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Chapter 861 Dealing with I

Ge Guangzhen and the other two all looked over and saw Assistant Director Wang sigh as he said, “The National Film Academy has already expressed their support for Lu Man publicly.”

What?!

The three of them were all shocked.

Although Team Leader Wu had said that the National Film Academy was very likely to support Lu Man, that was just a guess.

It was mostly to scare Xu Yaojie, to make him stop trying to make trouble.

Actually, in his heart, he was doubtful and felt that the National Film Academy would not support Lu Man easily.

Who knew that the National Film Academy would actually do just that?!

Ge Guangzhen really did not think that at all, that the National Film Academy would protect Lu Man like that.

Xu Yaojie was totally stunned and stuck in a hard place now. He was not able to advance or retreat.

“What did the National Film Academy say?” Ge Guangzhen asked, taking out his phone to take a look.

He was not actually waiting for Assistant Director Wang to answer.

Upon finding the National Film Academy’s Weibo, he saw that the National Film Academy had reposted Dean He’s Weibo.

Before the National Film Academy posted on Weibo, Dean He first stood up to support Lu Man publicly, “The Performer’s Assistant Director, Mr. Xu Yaojie, came to our school to sign the contract with the top five winners of the Chinese Arts Championships. At that time, it was done in my office and I was there the whole time. I can prove that the recording Lu Man provided is real. The man in the recording is Assistant Director Xu.”

It turned out that there were a few netizens online who were interested in conspiracy theories and came up with the question, saying that the recording that Lu Man provided could be fake. They had never heard Xu Yaojie’s voice before, after all. Who would know if the recording was real or fake?

Dean He: “Lu Man’s recording had only her and Mr. Xu Yaojie’s conversation. After that conversation, there came the words of the other students, but Lu Man did not publish it to protect the other students. On the day of the signing, Mr. Xu Yaojie was 40 minutes later and I waited at the entrance of the school for 40 minutes. The five students waiting for the contract signing had also been waiting for 40 minutes in the office. Later on, obviously just trying to pacify me, Mr. Xu Yaojie very arrogantly apologized. As to why he was so late, why he was even late, he did not mention at all.”

“Upon reaching the office, he did not express an apology towards the students over them having waited for him for so long. Instead, he kept looking down on the students. Whether it was the National Drama

Academy's students or our National Film Academy's students, they were in our school and we had a responsibility towards them. Mr. Xu Yaojie's attitude was extremely bad."

Obviously, Dean He had come out to speak with the approval of the leaders of the National Film Academy.

Because right after that, the National Film Academy's official Weibo also reposted Dean He's words, "The National Film Academy has never encouraged students to trick people, and the National Film Academy's teachers have always taught the students that performing has always been something to be serious about. If it's good, it's good, if it's bad, it's bad. We don't try to fake results. As to the students' choices, the school does not interfere with those, but towards Lu Man's actions, we are also very supportive."

"Oh my, if it were one or two people standing out to prove the recording Lu Man provided was real, there is a possibility of the evidence being fake. But the National Film Academy is a school, a big school, a famous school. If it is actually standing up to prove for Lu Man's sake that her recording is true, then that cannot be fake. A school would not bet their reputation to help fake evidence for a student."

Because of the National Film Academy's response, even if Xu Yaojie wanted to pretend it was fake, even if Ge Guangzhen really supported him, that would not be possible.

Ge Guangzhen was so angry that he was panting heavily. After a while, he finally calmed down, but his anger was yet to be gone when he told Team Leader Wu, "Lao Wu, quickly, think of a way to counter this kind of situation. Don't tell me that there is no way. You must think of a proposal! If things were to carry on like this without us stopping it, I think that before we even start filming our show, we won't need to think about airing it anymore."

Chapter 862 Apologize

Team Leader Wu felt very bitter in his heart. Back then, he reminded them not to go and offend Lu Man, but they refused to listen, and now that something had happened, they wanted him to come up with a method to deal with it.

Team Leader Wu even had the notion of quitting.

"Director Ge, you need to give me a baseline," Team Leader Wu said. "It's impossible to solve this until there are no remaining repercussions that would our production group."

Ge Guangzhen's face was dark. After much difficulty, he said only, "Then just do it until you've reduced the harm to the production group as best as you can, and do your best."

After Ge Guangzhen said that, the phone in the office rang.

Ge Guangzhen waved his hand to have the three of them go out.

