#### Mr Han 1971

## **Chapter 1971: Look How Busy She Was!**

That was it!

Shi Xiaoya and her assistant.

Xia Yixin almost smashed her phone into the TV in anger.

The viewers all reacted differently.

At the Han Family home.

Old Mrs. Han forced Old Mr. Han to watch this week's Survivor with her.

Han Zhuoling had reminded them that the third episode was airing today, the one where he and Shi Xiaoya were both appearing.

The Han Family wouldn't miss it for the world.

They were all curious what kind of show it was for both Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya to participate in.

Moreover, if their memory served them right, Han Zhuoling seemed to have started dating Shi Xiaoya officially when they were shooting the third episode.

It could be considered some kind of anniversary of theirs. How exciting!

"I was wondering if Zhuoling knew how to take care of Xiaoya during the show," Old Mrs. Han muttered to her partner, "but seeing how they usually interact, I reckon it wouldn't be too different when they were filming."

Indeed, after finishing the episode, Old Mrs. Han was cupping her cheeks.

"What is it? Toothache?" Old Mr. Han looked at his wife.

"Nope, it's all the fluff and sweetness." Old Mrs. Han held her position. "Thrown at us by our eldest grandson. Who could have guessed he's actually worse when he was filming."

Old Mr. Han rubbed his newly-trimmed beard, nodding in satisfaction. "Zhuoling's a self-taught master! That's great! What's good about showing off to his own family members? Flaunting to the whole nation, that's true showing off!"

As if triggered by Old Mr. Han's words, Old Mrs. Han immediately clapped her hands. "Right! You reminded me!"

She then grabbed her phone and quickly searched her contacts.

Old Mr. Han peeked—it was Old Mrs. Wei.

Old Mr. Han: "..."

Funny. Lord knew who started it, but one by one, it became a tradition for this group of old ladies.

The one whose grandson had managed to snag a girlfriend would show off to the others whose grandsons were still single.

Old Mrs. Han naturally made the announcement to the group when Han Zhuoli got married back then.

But her sense of achievement now far surpassed that.

Because Han Zhuoling was a much more difficult case than Han Zhuoli!

Aloof and distant, unclear about his own feelings, and someone for whom girls were always the farthest from the mind.

Old Mrs. Han originally thought Han Zhuoling's marriage would be a long-term battle, but it was settled unexpectedly quickly and satisfactorily.

How could she not be happy? How could she not boast about it?

Old Mrs. Wei at first thought that no matter how bad Wei Zhiqian was, there was still Han Zhuoling setting the bar.

Yet now...

"Old Mrs. Wei, have you watched tonight's Survivor yet?" Old Mrs. Han asked.

Of course Old Mrs. Wei had. She's watching the bloopers now.

The production team was so cruel; the bloopers were just fluff from Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya.

Old Mrs. Wei couldn't give Old Mrs. Han the chance to boast, or at least not too much freedom to do so.

Hence, she replied, "No, I'm worrying about affairs of the state! Like the Cross-Strait relations, when can we achieve peace and unity? And the recent trade war. All these important matters. Where would I get the time to enjoy variety shows?"

Old Mrs. Han: "..."

Look how busy she was!

Even worrying about state affairs!

Old Mrs. Wei wasn't someone who concerned herself with such national matters!

Old Mrs. Han obviously didn't believe her words.

"Didn't watch? It's okay, you can watch the uploaded episode on the website, they don't even have ads! How convenient," Old Mrs. Han said. "You must watch it! It's the episode where my grandson and granddaughter-in-law started their relationship. It's really interesting!"

## Chapter 1972: Why Don't You Not Come Next Time

Old Mrs. Wei: "..."

Haha!

How could she not know? She's watching it!

Who knew that the cold and aloof Han Zhuoling was such a dab at chatting up girls?

All the way to filming.

The lad's pretty creative!

Lin Liye was at home watching the show with Han Zhuofeng.

"Who knew your brother can be such a gentleman at crucial times!" Lin Liye praised.

Han Zhuofeng agreed half-heartedly. "It's all your good influence, Mom!"

Lin Liye was happy hearing this.

Han Dongping cleared his throat to the side. "I think that's my genes."

"Pfft. Nonsense." Lin Liye immediately rejected his assertion.

She looked at the time. "Oh, it's almost 12, it's getting late."

Hearing this, Han Dongping quickly cut in. "Right, it's getting late, I—"

"You better hurry back. Zhuofeng and I are going to bed." Lin Liye cut him off.

