netizens saw *The Performer's* official Weibo's repost.

"Quickly, look, the official Weibo of *The Performer* reposted Li Zeyu's Weibo post."

"If you look at the attitude of the official Weibo of the show, it would seem that they have a very good relationship with Li Zeyu."

"Of course that's the case. Our Xiao Li is a good person with a high EQ and is famous for having good connections in the entertainment industry."

"Looks like Li Zeyu really could not participate in the show because of his personal reasons, and he had discussed it with the production group very well."

"Lu Man had not said anything yet, so she probably did not withdraw with Li Zeyu. The reasons that the two of them did not participate in *The Performer* are not the same, and it was only a coincidence that they did not participate, causing people to feel that the reason the two of them were not participating is the same..."

"*The Performer's* official Weibo only interacted with Li Zeyu and did not bother with Lu Man. It's probably that the reason Lu Man did not participate is not as happy."

The fans of the people who had been harmed before by Lu Man, like Zhang Lun, Wang Shuyi, Bourbotte, and even Yu Xingzhou, instantly appeared to become anti-fans of Lu Man.

Chapter 846: Lu Man Is Zhang Lun's Niece

Not wanting to pass up any chance to attack Lu Man, some people jumped out when they saw the situation. "Lu Man is not anything good. She must have fallen out with the production group because of something. Otherwise, why would the production group ignore her?"

"Haha, Lu Man, properly reflect. If one person says something bad about you, it could be the other party's problem. But so many people don't like you; it can only be your own problem."

"So what if you got first in the Chinese Arts Championships? The production group is ignoring you. Who knows if its that you don't want to participate in the show or if the show is refusing to allow you in?"

At that moment, Zhang Lun sent out a Weibo: "People who are unable to be humble can never be a passable actor. While other people are improving, she is deproving."

When the people who were watching the drama saw that, they all exploded.

"Pft! It can't be, right?! That grudge about fighting for the box office, Zhang Lun remembers it until now?"

"Zhang Lun is a big director. By always thinking about Lu Man, this small actor, isn't Zhang Lun just trying to make Lu Man even more well-known?"

"Every time Lu Man has something on, Zhang Lun will definitely appear. If it is not for the fact that Zhang Lun is old, I would say that this is a case of loving each other while attacking each other!"

"Is Zhang Lun changing sides and trying to increase Lu Man's popularity? Could this be a new method of trying to make her well-known? Could it be that Zhang Lun had already told Lu Man he was going to do this? Is Zhang Lun working together with Lu Man?"

"The above poster, your imagination is too good, but what you said actually has logic. With Lu Man's unique way of doing publicity, this is really possible."

"Fuck, could it be that since they started to fight for the box office in the movie, Lu Man had already started her large scheme? What kind of relationship does Zhang Lun and Lu Man have, with him helping Lu Man so much?"

"Director Zhang Lun, you are a famous director with a good reputation within the country. Can't you give off the aura of a famous director? Don't appear as soon as Lu Man has a problem. You always appear when there's something wrong, even her true fans are not as enthusiastic as you are."

"After you all said that, I really feel like Zhang Lun is doing it for Lu Man's good, using all his effort to help make Lu Man popular."

"So it turns out that Director Zhang Lun is not petty but is really sacrificing his own reputation for Lu Man, right?"

“Could it be that Lu Man is a junior from Zhang Lun’s house? Otherwise, why would he try to support her with all his heart?”

He did not know who started it, but suddenly, the whole comments section became tilted.

Originally, they had been discussing Zhang Lun being so vengeful. In the end, it became like that, with people strangely guessing that there was a familial relationship between Zhang Lun and Lu Man.

Zhang Lun looked at the comments online, so angry that he almost vomited blood.

Who the f*ck would be related to Lu Man, that horrible girl?!

Who the f*ck was supporting Lu Man?!

Who the f*ck was in the same team as Lu Man?!

Who the f*ck was trying to increase Lu Man’s popularity even by sacrificing himself?!

And in the end, when Zhang Lun saw it, the f*ck, Lu Man really was on trending.

And the popular trending topic was: Lu Man is Zhang Lun’s niece.

Zhang Lun: “...”

Who the f*ck is his niece?!

The netizens’ imaginations are way too great, alright?

Really unreasonable!

What was this?!

But because of his one Weibo post, the netizens’ attention was moved to something else.

They were no longer guessing what kinds of problem Lu Man had with The Performer, and even those anti-fans were ignored by the netizens.

Those anti-fans were randomly jumping around at the side, but they were not able to get even a bit of attention from the netizens.

The anti-fans were all extremely angry.

“Why is Zhang Lun appearing?!”

“It looks like Zhang Lun and Lu Man are really related. Otherwise, why would he put all his effort into helping Lu Man change the topic?”

