

Madam's 1701

Chapter 1701 - 1701 Sister Nian: How Did You Know I Was on the Independent Continent?

He was confused by his strange expression. He let go and kept a polite distance from the other party. He turned around and said to the girl, "Since your friend is here, I'll leave first. See you later."

"Yes." Qiao Nian didn't take his words to heart. She waved her hand casually.

Ji Nan's mood improved. He stopped talking nonsense and nodded at Ye Wangchuan. Then, he turned around and opened the car door. After getting into the car, he rolled down the window and waved goodbye to the girl.

After a while, the red Buick drove away from the hotel and disappeared into the distance.

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Only then did Ye Wangchuan look away. He helped the girl brush away the hair that had slid down her eyebrows. Then, he gently retracted his hand and said, "God Qiao, let's go back and talk?"

His breath brushed on her face. The distance between them was so close that she felt as if she could touch his chin if she raised her head.

Qiao Nian's eyelids twitched violently at his teasing voice. She lowered her cap, her eyes dry. "Yes."

She felt that there was nothing to say.

But nothing good would happen every time he called her God Qiao!

Qiao Nian felt inexplicably frustrated again. It was as if she had been caught in the act. She had clearly not done anything, but she actually felt that she should feel guilty.

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Paradise Hotel's interior was decorated in gold and jade. It only took a few minutes to get from the lobby on the first floor to her room.

Upon arriving, Qiao Nian took out her room card from her pocket and swiped it. Then, she opened the door and led the way in. "Come in."

Ye Wangchuan followed her inside.

The room was not big.

There was a large bed inside, as well as some scattered daily necessities. In addition, Qiao Nian placed her notebook on the table casually.

The black notebook looked ordinary, but he knew that Qiao Nian was using the world's most advanced microcomputer.

However, she had ruined its appearance. Qiao Nian seldom wasted any time on appearances.

Therefore, her laptop would always make some ignorant people think that it was an old, cheap student computer.

He looked around the small room.

At this moment, the girl picked up a bottle of mineral water from the table and threw it at him. "Here, your water."

He caught it but did not drink it. He played with the bottle in his hand.

Qiao Nian didn't care if he drank it or not. She threw her phone by the bed to charge it. Then, she opened a bottle of water for herself, raised her head, and gulped down half the bottle. She then closed

the bottle cap and leaned lazily against the armchair, propped her legs up, and looked at him lazily. "How did you know I was in the Independent Continent?"

Qiao Nian suspected that he had installed a location surveillance camera to stalk her. Otherwise, why would she always bump into him every time she went out?!

But that was unlikely.

"Did Elder Nie or Principal Liang tell you?" Qiao Nian felt that she couldn't leave anyone out. She placed the bottle of mineral water on the table beside her and tilted her head to look at him. "Or Master Cheng?"

It was impossible for him to find her without anyone telling him, right?

"Neither."

"Huh?" This answer was beyond Qiao Nian's expectations. She raised her head slightly, her eyes very casual, but her gaze was fixed on him.

Ye Wangchuan enjoyed her gaze very much. His thin lips curled up and he suddenly felt happy.

Chapter 1702 - 1702 Master Wang Is Jealous!

Their eyes met. The corners of his lips curled up and he raised his eyebrows. His voice was low and hoarse as he spoke. "I heard that you spent a billion to snatch the goods from the Chamber of Commerce Alliance?"

Qiao Nian was speechless.

Did the news spread so quickly?

She did not answer immediately. She lowered her eyes as if she was thinking about something.

He continued, "I also heard that the Chamber of Commerce Alliance's network was attacked by an unknown hacker half an hour ago. The network and power supply at their headquarters were all shut down..."

"The Hacker's Alliance says it was not one of them."

"...This technique is very similar to the Red Alliance's Sun."

Qiao Nian raised her eyelids again and glanced at him with her dark eyes. She raised her hand to pull down her cap, only to realize that she had already taken it off and placed it on the table when she entered the room.

She reached out to grab something but only felt the air. Then, she put her hand down dryly and pursed her lips. After two seconds of silence, she realized that something was wrong.