Han Dongping: "..."

He was planning to stay the night.

Alas, Lin Liye was so direct.

"It's already so late, why don't..." Han Dongping still hadn't gotten the words out of his mouth.

Lin Liye sneered. "Why don't you not come next time?"

Who knows what went on in Han Dongping's mind today for him to suddenly pop in today.

Han Zhuoling's not at home and Han Zhuofeng couldn't control him.

Thus, Han Dongping stayed and watched the show with them.

Lin Liye was slightly surprised he didn't go to work and actually had time for television.

But because he was well-behaved today and didn't make any nasty comments, staying quiet even when watching TV, Lin Liye didn't bother about him.

But he was so greedy as to wish to stay here.

She couldn't make the decisions; this house wasn't hers.

What if Han Dongping decided to remain here forever, and Han Zhuoling got displeased when he returned?

Of course, Han Zhuoling's thoughts aside, Lin Liye didn't want Han Dongping here anyway.

Strangled by Lin Liye's words, Han Dongping could only leave with his jacket.

When he was long gone, Han Zhuofeng said, "Dad seemed to have changed a lot recently, Mom."

Though Han Dongping might be a jerk in many other areas, he had never betrayed or done anything bad to Lin Liye.

"Let's just see. Who knows if he's changed temporarily or for good?" Lin Liye said.

On the other side.

The Shi family.

Shi Xiaoya's parents, as well as Shi Nancang, were all watching *Survivor*.

This was the first time Shi Xiaoya was appearing as a guest on a variety show, and it was such a popular show too.

Thus, her family was concerned about her performance.

They were unexpectedly treated to the full process of Han Zhuoling charming Shi Xiaoya.

Though Shi Xiaoya's parents had already accepted Han Zhuoling, seeing this made them feel weird.

Why did they feel so conflicted?

Shi Nancang scoffed. "Harrumph, I've told you before, he's sneaky!"

"What are you talking about!" Du Yiqin threw him a sideways glance. "They're already together, so how's this sneaky?"

Shi Nancang pursed his lips, not daring to vent his anger in front of Du Yiqin.

Meanwhile, in the 8864 group.

Chu Zhaoyang and the others watched the episode when they had the time.

Because Han Zhuoling notified them personally, one by one, to watch.

Han Zhuoling appeared in the show's pilot episode, but he didn't tell the group to watch that one.

# Chapter 1973: Is Sister-in-law Something You Can Address Her with?

This was obviously for Shi Xiaoya.

And everyone understood why after watching.

And they congratulated Han Zhuoling.

At this moment, he had Shi Xiaoya locked in his embrace while scrolling through his phone.

This way, Shi Xiaoya could watch with him comfortably.

Shi Xiaoya saw that many people congratulated Han Zhuoling on WeChat.

And could only watch as Han Zhuoling added her into the 8864 group.

They all used their real names in there for easy identification.

Shi Xiaoya eyed the names of the big shots quickly scrolling past the screen.

Qi Chenglin: "It's Xiaoya, right?"

Wei Zilin: "Welcome, welcome. Our group has grown bigger once more."

Lu Man: "Welcome, Sister-in-law!"

Yan Beicheng: "Already calling her Sister-in-law? Welcome, Little Sister-in-law."

Wei Zhigian: "Welcome, Little Sister-in-law."

Han Zhuoli: "Wei Zhiqian, you're younger than my brother, don't take advantage! Welcome, Sister-in-law."

Nan Jingheng: "That's right. What's more, regardless of age, we've already agreed that whoever gets out of bachelorhood first is the eldest. Lil' Qian, you don't make the cut in either areas, so you're just a youngling. Welcome, Little Sister-in-law."

Wei Zhiqian: "Lil', my foot! This boy, how rude! Is 'Little Sister-in-law' something you can call her?"

Chu Zhaoyang: "Welcome, Little Sister-in-law."

Wei Ziqi: "Is 'Little Sister-in-law' something you can call her? Welcome, Little Sister-in-law."

Shi Xiaoya was stunned. She was suddenly so many people's younger sister-in-law.

Han Zhuoling seemed to have benefitted!

Han Zhuoling: "What a noisy bunch."

Qi Chengzhi: "We make you sound younger! You should thank us. If not for us, the age gap between you and Little Sister-in-law would be too big!"

Han Zhuoling: "..."

He didn't feel that his age was a problem before.

He was in his prime, and he even thought of himself as still young!

But after meeting Shi Xiaoya, he'd already started feeling he was old even before they got together.

