#### **BOOT CAMP 2261**

## Chapter 2261: Warm Lips, Warm Person

Therefore, she was not worried at all when her grandfather said that he wanted to talk to Captain Xia alone.

Li Jinnian finally understood how much his cousin trusted Xia Jinyuan. His thoughts of testing Xia Jinyuan were completely gone.

He raised his hand and touched her head. The cold Demon King revealed a faint but gentle smile. "As long as he continues to be so good to you, Grandfather and I won't have any objections. I won't go in and disturb Grandfather's good mood. I'll leave first."

The Demon King had to return to the team today. It was already past two in the afternoon. He had to leave to catch his four o'clock flight.

"You have to go back to school tomorrow too. Take care of yourself. Also..." Li Jinnian, who had another worry in his heart, was a little reluctant to part with her. He picked up the important things and reminded her, "Also, there are only a few months left before you go overseas to participate in the competition. When you reach the school, hurry up and train. You can't fall behind in terms of physical fitness.

"Call the duty room if you need anything. I'll call you back when I get back."

This was her cousin whose blood was thicker than water. He cared for her meticulously, afraid that she would suffer.

Ye Jian nodded and replied seriously, "Cousin, don't worry. I'll take care of myself. I'll only return to school tomorrow afternoon. I'll stay with Grandpa and coax him."

After all, women were more meticulous than men. Li Jinnian believed that she would definitely make the old man happy.

The old man was indeed very happy. After knowing that his grandson did not want to disturb his mood and had quietly returned to the team, he sighed for a while. Because Ye Jian and Xia Jinyuan were accompanying him, the kind smile on his face never disappeared.

It was already seven o'clock in the evening when Xia Jinyuan left Dan Gui Garden. He walked out of the warm house and into the cold night. Xia Jinyuan held his girlfriend's hand and sighed with a smile. "Old Xia laughed at me and said that you wouldn't have much time to accompany me in the future. It seems that Old Xia was right."

"What should I do, Little Fox? I can't bear to leave. I can't stay overnight in Dan Gui Garden. I have to leave even if I don't want to."

Ye Jian pursed her lips and smiled. "Grandpa asked you to stay the night but you said it wasn't appropriate. Now, you're telling me that you can't bear to leave. Why don't you go back with me, then?"

Ye Jian, who was speaking playfully, had a sly look in her eyes. When she saw Xia Jinyuan, her heart itched and her eyes darkened.

"I have to leave a good impression on the old man. If I really spend the night here, the old man's impression of me will definitely be greatly reduced."

"Unmarried men and women can't stay in the same house or the older generation will feel uncomfortable. For the sake of my lifelong happiness, I have to leave no matter how much I want to stay."

Lieutenant Colonel Xia, who was taking his time, would not lose anything because of small gains, lest he suffered in the future.

Hearing this, Ye Jian smiled. She turned around and said to him with a smile, "Captain Xia, close your eyes. I'll give you a reward for your performance today.

"Wait, no. Put your hands behind you and don't move. The doctor said your wound is healing well. You'll have to be careful." If the doctor hadn't said he could move around, she wouldn't have asked him to come back with her today.

Xia Jinyuan raised his eyebrows. He had guessed what reward he would get. It was a reward he liked very much.

He closed his eyes, and he had a smile on his handsome face. He cooperatively bent over slightly and waited for the reward to arrive.

When he bent over, Ye Jian didn't need to go on tiptoes anymore. She just needed to raise her head slightly and kiss his sexy thin lips with her warm lips.

This light kiss definitely couldn't solve the young lieutenant colonel's long night of longing. His hands were already wrapped around Ye Jian's slender waist, turning the shallow lips into a deep kiss.

### **Chapter 2262: A Heated Gaze**

The warmth between the two of them would not last long. Ye Jian was worried about his injured waist. When she heard that his breathing was chaotic, she hurriedly ended the deep kiss and covered his thin lips with her hand.

His lips, which were pressed against her palm, were burning hot.

Looking up at him, Ye Jian's black eyes were bright. They were like the stars in the night sky that had fallen into the mortal world. Xia Jinyuan couldn't help but lower his head and kiss her eyes.

