## Chapter 3431: Does It Bother You?

The awkwardness continued even until after the plane had landed and parked.

Because Yan Zhiqing was chatting with both of them, the atmosphere between Han Zhuofeng and Xie Jiling started getting better.

However, the atmosphere between them didn't feel as natural as before anymore.

Everyone then went to grab their luggages at the baggage reclaim area.

He Yuliang and the other boys were very chivalrous.

They helped the girls carry their luggage off of the conveyor belt.

Xie Jiling was only carrying a backpack, so she didn't have to get her luggage.

Back when they were waiting at the boarding gate in B City, Han Zhuofeng saw Xie Jiling carrying a backpack.

Han Zhuofeng thought that Xie Jiling had other luggages, and the backpack was just her carry-on baggage. So, he immediately asked her, "Where is your luggage?"

"I didn't bring a luggage," Xie Jiling said, "This backpack is enough."

Han Zhuofeng laughed and said, "You are the only girl I know who travels with the least amount of luggages."

Yan Zhiqing was different. She had brought over two big luggages.

Even though they were only staying here to film for four to five days, she packed so much stuff.

This couldn't be helped. As an actress, she had to bring a lot of skincare products to maintain her skin.

The weather at Ta Town was very dry, sandy, and windy. As such, she had to be more careful.

In addition, she was worried that she might not get used to the food here. If she were to get pimples because she couldn't get used to the food here, that would be a horrible result.

Therefore, she brought her own food.

With everything added up, she ended up packing two big luggages.

Yan Zhiqing pushed her cart and happened to hear what Han Zhuofeng said, so she reacted with a loud humph.

What? Did her many luggages bother him?!

Yan Zhiqing humphed and left with a sulky expression.

Han Zhuofeng didn't even try to figure out why Yan Zhiqing was angry.

Yan Zhiqing had a temper anyway. Something may have triggered her as well.

That was what Han Zhuofeng thought...

He kept his attention on Xie Jiling.

"Give me your bag. I will carry it for you," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling was someone who would be bothered by the little things in life.

Even the bag she was carrying was unisex and suitable for both men and women.

"It's alright. It's not heavy." Plus, she was used to it.

Han Zhuofeng tried carrying it to check the weight of the bag.

When he tried, he laughed and said, "How is this not heavy?"

"Are you used to being alone?"

Xie Jiling nodded and said, "Usually, when I accept commissions, I would travel by myself for work. So, I'm already used to carrying a backpack. It's more convenient. This time, I packed a little more things because I will be away from home for a longer period of time."

She had packed quite a lot of clothes.

"I'm usually only out for two to three days, so I normalyl pack less," Xie Jiling explained.

"That's when you are by yourself and have no choice. You do have to rely on yourself, after all." Even if she wanted to rely on someone, she didn't have anyone for her to rely on.

Han Zhuofeng then said, "Since I am a right beside you, you can let me handle it."

Han Zhuofeng said these words while taking Xie Jiling's bag.

Xie Jiling had no choice but to give Han Zhuofeng her bag. She couldn't help but mumble quietly, "You make it sound like you can always be beside me. It's just this once. I will still have to carry it by myself next time."

There couldn't be any more exceptions to this.

What if she got used to people helping her carry her backpack?

She was already used to relying on herself. If she suddenly had someone to rely on for a couple times and had to continue relying on herself afterward, it would feel different.

Therefore, Xie Jiling didn't want him to help.

"What are you saying?" Han Zhuofeng lowered his head and leaned close to her ear.

She was mumbling something he couldn't hear.

"Nothing." Xie Jiling paused and said, "I was just thanking you."

"No need to be courteous." Han Zhuofeng grinned and started walking while carrying Xie Jiling's backpack.

Yan Zhiqing was basically a paparazzi. She gave her cart of luggages to Fang Qiaohan and quickly followed Han Zhuofeng and Xie Jiling while snapping photos from behind.

With her face covered that well, she did look like a paparazzi.

Ren Linna and the others walked behind. They winked at each other while secretly pointing at Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng.

Although Xie Jiling seemed like she had no idea what was going on, many signs could already be seen.

Ren Linna and the others were going with the crew and cast.

And so, Ren Linna and the others hopped onto the bus for the production crew and went with them to the hotel.

This saved them a lot of trouble.

"Lucky!" He Yuliang commented, "It just so happened that we wanted to go on a trip for fun. Who could have expected that the production crew was traveling here as well, and we managed to get a free ride without worrying about anything! This is awesome."

Chen Xing said happily, "Yeah. By the way, I brought spicy strips. We can eat together later."

"I brought chips."

"I brought chocolates."

"I brought pockey."

"I brought spicy duck neck and spicy duck tongue at the airport in B City."

Everyone said in succession.

The members of the production crew walking by their side heard them and were really jealous.

These people were here to sightsee!

In comparison, they were here to work. Their luggages were filled with filming-related things, and they had no space for snacks.

The members of the production crew immediately became envious of them.

However, He Yuliang and the others weren't people who would eat by themselves.

When they were on the bus and had found their seats, they started sharing their snacks.

And so, everyone in the bus managed to obtain their own snacks.

The few of them sat at the very back.

It just so happened that the seating at the back was spacious and comfortable.

The bumpy bus ride didn't bother them, and they didn't feel carsick.

The seating at the very back felt like the seating in a box deck. It was very comfortable.

However, Xie Jiling couldn't sit with them.

Han Zhuofeng had taken her bag hostage.

When Han Zhuofeng got onto the bus, he immediately found a two-person seating seat and sat down. As such, Xie Jiling had no choice but to sit with him.

When Yan Zhiqing saw this, she immediately dragged Fang Qiaohan onto the bus and sat right behind Han Zhuofeng and Xie Jiling, occupying the most advantageous location to do something.

"Did you bring snacks?" Yan Zhiqing asked Fang Qiaohan.

Since they were watching a gossip news story in real life, they had to eat some melon seeds.

"I have crab cucumber-flavored melon seeds, and it has no shells," Fang Qiaohan said.

Yan Zhiqing nodded and said, "Sure."

Fang Qiaohan took out a bag of melon seeds from her bag.

Yan Zhiqing tore open the bag, poured a few melon seeds into her mouth, and started to message Lu Man and Shi Xiaoya on WeChat.

The three of them had a separate group chat for the convenience of chatting with each other.

Without saying a single word, Yan Zhiqing sent the few pictures she had taken.

Lu Man had nothing to do at home.

Shi Xiaoya took this chance and gave herself a half-a-day off.

As such, the two immediately responded.

Lu Man was confused.

Shi Xiaoya was shocked.

Yan Zhiqing messaged. "Are you two stunned?"

Shi Xiaoya said, "Does Zhuofeng move that fast?"

Lu Man said, "Although he is my younger brother-in-law, I have to call him a pervert! Jiling is still very young!"

To Lu Man, Xie Jiling was her little sister.

Yan Zhiqing smiled and reminded Lu Man, "She's an adult."

"Don't be anxious yet," Yan Zhiqing said, "They didn't kiss. Jiling was just sleeping."

### Chapter 3432: I Will Pay For the Visitation

"I think Zhuofeng was just curious and looked at her while she was sleeping."

"But if we consider how proactive he is, he has to have other intentions," Yan Zhiqing said.

"I think that's good. Jiling can exorcise, while Zhuofeng is scared of those things. Look at how safe he feels when he is with Jiling," Yan Zhiqing added.

Lu Man was speechless.

Shi Xiaoya didn't know what to say. "..."

That made sense.

Yan Zhiqing quickly said, "When I was boarding the plane today, I told Jiling that we should sit together. Do you know what Han Zhuofeng said even before Jiling could respond?"

Lu Man and Shi Xiaoya were curious. They immediately asked, "What did he say?"

Yan Zhiqing said, "He said he has to sit next to Jiling, so he could use her aura to ward off evil and bad luck!"

Lu Man was dumbfounded.

Shi Xiaoya was speechless. "..."

This little brother-in-law of theirs was quite capable!

In their opinion, Han Zhuofeng would soon be known by many as a coward.

"However, that still means he approves of Jiling, right?" Lu Man said, "You know how stubborn that guy is."

Lu Man knew too well about him.

Back then, before Han Zhuoling came back, Han Zhuoli had brought her to the Han family home once.

Back then, Han Zhuofeng was a typical overly self-conscious teenager.

He looked at her like she had stolen his brother.

He was such a delusional teen.

When Lu Man thought about it, she felt a little sad.

In the blink of an eye, so many years had already passed.