Every time he saw Shi Xiaoya, he felt she was so energetic, oozing youthfulness from inside out.

He would wish he was younger by a few years.

And now, Qi Chengzhi's words pierced his heart.

Because the group wasn't big, Shi Xiaoya didn't need to agree before she was added into the chat.

Thus, her phone wasn't with her.

Shi Xiaoya kept grasping blindly for her phone.

Han Zhuoling quickly stilled her movements. "What are you moving about for?"

If she wriggled any more than this, he wouldn't be able to control himself for sure.

"I'm finding my phone," Shi Xiaoya said. "You added me to the group, so I've got to say my hellos or they'll think I'm rude."

Han Zhuoling's arms circled around her, his lips quirking upwards while his eyes flashed cunningly.

He then stuffed his phone into her hands. "Using mine's the same."

"Alright." Shi Xiaoya didn't think much; she wasn't as crafty as Han Zhuoling.

Completely unaware of his plan, she took his phone and keyed in: "Hello, everyone, I'm Shi Xiaoya!"

And added a sentence immediately after: "I don't think he's much older than me, his age's just perfect."

Shi Xiaoya typed intently with her head bent, missing how warmth had flooded Han Zhuoling's eyes as he watched her key those two sentences.

He couldn't suppress himself.

This girl, claiming she wanted to introduce herself yet, in reality, just wanted to stand up for him.

Han Zhuoling never thought there'd come a day when he'd be defended by this girl.

# Chapter 1974: My Age Is Just Right

Warmth flooded his heart.

But the temperature kept rising, and eventually, the warmth turned into heat.

Han Zhuoling suddenly sprang forward and sought her lips.

He turned her face and Shi Xiaoya could only return his kiss.

The unexpected kiss was fierce and Shi Xiaoya wasn't prepared, meeting it with a muffled "oomph."

She thus missed how the group chat went momentarily silent before bursting into chaos because of her two sentences.

Wei Zilin: "This PDA caught me off-guard."

Yan Huaian: "Who knew Han Zhuoling's a dab hand at PDA? So many tricks up his sleeves."

Qi Chenglin: "Two people sharing an account? Not like I can't do that too. Come, honey."

When Shi Xiaoya was finally released by Han Zhuoling, she wanted to find a hole to bury herself in after seeing the chat.

"So that's your aim!" Shi Xiaoya was extremely embarrassed.

Yet she was still in Han Zhuoling's embrace, freshly kissed. The atmosphere was a charged one.

"I like how you defended me." Han Zhuoling's low voice was like fine wine, delicious and seductive.

"That's what I really think," Shi Xiaoya said softly. "I never felt you're too old, you're just right."

Han Zhuoling laughed, pushing her waist towards his navel. "Yes, you'll know. My age is just right."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

She took a deep breath. What was this!

That's not what she meant!

What's he insinuating?!

"But," Han Zhuoling immediately followed up, "if I were younger, I'd be much stronger."

"Stop it..." Shi Xiaoya's face was fully red from shyness now.

There was nowhere to hide despite her desperate wish to.

She didn't dare to burrow into his arms right now.

She couldn't handle this man.

The seductive him was far harder to deal with than his cold self.

Moreover, no matter what he said, she had no idea how strong he was.

As for "stronger," she couldn't even have a concept for that if she didn't know his current level of vigor.

Han Zhuoling was oblivious to the fact Shi Xiaoya's thoughts had lingered on the subject.

Han Zhuoling stopped teasing her and texted in the group: "Talk later, I have to settle some stuff."

His phone was positioned in front of Shi Xiaoya when he typed.

Hence, she thought he had work to finish.

However, he opened the Weibo app instead.

Han Zhuoling went to see the comments the netizens had left for this week's episode.

Indeed, most of them were focused on their relationship.

And there were naturally some nasty ones.

Shi Xiaoya saw them too.

She needn't turn her head to feel the oppressiveness emitting from Han Zhuoling.

He was all warmth and sunshine just a moment ago, but now, he's as cold as the Arctic.

She turned around and saw Han Zhuoling's dark face, his unhappiness plastered all over his face.

"You needn't care about what they say," Shi Xiaoya said. "I see such comments frequently too, it's nothing to me. They think they're anonymous behind the Net, so you can't hold them responsible no matter what they say and have no boundaries and respect whatsoever. If you treat them seriously, you'll only make yourself angry and miserable. On the other hand, if you change your perspective, you'll find their opinions are really funny and you can just treat them as jokes."