Chapter 847: If You Have the Guts to Criticize, Then Don’t Delete It

“That’s right! With Zhang Lun’s status and connections in the entertainment industry, isn’t it easy for him to ban Lu Man? And in the end, Lu Man is still doing well now, still jumping around in the entertainment industry. Aside for posting a Weibo whenever something happens to Lu Man, Zhang Lun did not do anything else! So he’s working together with Lu Man!”

Zhang Lun's fans were unhappy. "Zhang Lun, are you working together with Lu Man? You tricked us!"

"You made use of our emotions!"

"I want to quit being your fan! Turns out that from the start, you were working together with Lu Man to trick us. Is it very fun?"

"What a waste of me liking you for so long. Feeling like you were really not getting along with Lu Man, I even criticized Lu Man and did many dumb things. I was really too naive."

"It's so hard being your fan. I don't want to be your fan anymore."

"Tricking fans for fun, haha, how shameless!"

And in the end, a lot of fans stopped being his fan.

Zhang Lun watched as his number of fans decreased.

Zhang Lun's whole person was stunned.

Didn't he just jump out to try to ruin Lu Man totally?

He was just doing it to step on Lu Man!

What working together, what familial relations? They all do not exist!

Did they think he did not want to ban Lu Man?

He had called people, used his connections, and contacted all his good friends in the entertainment industry, yet for some reason, there was no effect at all.

He had already done all he could, yet no one made trouble for her.

Zhang Lun had thought about it himself as well. It was probably related to Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng.

These two people had a good relationship with Lu Man and were always protecting her. Everyone in the entertainment industry knew about it.

And now, in the end, the netizens were about to come up with a family tree.

What do they mean, Lu Man was her niece? Because she entered the industry in a low-key manner, a lot of people did not even know that Lu Man had such a good background.

Upon debuting, she acted in *Greedy Wolf Operation*, and there was a reason for that.

Actually, it was not that Sun Yiwu had found Lu Man by accident. It was Zhang Lun who introduced Lu Man to Sun Yiwu.

When Lu Man was still entering the entertainment industry, Sun Yiwu had tried to protect her and to pave her path all the way.

Zhang Lun had watched until his teeth were painful. At that moment, his phone's WeChat notifications constantly rang.

He clicked on it to enter, irritated. In the end, it was all messages trying to check with him as to whether Lu Man was his relative.

“Lao Zhang, is Lu Man really your niece?” a good friend asked.

“No. It’s just the netizens randomly coming up with things!” Zhang Lun said angrily.

There were even reporters who came to ask, “Director Zhang, what relationship do you have with Lu Man? Are you really trying to help promote Lu Man? Before this, were those disagreements fake?”

“No! This was just the netizens randomly coming up with things!” Zhang Lun replied angrily.

“Master, you and Lu Man—”

“Director Zhang, you and Lu Man...”

Zhang Lun was already too lazy to reply and went back to delete the Weibo post he’d just posted.

He really admired those netizens.

Only a second had passed since he deleted the Weibo post and there were already netizens who saw it.

“Zhang Lun once again deleted the Weibo he just posted!”

The group of people watching the drama hurriedly went to see. Of course, there was nothing there anymore.

“Why is it that this kind of Zhang Lun is cute for some reason?”

“Right, posting something on Weibo insulting Lu Man then deleting it, how willful. Director Zhang’s heart is unfathomable!”

“Last time, he also deleted the Weibo post where he scolded Lu Man. It seems like Director Zhang doesn’t care about it anymore since he’d already done it once. He very easily admits defeat after attacking people.”

There were even netizens who were more extreme and directly scolded, “Zhang Lun, if you have the guts to criticize, then don’t delete it!”

Chapter 848: Hating So Much It Became True Love

Zhang Lun: “...”

*The f*ck, aren’t you guys the ones who are crazy and randomly coming up with connections between me and Lu Man?*

And now you are telling me not to delete my Weibo post?

Zhang Lun posted on Weibo right after that, “I’m seriously saying now, I have no connection with Lu Man and have no familial relationships with her. I’m also not working together with her to do any publicity. I’m not familiar with her!”

There was a netizen who teased him, “Who said you aren’t familiar with her? At that time, the two of you were fighting for the box office so intensely. How could you say that you aren’t familiar with her?”

“Director Zhang is being too petty. An old man holding on to a little girl and refusing to let her go every day, are you embarrassed or not? This is your attitude as a big director? Even if you aren’t a big director and you are an ordinary person, there’s no need to keep troubling a little girl!”

“I just found out today that Zhang Lun is so petty.”

Zhang Lun was so angry that he wanted to vomit blood.

Could it be that not deleting was wrong, but deleting was also wrong?!

“Zhang Lun is really too funny hahahahahaha!”

“He’s already so busy using the phone, one moment posting on Weibo, one moment deleting his Weibo post.”