"Even if I did it, you didn't know I was in the Independent Continent before..." So why did it feel like he was settling scores?

Ye Wangchuan chuckled. That was not his intention at all. He walked over and pushed aside the fringe covering her eyes. Then, he lowered his voice and said, "Ten days ago, a batch of goods from the Ye family was stolen. The person in charge of transporting the goods disappeared along with them. That person was introduced to the Ye family's transport team. Some of the elders of the family asked me to give them an explanation, so I brought some people to investigate this matter."

He told Qiao Nian everything without needing her to ask.

"I've found out about Torre from the Chamber of Commerce Alliance, but I suspect someone is behind him. I've arranged for someone to disguise themselves as an overseas force to attend the meeting like Master Cheng and the others and sneak into the hotel. They saw the conflict between you and Torre at the auction and heard that Torre is looking for trouble with you. They reported it to me later."

"I heard them say that someone in Master Cheng's team spent a billion to snatch what Torre wanted to auction, so I thought of you."

His voice was low and charming. His breath brushed on her face. They were so close that they seemed to be able to touch each other if they lowered their heads.

Qiao Nian was still immersed in the information he had revealed and didn't notice that he was so close to her.

He chuckled and looked at the girl. His tone was gentle as he continued, "After that, I called Master Cheng and asked him. I found out that you were the one who came to the Independent Continent this year, so I came to look for you."

"Then how did you know that I was the hacker..." Qiao Nian looked up and suddenly realized that they were too close. Her voice trailed off.

However, he hooked her fingers and played with them gently. He lowered his eyes and said slowly, "Because I captured Torre."

Qiao Nian's attention had been attracted by his small actions. Hearing this, she ignored the tingling sensation on her fingers and looked at him in surprise.

Even if she did not know his previous plan, she could guess that he had not arranged for someone to sneak into the Paradise Hotel to use such a simple and crude method to control Torre. He must be trying to catch a big fish!

However, he was very calm. His thumb curled around her slender and beautiful pinky.

In a good mood, his beautiful eyes stared straight at Qiao Nian. He raised his eyebrows and said with a smile, "So, God Qiao, do you want to explain to me what happened with you and Ji Nan at the entrance just now?"

Chapter 1703 - 1703 Ji Nan Might Be My Cousin

Qiao Nian was dumbfounded. She was stunned for a few seconds before looking at him and asking, "You just told me so much. In the end, you wanted to ask me about my relationship with Ji Nan?"

He had just called her God Qiao at the entrance of the hotel and wanted to return to her room to talk.

In the end, he just wanted to ask about Ji Nan?

Qiao Nian couldn't keep up with him.

After all, at first, she thought that he would ask her why she came to the Independent Continent and what she was doing there.

But it didn't happen!

All he cared about was Ji Nan!

"Because I want to know this more." He pinched her pinky and raised his eyebrows, not hiding the emotions in his eyes. "Because I'm jealous."

Qiao Nian was speechless.

She didn't react for a second.

When she realized what he had said, her ears suddenly felt hot, and she looked away.

"There's nothing much to say about that. Didn't Ji Nan say it already? We've been online friends for years."

He lowered his head and played with her fingers. Qiao Nian's nails were neatly trimmed, and her fair fingers were slender and beautiful.

He tilted his head back lazily with a gentle expression and did not say anything.

However, his eyes were filled with disbelief.

Qiao Nian looked at him for a second before losing. She avoided his gaze and explained gloomily, "Ah, maybe not just online friends. I'm not sure about the details yet. It's all speculation for now."

She tried to grab her hair. She often did this small action when she was frustrated. In the end, Qiao Nian realized that her hand was still in the other party's grasp.

She pursed her lips again and gave up struggling, then looked into the man's eyes. "You know my mother's name, right?"

"I know, Auntie Ji." A hint of seriousness and respect appeared in his tone when Ye Wangchuan mentioned Ji Qing.

Qiao Nian continued, "I found something she left behind through the black box you gave me.

"I brought that thing. It's in my bag."

He let go.

Qiao Nian didn't waste any time. She found the bag and took out the Ji family emblem for him to see.

