#### Mr Han 721

#### Chapter 721: Let His Money Go to Waste

He Zhengbai's face darkened, and Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui were in sync as they pulled He Zhengbai to a corner.

There was no one going there, and even if He Zhengbai was so scared he peed and called for help, no one would know.

"You... what are you guys doing? This is the school! You can't randomly do things!" He Zhengbai called out loudly in shock.

Han Zhuoli grabbed his face, his fingers suddenly applying force.

There was a "kaba" sound, and He Zhengbai's lower jaw was actually dislocated.

His jaw was dislocated, and his mouth was shakily open, not able to move at all.

He Zhengbai was yelping in pain and could not stop shaking his head and struggling, but he was held in place by Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui and could not run anywhere.

Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui had been wanting to beat him up for a long time. They had heard the horrible words he had said to Lu Man before this, and their hands were itchy. How could they be nice to him at all?

Although it looked like they were just holding him, they had actually done many secret actions to him.

He Zhengbai was really in so much pain that he wanted to sh\*t.

"In the future, stay far far away from Lu Man. Don't speak to her," Han Zhuoli said coldly.

He Zhengbai was in so much pain, he was about to cry, and Han Zhuoli's face was dark as he said, "Did you hear me?"

"Wu wu!" He Zhengbai hurriedly nodded.

Han Zhuoli used his palm to hit his face. "Do you still want to be in the entertainment industry?"

He Zhengbai just went "wu wu" and continuously nodded.

Han Zhuoli added a "like really" in his heart, but he said, "Then do you know what to do?"

He Zhengbai hurriedly nodded. Han Zhuofeng was stunned, watching from the side.

His big brother was like a big boss in the mafia!

"Are you still thinking about Lu Man right now?" Han Zhuoli asked.

He Zhengbai hurriedly shook his head, tears and mucus covering his whole face.

"Ha," Han Zhuoli laughed coldly, letting Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui let go of him.

He Zhengbai's whole person just fell onto the floor, which pressed onto his dislocated mouth that kept having saliva drip out of it.

"Alright, I'm going now, hurry back to class," Han Zhuoli told Han Zhuofeng. "Otherwise, I'll deduct your investment money."

Han Zhuofeng: "..."

This was f\*cking...

Who did he offend?!

He just wanted to watch the drama, yet he got attacked for nothing!

Han Zhuoli brought Zheng Tianming, Zhou Cheng, and Xu Hui as he left.

After getting on the car, Han Zhuoli told Zheng Tianming, "Go and check how far the drama that He Zhengbai is trying to get investment for to film has gone, how much investment they've gotten already."

He Zhengbai wanted to film a television drama?

That was impossible. A movie was not possible, a drama was not possible, even a web drama was not possible. He was not allowed to get even just an advertisement!

Looking for investment?

Haha, he'll let his money go to waste!

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Lu Man did not know how Han Zhuoli managed to talk to He Zhengbai.

Anyway, from the day of the school finals on, He Zhengbai did not come to bother her again.

According to Pan Xue, He Zhengbai had not been coming to school for a few days.

But everyone, including Lu Man, did not know that the reason He Zhengbai did not come to school was not because of his career but was because he had been so beaten up by Han Zhuoli he could not see anyone.

The results of the internal finals in the school came out.

That day, the counselor Teacher Liang brought the name list into class.

The classroom that was originally noisy with chattering and laughter instantly became quiet upon the class seeing the name list in Teacher Liang's hand.

Teacher Liang walked to the stage and smiled. "I think everyone knows already, the results for the internal finals have already come out, and in the end, there will be 10 people participating in the Chinese Arts Championships. The name list in my hand shows the students who have qualified."

Teacher Liang's gaze swept across all the students in the class. The students that had been eliminated earlier on were already relaxed.

No matter who entered in the end, it did not have much relation to them. They could just wait to see the drama.

## Chapter 722: The Name List for the Chinese Arts Championships

All the students in the class who passed the first competition became nervous, staring at the name list in Teacher Liang's hand as if they wanted to pierce through it.

"Alright, I'll start to read out the names of the students who've qualified for the Chinese Arts Championships," Teacher Liang said, not trying to play with them anymore. "From the Year Four Performing Arts Class: Ni Xue, Yang Ruilin, Meng Yihan. Year Three Performing Arts Class: Li Zeyu, Dong Jingxi. Year One Performing Arts Class: Fu Kaiqi, Xu Ziyi."