Xu Yaojie took a look. It seemed like they were not planning on dealing with him. He let out a breath of relief but was still not at ease as he returned to his desk.

Ge Guangzhen picked up the phone. "Hello?"

"It's me." The voice of Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station rang out from the other side of the phone.

Ge Guangzhen's face changed instantly. The impatience on his face instantly went away, and he hurriedly and politely called, "Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station, what can I help you with?"

"How could you not know the answer to that?" Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station said. "It's such a mess online, do you really think I can't see it?"

Ge Guangzhen, of course, knew that this situation could not be kept hidden from the leaders of the broadcasting station. It was just that it was such a mess right now, and he could not be bothered to think about it yet.

At that moment, Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station was personally calling over, and Ge Guangzhen could only smile politely at him from the other side of the phone. "No, I'm already solving it now, and I've already contacted the publicity team. I can promise it won't affect the show."

"You better solve it well," Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station said in a low voice. "The station has planned this show with a lot of effort. We have invested a lot in this and passed this show to you, yet before we even started to record, there is already such a huge mess. Let me tell you, I won't let you destroy this show!"

"Yes yes yes," Ge Guangzhen said continuously. "I'll definitely solve this thing, it won't affect the show, Chief, don't worry."

Because of this, he ordered all the office staff to work overtime.

Right when they were about to end work, Team Leader Wu brought the proposal over. "Director Ge, this is my proposal. Please take a look."

While Ge Guangzhen was taking a look at it, Team Leader Wu said, "To protect our show totally, we must definitely find a scapegoat. This whole situation was started because of Assistant Director Xu, so we can only have Assistant Director Xu take responsibility. Otherwise, if it impacts our whole show, we would be taking a lot of losses."

After Ge Guangzhen finished looking at the proposal, he nodded. "Go and call Xu Yaojie in."

"And call Assistant Director Wang in as well," Ge Guangzhen said.

Not long after, Xu Yaojie came in with Assistant Director Wang.

"Director Ge," Assistant Director Wang called.

Xu Yaojie was currently feeling very hesitant and did not speak.

"Sit," Ge Guangzhen said.

After the two of them both sat down, Ge Guangzhen said, "Just now, Chief Hu of the Broadcasting Station called personally to ask about that situation. The leaders of the station have taken notice. We must solve this situation."

"What do we need to do?" Assistant Director Wang said in his heart, Please don't go and provoke Lu Man anymore.

"Lao Wu, I'll let you tell them," Ge Guangzhen said.

Team Leader Wu was extremely angry.

This Ge Guangzhen, the one who came up with the idea to slander Lu Man was him.

Now that something had happened, he wanted to have his subordinates come up with ways to solve it.

There was a method, but it needed to offend people, and it was now his duty to say these words that would offend people.

Team Leader Wu looked troubled as he told Xu Yaojie, "Leader Xu, we can now only let you come out and apologize. You can say that your words in the recording were all your own idea and they cannot represent our whole production team. Our show does not have any internal workings. You were aggravated by Lu Man's words, so you did not control your mouth. Actually, whatever you said was meant to just randomly try to trick them."

Chapter 863 Do You Still Have the Right to Talk About This?

Xu Yaojie gritted his teeth and looked towards Ge Guangzhen.

Ge Guangzhen then said, "Assistant Director Xu, right now, the netizens are attacking our show and your person. But no matter what, we can't let anything happen to our show. The station invested a lot in this, and we have already paid for the advertisement and publicity fees, as well as many other things. No matter what, the show cannot take any losses. Because this situation was started by you, we can only let you come out to apologize. You are a member of our production group and must bear the responsibility to deal with this situation well for our show."

Ge Guangzhen breathed in. "Actually, this situation is not considered to be an injustice to you. If, on the day of the contract signing, your attitude had been better and you had not looked down on Lu Man, if you had controlled your temper and watched your mouth, you would not have caused trouble to this extent."

"At that time, if you had directly had them successfully sign the contract, so what if our show has internal workings? They'd have already signed the contract, so how could they have still managed to make trouble?" Ge Guangzhen paused before saying in irritation, "Alright, the situation has already reached this stage, so I don't want to continue reprimanding you. No matter how much we say, it would be no use. But you must definitely take responsibility for the situation this time. Go online and apologize."

"If you want me to apologize, it's alright," Xu Yaojie said. "But I want to know, will you punish me after this situation?"

Ge Guangzhen smiled in anger. "Do you still have the right to talk about this?"

"I just want to know," Xu Yaojie said. "Will you make me quit the show?"