The middle schooler back then had grown up and matured. He had even become a director.

Time went by so quickly.

"I think Han Zhuofeng's reason is valid, but I'm pretty sure that's not the only reason why he wants to stick to Jiling," Yan Zhiqing said, "He probably just doesn't have it figured out right now. After all, he has been single this whole time because of the things he has been doing."

Yan Zhiqing had also experienced such a thing.

Back then, because of the things she had been doing, she deserved to be single.

Therefore, Yan Zhiqing used her past experience to analyze this situation, and she arrived at a reasonable conclusion.

In addition, there were pictures.

This was clear evidence!

Shi Xiaoya and Lu Family hurriedly sent the pictures to the Han Family's group chat.

The men in the family were all busy working. However, Old Mrs. Han, Lin Liye, and Shen Nuo weren't busy.

So, when the notification rang, the three immediately checked the group chat.

When they saw the pictures, they went crazy.

Old Mrs. Han was so excited she detested how slow the handwriting keyboard was. She immediately sent a voice message. "What happened? Is Zhuofeng in love?"

Lin Liye felt overjoyed. "Do you not have any pictures of her face? What does the girl look like?"

Lu Man explained with a voice message.

When the three heard that Han Zhuofeng wasn't in a relationship yet, they were very disappointed.

Shi Xiaoya said, "At least, Zhuofeng knows what to do now. He might not be aware of it, but this is a good beginning since he is willing to be with Jiling."

"Yes. I have never seen him this close with anyone else," Lu Man said.

Old Mrs. Han also agreed after pondering.

They were all exhilarated.

"I didn't expect Zhuofeng to be this capable. He's still young. He isn't an old single man yet," Old Mrs. Han said happily, "He's not like his two older brothers. He is better than them."

Lu Man felt the corner of her mouth twitch. She thought to herself, 'Old Mrs. Han, do you really not know how capable Han Zhuofeng has been at remaining single?'

If you had seen it with your own eyes, you would not have such thoughts.

Shen Nuo focused on the details, and she asked, "You said that... this little girl... can exorcise?"

"Yes." Lu Man said, "You have to believe it. Xie Jiling is from the Xie Family, and she lived in the Mount Lan Compound for a while. The Mount Lan Compound can guarantee that she has the skills."

"Yes. You can ask Xiao Cai," Shi Xiaoya said, "He definitely knows."

"In addition, when Jiling was exorcising the fox spirit, Zhuoling and were present. We saw it with our own eyes."

However, Shi Xiaoya didn't tell them that Xie Jiling was very familiar with even the soul reapers of the underworld.

After all, Old Mrs. Han was very old and would probably think of such conversations as taboo.

Even if Old Mrs. Han didn't think that such conversations weren't taboo, those topics could still bring bad luck.

Shi Xiaoya was worried that she might scare Old Mrs. Han.

"Then, I must meet her!" Old Mrs. Han immediately felt really curious.

Even Shi Xiaoya said that she had seen it with her own eyes. And so, Old Mrs. Han trusted Xie Jiling even more.

"What was the situation back then? Tell us," Old Mrs. Han said.

Shi Xiaoya then told them everything that had happened.

She included even the details of Han Zhuofeng cowardly screaming for Han Zhuoling and running to get them.

Old Mrs. Han felt the corner of her eyes twitch.

How did that dude become such a coward?

Lin Liye felt helpless. "Will girls even fall for him when he is such a coward? If he encounters some monsters or spirits, the girl will have to protect him."

That would be so embarrassing...

Lu Man didn't think much about it. "Everyone has their own strengths. Even if he weren't a coward, he still wouldn't have any idea how to handle that ghost encounter. As long as he doesn't show any fear when handling the matters of the living, then it's fine."

"Yes. Man Man is right." Shen Nuo nodded in agreement, "Even if he weren't a coward, he still wouldn't have been able to deal with that situation. Instead of making the situation worse, he might as well let Jiling handle it. Zhuofeng had to have been aware of this. He knew it was unwise to pretend that he was capable."

"As for the matters of the living, no member of the Han Family has shown any fear toward that," Shen Nuo said.

Old Mrs. Han and Lin Liye both nodded.

This was reasonable.

Old Mrs. Han then said, "When are they coming back? When they come back, ask the little girl to visit our house."

Old Mrs. Han thought about it and said, "Just tell her that this house needs an exorcism!"

Lu Man froze.

What was going on?

Exorcism work in the family house when there wasn't any ghost?

Old Mrs. Han said, "Just ask her to check the house! It's best if there's nothing. If there's something, she can just take the opportunity and exorcise it."

"If not, what other reasons can you come up with to get her to visit this house? I think this reason is perfect," Old Mrs. Han said, "I will pay for the visitation."

Lu Man thought to herself. "Sure. This is indeed the way Old Mrs. Han does things."

She was willing to pay just to get her future granddaughter-in-law to visit the house.

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Han Zhuofeng had no idea that his two older sisters-in-law had already betrayed him.

Old Mrs. Han was even thinking about using money to get Xie Jiling to visit the house.

Xie Jiling herself didn't expect something this good to happen—being paid for not doing work.

At this moment, the two remained clueless as they sat in front of Yan Zhiqing.

Xie Jiling had gotten some snacks from He Yuliang and the others.

She had brought some snacks with her as well and had shared some with He Yuliang and the others.

At this moment, she checked her bag.

Then, she took out a pack of pickled bean curd and another pack of spicy fishballs.

She then took out a packet of pork snacks, a packet of crispy shrimp, a packet of squid whiskers, and another packet of garlic-flavored boneless chicken feet.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

How many snacks did she have in her bag?

In addition, the snacks had strong flavors.

**Chapter 3433: Missing** 

"Which kind do you want?" Xie Jiling couldn't carry so many. She put her backpack down.

The back of the backpack was flat. She used the back of the bag as a small table and piled the snacks on top of the bag.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Xie Jiling stared at him. She was clearly waiting for him to choose.

Han Zhuofeng took a glance at the snacks and eventually chose the pork and the crispy shrimp.

But then, Xie Jiling immediately started sulking. "Why did you take so much?"

Han Zhuofeng looked at the snacks in his hand and said in confusion, "I only took two!"

Weren't you the one who asked me to take snacks?

And when I did, you thought I took too much!

In addition, did he even take too much?

He only took two packs!

"Those two are my favorites. You should leave one for me, at least," Xie Jiling said.

"..." Han Zhuofeng pointed at the snacks left on the backpack and asked, "Since you like these two the most, why did you bring the others?"

"I like these, too. I just don't like those two as much as the other snacks. For example, this one is my second favorite snack and this one is my third favorite," Xie Jiling explained.

"If you bring more, you can have more choices." Xie Jiling added.

She would usually feel lonely whenever she was traveling on her own.

As such, she would bring more snacks and munch away. If she had something to do, she wouldn't feel that lonely.

Even though these two were her favorites, she couldn't just eat these snacks.

When Han Zhuofeng heard this, he didn't give the snacks back to her. Instead, he said, "Really? I will have to taste them then to see if they're actually really good."

With this, she tore open the pork snack packet.

There were three pieces. He bit the three pieces together like he was afraid that Xie Jiling might snatch the snack back.

"Aiya! It is really delicious. I should try a bit of everything then," Han Zhuofeng said.

Han Zhuofeng didn't really like eating snacks. But when he saw Xie Jiling sulking, the snacks tasted really good.

Xie Jiling was speechless.

Yan Zhiqing and the others sitting behind them had their eyes wide and mouths agape.

In Yan Zhiqing's opinion, even with Xie Jiling here, Han Zhuofeng still had a high chance of being single.

Xie Jiling didn't expect Han Zhuofeng to be shameless to the point that he would steal her snacks.

Xie Jiling was worried that Han Zhuofeng would finish all the snacks if she didn't start eating right away.

As such, Xie Jiling stopped talking. She hurriedly tore the packs open and started stuffing her mouth with snacks.

However, as she continued munching, she started to not care at all.

Han Zhuofeng could eat as much as he wanted.

This gave them things to do, and they didn't feel bored.

The hotel that they booked was near the Danxia Natural Scenic Area in Ta Town.

It was a homestay.

Since one house was not big enough to accommodate everyone, Han Zhuofeng booked the entire house next to it as well.

The Danxia Natural Scenic Area was located far from the center of Ta Town.

If they lived in the city or the outskirts of the city, the daily round trip to the scenic area would take a long time.

To protect Danxia's landscape, they didn't dare to expand the urban area close to the scenic area.

