

## **Mysterious 441**

### Chapter 441 Fate

In the morning, it was snowing heavily. Looking out, as far as the eye could see, it was covered in snow.

Qin Xi took the train to Yangshan City, a neighboring city. Wen Chen's matter had yet to be resolved, so she had to make a trip there personally.

On the train, people came and went. She sat on the seat by the window and looked out. The boundless white snow scenery made her feel extremely calm.

At this moment, a young man came over with a bright smile on his face. He greeted her politely, "Big Sister, can you change seats with me?"

The woman he called Big Sister was about 40 years old. She was sitting opposite Qin Xi. Perhaps it was because time on the train was boring, she was knitting socks with her head lowered. The socks already took form and her knitting skills were very good.

Hearing someone speak in her ear, the woman subconsciously looked up. "Ah, what did you say?"

Clearly, she was too focused on knitting socks to hear what the young man said.

"I want to change seats with you. My seat is also by the window. It's over there. Is that okay?" The young man was good-tempered and had a gentle voice.

However, the woman was already past the age where she could easily get excited. Even though the young man was fair and handsome, she still did not agree immediately. After all, the weather was so cold and her seat was already warm. She did not want to move, so she rejected him without hesitation.

"No, my seat is already warm. I'm not going to move anywhere else." Immediately, the woman asked in confusion, "Young man, our seats are all by the window. Why do you want to change seats with me?"

The young man did not expect the woman to reject him. The smile on his face was a little stiff as he ignored the gazes of the surrounding people. He subconsciously glanced at Qin Xi and quickly looked away. He whispered into the woman's ear, "Sister, I'll give you 10 yuan. Can you give me this seat? Please!"

When the woman heard that there was 10 yuan, her eyes lit up. She took the money, packed her things, and moved away.

The young man finally sat opposite Qin Xi. He did not speak immediately. Instead, he bought two bottles of drinks, two ham sausages, and bread from the staff.

He gently placed it next to Qin Xi and revealed a smile that he thought was charming. He began to introduce himself. "Hello, my name is Yang Shuai. I'm a primary school teacher. I live in Yangshan City. I'm 25 years old this year and unmarried."

Qin Xi looked at him calmly and did not speak.

Yang Shuai continued, "I know it's rude to introduce myself like this. I'm sorry for being rude, but it's fate that brought us to meet here. I don't want to miss this hard-won fate, so forgive me for offending you. I really want to get to know you. Miss, can you tell me your name?"

Qin Xi suddenly smiled. Her eyes were curved into crescents and her skin was fair. Yang Shuai was tempted and a trace of greed flashed across his eyes.

"So this is how fate works. From what you said, as long as you meet someone, it can be considered fate. May I ask if you're really a primary school teacher?"

The smile on Yang Shuai's face froze for a moment, but he was good at hiding it. He quickly returned to normal and smiled brightly to hide his embarrassment. "Miss, you're really humorous. May I know where you're going? Yangshan City?"

Qin Xi could tell that Yang Shuai was not a good person. However, since he dared to approach her, she did not mind playing with him. After all, she had nothing to do.

Chapter 442 A Girl Must Protect Herself When She Is Out

The train rumbled. Yang Shuai and Qin Xi chatted casually. Of course, it was Yang Shuai who took the initiative to find a topic to talk about. Qin Xi just echoed or listened quietly.

After about 25 minutes, Yang Shuai looked at the time and said in surprise, "Time really flies. By the way, Han Xi, is anyone going to pick you up? If not, take my friend's car. Don't be afraid. He's a good person. He's a soldier, but he looks a little silly."

Without waiting for Qin Xi to answer, Yang Shuai pushed the drinks and some snacks he had bought to her and said gently, "This is for you. If you're thirsty or hungry, eat some."

He volunteered to help Qin Xi open the lid of the drink and pushed it in front of her. He said enthusiastically and gentlemanly, "Drink it. If you don't like this flavor, I'll see if there is a different flavor."