"To speak the truth, whether you will be punished or not is no longer in my hands. This situation has caused the station's leaders to be moved into action, so what exactly will happen will depend on them. But as long as you do your best to take the blame for the situation, I will try to help you as best as I can in front of the leaders of the station. Furthermore, you won't need to quit the production crew of the show."

Xu Yaojie let out a breath of relief. "Alright."

When Xu Yaojie went out, Ge Guangzhen told Assistant Director Wang, "You should go and prepare to take over Assistant Director Xu's work."

Assistant Director Wang was shocked. Didn't they agree that Xu Yaojie would not be leaving the production crew?

Ge Guangzhen said, "Although I'm not going to make Xu Yaojie leave, I have to punish him in order to frighten him. Xu Yaojie is not leaving the production group, but I can't not give him any punishment at all, right? That basically would give him the message that the leaders of the station are not taking this seriously. How many people will he offend if he goes on like this? It's the recent happenings that has softened his temper a lot. But the assistant director's job cannot be handed over to him for the time being. When the program starts recording, he might not be able to control his mouth and say something. Give him a little less core work to do for now so that he can't touch anything important. He'd also have no inside story to tell that way. Even if you are already busy, you should take over his job for the time being. I'll call an assistant director to take over Xu Yaojie's work as soon as possible."

What else could Assistant Director Wang say?

He could only agree.

Xu Yaojie went to Team Leader Wu to discuss how he should say it.

Lu Man and Hu Zhonghui were at home when they received Han Zhuoli's call.

"I was having a meeting just now, so I did not know. I heard of what happened to you only after the meeting was over," Han Zhuoli said in the call.

"Don't come over, continue your work," Lu Man hurriedly said. "I have nothing on over here, it's all been solved. Before long, Xu Yaojie should be apologizing."

Hu Zhonghui cursed in her heart at the side. Lu Man could even guess this?

Han Zhuoli was talking to Lu Man as he looked at the newest happenings on the Internet on his tablet.

As Lu Man had said, the whole situation had been controlled by her a long time ago.

Chapter 864 Lu Man Calls the Shots

The situation had been controlled by The Performer's crew.

In the end, Lu Man threw out a recording and snatched over the control.

"You can go and do your work, don't bother yourself because of this," Lu Man said.

"Alright." Han Zhuoli took another look. There was really no need to do anything more, and so he said, "I'll go over earlier in the afternoon."

Lu Man did not oppose it.

She had just hung up the phone call with Han Zhuoli when she heard Hu Zhonghui call, "He apologized! Xu Yaojie really apologized!"

Hu Zhonghui excitedly waved her phone at Lu Man.

Lu Man had already guessed it from the start and was very calm.

Taking out her phone to take a look, she saw that Xu Yaojie had posted, "The words that I said in the recording are all my personal words and have nothing to do with the show, The Performer. The words concerning an internally-chosen winner that had been decided on a long time ago, those were my own thoughts and guesses. At that time, I felt that Lu Man and the others were only students and felt that they did not know anything, so I randomly said those things to trick them. Our production group has been preparing for this show for five months, and our head director personally went to invite each teacher to participate in the show."

"Everyone has already seen the voting system of the show. The crew is working together to make sure that the competition is as fair as possible. There are no internally-chosen winners or losers in the show. Because of my words, I have caused harm to The Performer's reputation and caused a huge disturbance to our production crew. At the same time, I have caused harm to the reputation of the guests participating in the show. I'm very apologetic."

"Towards what Dean He said regarding my rude actions on the day of the contract signing, I'm very sorry. To the five students, Lu Man, Li Zeyu, Ni Xue, Yang Ruitian, and Chang Yachen, my attitude had been arrogant back then and I was very unfriendly. I'm very sorry. Everything was my personal actions. It has nothing to do with The Performer, and it has nothing to do with the production group."

"These mistakes, I'll correct them, and I won't ever do anything of the kind again. Whether it's me or our show, we invite everyone to supervise us."

After Lu Man finished reading, she heard Hu Zhonghui ask, "How did you know he would apologize?"

"It's very simple: that's all they can do. The question had been whether The Performer would take the blame or whether Xu Yaojie alone would be the scapegoat. This multiple choice question was very easy to answer. Of course they were going to have Xu Yaojie be the scapegoat," Lu Man explained while smiling.