### Chapter 1975: Hello, Everyone, I'm Shi Xiaoya's Boyfriend

Was Shi Xiaoya furious?

Yes, she was.

Even if she'd seen countless mean comments, she'd still feel upset.

But Shi Xiaoya was worried about Han Zhuoling, seeing how he was angrier than she was, so she comforted him instead.

"Can't hold them responsible?" Han Zhuoling sneered.

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

She forgot, this wasn't your average man.

Others might not be able to do anything to the netizens, but not Han Zhuoling.

He could find them even through the anonymity of the Net.

Among the commenters, some were fans of Han Zhuoling who roasted Shi Xiaoya.

Some of these fans loved their idols to the point they couldn't accept them dating or marrying other women.

Or they felt that no woman could match up to their idol.

Of course, there were many who were so imaginative and rooted in their delusions that they could envision a romantic adventure with their idol.

The people who flamed Shi Xiaoya mostly felt she was using Han Zhuoling's fame to increase her own.

Han Zhuoling would ignore her for sure.

Even if Han Zhuoling already demonstrated it so clearly in the show, many refused to believe the truth.

They strongly believed it was just for show, and that Han Zhuoling merely cooperated with the production team.

Because the Han Corporation invested in the show, they had a vested interest in it, so Han Zhuoling also barely agreed to work with the production team to raise its popularity.

Shi Xiaoya was just lucky to manage to be linked to their idol.

Many went to Survivor's official Weibo account and Shi Xiaoya's to spam their opinions.

"Stop your couple-y nonsense! No matter how much hype you make, we won't believe it!"

"Have some dignity, will you, Shi Xiaoya? Are you that desperate for a man?"

"As long as you keep up with this couple sh\*t, we'll keep making noise about it! Our Young Master Ling isn't a tool for you to use! How disgusting!"

Han Zhuoling's fans far outnumbered Shi Xiaoya's.

And Shi Xiaoya's fans mostly came together because of cosmetics, or because of Shi Xiaoya's nice character, so her fans were a pretty mellow bunch as well.

They were slowly losing the battle against all the attacks of the nasty comments.

Han Zhuoling's face darkened seeing these comments.

But he forced himself to cool down. After thinking for a moment, he starting typing.

"Hello, everyone, I'm Shi Xiaoya's boyfriend; please treat us well. @Shi Xiaoya"—Han Zhuoling posted this simple sentence.

Without explaining further for those mean or questioning comments.

Because no matter how he explained, it would never match up to his more direct and effective admission.

His outright and simple announcement about his relationship with Shi Xiaoya should stop those mean netizens from shooting their mouths off again.

Nothing's more effective than his indisputable words to rebuff them.

Indeed, the netizens instantly went into a frenzy.

"Godd\*mn! Is it real or fake?! It's just faked for hype, right?!"

"What hype? Does Han Zhuoling need more hype? Shi Xiaoya's not even from the entertainment industry, so what does she need the hype for? Even if the Han Corporation needed it, they'd do it for their best celebrities, not for Shi Xiaoya, who's an utter stranger."

"Always fake and hype? How's everything faked? They're normal human beings too, they fall in love as well, right? Why would their relationship be faked?"

"Some people just refuse to admit the truth. But does that affect anything? Even if Han Zhuoling's not with Shi Xiaoya, he still wouldn't like you."

### Chapter 1976: Sure, Girlfriend

"At the start, when I watched the show, there were people who said that Shi Xiaoya was throwing herself at him. In the end? When the show aired, it was Han Zhuoling who took the initiative to hug Shi Xiaoya. Afraid that she would be scared, he kept protecting her. Some fans just pretended as if they could not see these things. Even when the bonus scenes at the end of the show made it so obvious, some people still stubbornly insist that they were just doing it for show. Now that Han Zhuoling personally spoke up, you still don't believe it. Then what can you guys actually believe? Just believe what you think is true?"

"HAHAHA. There are some fans who previously said that Shi Xiaoya was throwing herself at him, yet in the end, it was Han Zhuoling who took the initiative to hug Shi Xiaoya, slapping many faces at once. Since they're saying those were all for show, Han Zhuoling immediately came out to announce their relationship publicly, slapping the faces of these people once more. Han Zhuoling is way too naughty. He probably just keeps waiting in secret to slap faces."

When Han Zhuoling saw that Shi Xiaoya did not have any reaction for quite a while, it was in fact because Shi Xiaoya had fallen into a daze a long time ago.