His kiss made Ye Jian close her eyes and feel the affection in his kiss.

"Go in and accompany the old man. I'll leave first." Xia Jinyuan kissed her eyes before saying in a low and hoarse voice. There was only her in his deep and cold eyes. "I'll come over tomorrow to send you to the airport."

His little fox had to leave tomorrow. It was time for them to part again.

Ye Jian didn't go in immediately. She leaned over and rested against his broad arms. She said softly, "My cousin said that the competition will start during the summer vacation. Do you think we'll train together during this period?"

"The military has already asked your school. The school leaders didn't agree. You freshmen will be going to the north of the Hunan Province to practice. You won't be able to participate in our training." Every time she approached, Xia Jinyuan's heart would be filled with tenderness. His handsome face became gentler as he caressed the back of her head. He was also disappointed that he couldn't train with her.

Ye Jian was also a little disappointed, but she quickly adjusted herself. She looked up from his arms and adjusted his tie and collar. "Then we can only wait for the summer break. Go home and rest early. The commander-in-chief is waiting for you to go home."

This morning, Xia Jinyuan completed the discharge procedures. He did not have to return to the hospital tonight.

"Okay, go in quickly." Xia Jinyuan looked down at Ye Jian, who was carefully tidying his collar. The corners of his lips never fell. He had known Ye Jian for six years, but they had only been boyfriend and girlfriend for less than two years. However, they knew each other better than other people who had been married for decades.

One look from him and she knew what he meant. One movement from her and he knew what she was up to.

It was said that men and women were semicircles. When they found a semicircle that suited them, they became a complete 'circle' that no one could separate.

He and Little Fox were the semicircles they had lost. Their union represented eternity. Neither could leave the other.

"I'll pick you up tomorrow. Rest early." After leaving a goodnight kiss, Xia Jinyuan stood at the bottom of the steps. His gaze was filled with love as he turned around and watched her return to the house. When she was about to open the door and enter, he saw her turn around and wave at him.

Xia Jinyuan smiled. "See you tomorrow, Little Fox."

"See you tomorrow, Captain Xia." Ye Jian turned around and saw that the tall man had been staring at her deeply. She waved her hand and smiled before opening the door.

As soon as the door closed, the noble and handsome man restrained the faint smile on his lips. The color of his warm eyes gradually deepened, and they were so dark that they were unfathomable. An unknown light flashed across the depths of his pupils, leaving faint traces. It was the heat of... a normal man's desire to possess the woman he loved.

The 20-year-old Ye Jian was no longer the 15-year-old Ye Jian. Her years of training had made her tall and slender. Her graceful figure was different from the delicate figure of ordinary girls. She was like a bamboo shoot that broke out of the ground, unafraid of all storms.

Chapter 2263: Kinship

Her waist was slender with no extra fat. Every time Xia Jinyuan wrapped his arms around her, his desires would instantly surge. He wished he could hug her waist tightly and rub against her.

He hid his wild side so well that Ye Jian still didn't know that every time he wrapped his hands around her waist, his elegance was just surface-level.

"The older she gets, the more seductive she becomes. She's simply luring me to her bed at any moment..." Xia Jinyuan said softly before starting the car to leave Dan Gui Garden.

It took some time to drive from Dan Gui Garden to the courtyard. Xia Jinyuan, who only arrived at the courtyard at nine o'clock in the evening, unbuttoned his military uniform and walked into the living room. After a few steps, he arrived at the sofa where Commander Xia was lying with his eyes closed.

When he saw Commander Xia's white hair, Xia Jinyuan's eyes darkened.

In his memory, Old Man Xia's hair had been black and hard as steel needles. Now... his dark hair had dimmed, and the white hair at his temples had grown... His father wasn't young anymore. He wasn't the father he remembered raising his belt and glaring daggers at him.

Xia Jinyuan felt suffocated. He walked over gently. "Dad, why didn't you go back to your room to rest?"

He rarely called Commander Xia 'Dad'. When he was insensible, he would call him by his full name. Later, he was provoked by Madam Xiao and matured overnight. He realized his mistake and refused to lower his head because of his pride, so he simply stopped calling him.