"I feel that his apology also has no sincerity. He just moved his fingers to write sorry. Actually, it was to help The Performer get out of this situation." Hu Zhonghui pursed her lips. "I don't believe it is like what he said. It was totally not his own idea, and he was not talking randomly."

"I don't believe it either." Lu Man smiled. "Continue watching out. It's not over yet. Even if he came out to explain, the show is being suspected by people already. It's not that easy to believe him. Even when the show has finished recording and is being aired, the audience would not be able to help but suspect whether it is through secret schemes or real abilities that people won. Even the celebrities participating in the show will be in trouble because of them."

"Thankfully, you rejected this show at that time," Hu Zhonghui exclaimed.

Thankfully, between the two of them, it had always been Lu Man who called the shots.

Although she had the title of manager, the one who called the shots was actually Lu Man. Hu Zhonghui was in charge only of those minor things that were left over.

Ni Xue's manager, Wang Lijun, had even tried to convince Lu Man about her. At that time, she had understood Wang Lijun's meaning, but she pretended not to.

Now that she looked at it, her choices were too great.

Since she was not smart enough, she should listen to smart people more!

Chapter 865 I Don't Even Need to Do Anything

Lu Man's situation had already been solved. What was left was The Performer's production crew's problem. It had nothing to do with Lu Man.

So Hu Zhonghui went back home.

Xia Qingwei had originally wanted to have Hu Zhonghui stay to have dinner together, but how could Hu Zhonghui dare to do that?!

Before this, she had heard with her own ears when Lu Man was on the phone with Han Zhuoli, and Han Zhuoli had expressed that he would come back earlier.

She did not dare to eat at the same table as Han Zhuoli, disturbing him and Lu Man. That kind of pressure was too big.

After Hu Zhonghui left, she continued to watch the situation on the way back.

As expected, just like what Lu Man said, even though Xu Yaojie had taken all the responsibility on himself, the netizens did not buy it.

They still very strongly felt that The Performer was faking results and that Xu Yaojie was just a scapegoat.

"Xu Yaojie did not say that in the recording."

"From his tone, it didn't seem like he's randomly guessing."

"Previously, The Performer program's official Weibo posted about several guests who had accepted their invitation. I hope they don't participate. Otherwise, I don't know if the final result will be based on their real strength. I really like them. I don't want them to participate in this program full of suspicious parts."

"Li Zeyu and Lu Man both rejected the invitation to participate and rejected people faking results, but the other three from the Chinese Arts Championships this time chose to sign the contract, tsk tsk."

"I feel that even if there are no internal decisions on who's the winner, Ni Xue, Yang Ruitian, and Chang Yachen would all not be able to win. Them doing this is really quite disappointing."

"It's all Lu Man's fault for being too upright! Actually, not a lot of people can be like Lu Man."

"But compared to really losing the competition and pretending to lose a competition, there is really quite a big difference. Haha, if they act very realistically, should we praise their acting skills for being good?"

"And Ni Xue was the second placer for the Chinese Arts Championships this time."

“The original motive of the Chinese Arts Championships was good, but it was a pity they chose the wrong partner to work with.”

Before this, The Performer had already publicly revealed some guests that they’d already decided on.

And this group of guests who were already known by everyone was at a dangerous spot now. Their reputations were at the risk of going down.

At around 6 at night, Han Zhuoli returned.

It could be seen that he really left his company early.

They had just finished eating dinner, and the bowls were thrown in the dishwasher, not needing people to wash it.

The three of them were sitting in the living room and were chatting, drinking tea, and snacking. After that, Han Zhuoli went back to his villa with Lu Man.

Lu Man took a bath and comfortably came out. She was just planning on telling Han Zhuoli about what happened during the day when Han Zhuoli’s phone rang.

Han Zhuoli took a look, then told Lu Man, “It’s Wei Zhiqian.”

Han Zhuoli sat on the bed and lay against the headboard. He pulled Lu Man over then picked up the phone in front of her, not hiding anything at all.

“Zhuoli.” Han Zhuoli had just picked up when he heard Wei Zhiqian call him.

“Why?” Han Zhuoli heard Wei Zhiqian’s tone and knew that it was probably nothing urgent.

Lu Man’s hand was pulled by Han Zhuoli. She could not leave even if she wanted to, so she sat by his side and leaned on his wide shoulders.

As her hand was being held by Han Zhuoli, she pulled his hand over and carefully looked at it while pressing the tips of his fingers and playing with it.

“I saw that Xing Ke Station’s show was trying to cause trouble for Lu Man,” Wei Zhiqian said.