If travelers wanted things to be more convenient, they could only stay in a homestay near the scenic area.

Thankfully, this was a popular tourist scenic area. Therefore, there were a lot of homestays.

Although they were called homestays, these houses were three stories high.

Some homestays were three-story villas, and some were three-story apartment buildings.

There was a continuous row of these homestays, and there were many places to stay.

But considering that Yan Zhiqing and even Yu Xianrao, who was still quite popular despite his lower pay rate, were present...

If there were other guests in the homestay, things might become really chaotic if they saw Yan Zhiqing.

As such, Han Zhuofeng booked an entire house and the house next to it.

One was a villa reserved for the cast members.

The other homestay was an apartment building and this was reserved for the staff members.

Xie Jiling's classmates were here as well. He Yuliang and the other classmates would take up at least four rooms even if they were to make two people share one room. And so, Han Zhuofeng had no choice but to arrange for them to stay in the same apartment as the film crew members.

Han Zhuofeng obviously had to stay with the cast members.

Fortunately, of the classmates that came here with Xie Jiling, four were boys, and four were girls. As a result, Xie Jiling became the odd one out.

She had to stay at the villa.

Her room was right next to Han Zhuofeng's room.

This way, Han Zhuofeng wouldn't have to be scared!

Although he couldn't stay with Xie Jiling and there would be a wall between their rooms, this was already acceptable to Han Zhuofeng.

When they arrived at the place, everyone took their luggage with them and went to check in first.

Although Han Zhuofeng had booked both homestays, Ta Town wasn't a place with high living costs.

Even if these homestays were near the tourist and scenic area, it didn't cost a lot to stay in the place.

And now, both houses were occupied by their own people, so everyone felt more relaxed.

The owner of the villa had no idea that they were here to film their movie.

Yan Zhiqing and the others had covered their faces really well, so the owner couldn't recognize them.

If they were somewhere else and they covered their faces like this, people might look at them more out of curiosity.

However, Ta Town was a place with high UV rays. And it was very sandy as well.

In Ta Town, it was normal for a person who didn't want to be tanned or dusty to cover themselves up like this. This was especially true for girls.

After the homestay owner checked them in, he said to them, "The homestay provides a shuttle bus that departs to the nearby scenic area."

"It's a standard shuttle bus that leaves at 9 AM, stopping at Danxia scenic area once and at the Ghost Town once. The shuttle bus will depart again at 5 PM, taking a stop at the Ghost Town once and to the Danxia scenic area to pick up the rest of the tourists," the owner said.

Han Zhuofeng smiled and said, "It's alright. We booked a car."

The owner nodded and said, "That's fine then. However, if you want to go to the ghost town, you should remember not to stay later than 5 pm in the afternoon. You have to come back before that time."

Han Zhuofeng shuddered and asked nervously, "Why must I leave before 5 PM in the afternoon?"

Han Zhuofeng was whispering like he was worried that someone else might hear him.

While he was asking, he dragged Xie Jiling over and asked her to listen as well.

Han Zhuofeng must have shown the perfect reaction, as the owner seemed to enjoy his reaction.

The owner lowered his voice as well. "Experts have debunked the rumor, saying that it is because the Ghost Town is a place with strong wind and strange rocks. They say that when the wind blows through the gaps in those rocks, it will make noises that will sound like the cries of a ghost, but in reality, there is nothing scary there."

"However, the locals had unknowingly agreed not to go or stay in Ghost Town after 5 PM," the owner whispered.

Han Zhuofeng rubbed his hands and asked, "Why? Did something happen in the past?"

The owner nodded and said, "The rumor about the Ghost Town is very scary. However, a certain type of mushroom grows out of the root of the rocks there. That type of mushroom is a specialty of Ta Town. It tastes delicious, and some experts even tested the soil and found that the minerals in the rocks are in the soil as well."

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## **Chapter 3434: Untitled**

"There are no other places with such minerals. Ghost Town is the only place. They even tested the mushrooms and found that there are no harmful substances in the mushrooms. The mushrooms are especially delicious. No other mushrooms can compete with this mushroom."

"However, because it only grows in the area where the rock and the soil are connected, not much is produced. Strangely enough, we have tried taking the mushrooms and cultivating them by ourselves, but it was just impossible. We could only cultivate such mushrooms in Ghost Town," the owner added.

"But thankfully, such mushrooms can be grown as long as they are done in Ghost Town. You just can't do it outside of Ghost Town. We could produce more of it in Ghost Town than if it were naturally grown," the owner explained.

"In the beginning, we thought that the sounds you hear in Ghost Town are caused by the wind and the rocks. And so, many people didn't take the sounds seriously and would pick mushrooms until the sky darkened."

"But then, something happened. There was a person who didn't make it back. The next day, many people formed groups and went to search for him in Ghost Town," the owner said.

"Someone went missing. In the beginning, everyone was rather nervous, and no one dared to go out again at night. However, a long time passed by, and nothing bad happened. Soon, people started to forget about it. But then, someone went missing again. They didn't come back after the sky darkened, so they never managed to return."

Han Zhuofeng frowned and asked, "Had those who stayed late made it back?"

"Before the first person went missing, there were people who made it back," the owner said, "However, nothing happened to them. I don't know why the person went missing. But when the first person went missing, everyone got scared."

"Even after everyone felt more relaxed, they kept in mind not to stay too late in Ghost Town and to leave Ghost Town before the sky darkens. The second person who went missing stayed in Ghost Town even after the sky dimmed, and he was the only one who had done that since the first case."

"Therefore, regardless of the reason, the locals decided that everyone must leave Ghost Town before it's dark. However, there are usually a large number of tourists. We were worried that the tourists might lose track of time when they are having fun."

"In addition, even if the tourists heard about this, they might not take this seriously. They might think that we were just paranoid and might not take our warnings to heart. Some brave ones would try to stay and see if something actually happens."

"I am telling you. Since Ghost Town became famous, people started coming here to explore. So, the staff at Ghost Town would check the area at 4:30 pm, and ask all the tourists to leave, then they would close the gate at exactly 5 PM."

"But some people would intentionally hide from the staff members. However, based on what happened the first time, not everyone who stayed until it was dark would encounter something bad. This depends on luck as well," said the owner.

"Therefore, not every tourist who stayed would encounter something bad. There were a total of three tourists who hid in Ghost Town. They were lucky that nothing happened to them. However, we really cannot guarantee that they will be fine every time. Therefore, whenever we get tourists, we would remind them about this. In addition, the staff members in Ghost Town check the area every day. And they are definitely helping."

"Although I can't guarantee that it is because there's something in Ghost Town, the two missing cases both happened in Ghost Town," the owner added, "I know you have a lot of people with you, but you mustn't risk it just because you have a lot of people with you."

"No matter what, you should try to save yourself the trouble if you can." When the owner saw that everyone present was young, he gave this instruction.

He was scared that these youngsters were fearless and energetic.

If they heard his words, they might instead do the opposite.

"Just don't let your curiosity lure you into going on an adventure and getting into danger or even getting killed. That is not worth it at all," the owner reminded.

Han Zhuofeng nodded in agreement.

He never understood those people who would do things that might kill themselves.

Even if the rumor might not be true, you still had to take it seriously.

Who knew if it was real or not?

What if they tried the challenge and something bad actually happened?

Han Zhuofeng was really careful. He refused to do anything that might kill him!

"I definitely won't be going. I will make sure the others won't go as well," Han Zhuofeng said.

He wasn't worried about the film crew and cast members.

They would all be busy working and would have no time to do such things.

He was mainly worried about Xie Jiling's classmates.

They seemed to have traveled here for this ghost town.

Han Zhuofeng then told Xie Jiling, "Remind your classmates that it's alright if they leave to sightsee, but they have to get out of Ghost Town before 5 PM. Just because they're curious doesn't mean it's good for them to hide."

"Oh. Okay." Xie Jiling nodded.

She never thought that Han Zhuofeng was being a coward.

Instead, by being careful, Han Zhuofeng was being responsible.

People who risk their lives to explore strange places and go on adventures weren't actually mature people.

They were making of their own lives.

If you couldn't even be responsible for yourself, how could you be responsible for other people?

Even if it might result in unemployment, all exorcists would be really happy if everyone was as cautious as Han Zhuofeng.

They all went back to their rooms and placed their luggage down. Xie Jiling then sent a message to the group chat with all nine of them in it.

She told them what the owner had said.

Ren Linna was the first to respond, "Yes. The people here warned us as well. They asked us to leave Ghost Town before 5 PM."