"Where are the ones for our class? Doesn't our class have any?"

"There are only seven people so far, there are still three more."

"I placed our class last to read out," Teacher Liang explained. "The people who've entered the competition are Zhang Xiaoying, Lu Qi."

"There's one more, right?"

"This makes nine people."

The other people who had entered the internal finals were also nervous, and their heart was beating fast as they held their breath.

"Could it be you?" Zhuang Tingting asked Yu Jingxian.

"In our class, aside from Xiaoying and Lu Qi, you're the one who's most possible," Zhuang Tingting said in a low voice. "Your grades rank tenth in the class."

After hearing her say that, Yu Jingxian became even more nervous.

Although in her heart she felt that she had a lot of competitiveness, she said, "It's only the top ten. There are a lot of people in the top ten. Besides me, there are so many others."

"I don't know why, but I still feel that you are the most possible one," Zhuang Tingting said in a low voice.

Following that, they heard Teacher Liang say, "And Lu Man."

When the last name came out, everyone was shocked.

In particular, the students who felt they had a chance to enter could not accept it at all.

They looked at Teacher Liang, then looked at Lu Man.

"Why is it Lu Man?"

"Right, she did not even enter the school finals, how was she chosen?"

Yu Jingxian bit on her lips and took a look at Zhuang Tingting. This person was really a jinxer.

Every time she said she was sure it was someone, that person would definitely fail and be embarrassed.

Now that she thought of it, Zhang Xiaoying had already been harmed by her many times. It was really quite scary.

"Lu Man was directly chosen to be sent by the school and did not need to participate in the schools' internal choosing," Teacher Liang explained.

Everyone remembered only then that there was a rumor that the school had already given a direct pass, but they did not know who it was.

Now everyone knew, that person was actually Lu Man!

"It is actually Lu Man!"

"Why did they give the direct pass to Lu Man?"

Zhang Xiaoying was alright because, at this time, she had found out that she was already mentally prepared.

Ever since Zhuang Tingting started to nag about Lu Man being eliminated and her not having any real ability, Zhuang Tingting had felt that the situation was not that simple.

From the start until now, when did Lu Man ever get eliminated?

Other matters aside, just in the school, there were so many people who did not like her.

From the time she had entered the school, Lu Man was already being doubted. From the end of semester examinations until the selection of students for the Chinese Arts Championships, everyone had not been looking well upon her and she'd been mocked.

Everyone had been waiting for Lu Man to be slapped in the face.

But what happened in the end?

Everyone was slapped in their faces by Lu Man.

Because of that, regarding this thing about participating in the competition, even though Zhang Xiaoying mocked Lu Man a lot in private about how she did not even have the right to participate in the finals, she had never dared to say it in front of Lu Man.

Because she was scared of being slapped in her face.

Zhang Xiaoying was really scared. After being messed with by Lu Man a few times, she'd learned to be careful.

Today, upon hearing the results, aside from Zheng Yuan and the other two, she was the calmest one.

On the other hand, Lu Qi was so angry that her face changed.

Originally, she had thought that Lu Man was not as good as she was and that her success before was just a one-off thing.

#### Chapter 723: What Right Does She Have?

And now they were telling her, Lu Man had already gotten the right to participate in the Chinese Arts Championships a long time ago?!

Then what she said to Lu Man before, wasn't it all a joke now?

Actually, it was not only Lu Qi who became a joke but a lot of their classmates as well.

Since Lu Man's name did not appear in the name list for the school's internal finals, there had always been someone using that to mock Lu Man practically every day.

And now?

Their face was in pain; it was really f\*cking painful.

Lu Qi hurriedly said, "What right does Lu Man have to not have to pass through the selection and directly enter the main competition? The school does have a direct pass, but the requirements are that the student's grades must be good and that they must also have made a great contribution to the school. Lu Man's grades are good, that is true."

Lu Man had gotten first place on the end-of-semester examinations, and the list was still pasted up in the class. It was not possible to even deny it.

"But a great contribution? May I ask what Lu Man has contributed to the school? If you want to talk about contribution, then what the other students have done should be more than Lu Man's, right?" Lu Qi looked at Lu Man coldly.

Teacher Liang was not angry and calmly asked, "What do you think is 'a great contribution'?"

"Naturally, it's helping the school." Lu Qi pressed her lips together.

"What kind of help?" Teacher Liang still maintained her smile.