“Yeah, but the situation is already solved.” Han Zhuoli tilted his head to look at Lu Man, who was so bored she was playing with his fingers, and smiled a bit proudly. “There was no need for me to do anything, Lu Man already solved it by herself.”

Chapter 866 My Younger Sister-in-Law Is Getting Bullied, How Can I Stand at the Side and Do Nothing?

Han Zhuoli paused, then suddenly asked, “Isn’t your elder sister-in-law very capable?”

Lu Man: “...”

Why did she become Wei Zhiqian’s elder sister-in-law?

No wait, Han Zhuoli was taking advantage of Wei Zhiqian like that. Was that alright?

Wei Zhiqian: “...”

The f*ck was “elder sister-in-law”? When did Han Zhuoli become his older brother?

Dating and even taking advantage of him, inhumane!

“I wanted to tell you, I withdrew my investment from The Performer,” Wei Zhiqian said.

Han Zhuoli was stunned, then said, “You don’t need to do that for us.”

“What a joke that production group. It’s full of people who did not open their eyes. My younger sister-in-law is getting bullied, how can I stand at the side and do nothing? Originally, this sponsorship was something Xing Ke Station begged us to do. For Wei Feng, there is not much effect,” Wei Zhiqian said.

Han Zhuoli: “...”

Haha, 500 million yuan and he wanted to change “elder sister-in-law” to “younger sister-in-law”?

He would not let that happen!

“But it’s good that you pulled out your investment. After the trouble today, The Performer’s reputation was hit hard. It will be hard for them to build up their reputation again,” Han Zhuoli said. “Furthermore, since they came to make trouble for Lu Man, then they can give up on getting any good grades.”

“The Performer is about to be ruined. It is no longer appropriate to give them so much investment,” Han Zhuoli said.

“I think that way too.” Wei Zhiqian smiled coldly. “So I directly pulled out. Let them find another main sponsor.”

“Wait, since it has something to do with Lu Man, I’ll switch on the speaker to let Lu Man hear as well,” Han Zhuoli said.

“Alright,” Wei Zhiqian answered.

Han Zhuoli switched on the speaker, then explained briefly to Lu Man that Wei Zhiqian had withdrawn his investment in The Performer and was not planning on working together with this show.

Lu Man hurriedly greeted Wei Zhiqian.

In front of Lu Man, Wei Zhiqian was too embarrassed to address her as either elder sister-in-law or younger sister-in-law.

“After having so much trouble today, even if this show managed to continue on, the results won’t be very good and will cause the audience to dislike it and be opposed to it. Removing the investment is better. Otherwise, you might be implicated by the show,” Lu Man said.

“Are you saying that even if this show airs, it will be over for them?” Towards Lu Man’s judgment in this area, Wei Zhiqian had a lot of trust.

Lu Man nodded without hesitating. “Even if this show airs, whatever popularity it has will be negative. I feel that right now, there are guests who are hesitating on whether or not they should pull out from the show and not participate. If you remove your investment, then those who are still hesitating will probably choose to withdraw without hesitation.”

“Alright.” Wei Zhiqian smiled and nodded. “Originally, this show was doing well, but they dared to provoke us. I also want to remove my sponsorship. Now that it is going to be over for this show, that will be good. I just wanted to tell you guys, because this way, you can do whatever you want to this show.”

Otherwise, they would have had to show mercy to this show because of Wei Feng.

They were a close group and had always been very protective of the people in their circle.

Although Wei Zhiqian said that, Han Zhuoli and Lu Man both knew that Wei Zhiqian was helping Lu Man to express her anger.

It was only because The Performer had provoked Lu Man that Wei Zhiqian was angry at this show as well.

By doing that kind of thing, he was already doing his best as a friend.

“Thank you for this,” Han Zhuoli said.

“What are you being polite for?” Wei Zhiqian smiled.

After hanging up, Lu Man told Han Zhuoli, “Your brothers are really good.”

Chapter 867 Slapping Face Group

Han Zhuoli smiled lightly and took a look at her. “And I’m not good?”

“Of course you are the best,” Lu Man said as she smiled. “If it were not for you, why would they treat me well?”

“Are you guys always like that? When someone meets with something, would the others instantly react?” Lu Man asked.

“Yeah.” Han Zhuoli nodded. “No one dares to do anything to us. But the people by our sides, like you and their wives, at the start, there would be people who bullied them. As soon as they are bullied, those of us that find it convenient to act will act, and we will even work together to work against them.”