The older he got, the more mature he became. He did not know when he replaced 'Dad' with 'Old Xia'. Old Xia did not care and let him call him that until now.

Little Fox said that Old Man Xia wanted to hear her call him 'Dad'. Was it because... he still yearned for him to call him 'Dad'?

Perhaps he was suddenly made aware of mortality at this moment, he naturally blurted out 'Dad'.

The light was white, illuminating the fatigue on Commander Xia's face. He had fallen deeply asleep. It was only when Xia Jinyuan called out 'Dad' once more that Commander Xia opened his eyes.

Commander Xia, who had opened his eyes, was like a sleeping lion. Although he was no longer young, his gaze was sharp and dignified. When he sat up straight, there was no longer any fatigue on his face.

"You're back. Sit down and talk to me about your visit to Little Ye's house." Commander Xia sat upright. Commander Xia, who had been in the military for many years and had a military bearing and appearance engraved in his soul, always kept his back straight. In Xia Yiwei's words, with Commander Xia around, just a simple chat at home could also make one feel as nervous as attending an army meeting.

Commander Xia was a little thirsty, so he took the thermos cup on the coffee table. He, who had just unscrewed the lid, glanced at Xia Jinyuan and said uncertainly, "I think I heard you call me 'Dad' just now. Did I hear wrongly?"

"You didn't hear wrongly. You're my father. Can't I call you that?" Xia Jinyuan sat on the sofa beside him and buttoned his military uniform again.

Old Xia couldn't stand the sight of him not taking off his military uniform and only unbuttoning his shirt. It was better not to provoke him at night.

The guy who liked to make him angry suddenly became obedient. Could it be that he had gotten into trouble with the old master? Could it be that the old master was dissatisfied with Little Six?

Commander Xia's expression turned serious. "One who's unaccountably solicitous is hiding evil intentions. Tell me, what happened?"

### Chapter 2264: Strike While The Iron Is Hot

Xia Jinyuan didn't know whether to laugh or cry. "Why do I feel like you think I messed up in front of the old master?" After saying that, he paused for a moment and didn't speak. He looked quietly at Commander Xia, who had a serious expression on his face.

"Otherwise?" Commander Xia replied calmly, clearly asking Xia Jinyuan the reason why he came back so late.

This kid was getting more and more powerful. When his gaze landed on him, he actually felt a trace of pressure that guarded him from seeing what he was thinking.

The father and son were both stubborn, so it was very inappropriate for them to have a serious conversation. If they were not careful, there would be a smell of gunpowder. Only by teasing each other could they continue the topic.

Xia Jinyuan smiled as he answered, "Dad, it seems that I haven't called you that in a long time, so you're flattered."

Flattered... Commander Xia's face darkened.

He was indeed a little surprised, but what word did he use to describe it? He reprimanded, "Xia Jinyuan, are you itching for a beating?"

"You should save your strength. If you can't beat me up later, you'll be so angry that your face will turn green." Xia Jinyuan saw that the commander-in-chief's face was dark and didn't continue to joke. He lowered his voice and sighed. "When I saw your white hair just now, I suddenly wanted to call you 'Dad'. You have to get used to it. When Ye Jian marries into the family, she'll call you 'Dad' too."

"I prefer to have Little Ye call me 'Dad'. As for you... do whatever you like." Commander Xia, who had a smile in his eyes, sneered in disdain. He glanced at Xia Jinyuan who was full of military might and said in a low voice, "What's his impression of you?"

He was more concerned about this!

Xia Jinyuan raised his eyebrows. Under the light, he replied with a faint smile on his handsome face, "So far, it's not bad. Thanks to Grandpa, he has a good impression of me."

Thanks to Grandpa? Commander-in-Chief Xia frowned slightly but relaxed in the next moment. A faint smile appeared on his serious face. "So they're old friends. Little Six, you've indeed benefited from your

grandpa. Did the old master recognize you as your grandpa's descendant first? Or did you mention it yourself?"

The former meant that the two old men were not ordinary old friends. They were old friends who had a good relationship.