Lu Qi finally realized that something was not right, but it was hard to get out of this. "Like investing for the school to build facilities."

Teacher Liang laughed. "If it were based on what you said, then the school would be looking at which student's family has money and giving them a chance only if they do. Is that fair?"

"Then why is it that even though in the past years, the school has always had a direct pass, it rarely gave it to its students? Could it be that in the past years, there were no students whose families have donated to the school? Only our year's students' families have money, is that it?" Teacher Liang could not help but be insulting.

Lu Qi's face turned red. It seemed like she was saying she was very superficial.

Teacher Liang raised her voice and said, "I know, for the students who have been pursuing the arts since they were young, their families need to put in a lot. In our school, especially, there are a lot of students whose families do business. But there are still quite a lot who are here purely because they like the

performing arts, and they entered the school with much difficulty. So the school never considers things from the standpoint of the family background. The school has been working hard to make it fair for everyone."

"Making a great contribution to the school is not referring to how much donations you have given the school or how much you have invested in it. If it was like that, then the school would be encouraging the students' families to compete against each other. Whoever donates the most money to the school, the school would give the most number of opportunities to, right? If it were like that, our school would have been closed a long time ago. How could we have managed to advance like that? Those who work hard to learn performance and have great grades, wouldn't it be they who would never get the chance to make it big? Why? Because their family does not have money to invest in the school?"

"So, what the school is referring to by 'great contribution' is not how much investment there is."

A case in point was how Principal Liu normally took a lot of care of Lu Man. However, how he took care of her was that if Lu Man had good resources and wanted to go out to film, the school would not stop her and would even make it more convenient for her.

And when Lu Man was getting pressured by others outside, Principal Liu was also willing to support her.

If there were rumors that were not good for Lu Man, Principal Liu would also react instantly and resolve it, then tell Han Zhuoli.

What Han Zhuoli wanted were just those. As for other kinds of fights, Lu Man herself had the ability to win.

Teacher Liang continued to say, "A 'great contribution' has many possibilities. I won't list them out one by one here. I'll just use Lu Man as an example. The *Greedy Wolf Operation* that she acted in, as well as *Red Tiger* where she was the main actor, got great results in the end. Especially *Red Tiger*. After its airing, there has been a lot of effects upon our society. Lu Man's great acting in it made people see the abilities of our Film Academy."

### Chapter 724: Their Faces Were Very Swollen

"To be direct, the outside world has always felt that the people that the Drama Academy comes up with are actual actors while our Film Academy only produces celebrities. But Lu Man has proven to them that that is not true. She helped our school gain reputation, showing that our students also have great acting skills, that towards performance, we are also serious. We have faith and belief in our hearts. This runs counter to many commentaries nowadays in which it's being said that young artists only pay attention to making money and that they have no acting skills at all, resulting in the abnormal development of the film and television circles."

"But after *Red Tiger*, everyone's reaction to our school has become full of praise. In January next year, the application dates for art students will be set. All the high schools in the country took part in a research, and they were asked about where the students wanted to apply to. The number of students who put our National Film Academy as their first choice surpassed that of the National Drama Academy for the first time!"

After Teacher Liang said that, even the students were shocked.

It was true that art students could apply to a few schools because it was common that they would not pass the exam for some.

But for many years, in terms of being the first choice, their school had been lagging behind the National Drama Academy by a bit.

Actually, it was not easy to calculate the number of applicants for the two schools. After all, the application times were not clashing in order to make it convenient for the students applying to participate in a few schools' tests. If they could not pass one of the schools' test, they would still have a backup.

So, during that time, the first choice of the students had not been easy to determine.

But there were still quite a few outstanding applicants who passed the tests of all the schools they applied to.

And because of that, it became a matter of them choosing the school instead of the school choosing them.

It was at these times when the true competition between the two schools would begin.

"This was only a survey, and the reveal of the true situation would have to wait until after the applications during Gao Kao 1," Teacher Liang said. "But based on past experience, the truth doesn't differ much from the survey results. They also asked for the reason during the survey, and there are really a lot of people aiming to come here because of Lu Man."

The National Film Academy and the National Drama Academy had a lot of people applying every year and would accept only around a hundred students, and it seemed like they were both not lacking in students.

Even so, there was still a competition between the two schools about which school the students' first choice was.

The handful of very talented people, in particular: of course the school wanted them.