Kuang Xiaorou said next, "I already told the four boys that it's fine for them to sightsee in Ghost Town since it is a famous tourist area, but they have to listen to the warnings and leave before five."

Feng Yaqing said, "Right. They saw you exorcise those things, so they should believe it and won't cross the line."

Zhang Tonglin said, "At least they won't dare to do anything stupid while you are gone."

If this happened in the past, He Yuliang and the others would have daringly gone.

But after what they had experienced, they knew that they couldn't just venture anywhere.

He Yuliang and the other guys appeared in the chat group.

They all promised that they wouldn't do anything that might kill themselves.

Xie Jiling then felt at ease.

She then recalled Han Zhuofeng's words.

Therefore, Xie Jiling lay on her bed and rested while waiting.

After waiting for around twenty minutes, she heard a knock at the door.

At the same time, Han Zhuofeng's voice sounded outside the door. "Jiling, are you ready? We are leaving now. Or do you want to rest a little more?"

Xie Jiling opened the door and saw Han Zhuofeng standing outside.

Xie Jiling then said, "Let's go now. I'm ready."

But then, Xie Jiling said, "Wait a minute."

With this, she turned and picked up another cloth shoulder bag.

This was previously in her backpack.

She had taken the cloth shoulder bag out.

It was because the backpack was too big, and it wasn't very convenient for her to carry it.

Of course, daily items necessary for exorcism were all in the cloth bag.

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#### Chapter 3435: When Did Han Zhuofeng Become So Bold?

Xie Jiling lifted her bag and slung her bag over her shoulder. Then, she walked to the door and said, "Alright. Let's go."

Xie Jiling walked out and closed the door. She then went to the hotel lobby with Han Zhuofeng.

Some of the production crew members staying at the neighboring apartment homestay came by and went to the filming location with them.

If Han Zhuofeng found anything unsuitable, the production crew members could change it as soon as possible.

He Yuliang and the others weren't in a rush to go sightseeing. They went to the villa to ask Yan Zhiqing if they could take a picture with her.

Han Zhuofeng and the others came to the scenic area by car.

They had negotiated with the local authorities and isolated a small area for the shooting.

However, to protect the landscape, they weren't allowed to trample around.

However, there were wooden boardwalks built at the side.

They would need to rely on special effects to create scenes of them walking on the ground.

The camera crew member chose some camera angles and tried their best to create what Han Zhuofeng wanted.

A vast and barren alien world.

"Good, this is the feeling I want." Han Zhuofeng nodded.

After saying that, Han Zhuofeng asked Xie Jiling, "Take a look. Are there any problems?"

Xie Jiling then took out a compass from her bag.

The corners of the people's eyes twitched.

Would Director bring a master with him wherever he went?

Initially, they thought that Xie Jiling was Han Zhuofeng's young girlfriend.

Previously, when they were at the filming location in B City, Han Zhuofeng took Xie Jiling around and showed her every corner.

At that time, they guessed that Xie Jiling might be Han Zhuofeng's girlfriend.

And today, they saw Xie Jiling and her classmates joining this trip.

The production crew members felt even more certain of their conjectures.

They guessed that Xie Jiling was using this holiday to travel with Han Zhuofeng.

This couple must be deeply in love now. If not, why couldn't they wait for a few days? Why would they come here together?

It was all because she could keep Han Zhuofeng company while he was working.

When they were on the way here, the staff members chatted with Xie Jiling's classmates and found out that Xie Jiling was only a first-year student in college.

Upon knowing this, the staff members' first thought was that their director was a pervert!

People in their first year of college had just graduated high school. Director Han managed to wrap Xie Jiling around his finger when she had just reached legal age.

Wasn't he clearly targeting this little girl because she was inexperienced?

If this wasn't what a pervert was like, what would they be like?!

But then, Xie Jiling took out a compass from her bag.

She had such a piece of professional equipment. She even kept it with her at all times.

Director Han's girlfriend was so special.

"There's nothing wrong here," Xie Jiling said.

After she said that, the needle in the center of the compass shook for a second.

"Eh?" Xie Jiling uttered subconsciously.

Han Zhuofeng immediately asked, "Why? What's wrong?"

Xie Jiling checked the compass again and saw that the compass was no longer reacting.

However, the compass needle was pointing right at where Ghost Town was located.

Xie Jiling just didn't know if it was actually pointing at Ghost Town.

"It's nothing," Xie Jiling said, "The compass reacts based on the electromagnetic field. It will move if it detects an abnormality in the electromagnetic field."

"The compass moved..." Before Xie Jiling finished her sentence, she saw the lanky dude Han Zhuofeng moving closer to her.

He stood beside her. His arm was touching her arm.

It was almost as though he was trying really hard to control himself not to hug her.

The corner of Xie Jiling's mouth twitched.

"Don't worry. It is not here," Xie Jiling said.

However, Han Zhuofeng still didn't relax at all. He whispered inquisitively, "Is it nearby? Is it in Ta Town?"

Han Zhuofeng suddenly felt that it was unsafe to stay in Ta Town.

Xie Jiling felt speechless.

"There are many reasons why there are abnormalities in an electromagnetic field. The presence of a vengeful ghost would disrupt the electromagnetic field. But this is just one of the reasons..." Xie Jiling explained, "The disruption could also be caused by an underground ore, which can mess up the electromagnetic field."

"Especially considering the peculiar landform, there's a high chance that it's the second reason," Xie Jiling said.

Han Zhuofeng then let out a sigh of relief.

However, Xie Jiling was still thinking about it.

She said that not entirely because she wanted to comfort Han Zhuofeng.

However, a big part of the reason she gave that explanation was to comfort him.

There was the possibility of the cause being the second reason. However, it didn't mean that it was not caused by the first reason.

Considering what the owner of the homestay had said, Xie Jiling really wanted to visit Ghost Town.

However, the compass didn't show a huge reaction.

It trembled for a second and went back to normal.

And so, Xie Jiling wasn't certain.

The second reason being the cause was highly likely.

Otherwise, it had to be a very high-level vengeful ghost able to hide its presence from the compass.

When the compass detected it, it immediately hid its own electromagnetic field.

Vengeful ghosts that could do that weren't ordinary at all.

Therefore, Xie Jiling hoped that it was the second reason.

No matter what, Xie Jiling had already decided to visit Ghost Town.

"There's nothing wrong here. Let's go to Ghost Town," Han Zhuofeng said.

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Xie Jiling was shocked. When did Han Zhuofeng become so bold? He even suggested going to ghost Town.

It was fine to go there during the day.

However, Han Zhuofeng didn't seem like the kind of person who would dare to go there, even during the day.

The disbelief in Xie Jiling's expression was too obvious. Han Zhuofeng choked and said, "Because we have plans to film in Ghost Town, we have to go check it out."

Han Zhuofeng felt chills on the back of his neck.

He lifted his hand and rubbed the back of his neck before saying, "We will just have to leave before five. This is good for us as well. It will give us more time to rest."

"Oh. Alright." Xie Jiling naturally didn't care at all.

Afterward, they went to Ghost Town by car.

Since Ghost Town was a famous haunted spot, there were even more tourists there than at Danxia Scenic Area.

The huge sign that said Ghost Town could be seen from afar as they drove.

They parked the car at the tourist parking lot, and everyone got out of the car and stepped into the entrance.

The huge gate was built later on.

After they entered the gate, they would cross a bridge.

At the beginning of the bridge stood an old woman who looked numb to life.

Obviously, this was Meng Po, the goddess of forgetfulness.

"Is this... Naihe Bridge`?" Han Zhuofeng thought that these things were really unlucky!

However, to people who loved thrills, this design attracted a lot of attraction.

There were groups of tourists taking pictures at the beginning of the bridge.

Although this was Naihe Bridge, this was really just a small arched bridge that you could cross with just a few steps.

After crossing the bridge, there were different types of statues on both sides of the road.

There were statues of people pulling people's tongues and statues of people cutting people's fingers.

There were statues of someone hanging from the iron tree and someone whose back was riddled with knives.

Without looking at every statue, Han Zhuofeng knew that these sculptures were made based on the eighteen levels of hell.