Zhang Lun was so angry, he did not feel well.

Actually, there was someone else who was even angrier than Zhang Lun.

In his office, Han Zhuoli was watching as Lu Man went trending, and the guesses of the netizens made him extremely troubled.

Even though he was the one who was helping Lu Man all along, why did all the credit go to Zhang Lun?

Han Zhuoli instantly contacted the Public Relations Department and had them contact Weibo hurriedly to get rid of that trending topic!

Then there was another netizen who said, “Aiya, Lu Man and Zhang Lun’s trending topic was removed.”

“This must have been done by Zhang Lun, right?! He’s really done his best already.”

“It looks like he really especially tried to bring popularity to Lu Man. Otherwise, the trending topic would not be gone.”

“That’s right.”

“If he did not purposely bring Lu Man popularity, that Director Zhang Lun is really too cute. Every time Lu Man has a problem, he comes out to help draw attention to her. Although his original reason was to step on Lu Man, the truth was that in the end, it made Lu Man more and more famous. Cute! Too cute!”

“Hahahahahaha, so Zhang Lun hurriedly went to get rid of the topic on trending! I wonder how much he spent to do that.”

“This is a case of hating so much it became true love!”

“Hahahahahaha, why do I find this so amusing? Zhang Lun kept using all his ability and power to try to ruin Lu Man, but it never follows his wishes, and in the end, it always becomes a help to Lu Man. My heart aches for Zhang Lun for a bit.”

“Do you want to bet, if there are new news about Lu Man, would Zhang Lun post on Weibo? And after he posts it, would he delete it as well?”

“The above poster, there’s no need to bet, Zhang Lun had posted on Weibo again.”

When the people who were watching the drama saw it, they all exploded.

Zhang Lun: “I don’t have any relation with Lu Man.”

“Pft!”

“Pft!”

“Director Zhang, you are too cute, I’m about to become your fan now.”

“The netizens are too mischievous! Everyone, look at what you forced Director Zhang to become like!”

When Zhang Lun’s public relations team saw it, they all felt troubled.

Leader Wang hurriedly contacted Zhang Lun. “Director Zhang, please stop posting on Weibo already.”

Zhang Lun was also troubled. “I originally did not want to post anything else, but I saw that the netizens were really going too far. How could I let Lu Man gain any benefits from me? Of course I can’t!”

Leader Wang’s face was twisted up. “Please don’t post anything more. Those netizens just have nothing better to do and are randomly trying to make trouble.”

Based on what he saw as an outsider, those netizens were not speaking truthfully and were, instead, bullsh*tting because they did not need to take responsibility and were teasing Zhang Lun.

Chapter 849: The Performer’s Slander

Those closely involved cannot see things clearly. Zhang Lun was easily affected by these kinds of words and would be led in circles.

Upon hearing Leader Wang’s convincing words, Zhang Lun felt a bit of regret. “Then should I delete that Weibo post?”

“Don’t, definitely don’t,” Leader Wang hurriedly said to stop him. “Just leave it there, don’t worry about it. Whatever the netizens say, just pretend that you don’t see it. This situation was originally because of the problem between *The Performer* and Lu Man.”

Leader Wang felt his heart ache when he talked about it. What was Zhang Lun taking part in this for?!

Wasn’t this just increasing the attention for *The Performer* and Lu Man?

This was practically a good person doing good things for others!

The Performer and Lu Man did not give him even a bit of money, yet they had a top-level director in the country helping to bring them popularity.

To such a sacrificial attitude, Leader Wang did not know what he should say.

“After a while, the netizens will manage to react and go back to take notice of *The Performer* and Lu Man’s situation. At that time, they will forget about this. After a few days, that Weibo post, whether you delete it or keep it, wouldn’t matter. There will be no one caring about it anymore,” Leader Wang said. “But if there is any situation concerning Lu Man later on, you definitely can’t be so reckless. Don’t rush in front.”

“Lu Man was so sly! She really knows how to use the situation. Whether it’s something beneficial or not beneficial to her, in the end, it would become beneficial. Think about that time when *Fighting Hero* was airing, and think about that time when Bourbotte’s *Attack Force* was airing—you both were on the advantageous side both times, right? Lu Man was always on the weaker side. But what happened in the end? It’s always Lu Man who won.”

Leader Wang laughed bitterly twice. “Director Zhang, I’m not scared of you finding us a joke, but at that time, when our whole team was against her one person, we did not manage to win either. I admit defeat concerning that. We were really not her match. Before that, I had yet to be scared of anyone. You seeking me out to build a public relations team, that had confirmed my ability.”

Zhang Lun did not speak.

Leader Wang was indeed a talent for this kind of thing, and he was even considered one of the top talents in the industry. Otherwise, he would not have sought out Leader Wang.