"The old master asked first and told me that back then, Grandpa single-handedly defeated everyone before allowing the old master to continue staying in the Space Academy. He told me that he also wanted to ask Grandpa out for a walk and asked me to arrange a time."

Xia Jinyuan's answer invigorated Commander-in-Chief Xia. Previously, he was worried that the old master would be dissatisfied with Little Six and introduce those young and outstanding scientists from the Space Academy to Little Ye. Now that he knew Grandpa Xia and the old master were old friends, he was relieved.

Although Little Six was sloppy and looked out of place in front of him, he was actually just deliberately putting on an act in front of him. When they were outside, Commander Xia had yet to hear others say bad things about his son.

For example, Little Six's comrades, former military school classmates, and even Major General Yang... As long as Little Six was mentioned, these people would give him a thumbs up. Therefore, when he asked Little Six to accompany Little Ye to visit the old master, he was also confident that Little Six would catch the old master's eye.

Now that the old master was satisfied with Little Six and it turned out he was old friends with Grandpa Xia, Commander Xia felt that he should strike while the iron was hot.

#### **Chapter 2265: Unsuitable, Too Embarrassing**

Commander-in-Chief Xia's expression became more serious. "Since you can walk around with your waist injury, go to the old residence tomorrow after sending Little Ye to the airport. You can talk to Old Master about this." Worried that Xia Jinyuan's wound would open up, he added, "Let the guards drive tomorrow. You rest."

Xia Jinyuan couldn't help but laugh. "You're even more anxious than me."

"Of course, I'm anxious. You're really lucky to be able to marry Little Ye! Strike while the iron is hot. Let's make him satisfied with our family first." Commander Xia discussed this matter seriously. However, when he saw that Xia Jinyuan was happy and not anxious at all, his face darkened again.

"Xia Jinyuan, I'm discussing your marriage with you seriously now. Your attitude is not right."

"Dad, do you think I need to rely on my family to settle my marriage with Ye Jian?" Seeing that the commander-in-chief was slightly angry, Xia Jinyuan took a step back and restrained his smile. He revealed a rare coldness. "In your eyes, am I a man who needs to rely on his family to settle his marriage?

"Dad, aren't you underestimating your son too much?"

This last question was a little cold.

Commander Xia choked. He had never underestimated Little Six! Although this kid had been fooling around since he was young, he was extremely assertive. When he did bad things, no one would be able to catch him. Grandpa Xia had even joked that Little Six was a big shot.

As it turned out, Little Six was indeed someone who did big things. He took the military school exam himself without relying on any connections. He was the one who took the initiative to apply to the special forces and became the captain of the special forces immediately. Over the years, he had countless military achievements, both big and small. Everything he did was with a clear conscience.

However, no matter how capable Little Six was, in Commander Xia's heart, he was still a rascal.

For some reason, the words that should have been kept in his heart slipped out of his mouth. Instantly, the living room was silent. The father and son looked at each other and felt inexplicably... awkward.

Commander Xia was the first to regain his senses. Seeing Xia Jinyuan's surprised expression, the commander-in-chief coughed and shouted with a straight face, "Why? Are you not my son?"

"Ahem... Yes, yes, yes. I'm your son. You're right." Xia Jinyuan, who was suppressing his laughter, choked. It was rare to see Old Xia embarrassed. If he laughed again, his father would probably keep a straight face for a few days. The pressure would be so low that it would double the pressure on the guards.

In addition to wanting to laugh, he also felt a little emotional. His father was indeed old. As he got older, his mental state became a lot steadier. If it were a few years ago, he would probably have picked up the thermos in his hand and smashed it on him.

Time drove people to age. As a son, he should be more obedient to his parents.

After laughing, Xia Jinyuan said, "Although the old master and Grandpa Xia are old friends, the two of them haven't contacted each other for a long time. I have to go back and ask Old Master about it first. I don't plan to tell Old Master that Ye Jian is Old Master Fu's granddaughter for the time being. Ye Jian sent a letter to Father-in-law early this morning. I think it won't be too late to talk about it when he comes back.