"This time, Lu Man has helped our school get very good ratings and reputation. It cannot be measured in money," Teacher Liang said. "That's her great contribution to our school."

After Teacher Liang finished speaking, she stopped for a bit, then her gaze swept over all the students in the classroom. She asked, "Now, do you have any questions?"

Everyone stopped speaking.

Lu Qi gritted her teeth.

Teacher Liang smiled. "If you all can also help to make the school proud, the school will definitely not treat you badly. This has nothing to do with your background or how much you invested. Everyone has a chance."

This was what Principal Liu did very well, drawing a big picture, making the students feel that it was a fair competition and that everyone had a chance.

Not killing off half the people with one hit.

"For instance, the Chinese Arts Championships this time around is a very good chance. To the students representing the school, work hard to get a good ranking and help the school gain face."

After Teacher Liang left, the students in the classroom did not know what to say.

The students who had mocked Lu Man before and who said crazy words, in particular, were all secretly looking at Lu Man.

This time, their faces were very swollen.

Fan Xiyue felt very hateful in her heart. This Lu Man, why was she like a cockroach that could not be killed?!

## **Chapter 725: The Competition Started**

Why was it that she would not miss out on everything!

There were also people scolding themselves in their hearts: *Who asked you not to have a good memory*?!

To actually go and mock Lu Man!

Did you not get hit in your face enough? Was it not swollen enough?

Today, Lu Man's lessons were in the morning.

After ending her lessons at noon, Lu Man went home to find Xia Qingwei.

She had also told Xia Qingwei about the fact that the Chinese Arts Championships was about to begin.

At night, Han Zhuoli came to fetch Lu Man after work and also decided to stay there to eat a meal.

"I wonder if the tickets are easy to buy?" Xia Qingwei asked. "Man Man, where do I buy the tickets? Tell me, is there a phone application?"

"You want to go and watch?" Han Zhuoli asked.

"Yes. Before this, when Man Man went to film, it was not good for me to go there to bother her. And when filming was done, it was all edited already, it is different from watching it live. I want to watch how Man Man acts live. This time, aren't tickets being sold to the public? I was thinking that if the tickets are easy to buy, I'll buy all the tickets when Man Man is competing and watch every show," Xia Qingwei explained with a smile.

"Why would you want to buy it? That's troublesome. The Chinese Arts Championships are being invested in by the Han Corporation. It is not hard to get tickets," Han Zhuoli said while smiling, and after he said that, a phone call came in.

"Grandma," Han Zhuoli said after picking it up.

"Zhuoli, Lu Man is about to compete, right?" Old Mrs. Han directly asked.

"Right. It officially starts this Friday."

"Help me get a few tickets. Me, your grandpa, your mom, and your auntie," Old Mrs. Han said.

"Grandma, I want one too!" Han Zhuofeng's voice rang through the phone.

Old Mrs. Han turned her head back to hit him. "Go for your lessons!"

"It's alright for me to occasionally miss one or two lessons. Furthermore, there is a possibility that the competition would not clash with the class! Anyway, just buy the ticket first! As long as I have one, we can just talk about it if I have class," Han Zhuofeng said.

The Old Mrs. Han finally agreed, then told Han Zhuoli, "Then get one ticket for Zhuofeng too."

Han Zhuoli smiled. "What a coincidence, Mother-in-law also wants to see it. Alright, I'll get you a few tickets."

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The Chinese Arts Championships officially began on Friday.

Lu Man and the other students from their school participating in the competition took the big bus to head towards the National Drama Academy.

When she got on the bus, the looks everyone was giving Lu Man were a bit strange.

After all, they had gone through rounds and rounds of judging before they got here, and Lu Man had not even participated in the selection yet directly had an internally set direct pass.

Those who were present there were all currently popular new actors and actresses who had already become famous in the entertainment industry, and there were a few who were even representatives of the new generation. Even though they had followed the rules of the school when they entered the school and not taken up any roles, it did not affect their popularity.

To stand out, though their acting skills were perhaps not mature enough, their stage manners were much better than ordinary students', so they managed to win.

But even they, when they saw Lu Man, this "special existence," did not feel very good in their heart.

Lu Man was not as popular as they were. She did not have as many fans as they did, did not have as big an impact as they did.

Yet this person who was inferior in all ways actually got the special treatment that they did not get.

This kind of special treatment was actually not very helpful to them, anyway. Their own ability and influence were enough.

They were still here now, anyway.

But getting a special treatment proved that they were different from others.

