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Chapter 871 Chain Reaction

“I’ve already passed the message. As for the sponsorship, it’s not up to me to decide. It’s decided by our CEO, and no one can do anything to affect his decision,” Lian Zhongxiang said. “Director Ge, rest properly. I won’t disturb you anymore.”

Lian Zhongxiang hurriedly hung up the phone call.

Ge Guangzhen hurriedly called him back, yet the other party had already switched his phone off. His actions were extremely fast.

Ge Guangzhen was extremely troubled. Wei Feng’s sponsorship can be withdrawn whenever they wanted to. Seeing that the show was about to start filming, there was so little time left in between. Where was he to get another sponsorship?

Because of Xu Yaojie’s situation, the reputation of the show dropped very fast. Before this, there were a lot of advertising companies fighting over it, but now, everyone was probably just spectating.

No one was dumb.

Ge Guangzhen grabbed at his hair while sitting on the sofa, irritated. Lian Zhongxiang still tried to get him to sleep like that, but how could he sleep right now?

Ge Guangzhen could not sleep, so those subordinates of his should not think about sleeping either.

Ge Guangzhen first gave Xu Yaojie a call. Without waiting for Xu Yaojie to say anything, he started to scold him, throwing all the anger he had at this time of the night on Xu Yaojie. He then hung up the call, leaving Xu Yaojie stunned after being scolded in the middle of the night. He still did not know how he managed to anger Ge Guangzhen.

Ge Guangzhen then gave Team Leader Wu and Assistant Director Wang a call and talked about this situation, then he contacted the advertisement department of the station.

Because of Wei Zhiqian’s statement, there followed a series of chain reactions.

Almost half of a television station was awoken in the middle of the night by Ge Guangzhen, and angry sounds can be heard all over the place.

Ge Guangzhen did not sleep for the whole night. On the second day, he contacted Wei Zhiqian’s secretary multiple times, but the replies were all the same: Wei Zhiqian did not have time.

Ge Guangzhen gritted his teeth. He had personally come to Wei Feng, wanting to properly talk with Wei Zhiqian, and in the end, he could not even meet Wei Zhiqian. He was stopped by the front desk, not wanting to let him enter.

It was not just that. Even Lian Zhongxiang did not want to see him.

There was no other choice. Ge Guangzhen could only have his colleagues in the advertising department to find someone from another country to be the main sponsor.

For a show to not have a main sponsor, wasn't that embarrassing?

Because of Xu Yaojie's recording, their show suffered the loss of the high-price sponsorship. Ge Guangzhen did not want to see Xu Yaojie at all and ordered him to take a leave, then ultimately leave The Performer.

The tough question about the main sponsorship was yet to be solved. When Ge Guangzhen had just returned to the television station, his colleagues in the advertising department all came over to his office and told him, "Director Ge, just now, our department got a few calls. A few advertising companies called to pull out, and now, most of the companies that are advertising in your show had totally pulled out. There's only one left. I'm just scared that when the other party hears that the other people advertising have all pulled out, they would also pull out."

"Right now, we're doing our best to hide this news, but we definitely can't hide it for long. Whether it's the company that has yet to pull out or the external media, they would know eventually," the advertising department colleagues said. "Our show... might not have even a bit of advertising in it."

Ge Guangzhen's head hurt so much that he wanted to hit it against the wall. He told his colleagues from the advertising department to return to their offices for now. "I'll think of a method to solve it as fast as possible."

"Alright, we'll also help you all to find other companies that could invest," the colleagues said, then left.

Ge Guangzhen then called Team Leader Wu over and contacted Lin Yi, wanting to have Wei Zilin help to do public relations.

But when he made the call, he did not even manage to reach Wei Zilin. It was Wei Zilin's assistant who picked up, and without a second thought, he was rejected instantly.

Chapter 872 Set Up

"You don't want to tell CEO Wei at all?" Ge Guangzhen was angered by the assistant's attitude. "CEO Wei doesn't even know, yet you can make decisions for him?"

Wei Zilin's assistant kept smiling and politely said, "This is CEO Wei's decision. CEO Wei had already ordered this long beforehand. Recently, the company has been too busy with all the current cases. We aren't accepting any other cases."

"Mine's not the same!" Ge Guangzhen said angrily. "If you haven't told CEO Wei about it, how do you know he won't accept my case?"

The assistant said, "I'm telling you directly, CEO Wei had even specifically mentioned your show's situation, saying that your esteemed show might come to our company. But sorry, we won't take up your case."

Ge Guangzhen was stunned. He refused to believe it, but since Wei Zilin's assistant did not want to transfer his phone call to Wei Zilin, his only option left was to find another way to contact Wei Zilin.

Ge Guangzhen could only give up on the assistant. After hanging up the phone call, he went around to find Wei Zilin's contact details.