Qin Xi glanced at the drink and said mysteriously, "My mother told me that when a girl goes out, she has to protect herself and not drink anything given by others."

"Uh...?"

Yang Shuai's hand trembled, and a trace of shock flashed across his face. Even though he had a glib tongue, he was still a little tongue-tied. He smiled awkwardly and explained, "Don't worry, Miss Han. I just bought this and haven't opened it yet. If you don't want to drink it, I'll leave it here!"

Qin Xi smiled and took the drink from his hand. "Who said I don't want to drink it? I was thirsty from talking too much just now. Thank you!"

Yang Shuai was relieved again, and his stiff smile slowly relaxed. "You're welcome. We're considered friends."

As he spoke, he opened his bottle. Just as he was about to take a sip, he saw Qin Xi suddenly stand up and look behind Yang Shuai, as if she had seen someone familiar.

Yang Shuai's heart skipped a beat and he quickly looked over.

At this moment, Qin Xi swapped their drinks at an extremely fast speed, so fast that even the people around her did not notice.

"Han Xi, what's wrong?"

Yang Shuai turned around and asked nervously when he did not see anyone suspicious.

They were about to get out of the car, so he did not want to be disturbed at this juncture, especially since Qin Xi was very beautiful. If he let her go just like that, he would earn a lot less.

As he thought this, he heard Qin Xi mutter dejectedly, "Nothing, I was mistaken!"

When Yang Shuai heard that, he heaved a sigh of relief. "Did you see anything familiar?"

Qin Xi shook her head in disappointment. "I was just mistaken." As she spoke, she picked up the drink and took a small sip.

Seeing that she really drank it, Yang Shuai suppressed the joy in his heart.

He thought to himself that not only would he be able to play with this beautiful woman today, but he would also earn a large sum of money. The more he thought about it, the more delighted he was. The more he thought about it, the more he looked at Qin Xi with a gentle and charming smile.

The fat woman sitting beside Qin Xi, who had been silent the entire time, frowned slightly when she saw Yang Shuai's sinister expression.

Initially, she did not want to meddle in other people's business, but seeing that Qin Xi was just a young girl and was gullible, she whispered into Qin Xi's ear.

"Young lady, be careful when you're out. There's something wrong with the way this man looks at you. He might be plotting something bad. You have to be careful."

Qin Xi was slightly stunned. She did not expect the fat woman to be able to tell it too. She blinked at her and replied in a low voice, "Thank you for your reminder, Sister!"

Chapter 443 Psychological Hint

It was rare to see someone so kind. Qin Xi took out a heart-shaped talisman from her pocket. "This is my safety talisman. I asked for it from the temple. It's very effective. I'll give it to you."

Afraid that the other party would not cherish it, she added, "I spent 10 yuan to buy it."

Just as Qin Xi thought, although the fat woman took it politely, she did not believe in the Safety Talisman. She wanted to throw it away after leaving the station. However, when she found out that this small piece of paper actually cost 10 yuan, she suddenly felt that Qin Xi was such a spendthrift.

She quickly put the talisman into her pocket.

It was also because of this talisman that she really escaped death a few days later. The talisman paper that Qin Xi gave her turned into ashes.

Of course, that happened later.

Seeing that the two of them were muttering to each other, Yang Shuai had a strong intuition that they were definitely discussing him, and it was not a good thing.

The train soon arrived at the station. Seeing that Yang Shuai had not taken a sip of the drink, Qin Xi's eyes darkened. She knew that he was very vigilant, so she gave his brain a hint.

This hint from Qin Xi was like hypnosis, bewitching Yang Shuai to do something.

On the surface, no one could tell that he was hypnotized. Only when Qin Xi asked him to do something would he be bewitched and do as Qin Xi instructed. When Qin Xi retracted the hint, he would regain his consciousness and forget what had happened.

At this moment, Yang Shuai was about to die of anxiety.