Who wouldn't want to be outstanding, to be better than others?

Yet the chance now had been taken by Lu Man.

No one had discussed it beforehand, but naturally, the other eight people became a group and ostracized Lu Man.

### **Chapter 726: Not Following the Normal Tricks**

As to who the other person was?

Of course, it was Lu Qi.

Lu Qi's reputation right now was totally horrible.

First scheming to ruin her older sister, then snatching her older sister's fiance, then later on, threatening the Red Tiger production group because of her pay, and in the end, causing her to lose the Red Tiger role that could have been able to help her get famous.

Lu Qi did not have other achievements in her history. Her only achievement was to prove her dumbness.

Being dumb and having a bad reputation, no one wanted to be associated with her.

Lu Man also did not care, finding a seat all the way at the back and sitting down.

She was not scared of the shaking and did not get carsick. It was quite nice and quiet at the back on her own.

Lu Qi saw that she had also been ostracized. She did want to squeeze into the eight-people group, but no one bothered to acknowledge her.

Lu Qi shakily wanted to walk to the back but was stopped by Teacher Liang, who was in charge of them.

"Lu Qi, the bus is already moving. Don't stay standing, it's too dangerous. Hurry and sit," Teacher Liang said.

Lu Qi was not happy, but she could only sit.

When they reached the Drama Academy, the big bus could not enter the school and could only stop at the entrance.

There was already a large group of fans waiting at the main door of the Drama Academy, and the Drama Academy had security officers and even the police come over to maintain order and put up barricades to keep the fans at the two sides.

"Xiao Qi!"

"Yihan!"

"Zeyu! Zeyu!"

The sharp screaming sounds of the fans started to resound.

Xu Ningxian brought Lu Man's fan club's vice president over as well. The vice president is a young man called Liang Xiaoyi, and he was quite useful in crowds and managed to squeeze out a space for the small group of fans for the Goddess of Fury.

"Goddess of Fury Man! Goddess of Fury Man! Attacking both the sky and the earth, Goddess of Fury Man!"

Xu Ningxian and Liang Xiaoyi brought the group, and they actually managed to shout very uniformly.

For Fu Kaiqi and the other guys, their fans who came were mostly females, and even Xu Ziyi and the others' fans were mostly female.

But at Lu Man's side, it was a bit stranger. It was half made up of guys and half of girls.

When they shouted, the male voices and female voices matched together and made the atmosphere very good.

In particular, the side of the male fans who were orderly standing in a line made people feel like they were looking at soldiers.

And they were actually soldiers!

Although they'd taken off their soldier uniforms and were wearing ordinary clothes, they could not hide their aura.

It was all because the Red Tiger film was very popular even with the people in the army.

If you wanted to talk about popularity among ordinary young people, Lu Man could not compare with the rest of her schoolmates.

But when it came to popularity in the army, even with all the students participating this time added up, they would still not be Lu Man's competitors.

Liang Xiaoyi, for instance. He was a soldier in the air force, and this time, during his break, he just said that he was coming to support Lu Man. When his comrades heard it, they expressed that they wanted to go with him.

They first became fans because of Red Tiger , and after getting to know Lu Man, they were attracted by Lu Man's way of doing things.

Even when attacking people verbally, she did it outrightly. And she was totally fighting face-to-face, which they liked a lot.

The young girl was pretty, and she was likable. Naturally, they became fans.

The other fans were screaming without coordination, and very quickly, they were overtaken by those coordinated calls.

Other fans: " ... "

The f\*ck, what kind of fans were so unique, not following the normal tricks?!

Everyone looked towards Lu Man.

Why were Lu Man's fans this kind of people? It made one suspect Lu Man's type of character a lot. Fu Kaiqi and the rest were already used to the excited fans, and they waved and smiled at them.

#### **Chapter 727: Totally Stunned Watching**

Whether it was the smile or the angle they were waving at, it was all very well practiced, like they had calculated it before.

"Older Sister Lu Man!" Xu Ningxian called.

Lu Man smiled at her, then instantly left the group and walked over.

Lu Man's actions made the group from her school become stunned.

And so their fans became even more crazed.

Why did Lu Man come over but their beloved celebrities did not?

Xu Ningxian brought a group of girls, and they were all very excited, jumping and screaming.

Liang Xiaoyi and the other soldiers were the ones who turned red in embarrassment, not sure of what to do.

"Older Sister Lu Man!"