She felt much more at ease after regaining her freedom. She picked up the bottle of water on the table and unscrewed the cap again.

However, Qiao Nian didn't drink it immediately. Instead, she looked at the family emblem in Ye Wangchuan's hand and said in a calm tone, "This is the Ji family emblem. I asked a friend, and she told me that the Ji family has been looking for it for more than twenty years. In the end, it was placed in an ordinary locker in the Luohe Library! It had been there for twenty years."

Ye Wangchuan had more or less guessed something, but he still fell into deep thought when everything was confirmed.

Qiao Nian took a small sip of water and put down the bottle. She looked at the family emblem in his hand again. This time, her tone was more relaxed and casual. "So, Ji Nan and I might be cousins."

He returned the family emblem to her. His eyes were dark as he asked her, "Nian Nian, did you tell anyone else about this other than me?"

Qiao Nian's background involved the Ji family of the Independent Continent. It was too complex and involved too many parties.

He had to nip all danger in the bud!

He would do his best to protect her.

"No." Qiao Nian roughly knew what he was trying to do upon seeing his reaction. She said concisely, "I only told you."

His brows relaxed. He put the family emblem back into her bag and returned it to her. Then, he reminded her in a gentle voice, "Keep this well. Don't let anyone see it."

He paused again and looked at the girl again. "Also... I'll help you investigate the Ji family!"

Chapter 1704 - 1704 Jealousy Is Very Childish, But I Want to Be Jealous

Qiao Nian took the bag from him. After a moment of silence, she said, "Actually, this has nothing to do with you. I can investigate it myself. You don't have to..."

The Ji family was not to be trifled with.

She had only been in the Independent Continent for a few days, but she had already realized many times how powerful they were.

There was really no need for him to get involved in this for her.

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Qiao Nian was just not used to troubling others.

She had taken on everything by herself since she was young and had never asked anyone for help. Of course, the Qiao family couldn't care less about her.

Suddenly, someone wanted to face the torrential flood with her. She suddenly felt a little unaccustomed to it.

She didn't know how to deal with such delicate emotions.

Qiao Nian took a deep breath and looked up, her expression quite serious. "...You don't have to get involved in this mess for me. I can handle it myself..."

Just as she finished speaking.

Ye Wangchuan narrowed his eyes slightly and looked at the girl who seemed to be at a loss. He smiled, and there was a soft light in his eyes. However, his voice was lazy. "I like to get involved in muddy waters. If the water isn't muddy enough, I don't want to get involved!"

Impressive.

Qiao Nian frowned in frustration, not knowing what to say to him.

"Don't worry, I'm here. I'll investigate Auntie's matter for you."

He gently brushed away the frown between her eyebrows with his fingertips. A cool touch spread from his fingertips to dispel the frustration in Qiao Nian's heart. It was like a spring breeze, instantly calming the frustration in her heart.

“We still don’t know if Auntie is from the Ji family. It’s just a guess now. But the Ji family is definitely not as simple as it looks. Avoid interacting with them as much as you can. This isn’t Beijing, and I’m not like Elder Nie and the others who can walk with you at any time. They’re too dangerous. I’m worried.”

Qiao Nian had never been afraid of the Ji family. She wasn’t afraid of anyone.

However, at this moment, a warm current surged in her heart. She lowered her voice and said, “I understand.”

“Ji Nan...” Ye Wangchuan rubbed his eyebrows and let go. He smiled helplessly. He felt that his jealousy just now was a little childish, but he couldn’t help but grind his teeth.

He then looked at the girl who seemed to be thinking about something and said to her in a low voice, “I have someone working for me here at the Paradise Hotel. I’ll give you his number later. Look for him the next time you encounter something tricky and I’m not by your side.

“He’s the same as Ji Lin. He can mobilize some people in the Independent Continent. If you need him, they can at least help.”

Qiao Nian was still thinking.

He grabbed her phone from her pocket and entered Mo Xi’s number into her contact list. Then, he returned the phone to her. “I have a force other than the Ye family on the Independent Continent. You’ve seen Ji Lin in Country M before, so you probably guessed it.”

Qiao Nian hadn’t expected him to tell her directly about his private power. She moved her lips, wanting to say something, but her throat felt a little hoarse.