"You see, now that the military commission is investigating my mother-in-law's passing, I personally think it's best not to make a move for the time being so as not to complicate matters."

He was afraid that someone would do something if they knew that Ye Jian had returned to the Fu family...

#### **Chapter 2266: Taking Action**

The commander-in-chief pondered for a moment and nodded. "It's good that you know what you're doing." His son was already taller than him. Seeing that he was calm and confident, the commander-in-chief revealed a kind smile that he usually only had toward Ye Jian. "Little Six, I'm very relieved to see you like this."

Without waiting for Xia Jinyuan to say anything, the commander-in-chief stood up and said sternly, "Rest early." Then, he turned around and strode away.

Xia Jinyuan covered his forehead and laughed so hard that his shoulders trembled. He and the old man... were really not suitable for 'father-son affection'. Both of them felt uncomfortable.

'You pick my thorns, I pick yours...' This kind of father-son interaction was more suitable for him and Old Xia.

No matter how they got along, he respected Old Man Xia because he was not only his father but a commander-in-chief with heavy responsibilities.

The next day, Xia Jinyuan woke up early and learned from the guard that the commander-in-chief had received an emergency call. He had already left. Commander Xia was in such a rush that he didn't even bother to wash his face and brush his teeth. He left in a hurry with two guards.

Xia Jinyuan's gaze turned cold. He immediately turned on the television and called the team.

"There was a coup near our country, and it affected our border. They used a mortar to launch explosives into the sugarcane forest in our country. Fortunately, it was at five in the morning, so there were no casualties. However, the border has entered level one security, and it might be upgraded to a special level at any time."

J5, who was in the unit, had received the news less than five minutes after the explosives landed in the country. At this moment, an assault team of the Xueyu unit was established and ready to go.

"How many comrades are you going to bring over now?" Seeing as how J5 knew such details, he must have received a mission.

J5 smiled. "An assault team plus an ambassador." He was holding a photo of the ambassador who would be joining the Xueyu unit later. "He's also an acquaintance. We worked with him once on a mission in Pakistan."

"Qin Xiu..." Xia Jinyuan, who didn't see the photo, reported his name accurately. "Where are you meeting him? What level is the mission?"

After getting ready, J5, who was about to leave on the private plane, seized the moment and said, "We're meeting at the border. It's a level-one clearing mission. Rest well and recuperate. We're all waiting for you to recover and return to fight together.

"I won't talk to you anymore. Don't be envious. We'll brag to you when we get back!"

"Take care!" When he heard that his comrades were on a level-one clearing mission, Xia Jinyuan, who had only returned to the country for less than a week, could not hold it in anymore. Level-one clearing missions were usually decapitation strikes. J5 and the others were going to 'decapitate' the enemy!

Before he recovered from his injuries, he would not be able to participate in ordinary operations, much fewer decapitation strikes.

As soon as he hung up, the house phone beeped.

"Little Ye has already set off from Dan Gui Garden. You can rest at home today." Commander Xia, who was calling from the military, brought Xia Jinyuan a completely unexpected piece of news. "She needs to accompany an ambassador from our country to Lin Country to negotiate. She'll take a private plane from the capital immediately."

The news was unexpected, but Xia Jinyuan accepted it calmly. "Okay, received!"

Ye Jian left in a hurry. She was so anxious that she didn't even inform the old man before leaving in the car. The person who picked her up was a guard sent by the military. There was also a confidential officer working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the car. "Please take a closer look at this information. It concerns your personal safety with Ambassador Qin. Please remember these people's faces. Once you see them, you must avoid them immediately or take action."

#### **Chapter 2267: Language Genius**

Ye Jian, who had a good memory, took out the information. With her eyes slightly lowered, she began to read the information given by the confidential personnel. There were a total of six names that she needed to remember. She had to remember everyone's appearance and characteristics clearly. She also had to remember the origins of these people.

There were six sets of information, each with two pages. There were a total of 12 pages of information. Ye Jian memorized everything as quickly as possible. Afraid that she would miss something, she spent another 10 minutes consolidating her memory.