In the end, after he managed to find it out, Ge Guangzhen instantly contacted Wei Zilin.

The phone call went through, and Wei Zilin also picked up.

But when Ge Guangzhen stated why he called, Wei Zilin directly rejected him.

“CEO Wei, you—”

“I have too many cases on hand. I’m sorry, I can’t take this case,” Wei Zilin said.

“CEO Wei, consider it again, we can discuss the price,” Ge Guangzhen hurriedly said.

Wei Zilin raised an eyebrow and said, “Saying that the price can be discussed is perhaps useful with ordinary companies lacking cases, but with us, it’s useless. Whoever comes, they need to queue. And the queue is already full now. Sorry. Director Ge, let’s work together if there’s an opportunity to next time.”

Wei Zilin hung up the phone. Ge Guangzhen thought in his heart, What opportunity?

Who would want to seek out Lin Yi for cooperation if nothing happened to them?!

He hoped that he would not have that kind of chance at all in the future, alright?!

Of course, he really needed it now.

But Wei Zilin did not budge at all.

The Performer was in trouble, one that they had never met before, and Lu Man knew all about the details involved.

That included the call from Lian Zhongxiang that Ge Guangzhen received in the middle of the night and the latter finding out that their show had lost 500 million yuan worth in investments.

Because on the second day, Wei Zhiqian told everyone in the WeChat group about it.

Everyone also talked about their withdrawing of investment.

Because of that, Lu Man knew all the insider news regarding The Performer.

She went to school for class, and there was one lesson in the auditorium.

After Lu Man entered the classroom, she looked around, then saw Lu Qi and gave looks at Zheng Yuan and the other three. “Let’s go over there to sit.”

She stated her goal to Zheng Yuan and the other two, asking the three of them to cooperate.

They were all studying how to perform. This sort of reason would not trouble them, and they had no problem in cooperating with her.

Lu Man sat a row behind Lu Qi. She did not want to sit in front of Lu Qi because she would not be able to see what was going on at the back. That would be like she’d lost control of everything, and she did not like that kind of feeling.

A while after she sat down, Lu Man saw that it was about time and gave a secret signal to Zheng Yuan.

Zheng Yuan instantly nodded. After taking a deep breath to prepare, she asked in a tone that seemed very gossipy, “Lu Man, I heard that the main sponsor of The Performer withdrew their investment—is that true?”

“Yes,” Lu Man answered with a nod. “It seems like it’s because the other party’s main sponsorship of the show was exposed before the show was aired.”

“Why? Going by the variety shows that were very popular before, isn’t the money spent to become the main sponsor very high?! Those sponsors have all been exposed before and nothing happened. No one was unhappy, and the audience all treated it as nothing unusual,” Zheng Yuan said.

Chapter 873 Dumb with a Lot of Money

“That’s right. For example, the sponsorship for Speedy Life. It became higher and higher for each season, and the season broadcasting right now seems to have obtained 600 million yuan worth of sponsorship from the main sponsor,” Pan Xue said.

“Yes. The cost to be the main sponsor is high now, but what about the first season of Speedy Life? How much was paid during the first season? Do any of you remember?”

The three of them all shook their heads, and Lu Man said, “It was 30 million yuan. Although the standards of 6 years ago cannot be compared with the present one, a lot of variety shows today have increasingly higher sponsorship fees due to Speedy Life leading the way. But no matter how high it gets, there is a sort of rule in it.”

“With a new variety show, if it was yet to be aired and yet to even be recorded, no one can confirm whether it will succeed or not before the results are out. No one can be sure how its viewership will be or whether it will be well-liked by the audience,” Lu Man explained. “After Speedy Life became popular, many variety shows popped up, and a lot of them were also inviting A-list celebrities to produce many kinds of variety shows that have different themes. The list of guests invited and the introduction of the show were all quite attractive, but when it came to the actual airing, it’s not as good as they want it to be.”

“Right. There was Solving Mystery X before this, and I very much liked all the celebrities they invited. If you’re just looking at the introduction, it seemed to be a high-IQ mystery-solving variety show and I was anticipating it a lot, but when it aired and I took a look—” Han Leilei rolled her eyes. “I just want to say, what the sh*t was being filmed?!”

“I know about that variety show too. It flopped,” Lu Man said. “So, this kind of variety show from before that had yet to be aired, no one could have known how it would do. If you’re just looking at the guests and at the plan of the show, it does not seem to be bad, but it must first pull off filming the special effects and see if the audience would buy it or not. Because of that, the payment for the main sponsorship would normally be not too high. Having a 500-million-yuan fee to be the main sponsorship as soon as the show started out, The Performer is the only one.”

“This concerns many things. One is the newness of the type of the show. Currently, there is no show that is similar to that in the country, and another reason is that the guest list is too brilliant.