“Actually...”

“You’re my girlfriend. I can entrust my back to you. I have nothing to hide. It’s just that there are some things that I haven’t encountered yet. I can’t tell you this now.” He reached out and gently lifted her hair, tucking it behind her ear.

He added, "You're still studying. It'll be fine when you graduate. You're still a little young..."

At first, Qiao Nian didn't immediately understand what he meant. But it wasn't like she was completely stupid and couldn't understand what he meant.

Chapter 1705 - 1705 Sister Nian: Not Young Anymore

After all, Liang Bowen often nagged her about when he would marry Shen Qingqing when she was studying at Rao City High School.

For some reason, she felt a little hot. She raised her hand, but it was put down halfway. Her fingers grabbed the corner of her shirt, but she felt that her reaction was too big, so she immediately let go. After a long time, she controlled her heartbeat and looked away expressionlessly. She said in a low voice, "It's alright. I'm not young anymore."

He paused and looked at her in shock.

Qiao Nian was speechless.

She wanted to slap herself. Why couldn't she control her mouth? She was always led by the nose by him.

Sigh~

But she had already said it. She had to be responsible.

Expressionless, Qiao Nian coughed again and stared at the man in front of her with a magnanimous expression. "I'm 18."

Ye Wangchuan gradually recovered from his initial shock and looked at her with a burning gaze. His voice was hoarse. "Nian Nian, do you know what you're saying?"

Hotel, room, evening...

At such a dangerous time and in such a dangerous place, she was discussing the issue of adulthood with him.

Did she trust him a little too much?!

Qiao Nian was also embarrassed, especially since he was asking her directly. She immediately turned her head away, grabbed the stool beside her, and sat down. Then, she picked up the water bottle beside her to hide her embarrassment. "I don't know. Just pretend I didn't say anything."

"Oh." Instead, Ye Wangchuan smiled and grabbed her wrist. His eyes were as deep as a cold lake, and he resumed his lazy tone. "That won't do. I heard everything. I've said it before."

Qiao Nian's wrist burned from his grip. She was about to pull her hand away when he said in his hoarse voice, "Let's wait a little longer. Wait a little longer. At least until your birthday."

It was already past October.

November arrived in the blink of an eye.

Qiao Nian's birthday was in August.

At most, it would only be half a year. It was not long.

"I'll discuss with the old man about having a big birthday for you and call a few more friends over when you turn 20."

He tidied the girl's collar before continuing, "When the time comes, call Qin Si and the others, as well as your classmates like Liang-something and those few people who are good friends with you. Also, your classmates from Qing University, Elder Nie, and that person from the Yuan family... Anyway, let's gather everyone on your birthday."

At first, Qiao Nian was quite frustrated. It was mainly because her words had made her mouth a little dry and she felt a little uncomfortable.

Her attention was slightly diverted when Ye Wangchuan mentioned her birthday next year. She was no longer as embarrassed as before.

“I don’t know if I can celebrate my birthday yet. We’ll see when the time comes!”

Ye Wangchuan’s eyes were filled with self-indulgence. He knew that she was taking the opportunity to change the topic, but he followed her intention. “Yes, we’ll see when the time comes. I’ll discuss it with you.”

Qiao Nian relaxed even more. She lowered her shoulders and nodded.

Ye Wangchuan saw that the redness on her earlobe was gradually fading and felt a little regretful. However, he restrained himself and looked away. He said unhurriedly, “By the way, check if you’ve received the remittance on your phone later.”

“Huh?” Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows and asked, “What remittance?”

His gaze fell on her moist lips. He paused for a second before looking away. His Adam’s apple bobbed, and his voice was hoarse and low. “I asked my aunt to transfer the money you spent at the auction to your account.”

Chapter 1706 - 1706 Right, What’s Your Friend’s Name?

Qiao Nian frowned but didn’t say anything.

He said unhurriedly, “They spend their own money on their own goods. They’re already so old. How can they take advantage of the younger generation? Let them pay for it themselves.”

Qiao Nian gritted her teeth. She really wanted to say that she wasn’t from the Ye family, either. Who would cheat their own family like this?