The relevant departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had many abilities, especially the personnel responsible for simultaneous translation. Their memory was quite amazing. When Ye Jian finished memorizing all six documents in 20 minutes and was going through them again, the confidential officer wasn't too surprised.

After reading the information, the confidential officer took a separate document from his briefcase. "This is the information on the ambassador you're accompanying. Please take a look. The ambassador is extremely good-natured and gentlemanly. However, he has a minor problem..."

The confidential officer cleared his throat as if embarrassed, and his serious voice dropped several decibels. "He doesn't know his way around very well. It's easy for him to get lost. I'll need you to keep a close eye on him."

'Doesn't know his way around very well? It's easy for him to get lost?'

An elegant and handsome young man's face flashed across Ye Jian's mind. She knew a diplomat whose sense of direction was very bad. Could it be him?

Taking out the ambassador's information, Ye Jian smiled when she saw the identification photo. It was indeed him... Principal Cao's nephew—Qin Xiu. He was a man who used a gentleman's demeanor to hide his fierceness.

The confidential personnel said that he didn't know the way very well and it was easy for him to get lost, but he was actually just trying his best to be polite. Back in Provincial No.1 Middle School, she had seen how easy it was for Qin Xiu to get lost. He was a man who could get lost in just a few steps.

Looking at his information again, Ye Jian was shocked just by looking at the first few lines... He had been skipping grades throughout the years. Moreover, he would win grand prizes while skipping grades. From primary school to university, he enrolled in key foreign language schools. When he graduated from university at the age of 16, he studied in America, Italy, and France...

Ye Jian, who had experienced two lifetimes, was really shocked by Qin Xiu's information. No wonder he became the youngest diplomat in the history of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was a winner in life and had been famous since he was young.

Then again... Ye Jian tilted her head and asked the officer a very important question, "How good is the ambassador's ability to take care of himself in life? Do I need to take care of him in that aspect too?"

Geniuses always had some flaws. In her previous life, she had read a few news articles. Some geniuses in the University of Science and Technology did not even have the basic ability to take care of themselves. They had outstanding intelligence but zero life experience.

She wasn't sure if Qin Xiu was a genius like that.

For a moment, the confidential personnel didn't understand why Ye Jian was asking this. When Ye Jian saw this, she explained a little more clearly, "For example, eating, sleeping, getting dressed, and so on... Does he require people to attend to him?"

The consequence of speaking a little more clearly was that... every now and then, the confidential officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would tilt his head toward the glass side of the car door, and his shoulders would jerk a few times.

Ye Jian was a little embarrassed. Qin Xiu was a diplomat who could accompany the country's leaders overseas. How could he not know how to take care of himself? She was just so shocked by his resume that her brain short-circuited.

If Qin Xiu knew what she thought... Ye Jian covered her face. He would probably be speechless.

#### **Chapter 2268: Walking Into Their World**

"No, other than not knowing the way, Ambassador Qin is quite good at everything else. Eating, sleeping... cough..." The confidential officer who was holding back his laughter coughed a few times. He was laughing so hard that his eyes were filled with tears. After adjusting his breathing, he continued, "The ambassador can get dressed on his own and so on. He has a certain obsession with cleanliness, especially in the room where he sleeps. No one can enter or leave as they please.

"You can't just sit on the bed. No, you should never sit on it. Once you offend, you'll see the gentlemanly ambassador instantly show a cold gaze.

"Hence, when it comes to the bathroom... He can't share it. He'll tidy up his own clothes and all, so you don't have to tend to him in those regards."

The officer saw that Ye Jian's forehead was twitching. Afraid that it would cause prejudice, he quickly added, "The ambassador values personal privacy. His bedroom, clothes, and bathroom are his limits. Everything else doesn't matter. Don't be frightened."

Ye Jian smiled. "I'm not. It's normal. I don't really like people sitting on the bed where I sleep either."

It was a place to go to bed at night. She really didn't like people casually sitting on her bed, so she didn't think it was a germaphobe thing. It was just a personal hygiene habit.

"The ambassador is very easy to get along with. You'll know when you see him later. He's a pretty good man." The officer was probably afraid that his words would make Ye Jian dislike Qin Xiu. After confirming that Ye Jian had memorized all the information, he spared no effort to say good things about Qin Xiu.