He had clearly seen Qin Xi drink the drink, but why wasn't she unconscious yet? They were about to get off the train, but she was still very awake. This made Yang Shuai as anxious as an ant on a hot pan.

Finally, the train stopped. Qin Xi got out of the train and walked on without caring about Yang Shuai.

Yang Shuai was afraid of losing her, so he followed closely behind her. When they reached the exit, there were many people standing outside.

It was cold, and the breaths they exhaled turned into white fog. The people waiting outside the station stamped their feet to keep warm. Only Qin Xi did not feel much about the extreme cold.

"Han Xi, hey, Han Xi..."

Yang Shuai was delighted to see that no one was coming to pick Qin Xi up. He quickly chased after her. In just a few minutes, his nose was red from the cold, and his voice was a little stiff. "Han Xi, it is too cold. Why don't you come with me? I'll send you to where you want to go. Look..."

He pointed at a small car on the opposite street and said, "That's my friend's car. Although it's not a good one, it's better than walking on foot, right? Let's go."

As he spoke, he wanted to grab Qin Xi's hand. This made Qin Xi frown and say coldly, "There's no need. Sir, we're not familiar with each other. Please behave yourself."

Yang Shuai ignored Qin Xi's resistance and reached out to hug her. "Han Xi, stop fooling around. Don't be angry just because I didn't buy you those leather shoes. I'll work hard and earn more money. I'll definitely be able to buy them for you, okay? The weather is too cold now. Let's go back quickly!"

The surrounding people subconsciously looked over and thought that the two of them were a couple, so they did not care.

Just as Yang Shuai was about to drag Qin Xi away, Qin Xi suddenly said in a hypnotizing voice, "Go and turn yourself in. Confess everything you've done. Oh right, also your accomplice, bring them to confess with you."

Chapter 444 I'm Not Your Young Master Wen's Sugarbaby

Qin Xi got into a rickshaw. In the winter, the rickshaws were covered in a thick layer of transparent plastic. Although it could not withstand the cold, it was no problem to keep the wind and snow outside.

Yangshan City was a first-tier city that was slightly larger than Luoping City. The city buildings were also clearly more modern. On the streets, there was an endless stream of traffic, looking quite prosperous.

Following the address Xia Tangxin gave her, Qin Xi found Wen Chen's real wife's residence. She stood outside the bungalow and knocked on the door.

Two minutes later, a plain-looking woman in her forties opened the door. When she saw Qin Xi, she couldn't help but frown and a trace of mockery and disgust flashed across her eyes.

Qin Xi ignored the woman's attitude and smiled faintly. "Hello, I'm here to look for Young Madam Wen, Chu Xia. Auntie, please help me pass the message. I have something very important to tell her. If she doesn't get the message, she'll regret it for the rest of her life."

When the nanny heard that, she was so angry that she almost laughed. She said in a bad tone, "Who do you think you are? Do you think you can see my mistress just because you want to? I think you just want to humiliate her. Don't think that just because Young Master Wen treats you well, you can do whatever you want. Let me tell you, my mistress is not to be trifled with. Give up. Don't push your luck."

Qin Xi was speechless. She seemed to understand why the nanny was so angry and couldn't help but shake her head and laugh.

"You've misunderstood. I'm not your Young Master Wen's sugarbaby. I have something important to tell Madam. This concerns her status in the Wen family in the future. If you don't inform her, I'll leave, but if she wants to hear it after I leave, I won't tell you."

Seeing how serious she was, the nanny was stunned. She frowned and hesitated for a moment before deciding to enter the house to report to Mrs. Wen.

After a while, the nanny walked out of the house and said to Qin Xi, "Madam invites you in."

Qin Xi followed her into the house and saw that Mrs. Wen was dressed elegantly, but her face was abnormally haggard and tired. She did not look good.

Chu Xia smiled faintly and said gently, "Have a seat. Auntie Liu, please make tea for the guest!"

"Yes, Madam!"

Chu Xia sized up Qin Xi and felt a little bitter, but she did not show it. "How should I address you?"