Why did others not dare to touch them?

Because as long as they dared to do something to one of them, the other seven would instantly react and work together to totally destroy any threats.

One family was already very headache-inducing, much less eight families working together, twisted into a rope like a giant.

Yet the eight of them were all the successors of their respective families and have a lot of speaking power, as well as plenty of ability to command, in their hands. And they could use most of the power of their family.

That way, provoking one of them was equivalent to provoking all eight families.

Who would dare to?

“When Song Yu was kidnapped, Cheng Zhi did not have enough cash on his hands. After we heard about it, we scolded him for not telling us about such an important thing. So we transferred all the money we could use to him. Those who were not in City B asked their families to pass him cash.” Han Zhuoli laughed and said, “We are a small circle, and our other half, naturally, is also included in our small circle. Anyone who dares to put their hand in this circle will wait for revenge from all of us. You see, Zhiqian is only the first one.”

As if wanting to prove Han Zhuoli’s words, as soon as Han Zhuoli said that, their WeChat rang.

Han Zhuoli laughed. “It’s probably the group.”

Lu Man picked up her phone to look. As expected, it was the WeChat group “8864.”

Chu Zhaoyang: “Xing Ke Station?”

Han Zhuoli: “Yes.”

Chu Zhaoyang: “Alright.”

Lu Man: “...”

Her face was stunned. What did Chu Zhaoyang say alright for?

The one causing trouble was The Performer. It had nothing to do with Xing Ke Station.

Although yes, this show belonged to Xing Ke Station.

Seeing Chu Zhaoyang’s meaning, however, it seemed he was planning to not blame the original one who caused trouble and directly make trouble for Xing Ke Station.

Nan Jingheng: “All the media outlets under Nan Yin has removed the publicity for The Performer. The servers under Nan Yin and all the parties we work with won’t air The Performer.”

Lu Man could not help but let out a breath.

Nan Jingheng said it very lightly, causing people who saw it to feel like it was not some big punishment.

But the truth was, like how the Han Corporation was in charge of more than half of the entertainment industry, Nan Yin Media was in charge of more than half of the media industry in the country.

Now, the big and small servers and the numerous video websites, news websites, entertainment servers, etc., anything that can be watched and played with—it all appeared to belong to different companies because their names were not the same.

But if you had the heart to check the company behind them, you would find that more than half of them were under Nan Yin.

They belonged to the companies under Nan Yin Corporation, and although their names were different, if you check more, the h*ck, they were all Nan Yin,

That made it very over the top.

If Nan Yin had all the media outlets under them take down The Performer, it was practically at the level of the whole Internet.

Chapter 868 Wei Zhiqian's Evil Idea

Lu Man's heart ached silently for The Performer.

They had invested so much. Just the pay for those guests who were participating was very shocking.

But in the same way, because of the attractiveness of these guests, they had many fans, and so, the viewership of the shows would also increase.

Before the show had even started to do publicity, the advertising company were fighting and auctioning, and they bid extremely expensive advertising costs one by one to advertise things during the show's airing.

If it were not for Lu Man's situation, The Performer's viewership would have definitely exploded.

But the production group had wanted to make trouble for Lu Man before they even started to air. Now, they were already half-dead.

Wei Zhiqian took back his investment, and Nan Jingheng removed the publicity and airing of The Performer. That made it even worse for them.

Lu Man's heart ached for this show silently.

As with Chu Zhaoyang's "alright," Lu Man did not know what Chu Zhaoyang was planning on doing.

Han Zhuoli explained, "Aside from the Chu Tian Hospital and the Chu Tian Laboratories, Lao Chu's family is also running the Chu Tian Pharmaceutical Company. This time, there were advertisements for their family's product."

Lu Man understood instantly.

The eight big families each had their main business, but they also worked in other industries as well. No one would place all their eggs in one basket.

They would dabble in other industries; that way, they would have more and more connections.

The Performer may not even know that an advertisement they received was actually from one of the companies under the eight big families.

Yan Beicheng: "Tomorrow, I'll make the production group cry and walk down."

Lu Man could not help but laugh.

Qi Chengzhi: "Tomorrow, The Performer is going to lose half of the advertising companies."

Wei Zilin: "This afternoon, the Xing Ke Station contacted our company. I've already rejected them."

Qi Chenglin: "I did not invest in The Performer, but I did invest in other shows of theirs."

Lu Man: "..."

What was the meaning of this?