With the help of the officer, Ye Jian had a preliminary understanding of the language genius, Qin Xiu.

She only had a preliminary understanding. The officer kept talking about Qin Xiu's life and habits that were made known to all. As for the details and Qin Xiu's concealment, he didn't say a word.

Qin Xiu, who was holding a paper bag, was waiting for Ye Jian in the lobby of the Foreign Ministry office building. He had obtained Ye Jian's information half an hour ago.

Although there were no photos, when he saw the familiar name and her few lines of introduction, he knew that it was the girl he had fallen in love with. She would be accompanying him to Lin Country this time.

He was a little surprised. It would not be an easy task for him to go to the country. According to his own analysis, this was the most dangerous trip he had taken in recent years.

After all, he was in the middle of a coup now.

He was both surprised and looking forward to her arrival.

It had been almost 40 days since they last met at the border. After returning from the border, he had even dreamed of her walking over the snow pile several times. Her height was towering and straight, like a goddess who had walked over from the top of a snow mountain, bringing hope to everyone.

That scene was still unforgettable, so much so that he dreamed about it at night.

"Ye Jian..." He looked straight at the door and muttered softly.

There was also a tall young soldier beside him. His background, name, and unit were unknown... Qin Xiu only knew that he was a special forces soldier who knew the language of the country. The special forces soldier seemed to have heard his murmur and looked at Qin Xiu from the corner of his eye. His gaze flickered slightly.

Why did it feel like... this ambassador knew Azure Bird?

V8 checked his watch, his steady, sharp gaze fixed on the lobby door of the office building. Azure Bird was almost here.

Two minutes later, Ye Jian appeared at the spacious and bright entrance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs office building. She was wearing a student uniform and walked over calmly against the light.

They could not see her face clearly. They could only see a slender, straight figure walking step by step into their world.

## **Chapter 2269: Instant Eternity**

Qin Xiu couldn't help but hold his breath. He heard his heartbeat and her light footsteps. They sounded like drums and zither notes.

He thought that at this moment, his world was being occupied by her.

Looking at this figure walking toward him step by step, Qin Xiu's elegant and handsome face revealed an even more heart-warming smile. He didn't stay where he was but went forward to welcome her.

"Hello again, Ye Jian." The young woman who had made him fall in love with her looked at him politely. She was so gentle and didn't seem offended by his direct gaze.

When he got closer, Qin Xiu realized how much Ye Jian had changed.

Her military school life did not tan her skin. Instead, she was as fair as ever. She had the fair skin that most girls dreamed of. She should be especially eye-catching when she was in school.

Her eyes were also beautiful. When they were at the border, the light was dim, so he did not manage to take a closer look. Now, he saw that her eyes were like pink lotuses poking out of thousands of green leaves. They were delicate...

He did not deliberately size her up. He only looked at Ye Jian's eyes.

Ye Jian, who had always been sharp, vaguely felt Qin Xiu sizing her up. However, as he quickly looked away, she didn't think too much about it.

She politely held his outstretched hand and smiled. "I saw your information on the car just now, Ambassador Qin. Nice to be working with you."

"Let's have a good time working together." Qin Xiu retracted his hand calmly and placed it by his side elegantly and naturally. He could still feel her soft and warm touch on his palm.

As a diplomat, concealing his emotions was a must-have. His expression was very natural, just like when ordinary friends met. He was polite but not impolite, making people feel at ease like a spring breeze.

V8, who was standing beside Qin Xiu, winked at Ye Jian. Once Qin Xiu was done introducing himself, V8 extended his hand with a cold expression. When the two shook hands, V8 simply greeted her and didn't say anything else.

V8 was a special forces soldier, and Ye Jian was a military school student whose identity needed to be kept a secret. Naturally, it was impossible for the two of them to 'know' each other.

"Go and change first. We'll wait for you downstairs." Qin Xiu handed a paper bag to Ye Jian. "You're all escorts, so you need to change your clothes."