From seeing Han Zhuoling typing it word by word, to the end when she saw that sentence being formed, and then seeing him press the button to post it right before her very eyes...

Shi Xiaoya felt as if she was dreaming, even now.

Although she was sitting down, she still felt as if her legs were floating in the air.

"Hello, wake up. Why are you in a daze?" Han Zhuoling shook her lightly twice in amusement.

Shi Xiaoya finally regained her senses. She could not help it as she started to smile and say, "Why did you—"

"Is it very hard to imagine?" Han Zhuoling laughed.

Shi Xiaoya shook her head, then nodded. "I thought that you would definitely announce it publicly. But when I really saw it, I still felt really happy. I just feel that... your boyfriend skills come like a barrage, and they're so amazing!"

Han Zhuoling laughed at her description.

The thing about finding a cute little girlfriend was probably that he could hear her say some new words at any time to make him laugh.

"Then, since I've already announced it, don't you have to say something as well?" Han Zhuoling said, then passed her own phone to her.

She did not even know when he took it into his hands.

Shi Xiaoya first took a look at the comments below Han Zhuoling's Weibo post.

Her attention landed on one comment.

"No wonder Han Zhuoling followed Shi Xiaoya previously and even gave her a like. So at that time, Han Zhuoling had already started having designs on Shi Xiaoya. Impressive!"

When Shi Xiaoya saw that, Han Zhuoling naturally saw it as well.

His face could not help but darken.

"What do they mean, having designs on you? I was wooing you with a completely upright mentality and in a gentlemanly manner," Han Zhuoling corrected.

Shi Xiaoya did not tease him on this matter and also posted on Weibo, mimicking Han Zhuoling's line as she said, "Hello, everyone, I am Han Zhuoling's girlfriend. Please take care of me, @Han Zhuoling."

"Shi Xiaoya also came out and responded!"

"This matter is set in stone now. To the stubborn mules who still refused to believe it before, go and rest."

"What's so wrong about Shi Xiaoya? Even without Shi Xiaoya in the picture, you guys wouldn't have had a chance. All of you, wake up from your delusions. How old are you guys that you still daydream about fairy tales?"

"I never expected that it would be a pairing between a domineering CEO and a makeup artist. These two feel as if they would have no relation to each other at all."

Alas, Han Zhuoling was not satisfied with posting just that one post just then.

Right after that, he then reposted Shi Xiaoya's Weibo post and commented, "Sure, girlfriend."

Shi Xiaoya's hands trembled a little. She thought to herself that this move was too sweet!

That's so against the rules!

It was not just Shi Xiaoya, even the netizens had been melted by Han Zhuoling!

"What the? Previously, what the netizens said made sense. Han Zhuoling definitely had designs on Shi Xiaoya long ago. He followed her on Weibo in the past and liked her posts. Thinking of how he silently followed her and liked her posts, why does it feel a little cute?"

### **Chapter 1977: So Protective of Her**

Han Zhuoling felt very wronged and said, "No wait, how can these people say it like this? I don't have bad intentions."

He was really afraid that Shi Xiaoya would think he was not being decent back then.

Right after that, Han Zhuoling opened Shi Xiaoya's discussions and found that netizen and replied, "Netizen, I need to say this seriously. My follow and likes are done with a good heart and mentality. My feelings for Xiaoya are also from a gentlemanly and polite place."

After Han Zhuoling replied, that netizen almost went crazy.

"AHHHH! What did I just see! Young Master Ling actually replied to me!"

"The person above, please calm down. I think he is afraid that Shi Xiaoya would misunderstand and think that he had ill designs on her back then."

"I don't care. Anyway, he replied to me!"

"Ever since he fell in love, Young Master Ling's posting speed on Weibo has become much faster."

Han Zhuoling was not done yet; he was very busy on his end.

He just went to the 8864 chat group and posted a link over with the caption: "Support it."

"Sure!"

That bunch of brothers rolled up their sleeves and got right into doing it. They all opened their Weibo accounts and reshared Han Zhuoling's and Shi Xiaoya's Weibo posts.

Wei Zhiqian: "Hello, Little Sister-in-law!"

"Lolol, Old Wei, you can't take advantage like this. Later, Young Master Ling will hit you."

Han Zhuoli: "Hello, Elder Sister-in-law."

Lu Man: "Hello, Elder Sister-in-law."

After that, Chu Zhaoyang, Qi Chengzhi, and the rest followed suit at once as if they were queuing up for it.