But Leader Wang was not Lu Man’s match.

“I’ll tell you now, even if it were Lin Yi going against me, I would not be scared. But Lu Man—I’m not saying that she’s very great, but it’s hard to comprehend her schemes. They’re hard to predict and totally destroy all the schemes we can think of. When we normally deal with public relations problems, it includes predicting how the other party would react, so we can make use of it even more and react at the correct moment. But towards Lu Man, these were all useless. It resulted in not a single one of us being able to win over Lu Man despite how many people we have now,” Leader Wang told Zhang Lun.

“So, in the future, if there is anything concerning her, I’m not asking you to hide from her, but let’s take a look first before we decide whether we want to appear and do anything. Otherwise, we will be made use of by her instead, and that would not be good,” Leader Wang said.

Don’t let it be like the present situation, with him being a scapegoat for Lu Man.

Zhang Lun had finally understood and did not try to continue making trouble anymore.

When the netizens saw that a lot of time had passed and Zhang Lun did not show any reaction, they felt that the matter was no longer interesting and so they returned to observe the situation between *The Performer* and Lu Man.

When the popularity of this situation started to increase, more and more people started to take notice.

There was a netizen who published some screenshots of a conversation.

“Screenshots of a conversation that an assistant director in *The Performer* had with his friends. The reason Lu Man is not joining can be found here.”

Chapter 850: Lu Man Treats Herself Like a Big-shot

The screenshot was a long one, and it had to be opened for the contents to be seen.

Friend: "Why did Li Zeyu and Lu Man not join *The Performer*? The two of them were the first and third in the Chinese Arts Championships, their results were very good. They will not participate, and it's only the second place, the fourth place, and the fifth place who are participating. This doesn't seem very nice."

Assistant Director: "Hai! Don't speak of it. I'm on fire when I mention it. Li Zeyu did not want to present unsatisfactory acting skills to the audience because of his physical condition, and he was unsatisfied with his acting skills, so he discussed with us that the program could not be done. We can all understand that, and this is him being responsible to the audience, to himself, and to our program group. Li Zeyu, a young child, can have this kind of ideological awareness. He is so strict with himself and has a sense of responsibility for performance. It is gratifying and admirable. Our production group must also support him. Both sides understand each other and agree with each other with great pleasure. And we have already told Li Zeyu that if there are any more programs in the future, we will definitely find him."

Friend: "I thought that Li Zeyu and Lu Man had discussed together and exited together. It seems like it's not like that?"

Assistant Director: "Of course not! We and Li Zeyu have a mutual understanding. But it's not the same with Lu Man. Lu Man is just coincidental. It just so happened that Li Zeyu withdrew at the same time."

Friend: "What's with Lu Man? I saw the video of her in the Chinese Arts Championships, her acting skills are not bad."

Assistant Director: "I'll tell you something, but you can't spread this."

Friend: "Where will I spread this to? Quickly, tell me the gossip."

Assistant Director: "Lu Man treats herself like a big-shot, haha."

Friend: "Her? A big-shot? The most she can be considered right now is a C-lister. She can't even be considered a B-lister. Right now, a lot of starlets are more famous than her. Even Jiang Yuhan, who always succeeds in drawing viewerships, no matter how high her fame or reputation, the money she earns per show is still stuck at the B-list level."

Assistant Director: "Exactly! Lu Man felt that since she had already filmed two movies, and they're both movies that have top box office sales, she is very great. Adding on the fact that she got first for the Chinese Arts Championships and had made three of the judges leave, she has become too arrogant. When she was talking about her fees for filming, she was really asking for too much, asking too high a price."

Assistant Director: "To tell you the truth, though we're working together with the Chinese Arts Championships by bringing the first five into our show, the five students do not get paid. Letting them participate in the show is, in itself, something good for them. Otherwise, right now, they really can't enter the show. The other students, including Li Zeyu, know about this and have no opinion on that. Yet Lu Man wanted two million yuan for the first episode. If she loses, then we just give her two million once, but if she manages to advance, it'll be lowered to one million yuan per show."

Friend: "F*ck, even Jiang Yuhan won't dare to ask for that, right?"

Assistant Director: "Honestly speaking, our show really invited Jiang Yuhan, and we are still discussing. The price that Jiang Yuhan asked for is not as high as that amount and we can accept it. It's a normal and acceptable price for her."

Friend: "That Lu Man is a bit too much. She's too arrogant."

Assistant Director: "Her pricing is secondary. She even asked us to promise that she'll win the competition. Haha, don't you think that she's so funny? Who does she think she is? Daring to directly control our show? Our show rejects faking results, and of course, we can't agree to her. So the talks fell through. Haha, I feel like she made trouble for the judges in the Chinese Arts Championships 'til she got first. Don't even know who she thinks she is, thinking that she can get first like that everywhere."