Furthermore, with the mess in the movie and television drama industry right now, whether it's the people in the industry or the audience, they all need a power that comes from a role model to straighten out the industry. Furthermore, they met Wei Feng Corporation. The Wei Feng Corporation has always been quite willful. As long as they like something, they are very generous."

Zheng Yuan and the other two nodded like young birds that were eating, the picture of three obedient students.

"But this doesn't mean that Wei Feng was being really dumb with such a huge amount of money," Lu Man said as she smiled. "I think that Wei Feng had been willing to invest so much from the start because they really had high expectations for The Performer. They'd wanted to find a suitable time to announce publicly their position as the main sponsor after the show succeeds explosively in order to help advertise Wei Feng."

"But because of Xu Yaojie's recording, they were exposed earlier. Not only did that not manage to give positive publicity, but it even made people feel that Wei Feng was being dumb with a large amount of money, investing so much at the start and getting deceived due to being too generous."

As Zheng Yuan and the other two listened, they could not help but want to sarcastically point out, Wasn't Xu Yaojie's recording exposed by you?

Lu Man: "..."

What's with the three's expressions?

"So Wei Feng pulled out their investment?" Han Leilei started to make a closing statement.

Lu Man smiled. She gave Han Leilei a "nicely done" look and said, "Wei Feng pulled out their investment, so now, The Performer needs to find a new sponsor as fast as possible. After all, they are about to start filming. There's not a lot of time left before they air; the time the production group has is very little."

Chapter 874 Eye-opening

Lu Man looked at Lu Qi, who was in front, and saw that Lu Qi was leaning back as expected, listening to what they were saying.

"That'll be hard to find. After all, not everyone is the same as Wei Feng, able to afford to pay so much. And given the fact that the reputation of the show has already been ruined before it started filming, no one would invest in them," Pan Xue said.

"So now, the production group also cannot ask for a lot—30 to 40 million yuan, just a bit is fine, then they must find other advertising companies to help to add on some money and make the show not totally embarrassing. That would be fine. The good thing is that the timeframe is tight now, so if the advertising companies try to press down the price a bit, it can be even cheaper." As she spoke, Lu Man had lowered her voice a bit.

Lu Qi was about to be unable to clearly hear Lu Man's voice and could not help but lean her chair back a bit, then bend her neck to listen to what Lu Man was saying.

"Even if it were like that, would there be people willing to invest in The Performer? After all, the reputation of this show is not good now," Zheng Yuan asked, "face full of worry."

“They haven’t started to film it yet, so it’s hard to say. The netizens are quite forgetful sometimes. Even though they keep on criticizing the production group right now, when the show is aired, if there is a celebrity they like, don’t you think they’ll still chase it anyway? The power of fans is quite great. Whether they win or lose in the end, or if there are internal workings in the show, just seeing the idol’s face, licking the screen all the way, it’s not like they can’t do that,” Lu Man said.

Pan Xue nodded. “You’re talking about me.”

Lu Man smiled and pointed at Pan Xue. “Look, there’s a living example here!”

“If someone else had said that to me, I won’t believe it, but if it’s said by Lu Man, I’ll believe it.” Han Leilei had even especially bent towards Lu Qi’s seat to let her hear clearly. “I trust in Lu Man’s judgement.”

“That’s right. After all, everyone can see Lu Man’s results up until now.”

“Now, it’s time to see who can take advantage of this,” Lu Man said.

Lu Qi silently remembered this in her heart.

As soon as the lessons ended, she excitedly left.

“Do you guys think she’s going back to tell Lu Qiyuan?” Pan Xue said in a small voice.

The other day, they had seen Xia Qingyang go crazy at the entrance of the school, as well as how Lu Qiyuan was so biased. Pan Xue really felt that that was eye-opening.

It was really hard to even describe a father like that.

No wonder Lu Man didn’t want to recognize him!

If it were her, she would not recognize him either!

Lu Man was good in every area. It was just that she had a father like Lu Qiyuan.

Han Leilei had even said before, “Look at how much ability Lu Man has right now. She’s not much older than we are, but her IQ, her EQ, and the way she deals with things are so much higher by many levels. It was all because of the environment she grew up in.”

Han Leilei had also told Pan Xue, “You can be so innocent, so crazy—isn’t that because you are doted on by your parents? Because Lu Man has nothing and needs to rely on herself for everything, she’s trained herself to be like she is today. Honestly speaking, you are envious of Lu Man’s ability, but Lu Man has given up a lot for this. If you were as smart with as much ability as Lu Man, but you must go through what Lu Man had gone through, would you do so?”

Pan Xue thought about how Lu Qiyuan and Xia Qingyang were like, then instantly shivered, shaking her head without thinking. “Definitely would not do it.”

Pan Xue, Zheng Yuan, and Han Leilei had all seen it with their own eyes, and what they saw was just the tip of the iceberg.