"With this line-up, would anyone still suspect that it's just for show? Can something that's just for show mobilize these people from the eight great families?! These heirs from the eight great families are all here now!"

"Han Zhuoli and Lu Man already called her Elder Sister-in-law! Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya have probably been together for a period of time and had already received approval from the Han Family."

"It must definitely have been a period of time already, because this show was pre-recorded."

Han Zhuoling could finally put his heart at ease. He felt that they'd accomplished a huge thing!

Those bad comments had also disappeared by a great margin with Han Zhuoling's series of actions.

There was still that tiny portion of discordant voices, but they were negligible now.

There were some people who criticized things just for the sake of it. They really had nothing better to do, and they even think that they were being very logical.

Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya were very happy on their end, but Xia Yixin was so angry that she felt as if her lungs were about to explode.

Han Zhuoling probably did not even think that Xia Yixin had been following him and Shi Xiaoya's matter all night long.

She saw the two of them declare their relationship publicly at the first instance.

Quite a number of netizens who were causing trouble in the midst of it were actually also the paid posters she had hired.

Otherwise, while there would surely be people who would be critical and some who would not believe it, how could there actually be so many such people?

Xia Yixin felt really good when she saw Shi Xiaoya being bashed.

Yet not long after, she saw Han Zhuoli and Lu Man, as well as the people from the eight great families, standing up for her.

They spoke up all together. It was such an impressive line-up—who would still doubt it?

What kind of person would be able to cooperate with all the eight great families to put on a show?

Now, even those who wanted to throw hate just for the sake of doing so might not even dare to think in that way.

The paid posters she had hired earlier on naturally became useless.

Xia Yixin watched as Han Zhuoling was being so protective over Shi Xiaoya. He asked Chu Zhaoyang and all those people to come out. Wasn't it just because he could not stand people talking bad about Shi Xiaoya?

It was not okay even if it was just online.

He was so protective of her, and to this extent!

Xia Yixin was so enraged, gritting her teeth in rage!

What right did Shi Xiaoya have for him to be so protective of her?!

Xia Yixin lowered her eyelids and burned her gaze into Shi Xiaoya's photo.

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Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya both did not know that Xia Yixin had her eyes on them.

But Han Zhuoling did not care about it in the first place.

He'd announced his relationship with Shi Xiaoya in such a high-profile manner precisely because he wanted to let people know.

## Chapter 1978: Seems as If We Are Not Professional Enough?

Xia Yixin would definitely be one of these people.

Just that Han Zhuoling had long forgotten about Xia Yixin's presence.

To Han Zhuoling, she was just one person among a sea of passersby.

Even if she knew it, it would not matter.

From after the show ended to them announcing their relationship along the way, the two of them had been continuously refreshing the page for everyone's well wishes.

The people in the production team already knew. They wanted to see the effect after the show aired, and naturally, they also saw Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya announcing their relationship publicly, so they all sent their well wishes and congratulations over.

And at this moment, the various news sites also started to disseminate the news. Reporters were awoken from their sleep by phone calls in the middle of the night, their hair in a mess, and they could not even open their eyes as they started to draft their press articles.

Han Zhuoling had suddenly announced it, which was different from how Han Zhuoli did it.

Han Zhuoli had announced it during the film festival first, the media reported about it, and then he posted it on Weibo.

There was some cooling off time in between.

And before officially announcing publicly that his wife was Lu Man, he had already mentioned on Weibo before that he had a girlfriend, and got engaged thereafter, and then got married.

He had already announced the biggest event of his life. He just did not publicly reveal Lu Man's identity.

Afterward, when Lu Man was revealed, although everyone was shocked, much of the surprise had been experienced earlier on. Though the surprise was still a huge one, they accepted it quite quickly as well.

Not like Han Zhuoling, who suddenly threw out such a heavyweight bomb.

He did not reveal any signs of it at all previously and did not reveal anything before.

Most importantly, the cold and arrogant image Han Zhuoling gave in front of other people was way too deeply etched in their minds.

They all felt that after his divorce, it would be quite unlikely for him to fall in love within at least one to a few years.

This person just did not have a face that looked like he knew how to date.

He was handsome, cold, and arrogant, yet because he was way too handsome and cold, it gave people the impression that he was difficult to get close to.

He would only be suited to be propped up on a high and mighty pedestal, to be admired by other people.

They did not dare to imagine that there would be a day when he would descend from his pedestal. It was way beyond their imaginations.

No one had ever thought of that. When he suddenly announced it in public, it naturally caught people off guard and gave a huge impact.