Qin Xi said seriously, "There's no need for self-introduction. Madam, I have something very important to tell you and only you."

The nanny, who had just brought over tea, frowned.

She still did not know Qin Xi's identity. If Madam stayed alone with Qin Xi and something happened, she would not be able to bear the responsibility.

Chu Xia nodded at the nanny. "Auntie Liu, I want to talk to this girl alone. Go back to your room first!"

“Madam...” The nanny was a little anxious.

“Don’t worry, if I want to do something to Mrs. Wen, no one can stop me.” Qin Xi did not want to waste time, let alone be misunderstood.

Therefore, taking this opportunity, Qin Xi crushed the teacup with her bare hands. Chu Xia and the nanny’s faces turned slightly pale, their eyes filled with shock.

That was porcelain. Why was it crushed like tofu in her hand?

Chu Xia’s eyes narrowed slightly as she went straight to the point. “Miss, what do you want to tell me?”

Chapter 445 Four

Qin Xi picked up the teacup and took a sip. She said calmly, “I know you won’t believe me if I tell you this secret. How about this? Let’s talk about you first.”

“Talk about me? What about me?” Chu Xia was very puzzled.

She could feel that Qin Xi did not have any ill intentions, so she listened to Qin Xi patiently.

“How about we talk about your life?” Qin Xi put down her teacup with a smile and stared at Chu Xia. Chu Xia did not respond, but she did not stop her from continuing.

“Mrs. Wen, your mother died early and your father married someone else. You were ostracized everywhere. Although you lived a rich life, you were never happy. In the end, you were forced to marry a man you didn’t love, and this man never took you seriously.”

Every word Qin Xi said hurt Chu Xia like a knife. However, she did not show it. Instead, she smiled calmly with no sadness or joy in her eyes.

“Miss, if you’re here to humiliate me and rub salt in my wounds, there’s no need. This is useless. It won’t hurt me at all.”

Qin Xi chuckled, revealing her canine teeth. “Rub salt? That’s not necessary. Mrs. Wen, do you still remember that you saved someone when you were young, a boy two years older than you?”

Chu Xia was stunned. She tried her best to recall this memory and shook her head. “I don’t remember. I was still young at that time and couldn’t remember much.”

In fact, that was not the case. She was often abused in the Chu family. Not only was she covered in wounds, but no one would notice if she fell sick. It was not easy for her to survive under such circumstances. How could she have the ability to save others?

Qin Xi raised her eyebrows. “It’s fine. I have a way to help you remember the past. However, I might need you to go through all the sad things in the past. Do you want it?”

“Remember the past?” Chu Xia muttered to herself. She lowered her eyes and nodded slightly.

“Alright, please close your eyes and try your best to think about the boy who was once saved by you.”

Chu Xia subconsciously did as she was told. As she closed her eyes, Qin Xi flicked her finger and a Dream Talisman entered Chu Xia’s mind, instantly pulling out her long-forgotten memories.

One winter morning, Chu Xia, who was only six years old, was tricked by her stepsister to go to a small park. She waited for two hours but did not see her stepsister. At that time, she did not know that her stepsister was lying to her. She was trembling from the cold for hours. Just as she was about to go back, she saw a dirty boy lying on the ground helplessly.

The little boy was wearing tattered cotton clothes. His body was covered in dirt, and his face was pale and thin. When he saw someone coming, he opened his eyes weakly, but his vision was blurry. However, he still said with difficulty, "Hungry..."

Seeing this, Chu Xia quickly took out a few pieces of chocolate candy from her pocket. Her granduncle had given them to her. It was said that they were imported from foreign country. She couldn't bear to eat it. She planned to give them to her stepsister, but she couldn't find her.

She opened the candy wrapper with her frozen hand and put the chocolate into the little boy's mouth.

The little boy subconsciously opened his mouth, and the sweetness in his mouth spread. He, who had never eaten candy in his life, seemed to have entered heaven. His frozen mouth trembled as he asked, "What's... your name?"