He glanced at her and seemed to know what she was thinking. He smiled and said in a low voice, "You've helped them this time. I'll get them to give you a big red packet on your birthday."

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"My girlfriend is young. She came all the way here. She has never seen a big city. She has no money!"

He said 'no money' very confidently. He bent his legs and leaned against the side of the single sofa in a lazy and casual posture, his eyes filled with smiles.

Qiao Nian almost believed his nonsense.

However, she was completely convinced!

He was awesome!

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On the other side.

Ji Nan had just arrived home.

"You're back?" A lady in her forties walked out and pulled him inside. As she walked, she asked him excitedly, "Where's your friend? Why didn't you bring her home for me to see her?"

"She's back at the hotel." Ji Nan's mind was still filled with the fact that Qiao Nian had a boyfriend, especially since her boyfriend was someone he couldn't figure out. He couldn't help but worry that Qiao Nian was too young and had been deceived.

After all, SN's personal abilities aside, she was really young. In addition, she was too good-looking, so it might be unsafe.

“Why is she back at the hotel? Didn’t you invite her home?” Xie Yun followed him all the way. Seeing that her son was rarely distracted, she felt that there was a chance. She asked him with interest, “By the way, what was your friend’s name again?”

“Speaking of your friend’s hotel, there was a small incident at Paradise Hotel today. Even your father was alerted.”

Ji Nan unbuttoned his collar, took off his jacket, and threw it on the sofa. He looked at her, unsurprised. “I heard some things. It’s just a small matter of someone fighting with the president of the Chamber of Commerce Alliance, Torre, for an auction item. This kind of thing doesn’t happen every day in the Independent Continent, but it’s not rare. There’s nothing to be surprised about.”

Qiao Nian had told him about this, so Ji Nan thought that she was referring to this.

However, Xie Yun shook her head and said, “No, it’s not just fighting for something at the auction. That’s not enough to alarm your father.”

“Then...” Ji Nan looked at her.

Xie Yun thought for a moment before saying, “The key is that after this thing was auctioned off, the people from Bright Gate broke into the Chamber of Commerce Alliance’s headquarters and captured Torre.

“The Chamber of Commerce Alliance is considered a force in the Independent Continent. Bright Gate is very domineering this time. Someone from the Chamber of Commerce Alliance contacted your father. It’s said that they also contacted the Xie family. I wonder if your father will appear this time.”

There were a few top factions in the Independent Continent, and these factions were almost like gods.

The Ji and Xie families were both one of them.

There was also an ancient martial arts family, the Nan family, that had transcended the battles on the Independent Continent.

Xie Yun didn't care much about trivial matters outside the Independent Continent. She lowered her eyes and said casually, "I heard that all the forces in the Independent Continent are investigating the background of the girl who had a conflict with Torre. They don't know who she is."

Ji Nan was so shocked that he couldn't speak.

At this moment, Xie Yun looked at him and became concerned about Qiao Nian again. "By the way, Ji Nan, you haven't told me the name of the friend you ate with today."

Chapter 1707 - 1707 So You're a Spare Tire?

Ji Nan's expression was complicated. "Her name is Qiao Nian."

"Qiao Nian. This girl has a nice name!" Xie Yun was in a good mood and praised her with a smile.

Ji Nan replied perfunctorily, "Yes, it sounds pretty good. She's also good-looking."

Xie Yun rebuked him, "You still know that she's good-looking? Not bad, I thought you didn't pay attention to these things."

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As she spoke, she thought for a moment and frowned. "But why does the name of your friend sound so familiar?"

Ji Nan looked at her and moved his lips. He really wanted to say, "You just mentioned her. How can it not be familiar?"

His mother looked at him in shock and asked in surprise before he could speak, "Your friend is the girl who had a conflict with Torre at the Paradise Hotel?!"

No wonder Xie Yun had such a big reaction.

Now, all the forces in the Independent Continent were focused on Qiao Nian!

She didn't expect the person who caused such a huge commotion to be Ji Nan's friend. She had just leisurely gone out for a meal with her son.