To the point that there were still many people who refused to accept this fact.

Aided by the popularity of the show *Survivor*, this news spread like wildfire with just a spark.

It remained on the headlines. Besides the fact that the word "Breaking" was attached to it, it was in the middle of the night. Weibo could not manage the server in time and this almost caused it to crash.

The technicians were awoken from their sleep and they rushed to the office to handle the situation at the last minute.

The media reporters all came out to send out their articles, afraid that they would be a step late and lag behind other media outlets, making them look unprofessional.

Nan Yin was no exception.

Nan Jingheng was in the 8864 chat. When he received the news from Han Zhuoling just like everyone else, he was not any faster than the netizens.

Hence, the Editor-in-chief of Nan Yin Media quickly dragged his subordinates out from their beds for them to start writing news articles.

Because of this, the Editor-in-chief even especially complained to Nan Jingheng. "CEO, you are not being nice like this! You and Young Master Ling are so close, how can you possibly not know about his relationship matters? If you gave us a heads up in advance, even if Young Master Ling didn't want to

announce it publicly previously, we could have written our news article drafts first. Once Young Master Ling was willing to announce it, we could have directly published them. How fast would that have been, and it would have saved quite a lot of trouble. Look what time it is now, and it caught us off guard. If we release the news late, won't it seem as if we are so unprofessional?"

Nan Jingheng: "..."

But the problem was he did not know at all either!

"You can't blame me for this. I also only learned about it five or six minutes earlier than you guys," Nan Jingheng explained. "He's the one who's not being nice. He even kept it from us bros. You just wait, I'll call him and scold him. You stop complaining too, just write it out quickly."

# Chapter 1979: You Can't Make It Like This!

The Editor-in-chief thought to himself, You dare to scold Han Zhuoling?

Haha!

After ending the call, Nan Jingheng really gave Han Zhuoling a call.

Han Zhuoling was hugging Shi Xiaoya right then, using his fingertips to play with the ends of her hair and enjoying himself very much.

"What is it? It's the middle of the night." Han Zhuoling scolded him the moment he picked up the call.

This was simply wasting the time he could spend alone with Shi Xiaoya.

"..." Nan Jingheng fell speechless for a while. "Big Brother, you know it's the middle of the night too?! Yet you announced your relationship in the middle of the night. If you told me a few hours earlier, I could at least have let people prepare their drafts and published them to coordinate with you. How good would that have been? You're not being nice like this, you should at least have spared a thought for your younger brother here!"

Han Zhuoling: "..."

"I forgot," Han Zhuoling said very heartlessly.

Nan Jingheng: "..."

That was way too cold and harsh!

"Anyway," Han Zhuoling continued, "although I didn't tell you a few hours earlier, I still said it five to six minutes earlier in the chat. As one of the big bosses in the news industry, you actually don't even have this bit of sharpness in catching breaking news."

Han Zhuoling paused for a moment and sighed before saying very sincerely, "You can't make it like this!"

Nan Jingheng: "..."

Who can't make it!

Ask his wife if he could make it or not!

He could no longer continue talking to Han Zhuoling, lest he got angered to death!

"Alright. I am going to sleep with Xiaoya soon. You should rest early too. Hanging up now," Han Zhuoling said.

After he ended the call, the corners of Nan Jingheng's mouth twitched.

Han Zhuoling's Weibo post announcing his relationship had almost caused the whole media industry to explode. The reporters were all rushing out their drafts through the night.

Yet he was saying he was going to sleep.

And even asked Nan Jingheng to sleep earlier.

How the hell was he going to sleep earlier!

Han Zhuoling did not care about Nan Jingheng's woes. It was going to be 1 am soon.

"Quickly, sleep. You still have to wake up early tomorrow," Han Zhuoling reminded Shi Xiaoya.

"Oh," Shi Xiaoya answered, then became anxious again.

When Han Zhuoling saw her reaction, he just slapped her b\*tt lightly and said, "What are you thinking about! What time is it now? You still have work tomorrow. Do you think I can still cling on to you and do something?"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

Yeah... She was the one thinking too much now.

But when Han Zhuoling said that, it made her seem as if she was fantasizing on her own.

That was so embarrassing.

"Am I such a scumbag in your eyes?" Han Zhuoling looked askance at her.

His dark eyes had a faint glimmer to them. That imposing aura was way too arrogant.

"Of course not." Shi Xiaoya then said, "I wasn't thinking of anything. You are the one who misunderstood!"