It was hard to think that since she was young, Lu Man had gone through a lot of these kinds of things.

Because of that, when Lu Man discussed with them about how she wanted to give Lu Qiyuan a lesson, they did not even think about it before agreeing.

Chapter 875 Even If She Were the Daughter of the CEO, She Can't Bully People Like Tha

Following that, Han Leilei said, "With Lu Man's brain, there was actually no need for her to tell us about her plan. Even if we were being used by her, we wouldn't know, and we would be counting money and shouting 666 for her. But Lu Man did not hide anything from us at all. She told us the truth, really treating us as her friends."

The three of them were especially touched!

Pan Xue nodded. "Lu Qi's probably going to look for Lu Qiyuan."

"I just don't know if Lu Qiyuan would be tricked." Zheng Yuan was extremely troubled. She placed her two hands together to pray. "Please fall for it!"

Lu Qi was doing what Lu Man and the rest had guessed. Not caring about meeting with He Zhengbai at all, she directly went to find Lu Qiyuan as soon as she left the school.

All of the Lu Corporation's workers recognized Lu Qi.

Originally, before Lu Qi was totally ruined by Lu Man, she was still a famous celebrity. Even if it was not because of Lu Qiyuan, most of the workers would all recognize her.

But Lu Qiyuan had always been proud of Lu Qi, very willing to have Lu Qi come to the company to make him proud.

Because of that, in the Lu Corporation, everyone knew that Lu Qiyuan had a celebrity daughter, Lu Qi.

They recognized only Lu Qi, but not Lu Man.

If Lu Man came to the company, there was definitely no one who would recognize her.

But whenever they saw Lu Qi, the workers would all smile and call her, "Miss Lu."

Lu Qi hurriedly greeted them, and then hurriedly went to Lu Qiyuan's office.

Lu Qiyuan's assistant, Jiang Yujie, stood up. "Miss, who are you looking for?"

Lu Qi stopped, unhappily looking at the young woman in front of her. "Who are you?"

"I'm CEO Lu's assistant." Jiang Yujie had an employee pass hung over her front.

Lu Qi took a look. "Jiang Yujie?"

Eh, such a fake name.

"You're new here?" Lu Qi looked at Jiang Yujie unhappily.

Ever since Xia Qingyang married Lu Qiyuan, she had kept an eye on Lu Qiyuan's assistant, scared that if his assistant was some young girl, she would turn out to be a vixen.

She had managed to find Lu Qiyuan with much difficulty, and in the end, Lu Qiyuan might be seduced by someone else again.

Xia Qingyang felt that it was not that she was imagining things and coming up with things on her own.

After all, she had snatched Lu Qiyuan from Xia Qingwei's hands.

If she could snatch him from Xia Qingwei's hands, then there would be people who could snatch him from her hands for sure.

This was the reason that, despite having been married to Lu Qiyuan for so long, Xia Qingyang did not feel at ease at all and had kept pretending to be innocent, acting out the kind of personality he liked.

Lu Qi did not know how Xia Qingyang did it. Anyway, for so many years, Lu Qiyuan's secretaries had all been male. No young female one had appeared before.

Because of that, seeing Jiang Yujie in front of them, Lu Qi was extremely unhappy.

"What about Secretary Liu before this?" Lu Qi said coldly.

Jiang Yujie felt unhappy in her heart. Who was this person? So impolite!

Lu Qi's current reputation was already decreasing rapidly, though she was always on the entertainment news because of some bad things.

Her appearance in person, however, was still a bit different from her picture.

Unlike the older employees who had seen Lu Qi before, Jiang Yujie was a newcomer and had yet to see Lu Qi in person.

As she was looking at Lu Qi, she did not connect her with the photos she'd seen online and with the person in the television dramas.

"Assistant Liu has quit," Jiang Yujie explained. "Miss, you—"

"Miss Lu!" Finally, an older employee had come over, and when he saw Lu Qi, he hurriedly called.

The older employee hurriedly pulled Jiang Yujie back a bit, then scolded, "This is Lu Qi—Miss Lu—our CEO's daughter!"

Jiang Yujie still felt very wronged in her heart. Even if she were the daughter of the CEO, she can't bully people like that!

Chapter 876: Retribution Is Here

Her attitude was condescending and belittling of others, as if she wasn't a good person.

"Miss Lu, she is a new employee in our company," the old staff explained.

Lu Qi pursed her lips. "Just because she's new, it's fine that she doesn't know me? Doesn't she go on the internet or watch any television?"

After all, she was a B-list budding starlet in the past!

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Jiang Yujie swallowed down her grievances and hurriedly said, "Miss Lu, since just now, I've already felt like you looked rather familiar. However, I've only seen photographs of you or you in television shows. I've never seen you in person before, so I couldn't recognize you."

Jiang Yujie hurriedly added, "You look much better in person than on television."