While Xie Yun was surprised, she couldn't help but admire her in her heart. Instead, it washed away the surprise on her face.

"How did you meet?"

Xie Yun glanced at him again, adjusted her shawl, and walked to the sofa. She elegantly picked up the red teacup on the table and lowered her head to take a sip of black tea. Then, she put the cup down slightly and looked up at him.

There was even more curiosity in her eyes now. "I heard that she has always lived in Rao City and has never left the country. She lives a simple life at school and home.

"Logically speaking, you wouldn't be able to come into contact with her. I'm puzzled. How did you two meet?"

Xie Yun understood her son.

Ji Nan was not the kind of person who would easily get along well with anyone.

He was always smiling and looked easy to get along with, but in fact, he was not easy to get along with at all.

There were so many people in the Ji family's side branch, and many of them were about Ji Nan's age. Xie Yun had never seen him get along well with anyone of them!

He was already so cold to his relatives. Xie Yun couldn't imagine what charm Qiao Nian had to make Ji Nan so concerned about her.

"Did you just say she was beautiful?"

The young lady was beautiful, but she might not be able to catch her son's eye with just beauty!

Xie Yun was halfway through her sentence when Ji Nan quickly stopped her. "Mom, stop!"

Xie Yun looked at him in confusion.

Ji Nan rubbed his temples. He helplessly walked to her side and put down his coat. He was tall and handsome as he looked up at her. "She has a boyfriend."

Xie Yun was stunned for a second and blurted out, "So you're a spare tire?"

Ji Nan was speechless.

Xie Yun looked at her son's outstanding appearance and felt that he didn't need to be someone else's spare tire. She frowned. "Then you guys..."

Afraid of what she may say next, Ji Nan immediately explained, "We're online friends."

Xie Yun obviously didn't believe him.

Ji Nan still didn't understand how Qiao Nian was related to Bright Gate. He didn't want to reveal too much, afraid that he would cause trouble for her.

He vaguely said to his mother, "Didn't I tell you on the phone that we've been online friends for many years? Although we've only met once before, we hit it off at first sight. We're considered friends in life."

Afraid that his mother would misunderstand his relationship with Qiao Nian again, he added, "Also, my relationship with her isn't what you think."

Ji Nan found a precise way to define it.

"She's... younger than me. I don't know why I keep feeling that she's like my younger sister. I can't help but want to take care of her. If you have to insist... then she's my younger sister!"

Chapter 1708 - 1708 The Other Party Wants You to Attend

It was rare for her son to introduce someone to her so seriously.

After a moment of surprise, she put down her hand and smiled. She patted his shoulder and said elegantly, "I'm already curious because of what you said. You should bring her to see me someday.

"I also want to see what kind of person you want to acknowledge as your sister."

Ji Nan saw that she seemed to be really interested in the SN, but he did not dare to promise. He only said, "I'll ask her if she's free later."

In the Independent Continent, Xie Yun had always had people begging to see her. She had never waited for anyone. This was a novel experience.

She didn't say anything and just nodded. "Okay, ask her."

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The next day.

Qiao Nian was woken up by a knock on the door.

She had always been hot-tempered when she woke up.

If it was in Beijing, she would definitely not open the door for anyone and continue to sleep.

However, this time, after she temporarily covered her head with the blanket and pretended to be dead, she remembered where she was and suppressed her anger. She lifted the blanket and got out of bed.

She picked up her coat from the bedside table and put it on, then got up and washed her face.

Cold water splashed onto her face, and Qiao Nian finally sobered up a little. However, her eyes were cold, and her face was expressionless. It was obvious that she had been forcefully woken up.

She walked over and opened the door.

Nie Mi and Master Cheng were outside.

Qiao Nian stepped aside to let them in.

“Master Cheng, let’s go in and talk,” Nie Mi said politely to the person beside him.

“Yeah.”

The two of them entered one after another.

Although Qiao Nian had just woken up and had yet to suppress her anger, she controlled her emotions and had no intention of throwing a tantrum at her elders.

She gave Master Cheng and Nie Mi a bottle of water each. Then, she found a corner and opened a bottle for herself. She raised her head and drank half of it. Then, she looked up at them and asked in a hoarse voice, “What’s the matter?”