Lu Man jogged over, smiled, and said, "You guys all came!"

She did not think that she would also have fans. Lu Man's face was full of surprise.

That really felt good!

Besides Xu Ningxian, it was the first time they were interacting with Lu Man up close.

"Older Sister Lu Man, they are part of our fan club. This is the vice president, Liang Xiaoyi, Big Brother Liang," Xu Ningxian introduced. "This time, it's all thanks to these older brothers who came here that we were able to squeeze in."

Lu Man hurriedly greeted Liang Xiaoyi and the rest. "Thank you guys so much."

"You're welcome, you're welcome!" Liang Xiaoyi hurriedly waved his hands.

Liang Xiaoyi's comrade, Cheng He, laughed at him. "Normally, you're such a good talker. Why are you stuttering now?"

The other comrades all laughed.

Xu Ningxian introduced the others to Lu Man. "Older Sister Lu Man, they are all soldiers! We did not know that before this. We were just chatting online, and we set a meeting time at the entrance of the school. In the end, we were all shocked."

No wonder Liang Xiaoyi and the rest were standing very straight and their actions were very orderly, as if they'd been measured out with a ruler.

Lu Man was also very surprised. "Then I'm really too honored."

"Our team went to watch *Red Tiger* together. Lu Man, you guys filmed it very well, it was very touching. Really!" Liang Xiaoyi said. "We did not get the chance to meet Director Ji Cheng. Would it be alright for you to tell him? The people in our army really liked it, and Teacher Liu Chuanhui, and Zhang Jian, Dong Liyou, Jiang Guang, you guys all acted very well!"

"That's right. When you guys were acting the rescue mission, the actions in it were very orderly, it is like how we do it when we normally train. We had trained for many years before reaching the needed standards, and you guys were able to do it in such a short time. It must have been tough, you are too good! Furthermore, what your movie is teaching is really very good. We, as soldiers, were hit especially hard. We really thank you so much for filming this kind of movie," Cheng He said.

"Thank you, thank you guys for liking it." Lu Man was very thankful. "How about this? I'll give Director Ji a video call now. I don't know whether he's busy or not, but if he's not, I'll have him talk to you for a bit."

"Really?" The soldiers behind were shocked and happy. "Won't it be too troublesome?"

On their two sides, the fans of the other people were totally stunned while watching.

What was going on?!

Their idols were about to enter the school while Lu Man had started to chat with her fans here.

And her fans only wanted her to pass a message, but in the end, she wanted to contact Ji Cheng on the spot!

What kind of treatment was this?!

Seeing that Lu Man was contacting Ji Cheng here while their idols were about to leave, these fans instantly did not feel very good.

This difference was too big!

It was like they did not treat their fans as family!

# Chapter 728: Entering the Finals, Isn't That a Must?

With such a big difference, how could they feel comfortable in their hearts?

On this side, Lu Man and her fans did not know that they had caused the other fans to be upset. Lu Man's videocall to Ji Cheng had managed to go through.

From the screen, Ji Cheng seemed to be at home.

"Lu Man?" Ji Cheng said, smiling. "Your side is quite crowded. If I didn't remember wrongly, you're participating in the Chinese Arts Championships today, right?"

"Yes," Lu Man said with a smile. "I have some fans who came to see me, and it so happens that there are a few soldiers from the air force. When they saw *Red Tiger*, they were especially touched and wanted

me to pass the message to you. I wanted to see if you have time now. If you do, can you say some words to them?"

When he heard they were soldiers, Ji Cheng instantly sat up, placing a strong emphasis on this. "Hello, hello!"

Lu Man directly moved the screen, raising the screen so that it was convenient for Cheng He and Liang Xiaoyi to chat with them.

Liang Xiaoyi and the others looked at each other, then hurriedly straightened up and gave a soldier's salute. "Director Ji, thank you for filming such a good movie that captures the brilliance of us soldiers. Really, there is friendship, righteousness, sacrifice, we all cried when we watched it. Thank you so much for filming a movie that represented us."

Ji Cheng hurriedly saluted a correct salute back. "I had been in the army before, and filming a movie like *Red Tiger* had always been my wish. I'm also very thankful for your acknowledgment. Please help me express my gratitude and respect to your comrades."

At the other end, Lu Man's classmates had already entered the school, and Teacher Liang could only come over to hurry Lu Man. "Lu Man, hurry up, we have to go to the meeting place already."