Han Zhuoling stared at her and laughed. "Fine, I misunderstood."

Although, he did come today with the intention of wanting her.

Not because he was lustful.

But because she came here to work and left him alone by himself in B City.

All of a sudden, she was missing from his life. He suddenly felt like a big part of him was missing.

He could have used the time when she was not around to focus on working hard.

But he realized that, let alone working over time, even when he was working during normal work hours in the day, he could not help but keep thinking of her.

He had already gotten used to that period of time previously. He would get off work on time and go and see her.

But these past two days, he kept forgetting that she was not around.

So he would clock out on time as usual and only realize when he reached her workplace that she was not there, she went to T City.

He could have continued working.

But he realized that when she was not around, he could not gather his energy to do anything.

When she was not around, he could not even focus on his work or raise his spirits up.

Words could not describe how much he missed her. He missed her when he was working in the day. When he lay on the bed at night and closed his eyes, he was still thinking of her.

## **Chapter 1980: This Damned Trick**

The more... he wanted her.

When he was with her, he did not have any sense of control left.

He had never acted on impulse. No matter what it was, he would always plan it carefully.

But this time, just because he missed her too much, he just came right here on the impulse he felt.

Even on the way here, he was still thinking of her. When he came and saw her, he was afraid that he really could not hold himself back from wanting her.

He did not want to hold back either.

Because he really missed her too much.

Thinking of how that empty space in his heart could not be filled no matter what, it made his bones hurt just thinking about it.

That was not an exaggeration.

But above this, he still placed Shi Xiaoya as his top priority.

This timing now was really not suitable.

Han Zhuoling sighed quietly in his heart. He could only hold it in.

Up until the two of them were both lying down and Shi Xiaoya was being hugged in his arms.

Shi Xiaoya could be sure that he really did not intend to do anything.

He just came to see her.

His motive was so simple yet cute, so simple that it made her think he was very cute.

"Aren't you going to sleep?" Han Zhuoling lowered his head and could see Shi Xiaoya was lying in his arms, looking up at him.

This little lady, she probably didn't know what he really wanted to do, right?

"If you can't sleep, then I will really..." Han Zhuoling threatened in a low voice.

The room was very dark and very quiet.

His slightly hoarse voice in this quiet and tranquil night sounded exceptionally clear and crisp.

The words he did not finish speaking were laced with deep intent.

She knew what he wanted to say even without thinking about it.

Shi Xiaoya quickly closed her eyes and did not dare to speak.

Han Zhuoling could not help but laugh, and he could only hug her to sleep just like that.

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The next day, when the alarm Shi Xiaoya had set on her phone rang, she did not even feel like getting up because Han Zhuoling's hug was way too warm and comforting.

In her sleepiness, she only felt the warmth and forgot about Han Zhuoling's presence.

Then she turned off her alarm, and in her drowsiness, she suddenly remembered. Han Zhuoling came to find her last night!

At that moment, Shi Xiaoya completely woke up.

When she looked up, she saw that Han Zhuoling was still sleeping.

But he had been awoken by her phone alarm and slowly opened his eyes, though he still looked very sleepy.

Even though it was not her first time seeing his sleepy face, when she saw it now, she still felt very blissful.

Shi Xiaoya saw that he had been woken up from his sleep and said, "You continue sleeping. I'll go to work first."

Han Zhuoling's hand was still on her waist.

Shi Xiaoya was about to move his hand away when Han Zhuoling moved it away himself.

He raised his hand and rubbed his face before propping himself up to sit upright and said, "I'll go with you."

"I don't need to film for the show today. After doing makeup for the guest, I just need to follow and touch-up along the way. It won't be tiring," Shi Xiaoya said. "If you want to be with me, you don't have to rush either. You can come down after I am done doing the makeup too, so you can sleep for a while more."

Han Zhuoling shook his head and said, "Did you forget about something?"

Shi Xiaoya paused for a moment. She thought very hard for a while, but she still could not recall it.

It was probably because she had just woken up, so she was not very clear-headed and did not react as quickly just yet.

So it was very normal if she forgot something and could not recall it for a moment.

That was what Shi Xiaoya thought.

"What is it?" Shi Xiaoya really could not recall, so she asked guiltily.

"Yesterday, we just announced our relationship publicly. Today, we have to go out together and receive their congratulations." Even though he had just mentioned it and was sitting on the bed, his back was still very poised and upright at that moment. "They will definitely have a huge bout of well-wishes to send to us."

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

This damned trick!

She was too naive.