Nie Mi looked at her and knew that she had been woken up by them. He covered his mouth with his fist and coughed to hide his embarrassment. Then, he glanced at Master Cheng and asked, "Master Cheng, do you want me to do it?"

Master Cheng's aura was transcendent as he nodded with no objections. "Okay, go ahead."

Nie Mi retracted his gaze and turned to look in Qiao Nian's direction. He said bluntly, "It's like this. We received an invitation this morning. The other party asked you to attend. We wanted to discuss it with you, so we came to look for you."

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows.

There was some surprise in her eyes.

Who asked her to attend what?

If Nie Mi didn't care about this matter, he wouldn't have been in such a hurry to chase her out of her bed so early in the morning. He didn't hide anything and said directly, "It's the Ji family."

Qiao Nian paused in her actions, her voice slightly hoarse. "The Ji family?"

"You've heard of them?" Nie Mi knew from her reaction that she must have heard of the Ji family. He was a little surprised, but he reacted quickly and continued, "It's good that you've heard of the Ji family. I don't have to introduce their background to you anymore."

"The Ji family's banquet is different from the banquet we attended yesterday. They usually don't hold banquets at this juncture. They only hold banquets and other gatherings once a year. They also have very high requirements for the guests. Ordinary people can't attend."

Ordinary people really could not attend them.

Nie Mi was very surprised this time!

Chapter 1709 - 1709 They Might Think You Know Someone From Bright Gate

"This morning, Master Cheng and I received an invitation from the Ji family inviting us to their banquet.

"However, the other party has a condition. You have to go with us."

Nie Mi was a little confused.

"You used to live around the city and never came out. I don't understand why the other party insisted that you go. It's probably related to the auction yesterday."

It wasn't as if Nie Mi and the others didn't have any connections in the Independent Continent. After hearing some news, he said to Qiao Nian in frustration, "I heard that the president of the Chamber of Commerce Alliance has been captured. They might think that this matter has something to do with you, so they want to see you."

The girl had been holding the bottle cap in her hand as she listened to him. The arrogance in her eyes was restrained as she heard what he said. She raised her eyebrows slightly and inadvertently revealed a faint light, but she did not interrupt.

Nie Mi didn't believe that Torre's matter had anything to do with Qiao Nian at all. He only thought that it was a coincidence. He looked at her and asked seriously, "Nian Nian, I've discussed it with Master Cheng. We both think that this is an opportunity.

"The Ji family's status in the Independent Continent is extremely high. I haven't come into contact with anyone on their level yet. To be able to attend a banquet of this level at your age, I think the benefits outweigh the disadvantages!

"Even if you don't know anyone through the banquet in the end, you can at least meet the top circle of the Independent Continent."

Nie Mi only analyzed the pros and cons with her briefly. He had no intention of forcing Qiao Nian to choose. He asked her gently, "Nian Nian, what do you think?"

He turned to look at Master Cheng, then turned back and said to the girl, "We've agreed to follow your decision. If you want to go, we'll go. If you don't want to go, we won't go. Don't feel any psychological burden. The other party is mainly inviting you, and we're just here to bring you along. It doesn't matter if you go or not."

This was indeed a rare opportunity.

They were probably the only ones on the team who had received this invitation.

Logically speaking, they had no reason to reject such an opportunity.

However, Nie Mi, Master Cheng, and the others had already discussed it. It was up to Qiao Nian.

If Qiao Nian wanted to go, she could. If she didn't, they wouldn't go.

After all, at their age, they didn't care much about fame and fortune. If they were fated, they would embrace it. If they weren't fated, they wouldn't harp on it.

Coupled with the other people in the scientific research team, such as Jiang Zongjin's younger generation of middle-aged people, most of them had the same values as him.

Buddhism!

He had the same thoughts as them.

If she wanted to go, they would go. If she didn't go, they wouldn't be disappointed.

Nie Mi's eyes were gentle as he asked her softly, "So, you can slowly think about whether you want to go or not. We came to look for you to tell you about this."

“What time is it?”

Qiao Nian’s faint voice sounded as soon as he finished speaking.