He wanted to do things to the other shows on Xing Ke Station?

Her heart ached for Xing Ke Station.

Lu Man counted quietly. If this continued on, she had no idea if the show would air or not.

The group quietened down, and Han Zhuoli and Lu Man stopped looking at the chat group.

Lu Man started to ponder and told Han Zhuoli, "Since Wei Zhiqian has withdrawn his sponsorship, I can make use of this chance."

"Oh?" Han Zhuoli looked at how she squinted her eyes, not knowing what she was scheming about like a little fox.

Naturally, Lu Man did not hide anything from him. "I want to see if I can manage to scheme against Lu Qiyuan. He and Xia Qingyang went to the school to make trouble for me the other time. I kept feeling unhappy. With The Performer losing so much investment in an instant, they would definitely find other companies."

Han Zhuoli knew what Lu Man meant. He squinted his eyes and rubbed Lu Man's hair. "If you need anyone to do anything, just tell me. Wei Zhiqian and the rest will definitely do things properly."

Lu Man could not help but laugh. When he talked about the young masters of the eight big families, why was it that they sounded so down-to-earth, as if they were little soldiers and generals?

Casually given instructions and going to fight wherever she pointed.

However, Han Zhuoli and Lu Man did not expect that Wei Zhiqian did not feel that it was enough to withdraw his sponsorship. His ideas were especially bad.

He had specifically instructed his General Manager to contact the head director of The Performer, Ge Guangzhen, in the middle of the night.

At 12:40 am, Ge Guangzhen was sleeping deeply. Too many things had happened during the day, and there had been too much pressure that he managed to fully relax only at night, sleeping especially deeply.

In the end, while he was dreaming, his phone suddenly rang.

In that totally quiet room, with no preparation, there was suddenly the sound of the phone ringing. It really scared him, and, furthermore, it was during his deep-sleep period at night when he was most relaxed.

Chapter 869 It's Not April Fools' Today

Mrs. Ge was so shocked, she felt that her heart was about to jump out of her chest.

She was disturbed in the middle of her sleep, and Mrs. Ge was so angry that she forcefully kicked Ge Guangzhen.

Ge Guangzhen was also awakened. While he was getting kicked by Mrs. Ge, he was touching around the head of the bed for his phone.

The light on the screen was so piercing for his eyes that he could not even open it.

“Quickly, pick it up or hang up!” Mrs. Ge scolded. “Who is that? Such a crazy person, calling this late at night!”

Because of that, Ge Guangzhen no longer cared to look at who was calling. In a daze, he picked up the phone. “Hello?”

His voice did not sound very awake either.

“Director Ge, I’m Wei Feng’s Lian Zhongxiang!” the General Manager of Wei Feng, Lian Zhongxiang, said.

He was so sleepy he could not even open his eyes right now, but what could he do?

The CEO had instructed that he needed to wait until the middle of the night to call Ge Guangzhen. He had no choice but to refrain from sleeping and to force himself to stay up until this hour.

Didn’t they say that their CEO was a crazy person?!

He did not know how Ge Guangzhen had offended him. How big of a hatred did he have that, just to withdraw his sponsorship, he needed to especially wait until the middle of the night to contact Ge Guangzhen?

This would make Ge Guangzhen feel so troubled he would not be able to sleep at night.

Too cruel.

“Manager Lian?” Ge Guangzhen woke up instantly and hurriedly sat up.

Mrs. Ge said, irritated, “If you are going to talk on the phone, get out and speak there!”

Ge Guangzhen hurriedly took up his phone and got out of the bedroom. He did not walk far to take a seat on the living room sofa.

Just now, he was in a daze and could not identify if it was Lian Zhongxiang’s voice or not.

“It’s me,” Lian Zhongxiang said again.

At this time, Ge Guangzhen was finally totally awake and also heard clearly that it was indeed Lian Zhongxiang’s voice.

Ge Guangzhen rubbed his eyes while taking his phone down from next to his ear to look at the screen.

The screen also showed Lian Zhongxiang’s name.

But what was going on for him to call at this time?!

How important was it that he had to call in the middle of the night?!

“President Lian, for you to call at this time, did something happen?” Ge Guangzhen could only ask.

“It’s like this: our CEO Wei has decided to withdraw his investment from The Performer,” Lian Zhongxiang said.

“What?!” Ge Guangzhen was totally awake now, being shocked by this news so much that he was shaking. He jumped up from the sofa. “President Lian, what did you say?”