Starting from the first level, which would be the Hell of Tongue Ripping, the levels onward would be the Hell of Scissors, the Hell of Trees of Knives, the Hell of Mirrors of Retribution, the Hell of Steaming, the Hell of Copper Pillars, the Hell of the Mountain of Knives, the Hell of the Mountain of Ice, the Hell of Oil Cauldrons, the Hell of the Pit of Cattle, the Hell of Boulder Crushing, the Hell of Mortars and Pestles, the Hell of the Pool of Blood, the Hell of the Wrongful Dead, the Hell of Dismemberment, the Hell of the Mountain of Fire, the Hell of Mills, and the Hell of Sawing.

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# Chapter 3436: Don't You Think It Looks Like a Person?

Even though Han Zhuofeng knew that these were sculptures and everything was fake...

And that no one knew what hell looked like...

However, Han Zhuofeng was still horrified and felt a shiver down his spine as he stared at these sculptures.

He glanced over at Xie Jiling and started inching closer and closer to Xie Jiling.

Xie Jiling was speechless.

She knew that Han Zhuofeng was doing this because he was scared. And so, Xie Jiling allowed him to stay close to her.

Otherwise, anyone who dared to walk this close to her would be kicked away!

"Does the eighteen levels of hell really look like this in the underworld?" Han Zhuofeng asked.

"Not exactly." Xie Jiling nodded, "How should I put this?"

Xie Jiling thought about it and said, "The judge's book of life and death records everything the person has done in their lifetime. The punishment will be decided based on the evil they have done in their lifetime. For example, thieves and burglars would have their hands cut off, which is similar to going to the Hell of Scissors, while murderers will be whipped."

"The sin of murder also has relative severity and this severity can decide the time duration of the whipping. Of course, the units of time for the punishment duration are years."

"Some are similar to the description of hell in folklore. However, there are still some differences."

"When ordinary people die and go to the underworld, their family members would usually burn clothes and house offerings, right? Those people can use these offerings and choose a piece of land in the underworld. They then wait there for their chance to reincarnate. Queuing up takes time. The people still waiting for their turn to reincarnate would work for the underworld. There are all kinds of jobs, including cleaning, assisting the soul reapers to maintain the order of the hell, collecting the ingredients for Mengpo soup, and so on."

"The people who are at the end of their queue would quit their jobs and reincarnate. And their jobs would be taken over by people who have just joined the underworld. There are advantages to working. The length of service and contribution can affect what and who you become in your next life. The greater the contribution, the higher chance of getting a better reincarnation."

Han Zhuofeng was shocked. He didn't expect the underworld to have such particular rules!

"As for vengeful spirits, unless they encounter actual exorcists, most of them end up dying. Their souls will scatter and vanish. If their souls are purified, and they went to the underworld, they can only be given the chance to reincarnate after they have been punished. If they have killed people before, their souls would be whipped. If they were able to survive the whipping, they will then get a chance at reincarnation. If they died, their soul will then scatter and vanish."

"If the ghost became a vengeful spirit because of a wrongful death, the punishment will be reduced based on their cause of death," Xie Jiling said, "Anyway, there are a lot of details to this system. It's not exactly the same as what these sculptures are conveying."

"These stories were influenced by the evolution of the local folktales," Xie Jiling said, "Look at these sculptures. The soul reapers look really fierce and scary, but you have seen them before."

Xie Jiling didn't continue explaining. She just asked Han Zhuofeng to think about it.

Han Zhuofeng thought about it and agreed.

He recalled the two soul reapers he had seen when the fox spirit was being exorcised.

Aside from their pale faces, the soul reapers were very cheerful.

They didn't look fierce and scary.

They soon entered Ghost Town.

They didn't expect that the first thing they would pass by after entering Ghost Town was the mushroom farm.

This was a good advertisement for the mushrooms, a specialty of Ghost Town.

Because they couldn't cultivate the mushrooms outside of Ghost Town, they moved the rocks and soil in Ghost Town to this mushroom farm and cultivated the mushrooms in this location.

You could even buy the specialty mushroom at this farm.

Moreover, to actually enter Ghost Town, you would need to enter and exit this mushroom farm.

This farm could be considered a gateway to Ghost Town.

Even if you didn't buy anything, you would still have to walk through this farm.

This design was very commercialized.

After you exit the farm, you could then consider yourself to have officially entered Ghost Town.

There were staff workers of Ghost Town waiting at the entrance of the farm.

Because they knew that the production crew was here to film, they specially waited here to guide and introduce them to Ghost Town.

Because there were many tourists, even with the strange rocks everywhere, Ghost Town didn't feel gloomy or scary.

Han Zhuofeng felt more relaxed.

In addition to the creepy sounds at night, another reason why this was a ghost town was because of these strange rocks.

The black rocks stood everywhere and could be found in random places.

There was a pathway in the middle big enough for people to walk. However, because these rocks were very tall...

If you looked up, you would only see rocks, nothing else.

It was like a maze constructed by nature. If you weren't careful, you could get lost in this maze.

There were still people right now, but Han Zhuofeng could imagine that...

If there weren't any tourists here and if there were just a few people, it would not look the same at all.

This place would become really gloomy. If you weren't careful and got separated from your companions, it would take a while for you to find them.

As Han Zhuofeng thought about this, he hurriedly held Xie Jiling's hand.

It didn't matter if he got separated from the members of the production crew, but he must not be separated from Xie Jiling.

"..." Xie Jiling lowered her head and stared at the hand that was gripped by Han Zhuofeng. She then looked up at Han Zhuofeng.

Han Zhuofeng said in a serious manner, "I am scared that you and I might get separated."

Xie Jiling nodded and didn't try to break free.

The members of the production crew were all secretly roasting Director Han as they followed behind.

Was Director Han actually a coward, or was he doing this intentionally?

Xie Jiling suddenly lifted her free right hand and pointed at a weird stone nearby. "Look at that rock."

Han Zhuofeng shuddered and said, "What's wrong?"

"Don't you think it looks like a person? The top of the rock is slightly circular, and there are three holes. The two holes on the top look like eyes, and the hole on the bottom looks like a wide open mouth. Don't you think the entire thing looks like a deformed skull?" Xie Jiling asked.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Are you the devil?

Everyone in the production crew was speechless.

Did it feel nice to scare Director Han?

Han Zhuofeng looked really scared.

"By the way, this looked like a scene in the old version of the first episode of the movie Mummy." There was a mage with the ability to control sand and transformed it into a human head. Let me search for it," Xie Jiling said and took out her phone.

Han Zhuofeng was still holding her left hand. Xie Jiling could only use her phone with one hand, and it was rather troublesome.

But then, when she swiped and unlocked her screen, she realized that there was no signal.

"No signal," Xie Jiling frowned and said, "Are you guys getting signals?"

When everyone heard this, they all took out their phones and checked.

As expected, they had no signal.

"What's going on? Does this place block cell signals?" the crowd asked puzzledly.

There were many tourists here. However, since they were in a place called Ghost Town...

It felt really scary to know that there was no reception for your phone.

"Yes. There is no reception here," When the staff heard this, they immediately explained.

"There has never been any reception here, but the weird thing is that the signal would return whenever you walk out of Ghost Town," the staff member added.

"In the beginning, we thought it was because this place was too remote and the reception signal is not strong enough. So, the three major communication corporations constructed another base station here..."

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## **Chapter 3437: Untitled**

"Who knows? We just don't get reception here," the staff member said.

"We have asked the experts to check the geological features here. After all, this is a tourist attraction area. Considering that we have a lot of tourists, if something bad were to happen, it would be horrible if we can't call the police in time," said the staff member.

"But then, when the expert checked this area, he said that these strange rocks emit very strong electromagnetic waves, and the electromagnetic waves are disrupting the reception," explained the staff member.

If not, when the first missing case happened, they wouldn't have known something.

However, since this place had no reception, the people here couldn't contact anyone outside.

This was why the staff members would be dispatched to check every area when it was closing time.

They were really scared that someone might be left in here.

Not everyone stayed here after closing time because they wanted to explore.

Some had gotten lost...

With these tall rocks everywhere, it was really easy to become lost.

"If so, why don't you mark the ground?" a production crew asked.

"To keep Ghost Town the way it is, we don't modify anything, with the exception of the farm at the entrance, which was constructed for the industrial development of Ta Town. We didn't change anything else," said the staff member.

"Ghost Town is famous for these scary colors. We hope to maintain its original appearance to attract more tourists. It's just more tiring for us. We will just have to check more carefully," the staff member said.

"Since you mentioned the farm..." Han Zhuofeng said, "The mushrooms in Ghost Town are really famous. I heard they grow between the rock and the soil. Why didn't I see any during this entire walk?"