Nie Mi was stunned for a moment before he reacted. “The day after tomorrow.”

“The day after tomorrow?”

Calculating the time, Qiao Nian capped the bottle and put it back on the table. Then she looked up at him and said, “I’ll go.”

The other party had already invited her.

They even invited her by name.

Qiao Nian couldn’t find a reason to refuse!

She would go.

Why not?

Coincidentally, she also wanted to see them.

“Huh?” She agreed so readily that Nie Mi couldn’t keep up for a moment. He was stunned for a moment. Seeing that the girl had indeed agreed to go, he rubbed his nose. “Then, I’ll tell them that we’re going.”

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After saying that, he looked at Qiao Nian worriedly. Afraid that she would be nervous, he comforted her, “You don’t have to be too nervous. They’re just curious and think that you know the people from Bright Gate.”

Qiao Nian looked up when she heard this, as if wondering if she should tell him that they really knew each other.

However, Nie Mi continued before she could say anything, "The Pharmacy Association will send someone. Master Cheng knows Dean Zhong. Dean Zhong will take care of you."

Nie Mi's thoughts were simple. He felt that the Pharmacy Association was at least one of the forces on the Independent Continent.

Master Cheng knew Zhong Yiliu.

Zhong Yiliu was going too. He could take care of Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian didn't react much when she heard Zhong Yiliu's name. Her expression was calm, and it was impossible to tell if she knew him.

Nie Mi watched as she nodded casually. In any case, Qiao Nian didn't appear nervous.

He stopped talking.

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On the other side.

Zhong Yiliu performed acupuncture on Lu Zhi for a few days.

Lu Zhi's legs had been crippled for many years. Actually, acupuncture did not have much effect. It could only barely maintain the muscles in his legs from shrinking like a normal person.

But acupuncture was time-consuming and laborious.

The Chinese medicine that Lu Zhi wanted to use was also very expensive and troublesome to obtain.

Zhong Yiliu performed the last acupuncture on him and waited for him to finish soaking in the medicinal bath. When he saw him coming out of the bathtub with a tired expression, he was slowly dressed by his assistant.

Finally, he couldn't help but say, "Mr. Lu, actually, you don't have to specially make a trip to the Pharmacy Association every year. Q is an expert in this area. I'm not as good as her at Chinese medicine. If she had a way to solve your leg disease, she would have long solved it for you. I actually don't have a good solution to a problem that she can't solve."

Lu Zhi's face was pale. He opened his arms and closed his eyes. He pursed his thin lips slightly as if he was tired. "I know. I just want to give it a try."

Zhong Yiliu looked at his young face and thought about Lu Zhi's achievements at such a young age. He felt a little regretful.

"Sigh!" He shook his head. His eyes were filled with heartache as he said, "Q didn't say anything. All these years, she has been silently helping you find a way to treat your leg disease. However, some things can't be forced. Even she, who is extremely talented in medicine, has something that she can't solve. We're just mortals, after all!"

Mortals had their limits, such as the natural laws of birth, aging, illness, and death. They couldn't go against them...

Lu Zhi opened his eyes and looked at him. There was no emotion in his eyes under his long eyelashes. His tone was also light. "Yes, I know. I just want to give it a try."

Since he had already said so, Zhong Yiliu couldn't say anything else.

After all, Lu Zhi was introduced to him by Qiao Nian. He came to their Pharmacy Association every year to treat his legs.

Of course, Tian Chen under Lu Zhi would also give the Pharmacy Association a lot of money and medicine every year.

Zhong Yiliu personally sent him out.

Lu Zhi got into the car with the help of his assistant. The black limousine drove away from the Pharmacy Association after a while.

Zhong Yiliu was about to set off for the Independent Continent. He still had to prepare the things he needed to bring, so he did not stay at the door for too long.

After sending Lu Zhi off, he turned around and returned to Research Building No. 1.

Not far away.

Jiang Xianrou walked over with a few members of the Pharmacy Association. Her sharp eyes happened to see the car and Zhong Yiliu leaving at the door.

She turned to ask the person beside her, "Senior Brother, do you know who was in the car that just left?"