“I said, our CEO Wei has decided to withdraw his main investment from The Performer,” Lian Zhongxiang repeated.

“President Lian, it’s not good to joke about this kind of thing!” Ge Guangzhen checked the date again. “It’s not April Fools’ today!”

The f*ck, was he crazy?

Withdrawing their investment was such a big deal. Not waiting until the morning and, instead, waiting until the middle of the night when he was not even awake to call!

“Who would joke about this kind of thing?” Lian Zhongxiang smiled. “I’m definitely serious. Sorry for waking you up this late at night. After I’m done saying this, I can now go to sleep at ease. You should go to sleep earlier too.”

“Wait!” Ge Guangzhen hurriedly called him to stop.

Crazy!

Saying this kind of thing, then asking him to go back to sleep. The f*ck, who could still sleep?!

“President Lian, why are you suddenly withdrawing your sponsorship?” Ge Guangzhen was holding back his anger as he asked, gritting his teeth. “This is too sudden, right? Before this, there was no indication at all. I haven’t been mentally prepared yet.”

Lian Zhongxiang’s tone was one of helplessness. “You’re asking me, but who can I ask? I don’t know either! This is our CEO’s decision. I was also shocked when I heard it.”

Chapter 870 Our CEO’s Temper Is Like That of a Crazy Person

“Director Ge, you know I treat you as a friend. We’ve always worked together quite well. So when I heard it, I instantly asked our CEO. But our CEO asked me what am I asking so much for? He told me to go and do whatever he asked! For you, I was even scolded for no reason at all.”

Ge Guangzhen was extremely angry, but he had to make his tone seem helpless. “You called me to tell me this sort of thing in the middle of the night, my heart can’t take it.”

Lian Zhongxiang said helplessly, “I also have no other choice. Our CEO just called me to tell me this. And he even had me inform you instantly, saying I can’t wait for daylight. You know it as well, our CEO’s temper is like that of a crazy person.”

Ge Guangzhen: “...”

President Lian, you calling your CEO crazy, does Wei Zhiqian know?

“But, I guess,” Lian Zhongxiang emphasized again, “I’m just guessing, it’s not what our CEO said.”

“Just say it,” Ge Guangzhen said, weakly.

“I guess that it could be about your assistant director. What was he called? His surname was Xu. He exposed the fees Wei Feng gave you to be your main sponsor. Our CEO is not very happy. Your show has yet to be aired, it has just started to plan. Other shows that are still in the planning stage and not being aired yet do not know what the impact will be, yet yours is getting such high fees already. For most, that happens when the show has become popular, and the fees would start to increase upwards in the second season,” Lian Zhongxiang explained. “This time was because we’ve been working well together and Wei Feng had quite high expectations for your show. That’s why they invested so much.”

“But before the show becomes popular, this sort of thing cannot be said out loud. It would cause people to think that our Wei Feng is like some big power and, in the future, new shows would dare to seek us out to be their main sponsor and ask for 700 million or 800 million yuan in fees as soon as they opened their mouth, causing us to become a joke.”

“When your show becomes popular and our fees get exposed then, that would be different. At that time, it would be said that our Wei Feng has good foresight and judgment and has invested well,” Lian Zhongxiang said. “But it’s different right now. Your show’s recording has yet to even start. Even though we do anticipate results from your show results, because of that recording of your assistant director, the people outside are now all doubting the realness of it.”

“Like that, when the show is actually airing, what the viewership will be like is hard to say. Your show’s reputation is being doubted, and our Wei Feng is also very worried about your show’s viewership. After all, our investment of 500 million yuan is not small, and it cannot be said to be some casual investment that could be lost, don’t you think so?” Lian Zhongxiang said. “Based on the current outlook, I really don’t think that your viewership will be great. Wei Feng does not want to become the butt of people’s jokes, and so we can only withdraw our investment.”

“Of course, that’s only my own guess. It has nothing to do with our CEO’s thoughts.” Lian Zhongxiang said in his heart in quiet insult, Who knows what that crazy person thinks in his heart?

Ge Guangzhen was silent for a while, then said, “There’s no room for turning back here?”

“If there is, our CEO wouldn’t have been calling me in the middle of the night,” Lian Zhongxiang said.

“The situation just happened in the day time, and our CEO must have considered it for a very long time, having thought about it until just now without sleeping.”

It was probably because he heard Lian Zhongxiang say it so much that Ge Guangzhen also could not help but say in his heart in insult, “Crazy.”