The staff member smiled and said, "It's because we are scared that the tourists might pick the mushrooms. The mushrooms from Ghost Town have always been a specialty of Ghost Town. If these mushrooms were everywhere in Ghost Town, who would buy them? So, the people who cultivate the mushrooms would survey this entire area once a day to gather all the mushrooms."

The staff member answered every question without keeping any secrets.

Upon hearing that the rocks emit abnormal electromagnetic waves...

Han Zhuofeng asked Xie Jiling softly, "Did your compass react that way because of the electromagnetic waves here?"

Han Zhuofeng recalled that Xie Jiling had given that explanation when they had been at Daxia Scenic Area.

Xie Jiling didn't expect that she had guessed correctly.

She nodded and said, "Previously, I thought there was only a fifty percent chance of that being the reason. But now, there's a higher chance that it's because of the electromagnetic waves."

Han Zhuofeng let out a sigh of relief. "I was so scared. I thought there really was something."

And so, he felt at ease and continued walking into the deeper areas.

"This area is deep within Ghost Town. There are very few tourists here. Most tourists are not that patient. When they first enter Ghost Town and see what's inside, they will feel amazed and shocked. But as they continue looking around, they would see that it's all there is to it. There are only weird stones, and everything else looks pretty similar. They would stop advancing further," said the staff member.

"When you are filming tomorrow, you can put up a barrier around this area to prevent the other tourists from disturbing you. However, you shouldn't barricade too big of an area. If not, the other tourists won't be able to tour around, and they might make a fuss about it, " said the staff member.

"Don't worry." Han Zhuofeng nodded. "We are trying to keep a low profile while filming anyway. We don't want the tourist to crowd around and watch us."

They were just here to scout out the filming location. The cinematographer set up the camera and filmed from different places. He then asked Han Zhuofeng for confirmation.

Soon, it was 4:30 PM.

The staff member immediately reminded, "Ladies and gentlemen, we got to hurry up and leave. This is the deepest region of Ghost Town. It will take us some time to leave, so we have to hurry now."

The voice of the radio rang out in the distance.

It was a reminder for the tourists. "Attention to all visitors! Attention to all visitors! Ghost Town will be closing in half an hour. Please leave before 5 PM. Please leave before 5 PM. The staff members will start clearing the area."

"For the tourists at the deepest area of the ghost town, please head to the exit as soon as possible."

Han Zhuofeng thought about the warnings of the homestay owner. He had no intention of attempting that kind of challenge.

He quickly said, "Everyone, pack up your things. We are leaving."

Everyone hurriedly put the equipment away.

They were just here to scout the area, so they didn't bring a lot of equipment. They didn't need to use a lot of things anyway.

And so, they quickly packed up.

And they hurriedly made their way out. No one stayed.

They were not brave.

The members of the production crew staying at the apartment had also heard about those stories while they were at the apartment.

No one dared to attempt anything that might kill them.

They all rushed to get out before Ghost Town closed.

When they were at the exit, they even heard the staff members asking each other, "Did you check inside? Is anyone still inside?"

"Xiaohu is checking the east district. He will be out soon."

"Alright..."

"Why are you all so nervous?" The production crew member was surprised. It was almost as though something big was about to happen, and this was making the tourists nervous as well.

The staff member leading the way looked around and said, "We have to feel nervous. We took down the news of the two missing cases. Even if the news of that spread, the occurrence of such events is too rare to shut Ghost Town down."

"However, if that happened again and again, it would force Ghost Town to close down." The staff member shook his head and said, "Ta Town's economy is not doing well. We don't have a developed industry or agriculture. We can only rely on tourism. The earnings from Danxia Scenic Area and the Ghost Town account for a large part of Ta Town's annual profit."

"Ghost Town especially attracts many tourists because of the rumors and because people love unusual things. Actually, as long as they abide by the rules and enter during the day and exit by 5 PM, nothing would happen to them. There are just some people who refused to be misled by fallacies. They put themselves in danger and potentially cause Ta Town to lose such a good tourist area," the staff member whispered.

"You can't say that." When Han Zhuofeng heard that, he said, "It is true that they are putting themselves and others in danger. They would hide from the staff members here. By the time the staff member finds them, the staff member would be at risk as well. They are making fun of their own lives. That is their fault."

"But similarly, the officials of Ghost Town should check what's going on with Ghost Town. Since the tourists can't control themselves, you should find the root cause and solve it," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling nodded heavily; she seemed to really agree with what Han Zhuofeng said.

She didn't expect that Han Zhuofeng, despite being a coward while they were in Ghost Town, could actually be so reasonable and eloquent.

The staff member smiled helplessly and said, "How did you know that we didn't try? We have tried so many methods, and nothing worked."

"When the person was missing, we contacted the police and gathered all our workers to search for the person. At that time, the police suspected that the person had already left. Maybe the person ran away..."

"But why would that person run away? That person had been doing a good job. We didn't lose anything, and none of our properties were damaged. Why would he run away? There was no reason for him to do that."

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### **Chapter 3438: Suddenly Felt Bad For Her**

"In addition, his home is here. Where can he go?"

"There was no solution. We could only treat it as a missing case," the staff member explained, "Both missing cases remain unsolved."

"In fact... it might not be suitable to talk about this in modern times, but we couldn't think of any other solutions. We even hired a great master to take a look at this place. We didn't hire a scammer. It was a very famous master from Hongkong."

"But he couldn't tell if there was anything weird. What could we do? We couldn't do anything," the staff member muttered.

"You mustn't tell another soul about this! It's really hard for us!" the staff member sighed.

Han Zhuofeng nodded and said, "I see. Don't worry. Both I and my employees will not say a word about this."

The worker smiled at them and said, "Then, I won't be seeing you all off. Drive safe."

"Sure. Do your thing." Han Zhuofeng smiled and said.

When the staff member left, everyone got in the car and went back to the homestay.

Han Zhuofeng then whispered and asked Xie Jiling, "Did you find anything earlier?"

Xie Jiling shook her head and said, "Are you filming there tomorrow?"

Han Zhuofeng nodded and said, "We will film the scenes at Ghost town first. And then, we will head to the Danxia Scenic Area."

"I think there's something weird with Ghost Town. If it weren't because of the scenes, I would never come here," Han Zhuofeng whispered and said, "I just want to be done with filming the scenes here as soon as possible. Only when they're done will I be at ease. I won't have to go there anymore, and nothing bad will happen."

Xie Jiling nodded and said, "I can come with you tomorrow and check again. There was not enough time today. If I can't find anything during the day..."

Xie Jiling paused before continuing, "Then, you all will leave at 5 PM sharp, and I will stay. I just feel sorry for those staff members. I will have to hide until nighttime to see what it is."

Han Zhuofeng's brows twitched.

Although he knew about Xie Jiling's capabilities, he was still worried when he heard that she wanted to stay by herself.

So, he told her how he felt.

Xie Jiling struggled as she opened her mouth. In the end, she felt bad about telling Han Zhuofeng that his worries would not change anything.

Was he going to stay?

In addition, what would be the use of him staying with her?

He wouldn't be able to do anything. She would simply be distracted by trying to protect him.

It would be better if he were gone.

However, Han Zhuofeng looked worried, so Xie Jiling felt bad about saying any harsh words.

But then, Han Zhuofeng gnashed his teeth and said, "If you can't find the answer during the day and you must stay at night, I will keep you company."

Xie Jiling was really impressed by Han Zhuofeng.

It had obviously been really difficult for Han Zhuofeng to say those words.

He was even scared of looking at some strange human-shaped rocks. How could he have the guts to keep her company?

"I know I would be of no help if I stayed," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling let out a sigh of relief upon realizing that Han Zhuofeng knew.

Otherwise, Xie Jiling would have to struggle to think of a way to show Han Zhuofeng the reality.

But then, Han Zhuofeng continued talking, "But you will be alone, and I'm worried about it. Even if I can't do anything, I can still be next to you."

"And if there's actually something here, I can talk to you while you are waiting for it to appear," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling moved her mouth and said, "Are you not afraid?"

You had been so afraid earlier...

"I'm scared." Han Zhuofeng said without any hesitation.

Xie Jiling was speechless.

"If you're scared, why would you still follow me?" Xie Jiling asked.

"I just think... Although you have a lot of experience and you are often working at night. You had no choice in the past, and you had to do it by yourself. But since I am here now, how can I let you, a girl, stay outside alone when it's so late?"

"Are you really not scared of the dark? It's not that you aren't scared, right? You just got used to it."

In addition, it didn't matter whether you were scared or not.