Lu Qi scoffed. "Since when has my father changed to a female assistant?"

The old employee explained, "Assistant Liu from before has resigned. According to the rules, once his resignation was approved, Assistant Liu had to continue working for another month until we find a new employee for an official handover. However, it's just that with only one month's time, it was really very hard to find someone suitable. The CEO needs an assistant too, so—"

When they were hiring, they couldn't specify that they were looking for a male employee only. If they had, they could have been accused of gender discrimination.

During the interview, they could simply eliminate the female employees and leave only the male employees behind.

Yet there were honestly too few men working as an assistant, and Lu Qiyuan needed to have one.

Ultimately, they ended up choosing Jiang Yujie.

Lu Qi saw Jiang Yujie's pitiful and sad look. She really behaved so docilely, like she was a small white flower.

Suddenly, she realized that Jiang Yujie looked rather pretty.

Together with her young age, when she looked pitiful, she gave off an air where, when you saw her, you would feel like sympathizing with her.

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At that moment, Lu Qiyuan walked out of his office. When he saw Lu Qi, he called out in surprise, "Qi Qi? What are you doing here?"

Lu Qi immediately changed into a cute and adorable expression. Pouting her lips, she ran over to Lu Qiyuan's side and grabbed his arm.

Jiang Yujie stared at her in shock. She really learned something today.

No wonder Lu Qi was an actress. She was using her acting skills even in daily life.

But why then was her acting so terrible in television shows?

"Dad, I came here early. I have something to tell you, but she kept stopping me and refused to let me in." Lu Qi pouted as she complained. "Everyone in the company knows me, but why is she the only one who doesn't know me?!"

Jiang Yujie intelligently decided not to try and explain for herself. She lowered her head and admitted her fault. "Miss Lu, I'm sorry."

Lu Qi gritted her teeth. It frustrated her to no end, seeing Jiang Yujie's pitiful look.

Who was Jiang Yujie pretending for?!

In the past, it was always her and Xia Qingyang who used this tactic on Lu Man and Xia Qingwei. She had never thought that one day, someone else would actually use it on her instead.

But this Jiang Yujie indeed met the wrong person!

Did she think that this little trick could fool her?

She was the expert in pretending to be innocent and pitiful!

Lu Qi laughed silently and coldly. However, just as she was about to speak, Lu Qiyuan said, "Alright alright, she's new here, that's why she couldn't recognize you."

After that, Lu Qiyuan continued and said to Jiang Yujie, "Remember it now! In the future, if Qi Qi comes here again, don't stop her."

"Yes, I understand," Jiang Yujie hurriedly said. "I recognize Miss Lu now, I definitely won't forget. Miss Lu, I'm sorry."

Jiang Yujie lifted her head up. Tears were welling up in her eyes and she looked pitifully at Lu Qi.

Lu Qi felt her anger rise up in her throat. It got stuck in her chest, making her feel extremely frustrated.

Yet, right at this moment, Lu Qiyuan said, "Come into my office, then."

Without waiting for Lu Qi to say anything to Jiang Yujie, he brought Lu Qi into the office.

Lu Qi turned around and glared coldly at Jiang Yujie. Yet, Jiang Yujie surprisingly shivered a little. She ducked her neck slightly and continued to lower her head, looking pitiful and helpless.

Chapter 877: What Are You Suspecting Me for?

This was honestly the first time that Lu Qi had met someone who treated her this way.

All along, this was how she had been treating others!

Right now, she finally understood how frustrated those people she'd dealt with had felt.

"Qi Qi, why did you suddenly come over?" Lu Qiyuan asked as he closed the door.

"Dad." Lu Qi pursed her lips and asked, "What's up with that Jiang Yujie? Why did you hire such a young secretary?"

Lu Qiyuan frowned slightly. "Are you being like your mom right now that you have to even manage who I hire as my assistant? Could it be that you still don't trust me?"

"I don't mean it that way." Lu Qi hurriedly added, "I just find it a little strange."

Seeing that Lu Qiyuan didn't say anything, Lu Qi continued, "Besides, she seems faint-hearted, fearful, and easily terrified. She looks like she can't handle difficult situations at all. As long as you say the slightest thing, she will look so pitiful and frightened. She is your assistant, after all. If a client comes and she appears that way to them too, how embarrassing would it be! When that time comes, the company and you will both be losing face."

Yet, unexpectedly, Lu Qiyuan waved his hand, not minding it. "She is still young. It's inevitable that a young lady would feel thin-skinned and cowardly. Besides, she's just joined, she's still not used to it yet and doesn't have much experience. After working for some time, she'll get better."

Lu Qi looked at Lu Qiyuan in surprise. She felt like she couldn't recognize him anymore.

Since when was Lu Qiyuan so reasonable and understanding?

How could he actually be so forgiving towards his employees?