"Oh, alright," Lu Man responded.

Liang Xiaoyi said to Lu Man in embarrassment, "I'm sorry, we delayed you."

"It's nothing. I'll go now, then."

Liang Xiaoyi and the rest hurried to say goodbye to her, and then said goodbye to Ji Cheng.

Lu Man had yet to hang up, running slightly as she left, and said to Ji Cheng, "Older Brother Ji, you're at home? So sorry for bothering your rest."

"It's not a bother, thank you for calling me! Getting the acknowledgment of soldiers makes me especially happy," Ji Cheng said. "If there are such situations in the future, no matter what time it is, feel free to contact me!"

"Alright, you go and do your thing," Lu Man said, smiling.

"Alright, I haven't spent time with my wife and my children in a long time, and I happen to be home today. When you reach the finals, I'll bring them to help support you!" Ji Cheng clenched his fist and gave a sign of encouragement to Lu Man.

"You're so confident that I can enter the finals?"

"This kind of small competition, if you can't enter the finals, me and Brother Sun will be embarrassed," Ji Cheng said with a smile. "Entering the finals, isn't that a must?"

"Alright, to let you be able to come to the event location, I'll definitely enter the finals."

The face of Teacher Liang, who was listening, froze.

She had not interacted with Lu Man much. Today was the time she had spent the most time together with Lu Man.

And in the end, she was getting stimulated one time after another.

After they got down from the bus, Lu Man had separated from the group.

Teacher Liang thought in her heart that this group was hard to bring around.

Yet that was Lu Man. She could scold others but she could not scold Lu Man.

Because she had a bit of time, she did not stop Lu Man.

When she managed to call Lu Man back, she noticed that she was chatting with Ji Cheng, and they were very relaxed, like their relationship was very good.

After chatting for a while, the two of them then confidently talked about the finals.

Teacher Liang wiped her face. Thankfully, only she heard those words. If other people heard it, they would be talking bad about Lu Man again.

## Chapter 729: Stepping On Lu Man

In front, Zhang Xiaoying and the rest were waiting for Lu Man to come over.

Xu Ziyi unhappily said, "Isn't she just trying to show that she treats her fans well? We did not go over, and only she ran over to chat with the fans. If it were seen by our fans, what would they think? Oh, Lu Man is an especially good idol who treats her fans very well, and we are the people who do not care about our fans."

"That's right." Ni Xue pressed her lips together. "Is Lu Man the only one with the smarts, knowing how to curry favor with her fans? Do we not get along with our fans very well too? Didn't we think that this is a group event and that we were scared of having people wait, so we followed the group to move about?"

Zhang Xiaoying twitched her lips. Although Ni Xue said it very nicely, she was still being arrogant as a celebrity and too lazy to bother with small fans, wasn't she?

She did not say that just now.

After she finished smiling and waving at her fans, as soon as she entered the school, she said irritatedly that she had smiled until her face was stiff. Having to deal with fans everywhere, she was very annoyed.

Now she'd changed her tone, saying that she cared about the group.

"Kaiqi, don't you think so too?" Ni Xue brought Fu Kaiqi into the conversation as well.

Although of the two of them, one was in Year Four and the other was in Year One, the two belonged to the same management company and they were quite familiar with each other.

"Right. Among us, Kaiqi's fans number the most, and today, she was played about by Lu Man like this. We don't know what the fans are thinking now."

Fu Kaiqi's face also darkened.

"Ha, she's just one person yet she dares to scheme against a group of us. She really is looking down on us." Dong Jingxi laughed coldly. "This time around, the competition among ourselves comes second. We must first step on her! It's best to have her drop out after one round!"

"How do we step on her? I heard your opponent is chosen by a lucky draw," Li Zeyu said.

"That's simple..." Dong Jingxi was just about to say it when she suddenly stopped.

"What happened? Continue speaking," Zhang Xiaoying urged.

Dong Jingxi's gaze landed on Lu Qi.

Everyone understood instantly. Even though Lu Man and Lu Qi did not get along, Lu Qi was Lu Man's younger sister.

Perhaps Lu Qi might spill the beans to Lu Man.

"I won't say it," Lu Qi hurriedly said. "My relationship with Lu Man is not good. Lu Man could not stand watching me do well, so how can I warn her? Even if I warned her, she won't be thankful. Why don't you count me in? I definitely can help."

Thinking about the hate between Lu Qi and Lu Man, Dong Jingxi nodded. "Alright."