When Han Zhuofeng felt scared, he could just ask Xie Jiling to protect him.

But if Xie Jiling was scared, whose help could she seek?

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And so, she could not be afraid.

She wasn't fearless. She just had to be brave.

However, she was still young.

Even now, she was just a nineteen-year-old girl in her first year of college.

Xie Jiling had long gotten used to this. And no one had ever said such words to her either.

When it was her first time exorcising with her dad, it was in the middle of the night.

At that time, she was really scared. She couldn't help but held her father's hand tightly.

But her father told her that she was an exorcist and that exorcists should be fearless.

She had to help people.

If she was scared, what should those helpless people do?

And so, he couldn't protect her. She had to walk this journey by herself. She had to walk in the dark.

In fact, to build her courage, her father would even leave her alone at graveyards in the middle of the night.

As an exorcist, she was different from normal people.

Ordinary people could only sense the gloomy atmosphere. However, she could see them.

She would stay at the graveyard late at night and be accompanied by ghosts.

However, as she continued doing it, she no longer felt fear.

She kept her father's words in her mind.

She was an exorcist. She couldn't be afraid.

When she left the house representing Xie Family, some people didn't believe her and thought she was a scammer because of her young age.

Some people believed and entrusted all hope to her.

They hoped that she could exorcise.

But no one thought that she could feel fear as well.

Han Zhuofeng was the first.

Xie Jiling didn't understand how she felt right now. She felt sour, warm, and she felt as if she was melting.

"But even if you are here, it doesn't matter," Xie Jiling said, "Protecting you would be distracting."

Han Zhuofeng was dumbfounded. He didn't know what to say.

What Xie Jiling said was an issue.

He wanted to keep her company, but he didn't know anything, and he had no skills. He couldn't do anything well. Instead, she would have to protect her.

He might become her burden.

Han Zhuofeng felt sad and disappointed.

Since young until now, Han Zhuofeng had never been anyone's burden.

"Thank you," Xie Jiling suddenly said.

Han Zhuofeng looked at Xie Jiling in confusion.

Xie Jiling said, "Actually, no one has ever wondered if I could get scared or lonely."

Xie Jiling recalled how Han Zhuofeng took the initiative to help her carry her backpack at the airport.

At that time, he said that she could do it by herself if she were alone.

But since he was around, she could let him handle everything.

"When I first started exorcising, I was afraid. However, I stopped feeling afraid after it happened many times. Therefore, I think I will be fine by myself. But thank you. You are the first to worry about whether I might feel afraid and worry that I might not be able to handle it by myself."

Han Zhuofeng tried to move his mouth. He suddenly felt bad for Xie Jiling.

Xie Jiling smiled and said, "You shouldn't stay tomorrow. Gather everyone else and tell everyone to leave early. I will go check things out on my own."

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### Chapter 3439: Jiling, Are You Asleep?

Han Zhuofeng didn't say whether he would agree or not. The decision would be done tomorrow.

They went back to the homestay.

There were some restaurants nearby that specialized in flavors specific to Ta Town.

To preserve the natural scenic area, the area around Danxia Scenic Area was not allowed to be too developed.

However, since there were tourists, there had to be places to eat food.

There had to be restaurants.

However, the cleanliness in these restaurants was not particularly up to standard.

Because it wasn't convenient for Yan Zhiqing and the others to be at a place with a lot of people, they ordered takeout.

Han Zhuofeng and Xie Jiling didn't eat outside. They ate with Yan Zhiqing.

Han Zhuofeng told the film crew and cast about the situation at Ghost Town. "We will be filming at Ghost Town tomorrow. If you have nothing to do, don't walk around. Just stay with the crew. Jiling doesn't know what's going on in Ghost Town, so don't wander off by yourself. I'm scared that something bad might happen." "

Yan Zhiqing nodded and said, "I won't go anywhere."

Han Zhuofeng then notified the crew and cast through the group chat. However, he decided that he would emphasize this again at the filming location.

Yan Zhiqing didn't tag along with them today, so she was curious about the situation at Ghost Town.

Han Zhuofeng then told Yan Zhiqing what the staff member said.

"The place is similar to what the owner of the homestay told us. The staff workers of Ghost Town were all really nervous. They seem to be on standby at all times. It should be a little dangerous," said Han Zhuofeng.

Although Yan Zhiqing would mock Han Zhuofeng for being a coward, she knew that they should not be fearless in such situations.

After all, even Yan Zhiqing herself was afraid.

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When it was nighttime, Wei Wucai, Han Zhuoling, and Shi Xiaoya finally arrived.

The three had arrived sometime past 9 PM.

They had eaten food on the plane.

However, Yan Zhiqing thought that the inflight meal was not very delicious. So, she contacted Wei Wucai and the others before they arrived.

She thought she could order some food for them when they were about to arrive.

And when they arrived, they could eat a little more.

Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling went back to their room to put their luggage away.

When they were done putting their things away, the food delivery arrived.

They then went to Yan Zhiqing's room.

They went with Wei Wucai. The three then ate while listening to Han Zhuofeng's story about what happened today.

After Han Zhuoling heard the story, he immediately instructed Shi Xiaoya, "You have to stay with me for the entire day tomorrow. Don't wander off."

"I won't," Shi Xiaoya said.

With Han Zhuoling here, why would she wander off?

"You too," Wei Wucai instructed Yan Zhiqing, "Stay where I can see you."

He couldn't be like Han Zhuoling. Han Zhuoling could keep Shi Xiaoya company because he was on vacation.

Wei Wucai had work to do.

However, Wei Wucai could occasionally glance over at Yan Zhiqing while he was working to make sure she was present.

"Don't worry. I won't dare to be by myself, " said Yan Zhiqing.

Seeing that all of them were highly concerned about this, Han Zhuofeng felt reassured.

It was already late, so everyone went back to their rooms.

When everyone was present earlier, he didn't feel this way.

But now that he was the only one left in the room...

His room was so guiet he could only hear his own voice.

Because the scenic area district was very far away from the city...

For the purpose of preserving nature...

Although there were other homestays with other guests...

This place was not lively. You wouldn't hear any noise.

Everyone would have had so much fun in the scenic area. By the time they returned to the homestay at night, they would be too tired to be energetic.

There were no downtown neon lights and urban lighting, as well as cars passing by.

These were all sounds of nature.

There were the whispers of the quiet night, the chirps of insects in nature, and the sound of the wind rustling against the trees.

Usually, one would feel happy to be in such an environment.

In the hustle and bustle of the city, there were few opportunities to be quiet like this.

In such an environment, you would be at peace and less restless.

Such an environment would allow you to relax and unwind.

However, Han Zhuofeng felt extremely anxious.

Whenever he walked and stepped on the carpet, he could hear a soft rustling sound. It was as though someone was following him.

Whenever he placed his cup on the washstand after he was done brushing his teeth, it would suddenly make a clinking sound amidst the silence.

The quieter the surroundings, the louder it sounded, making Han Zhuofeng feel as though the room was much quieter than it really was.

Han Zhuofeng couldn't relax at all.

He was constantly worried that something might pop out.

It felt the same as when he had just watched a horror movie.

When Han Zhuofeng was brushing his teeth while looking at the mirror, he would feel terrified all of a sudden, worrying that he might see something he shouldn't see in the mirror.

He suddenly recalled watching the movie Ring when he had been a student.

In the movie, there was a woman constantly brushing her hair. The camera was clearly filming the mirror, but the person filming was nowhere to be seen.

Han Zhuofeng's imagination was driving him nuts.

As a director, he needed to have a good imagination and a good sense of how the scene should be framed to recreate the image he had in mind.

If the director couldn't think of anything, filming would be really difficult.

Han Zhuofeng had always thought that he was born to be a director because of his imagination.

However, as of now, Han Zhuofeng hated his colorful imagination.

He didn't dare to look in the mirror.

It felt as though there was something staring at him through the mirror.

Because of his own imagination, Han Zhuofeng was so scared to the point that he was getting goosebumps.

He hastily brushed his teeth and washed his face. He didn't even dare to look up.

He avoided looking at the mirror and quickly went back to his room.

He didn't dare to turn off the lights. He quickly hid under the covers and closed his eyes.

Half an hour later...

Because the light was dazzling, Han Zhuofeng couldn't sleep.

However, he didn't dare to turn off the light.

It took him so much effort to close his eyes, and now, he didn't dare to open his eyes.

It was so difficult for him.

Han Zhuofeng hid his head under his blanket and opened WeChat under the covers. He sent a message to Han Zhuoling, "Brother, are you asleep?"