"Dad, a company is not a school. Why are you still bothering with training her? If you train her well and let her gain experience, but she chooses to jump ship to another company, then wouldn't the company have been taken advantage of? It's one thing to nurture her for someone else's sake, but to train her for free too? Are there even any companies who would be so generous and giving?!" Lu Qi looked at Lu Qiyuan in surprise. "You were never so forgiving and understanding towards your employees in the past."

Lu Qiyuan felt a little uncomfortable because of Lu Qi's look. He avoided Lu Qi's gaze. Suddenly, he said in annoyance, "Are you suspecting me of something?"

"I'm not..." Lu Qi said pitifully, her voice lowered.

Lu Qiyuan sighed and said, "You, stop learning from your mom and thinking of all sorts of crazy things."

How could Lu Qi believe him?

How could she not know about Lu Qiyuan's temper?

If didn't, how could she have gotten her grip so tightly on Lu Qiyuan all these years and make him forget about how much he used to love and pamper his other daughter Lu Man?

"Ok, that's enough. You suddenly came to look for me, what's the matter?" Lu Qiyuan hurriedly changed the topic.

Lu Qi went back onto the more pressing issue. "I've heard a piece of news from Older Sister."

Lu Qi told Lu Qiyuan about the news she heard from Lu Man.

"Dad, I think that this matter seems pretty reliable," Lu Qi said. "Even though Older Sister's character isn't all that, she is indeed pretty professional. Her taste is rather good, and she has never been wrong about her judgment."

Lu Qiyuan was a little hesitant. "Could she have told you about it on purpose?"

Lu Qi smiled. "Dad, she completely didn't know that I was eavesdropping!"

She was exceptionally confident!

Lu Qiyuan let out a sigh of relief. If what Lu Man had said was indeed real, then he could consider investing in the show.

“There aren’t many old clients left with Lu Corporation. We really need new clients to help sustain the company’s operations. It would also be a good opportunity for us to use this to help publicize the Lu Corporation, to get more people to know about us and attract new clients,” Lu Qi said.

“Now that *The Performer* is right at its most difficult moment, we can take advantage of this and can even push the price down. If they want 50 million yuan, we can push it down to 30 million or even 20 million. Right now, no one dares to sponsor them. It would be rare that we are willing to. In the past, it’s the sponsors begging for them, but right now, they are begging for us.”

Chapter 878: Thoughtful

Lu Qi said, “Besides, even if *The Performer*’s reputation keeps going down, a starving camel is still bigger than a horse. No matter what, it’s still a show from Xing Ke Station!”

Lu Qiyuan nodded. Lu Qi’s words made a lot of sense.

Xing Ke Station’s advertising fee had always been very expensive. Just to sponsor a simple variety show would cost up to hundreds of millions. Even just having a simple commercial would still cost tens of millions.

Even if *The Performer* was terrible, Xing Ke Station was still passable.

“This is what you said. I will consider it properly,” Lu Qiyuan said.

Lu Qi reminded him, “The show is about to start recording, you better hurry up and consider.”

Why was Lu Qi so concerned about this matter, you ask?

It was because she wanted to be on the show!

Once the Lu Corporation becomes the sponsor of *The Performer*, wouldn’t it be so easy for Lu Qiyuan to squeeze Lu Qi into the show?

After all, *The Performer* was facing some troubles right now, as if it was stuck in the pits.

Lu Qi was honestly very confident of what Lu Man said, and she also had confidence in Xing Ke Station.

As Xing Ke Station’s main flagship show, would *The Performer* be so easily affected?

Impossible!

Xing Ke Station had been preparing for *The Performer* for such a long time. They have put in so much manpower, resources, and money into it. They definitely wouldn’t let *The Performer* fail.

Moreover, she still remembered what Lu Man said.

The Performer had invited so many big celebrities and big shots over. Every single one of them had millions of fans.

Even if the show wasn't good, the fans will still watch it to support their own idols.

Even if they didn't watch the show, wouldn't it be enough if they just looked at their own idol's face?

Therefore, Lu Qi had planned it all out really well. She wanted to make use of these celebrities' popularity and use the conflicts she had with them on the show to increase her own popularity, create topics to talk about, and regain her popularity.

To make herself famous, she definitely had to encourage Lu Qiyuan to invest more money in it and help her get the sponsorship.

Lu Qi thought in detail about Lu Man's analysis. She felt that what Lu Man said indeed made so much sense.

Just based on Lu Man's stunning track record all along, even she felt that if she followed what Lu Man chose, she definitely wouldn't go wrong.

Lu Qiyuan patted Lu Qi's shoulder, feeling touched and emotional. "Qi Qi has grown up. She knows how to think for the company and help share my burden."

Lu Qi smiled obediently. "I always see you fretting and worrying over the company all day long, and that makes me anxious too! I want to make you feel comfortable and happy, just like before."