"My thinking is, after we finish drawing lots, we'll see who's drawn lots to be in the same group as Lu Man. If they happen to be the ones with the best acting skills among us, that'll naturally be good. We can directly use our abilities to kick Lu Man out. If they aren't, then they can just change places with the person with the best acting skills," Dong Jingxi said.

Everyone looked at one another. This idea was not bad, but whose acting skills were the best?

No one wanted to admit that their acting skills were lacking!

Dong Jingxi smiled. "How about this? We can't come up with a conclusion if we choose directly. Let's directly use the results from the recent judging. The one with the highest score is the one with the best acting skills."

That method was quite good; it was fair.

So everyone showed their results.

In the end, it was decided that no matter who got allocated to the same group as Lu Man, they would change it with Li Zeyu.

"Zeyu, we'll be depending on you now. Good luck!"

Outside the door, at the fans' side.

Lu Man's fans were still happy.

"We really did not think that Lu Man was so nice. She got along so well with us, so down to earth."

#### Chapter 730: We Like This Kind of Pretentious Idol

"Right! I didn't lie to you guys, right? Older Sister Lu Man is really very good." Xu Ningxian was especially proud because she did not become a fan of the wrong person this time!

As the head of Lu Man's fan club, her duties were especially big.

She was the one who gathered Lu Man's fans and then brought them to the event location.

Because of her scar from Yu Xingzhou, although Xu Ningxian knew that Lu Man was definitely not like Yu Xingzhou, she was scared that after Lu Man became famous, she would become distant from her fans and cause her fans to be disappointed.

But Lu Man was as nice as usual and did not change.

This caused fans to feel that they were fans of the correct person!

Even she as the president was motivated to be even more hard-working!

But the other people's fans nearby were not very happy. Just now, when Ni Xue got down from the car, she just waved at them and smiled.

Ni Xue's fan club president was especially scared that when the treatments were compared, the fans in her club would be disappointed and unhappy.

She laughed coldly. "Ha, what is she acting for! Only she remembers her fans and gets along with them? The others are all dumb? Why did only she come over? That's because the others have team spirit. They are participating in the event together, it's not good to leave other people to come over. If everyone did that, won't it be a mess?"

Initially, as fans, they really did not feel good in their hearts and were especially envious of the nextdoor people, watching as they managed to talk to their idol while they were still yelling their idol's name with all their might, just hoping that the other party would turn back.

After listening to the fan club president say that, they instantly felt that there was a reason for what their idol did.

On the other hand, it was Lu Man who, to curry favor with her fans, showed that she was not the same. She did not follow the rules and care about the team.

Too disgusting.

But there was still a small voice in their heart saying that they hoped that their idol would be able to break the rules for them for a bit.

But they still supported the president's words. "That's right, too pretentious, just pretending to be friendly."

Xu Ningxian's side was extremely angry. *Oh, our idol came to play with us and chat with us, and it's become that she's pretending to be friendly?* 

They wanted to argue back but Xu Ningxian stopped them.

Xu Ningxian smiled coldly. "It's no problem. We like Lu Man pretentiously thinking of us, pretentiously chatting with us, pretentiously contacting Director Ji Cheng for us. This kind of pretentious idol, we really like! Your idol is straightforward and not pretentious and does not bother to acknowledge you. How great!"

Goddess of Fury's fan club: " ... "

Their president was extremely good at speaking. No wonder she could be the president of the fan club.

The other fans were extremely angry. "We just said a few sentences. What kind of attitude do you guys have?!"

"Haha." Xu Ningxian was smiling coldly. "We did not say anything bad about your idol, so don't bring us into this. How your idol is like, you guys can deal with that yourself."

Liang Xiaoyi and the rest were here to see Lu Man. The fans next to them were all young girls and looked like children to them. They did not want to lower themselves to that standard.

"Let's go in and find a seat first," Liang Xiaoyi said.

Xu Ningxian nodded. Liang Xiaoyi and the rest protected the girls as they entered the school using their tickets.

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Lu Man followed Teacher Liang to meet up with Zhang Xiaoying and the rest. Actually, Zhang Xiaoying and the rest did not even wait that long. It was just a minute or two.

Lu Man still said apologetically, "Sorry, I made you guys wait."

Ni Xue, as the Year Four senior, said, "Lu Man, even though the competition has officially started and we are all competitors, we are a team now. We need to move as a team."