The female staff member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wore a fitting suit. When Ye Jian went upstairs to change, the staff member who picked her up told Qin Xiu what Ye Jian had asked her with a smile and teased, "Ambassador Qin, you have to perform well. Don't let her misunderstand that you can't even take care of yourself."

Qin Xiu rubbed his forehead helplessly.

Could it be that the impression he gave Ye Jian was that he couldn't take care of himself? That wasn't good. He had to reverse the impression.

Therefore, after getting into the car, Qin Xiu smiled and said to Ye Jian, "I've been undergoing intensive training for the past two years, so I no longer get lost easily. For example, when I went to your school that year, I wasn't lost anymore after walking one round."

Ye Jian quickly realized why he said that. She immediately felt uncomfortable. "Please forgive me for saying something wrong."

"Qin Xiu, call me Qin Xiu. You can call me by my name." Qin Xiu didn't like distant titles like 'Ambassador'. He smiled and said, "We've known each other for a few years, right? Although we don't meet often, we're already acquaintances. There's no need to be so distant."

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If he wanted to get closer to her, he had to start with how they addressed each other. Qin Xiu started chatting familiarly, "We shared hardships and sadness the previous time. Ye Jian, I thought we were already acquaintances."

V8, who was in the passenger seat, heard this and flicked his fingers very lightly on his knees.

School? Back to the frontier? Could it be the same time as when the avalanche rescue took place?

He had guessed right. Azure Bird and the ambassador did know each other, and they had known each other for a long time. They had been friends for years.

The expressionless V8 looked at the two people sitting behind with a seat between them through the rearview mirror. He specially looked at Ye Jian before looking away.

Although the two people behind were familiar with each other, the ambassador wasn't as familiar with Azure Bird as they were.

Ye Jian, who was sighing in her heart, didn't notice V8 sizing her up. A diplomat was a diplomat. One could not refuse his requests.

"That's true. Although we haven't seen each other much after knowing each other for a few years, we're not strangers anymore. In that case, I won't bother with formalities. Qin Xiu, if I make any mistake, please correct me in time." Ye Jian called out 'Qin Xiu' and noticed that the face of the young diplomat

sitting beside her seemed to have been carefully sculpted. There was no flaw on his handsome face when he smiled elegantly.

"Although we've only met a few times, in my impression, you've always been reliable and don't need anyone's guidance." Qin Xiu's smile was very faint, but it was very penetrating. One could see the spring breeze and the sharpness of an arrow on his features. This was the temperament of a diplomat.

When interacting with friendly countries, he would appear like a spring breeze. When fighting with other countries, he would be as fierce as an arrow.

Looking at his elegant smile, Ye Jian recalled a sentence she had heard two girls say in a hotel in her previous life. 'Heartthrob' could be used to describe Qin Xiu.

"It's better to call me by my name. 'Ambassador' sounds distant." After Qin Xiu finished speaking, he took out his phone from his pocket and looked at Ye Jian. "Sorry, I have to take this call."

It was a call from home.

Ye Jian heard him call out 'Mom' and took the initiative to widen the distance between them. She sat close to the car door.

Looking at the passenger seat, Ye Jian gestured at the V8 through the gap between the seat and the door. It meant that they could fight together again.

Ye Jian, who could not open her mouth to speak, smiled faintly. Her fingers tapped lightly on the side of the car door three times, just loud enough for V8 to hear.

There was no verbal exchange. It was only a gesture but it completed a brief exchange.

"Yes, I have something urgent to attend to and need to go on a business trip for a few days. It's not a big deal. I'm not sure when I'll be back. I'm participating in a 'summit'." Qin Xiu, who noticed Ye Jian's small actions, placed his phone by his left ear and responded. There was a faint but gentle smile on his lips as he answered Madam Qin patiently.

Madam Qin, who had just woken up, learned from the butler that her son had gone out before dawn. Although something similar had happened before, she thought of the appointment today and called to ask.

After knowing that Qin Xiu would be on a business trip for a few days and hadn't even set a time to return, Mrs. Qin had no choice but to say helplessly, "You're too busy. You've only been back for a few days and haven't even spent much time with your family. I'll call your leader another day and ask him to arrange less work for you."