Happy and moved, Lu Qiyuan said, "Soon, really soon."

"I won't be disturbing you any longer, then. I'll get going first," Lu Qi said as she smiled. When she walked to the door, she paused and turned around to smile at Lu Qiyuan. "Dad, even if the company is facing difficulties right now, please don't forget about your own health, don't forget to rest properly. The difficulties are only transient. Even if you frown and worry all day long and not head home, you still won't be able to immediately resolve the difficulties right now."

Lu Qiyuan was sincerely touched. Moved, he said, "Alright, I got it."

Qi Qi was still the most thoughtful!

With such a comparison, the more he felt that Lu Qi was so amazing, the more he thought that Lu Man was just someone who kept chasing after him to repay his debts.

Never mind caring about his health, Lu Man couldn't wait for him to hurry up and drop dead!

"Then will you be coming home for dinner tonight?" Lu Qi asked.

Recently, Lu Qiyuan had been busy with work and had seldom gone back home for dinner.

He was meeting clients almost every single day.

Until today, Lu Qi still believed in Lu Qiyuan.

However, after seeing Jiang Yujie today, Lu Qi suddenly couldn't trust him that much anymore.

Unknowingly, she strangely felt some animosity towards Jiang Yujie.

However, because of Lu Qiyuan's attitude, she couldn't show it too strongly. If she did, it would only backfire.

Lu Qiyuan was still feeling moved by Lu Qi. Hearing her question, he immediately nodded. "I will be going back. I won't meet any clients today. I'll head home earlier and spend time with you and your mother."

Chapter 879: It's a Win-Win

Lu Qi nodded obediently and smiled. After that, she walked out.

Jiang Yujie saw Lu Qi coming out of the office and immediately stood up. Carefully, she said, "Miss Lu."

Lu Qi looked at her coldly. She was just about to say something when she saw Lu Qiyuan coming out of the office right after her.

Lu Qi had no choice but to give up. She turned around and asked, "Dad, why did you come out?"

"Let me send you out," Lu Qiyuan said while smiling.

Lu Qi could only begrudgingly swallow down the words that she was about to throw at Jiang Yujie and went down with Lu Qiyuan.

After sending Lu Qi off into the car, Lu Qiyuan finally went back.

"CEO." Jiang Yujie saw Lu Qiyuan return and had hurriedly called out.

She was standing there carefully, looking at Lu Qiyuan fearfully, like she was a small white rabbit.

Lu Qiyuan really had no thoughts about Jiang Yujie. It was all Lu Qi's wild speculations.

He didn't tell Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi about it because, one, he felt that this was his own company's matters, why should he have to report to them about every single thing that happened at work?

And two, he was also afraid that Xia Qingyang would overthink.

If it was in the past, he definitely wouldn't be afraid. Xia Qingyang's temper was so gentle before.

However, right now, who knows when Xia Qingyang would blow up like a shrew? She was a completely different person from before.

With Xia Qingyang's temper right now, how would Lu Qiyuan ever dare to tell her?

He was afraid that Xia Qingyang would directly come to the company and cause a huge scene. That would be so embarrassing.

However, right now, seeing Jiang Yujie's worried and helpless look, Lu Qiyuan couldn't help but sympathize with her a little.

“Don’t worry. Next time Qi Qi comes, don’t stop her from entering. She can come here anytime.” Lu Qiyuan walked over. Seeing Jiang Yujie’s slender, docile, and meek demeanor, if he just took one more step, he could pull her into his arms and properly protect her.

The Jiang Yujie right before him really could ignite a man’s protective streak.

Lu Qiyuan almost wanted to lift his hand up and pat her on the shoulder.

Jiang Yujie hurriedly nodded. “It’s just that it seemed like Miss Lu didn’t really like me. Did I do anything wrong? Is it because I didn’t recognize her today?”

“No,” Lu Qiyuan said. “Don’t overthink, just focus on your work.”

“Mm!” Jiang Yujie nodded her head eagerly. She looked at Lu Qiyuan, her face filled with respect and admiration. “Thank you, CEO.”

Lu Qiyuan’s heart skipped a beat. It was as if he saw Xia Qingyang when she was younger. She also looked at him with so much admiration and trust back then.

Lu Qiyuan withdrew his gaze and nodded. Then, he returned back into the office.

Lu Qiyuan naturally wouldn’t agree to work with *The Performer* so easily just because of a couple of words from Lu Qi.

He also got someone to find out about the situation over at *The Performer*.

It was easy for them to resolve the problem about having commercials. There were so many advertisers. Even without one, there would still be another.

However, they would just have to lower the advertising fee a little.

However, to find a sponsor would be more tricky.

Ge Guangzhen managed to find a couple and was still discussing things with them.