He waited for a long time, and no one replied to him.

Han Zhuofeng started sulking.

Ever since his older brother got a wife, he stopped caring about him.

Han Zhuofeng asked Wei Wucai, "Brother Xiao Cai, are you asleep?"

Still, no one replied to him.

Han Zhuofeng was speechless. "..."

Could these people show some affection to the youngster?

Since Han Zhuoling and Wei Wucai wouldn't respond to him, Han Zhuofeng had no choice but to attempt to message Xie Jiling, "Jiling, are you asleep?"

Xie Jiling was playing with her phone. Her mind was very calm, and she wasn't scared at all.

It was rare for her to be so relaxed and idle.

She didn't have to go to class, and she didn't have to exorcise.

She checked her social media and chatted with her classmates. Then, she watched some anime.

Life was good.

And while she was in this state of mind, she received a message from Han Zhuofeng.

She didn't know what Han Zhuofeng needed, so she replied, "I'm still awake; why are you still awake?"

Han Zhuofeng was really happy that someone finally responded.

As Han Zhuofeng interacted with Xie Jiling, he didn't mind showing that he was scared.

"I have the lights on. I can't sleep," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling thought it was weird. "Turn off the lights then."

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"I don't dare to turn it off," Han Zhuofeng said, "I'm scared."

"Are you scared of the dark?" replied Xie Jiling. She thought to herself. If Han Zhuofeng was such a coward, how could he keep her company tomorrow?

"It's not that I'm scared of the dark. This place is too close to that town. If I turn off the lights, I will feel scared." Han Zhuofeng quickly explained, "I am usually not scared of the dark. I usually sleep with the lights off."

Xie Jiling thought to herself. Who cared if you slept with the lights on or off?

She could tell that Han Zhuofeng didn't even dare to type the word 'ghost.'

He had to be extremely scared.

"And it's too quiet here," Han Zhuofeng said, "If only there were sounds of people talking and drinking outside..."

As Han Zhuofeng continued chatting with Xie Jiling, he felt more relaxed and no longer felt paranoid.

Xie Jiling massaged the area between her eyebrows and suggested, "Why don't you turn on the TV? You can watch some comedy or an episode of a variety show, so it sounds livelier."

"No." Han Zhuofeng immediately rejected this suggestion. "What if I turned on the TV and the TV suddenly lost signal, then turned all white and fuzzy?"

"What if the channel changed when I didn't press the remote?" Han Zhuofeng shook his head as he replied, "I am too scared to turn on the TV."

Xie Jiling was speechless.

"Listen to music then," Xie Jiling said.

Han Zhuofeng refused and said, "No. I can't listen to music. What if the music turned out wrong as I continued listening to it?"

Xie Jiling didn't know what to say.

What do you want to do then?

Xie Jiling felt tired listening to his replies.

She yawned. Her eyelids felt heavy.

"Actually, it's fine. Did you forget about your jade pendant and protection talisman?" Xie Jiling said, "If there was actually something there, it won't be able to approach you."

"Oh. Right." Han Zhuofeng suddenly recalled them.

These days, he had never taken off the jade pendant. The protection talismans were the exception because they were not waterproof.

He would wear the pendant at all times. He wouldn't take it off, even when he was showering.

He had almost forgotten about it after a long time.

And now, he held the jade pendant in his hand and felt really safe.

"However, even if it can't approach me, it would be in front of me if it appeared. It wouldn't be able to come close to me, but it's still scary to see it," said Han Zhuofeng.

Xie Jiling was dumbfounded.

Why was the third son of the Han Family so annoying?

What did he want?

Soon, Xie Jiling knew what Han Zhuofeng wanted to do.

Han Zhuofeng held the jade pendant and held his pillow. With the blanket wrapped around him, he mustered the courage to walk out of his room.

Even when he was walking in the hallway, Han Zhuofeng felt unsafe. Even the hallway felt creepy.

Once again, he praised himself for cleverly arranging for Xie Jiling to stay next door.

Han Zhuofeng quickly rang Xie Jiling's doorbell.

Xie Jiling had just fallen asleep. She wasn't sound asleep, so she heard the doorbell sound.

For some reason, she had a feeling that the person outside the door was Han Zhuofeng.

Xie Jiling stood up, wore her slippers, and walked to the door.

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She opened the door, and it was Han Zhuofeng, just as she had expected.

Han Zhuofeng looked like he was a fleeing refugee.

"Jiling, please take me in for one night," Han Zhuofeng said.

Xie Jiling thought to herself. Was Han Zhuofeng going to ask her to tag along whenever he was out filming?

Han Zhuofeng had no idea that Shi Xiaoya and Yan Zhiqing's rooms were very near.

They heard his voice.

At this moment, both of them simultaneously opened their doors slightly.

It was such a coincidence. Their rooms were connected and were both diagonally across Xie Jiling and Han Zhuofeng's rooms.

They could see them if they opened their doors slightly.

Both of them simultaneously waved at the men in their rooms to come to the door and watch the show together.

Han Zhuoling stepped behind Shi Xiaoya. His chest stuck close to Shi Xiaoya's back, wrapping her in his arms.

Then, he looked out the door with her.

It was such a coincidence. Wei Wucai did the same thing as he stuck close behind Yan Zhiqing.

The four were having a good time watching.

Han Zhuofeng had no idea those four were watching.

He had messaged Han Zhuoling and Wei Wucai, but both of them ignored him.

He thought they had fallen asleep.

He had no idea that the two saw his message but were simply too lazy to reply.

They were talking to their significant other. Who would care about him?

Yan Zhiqing and Shi Xiaoya both heard Han Zhuofeng's voice outside their door.

They were surprised that Han Zhuofeng had the audacity to knock on Xie Jiling's door.

Han Zhuofeng was even more capable than his older brother!

As such, they stopped chatting and watched the latest event in Han Zhuofeng's life.

Han Zhuoling and Wei Wucai obviously kept them company.

Similarly, Xie Jiling didn't notice that there were people watching.

It was because Han Zhuofeng's appearance really astonished her.

She had never expected that a guy with a pillow and blanket would one day appear at her doorstep.

Xie Jiling felt the corner of her mouth twitch. "Hurry up and go back, or I will kick you!"

She had let him off the hook for holding her hand during the day.

What was this?

He wanted to go into her room at night?

Xie Jiling knew that Han Zhuofeng had no bad intentions.

However, she couldn't let him sleep in her room.

That was just really inappropriate!

Han Zhuofeng pouted and said, "I will bring my blanket and sleep on the floor. I won't go on the bed."

Xie Jiling felt the corner of her mouth twitch a couple of times.

What?

Was he even thinking about sleeping on the bed?

"I'm serious," Han Zhuofeng said hastily, "If I'm on my own in the room, I can't sleep."

Xie Jiling was speechless.

Shi Xiaoya looked back at Han Zhuoling and whispered, "Is he being for real?"

"He's serious," Han Zhuoling said, "He messaged me on WeChat earlier. I think he wanted to sleep with me."

Shi Xiaoya was speechless. "..."

Han Zhuofeng was begging so much that Xie Jiling didn't know what to do.

Han Zhuofeng refused to go back.

Xie Jiling couldn't do anything. She could also tell that she couldn't kick him away.

If he continued bothering her and the others opened their door and saw Han Zhuofeng wrapped in a blanket and holding a pillow at her doorstep, how would she explain herself?

Was Han Zhuofeng going into her room, or did Han Zhuofeng just get kicked out of her room?

"You can sleep on the bed." Xie Jiling gnashed her teeth and said, "I won't let you sleep on the floor because I think you'll look pitiful sleeping on the floor."

"No. No." Han Zhuofeng immediately nodded and said, "I will sleep on the floor. But... you can sleep on the side of the bed near me so that I can see you when I look up, and I will then feel safe."

Xie Jiling felt speechless.

Just how scared was he?

Xie Jiling was too lazy to say anything. She kept quiet and moved to the side, allowing Han Zhuofeng to walk inside.

The blanket was thick and big enough. Han Zhuofeng's blanket was big enough for him to lay half on the ground and half on himself.

Han Zhuofeng arranged the pillow and crawled under the blanket.

With Xie Jiling here, he felt safe as he lay down. He no longer felt afraid.

Looking at how happy he was to sleep on the carpet instead of the big bed in his room, Xie Jiling didn't know what to say.

Xie Jiling really couldn't get used to the fact that there was a man in her room.

She had never allowed a man to sleep in her room before.

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