Lu Qiyuan went to take a look. Those unfavorable comments towards *The Performer* seemed to have cooled off. The netizens also seemed to have gradually stopped following this news.

After all, *The Performer* had yet to start filming. No one knew about the exact situation.

Even if the media wanted to write news articles about them, they didn’t have any content at all. They couldn’t just keep cooking things up without concrete evidence.

Therefore, the negative news about *The Performer* started becoming fewer day by day.

Lu Qiyuan watched. It was indeed just as Lu Man had analyzed.

Therefore, he wanted to seize this moment and settle the sponsorship. If not, once the negative news about *The Performer* had started to cool off, the sponsorship fee would rise again.

Ultimately, Lu Qiyuan paid a price of 40 million yuan to get a sponsorship right for *The Performer*.

Both parties let out a sigh of relief.

Lu Qiyuan felt that the other party wanted 50 million, but he managed to bargain for 10 million lesser, so he had benefitted.

Whereas for Ge Guangzhen, he finally managed to settle the main sponsorship. Once the show started airing, they would at least have a name to it.

Chapter 880: Let Them Regret It for All He Cares!

After Wei Feng Corporation backed out, for some strange reason, no other company was willing to be the sponsor.

In the past, there were quite a few brands who indicated interest in contacting him. This time around, he contacted them of his own accord and even took the initiative to greatly reduce the price, from 500 million to an instant drop of 50 million yuan. Yet, no one was willing to accept his offer.

All of them expressed that they had signed with another show and didn't have much budget left for *The Performer*.

Therefore, Ge Guangzhen really couldn't ask for a high sponsorship fee anymore. He had to be satisfied with just enough.

At the start, *The Performer* was doing strong and well. In the station, they were right at their prime, ruling over others, becoming one of the major projects. All the limelight was on them. Even the employees working in the production could feel proud about it and could show it off. People working in other crews were all really envious of them and hoped to join the team.

Be it any resources or any request, the station would follow closely to the production team's desires and try their best to fulfill them. All the other shows had to take a step back.

It was obvious how high an expectation the station had placed on this show.

Yet, eventually, because of Lu Man, everything was just burned to the ground in an instant.

Right now, Ge Guangzhen didn't even dare to raise any request. He had to live while ducking his head down, only begging that the show could make a huge comeback after it started airing and fiercely slap those people who were laughing at their show!

Finally, Lu Qiyuan had surprisingly taken the initiative to discuss sponsoring their show. Of course, Ge Guangzhen wouldn't just let it go.

Eventually, they settled with a 40 million deal, and Ge Guangzhen finally let out a sigh of relief.

Therefore, strangely, both parties felt like they had taken advantage of the other.

However, after Lu Qiyuan and Ge Guangzhen had settled the agreement...

The next day, Wei Feng Corporation released a statement, stating that they had already terminated their sponsorship of *The Performer*. They would no longer be the main sponsor of *The Performer* and would completely take back all of their investment in the show.

Ge Guangzhen had just managed to catch a breath because of Lu Qiyuan's investment and was sitting in the office thinking about how to properly produce this show and slap Lu Man fiercely in the face.

To let Lu Man and Li Zeyu both regret that they didn't participate in the show. They both just had to pretend to be so morally upright, saying that they would never join unless it was a fair competition.

Once the show had become popular, let them regret it for all he cares!

Eventually, Team Leader Wu anxiously and flusteredly dashed into the office. "Director Ge!"

Ge Guangzhen frowned unhappily. "Team Leader Wu, what's the matter? Why are you so anxious that you aren't even caring about your image anymore? If the other employees were to see it, wouldn't you just be setting a bad example for them?"

"Sorry, sorry." Team Leader Wu could care less about that right now. "I really can't bother with that right now. Please take a look at this, Director Ge."

Team Leader Wu didn't need Ge Guangzhen to search for it himself and directly took out his phone for Ge Guangzhen to see. "Previously, Wei Feng Corporation hadn't done anything and always maintained silence, so I thought that Wei Feng wouldn't announce it on their own. When the show starts airing, the show wouldn't receive much negative impact if the audience finds out only then that we've changed the sponsor. Moreover, before the show starts airing, everyone would still keep thinking that Wei Feng is the main sponsor and that could help calm everyone. The audience would look forward to it while the guests who are here only because the big sponsor Wei Feng is still here would stay. Even if there's something wrong with our show's reputation, the reason they didn't back out of it despite their hesitation is that there's still Wei Feng, which was a calming presence."

"However, we had just signed with the Lu Corporation, and Wei Feng suddenly announced that they are no longer going to continue being our sponsor. The internet has blown up over this. Everyone is speculating whether or not Wei Feng left because it was revealed that our show is scripted and have a bad reputation," Team Leader Wu said.

These last few days, Ge Guangzhen's heart had been riding on a rollercoaster, suddenly rushing upwards, suddenly zooming downwards.