"Chu Xia, my name is Chu Xia. What about you?"

Chu Xia smiled sweetly. Her face, which was red from the cold wind, was like the bright sun that shone into the little boy's heart. It was at that moment that the little boy engraved Chu Xia's name into his soul.

"My name is Four!"

Chapter 446 Stole Someone Else's Identity

"Four?"

Young Chu Xia tilted her head and frowned. "Your name is very strange."

"I don't have a name. Four was given to me by the person who found me." Perhaps because he had eaten the candy, Four regained some strength and slowly sat up to answer her question.

"I see."

Chu Xia nodded in a daze. She asked a few more questions and Four answered them one by one. This made Chu Xia feel like she had found a friend. It had to be noted that she was very unfavoured in the Chu family. Very few people treated her as a person, let alone wanted to talk to her. Therefore, when she met Four, she wished she could say everything she had kept inside her all these years.

It was not until it was almost dark that Chu Xia went home reluctantly. The two of them agreed to meet tomorrow. The next day, she came as promised and waited for an entire day, but Four never appeared again.

It was also on that day that she returned home with a high fever. The Chu family did not take it to heart. When she opened her eyes again, it was already four days later. Her previous memories were erased like they never existed.

Then, it was her life in the Chu family. When she married into the Wen family, she was framed and killed by her husband's mistress.

Chu Xia opened her eyes, which were filled with pain, fear, and finally relief. However, when tears streaked across her face, she actually felt like she had been reborn.

Seeing that her face had changed, Qin Xi nodded in relief and said, "You seem to understand something."

Chu Xia looked at Qin Xi gratefully and smiled. Compared to the lifeless self from before, she looked much more lively now. At least, there was hope in her eyes.

"Thank you. I indeed understood a lot. Some things are like gravel. The tighter you grab hold of it, the faster it will flow away. Besides, this gravel is not what I wanted to grab hold of in the first place."

"But... what did you do to me just now? Why would I remember so many things? Also..." She originally asked if it was true.

However, at the thought that the first half of her dream had indeed happened, she did not continue to ask.

Before Qin Xi could explain, Chu Xia smiled calmly. "Forget it. It's better not to know some things. Miss, before this, you asked me if I saved a little boy. I do remember now. At that time, I was only six years old. Later on, I fell seriously ill and forgot most of what happened."

"Do you know the identity of the little boy you saved?"

"I don't know. He said that he was found by someone and was named Four."

Chu Xia felt that Qin Xi was very mysterious. Not only did Qin Xi know her past, but she could also help her remember the memories she had forgotten.

Although she did not know Qin Xi's identity, from her words and actions, Qin Xi was definitely not an ordinary person. Fortunately, Qin Xi came to look for her with good intentions. Otherwise, it would definitely be unwise to make an enemy of such a person.

"I'm here today to tell you that your husband actually stole his identity from Four. I'll give you a chance now. Do you want to correct their identities?" Qin Xi saw Wen Chen's biological mother when she cast a Blood Guidance Technique on Wen Chen. It was a woman who secretly swapped her baby with another baby in the hospital when no one was looking.

Chapter 447 Falling From One Fire Pit to Another

Chu Xia and Four were very fated to be husband and wife.

If the two of them were to be together, their lives would become better and better. On the other hand, if they were to be with the wrong person, their lives would be filled with misery.

Chu Xia covered her mouth in disbelief. Her beautiful eyes were wide open and her voice was trembling. "Is, is what you said true?"



“It’s not that I don’t believe you, but I’m just a little shocked. Can you tell me how I can help Four get back his real identity?”

Qin Xi smiled faintly.

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Qin Lan opened her eyes in a daze and saw herself in an unfamiliar place. Memories flooded her mind.

She remembered that Cao Dajun said that he wanted to take her away. At that time, she was extremely excited at the thought that she could finally leave this nightmarish place. Originally, she wanted to burn the old bachelor and his mother to death before she left, but Cao Dajun refused.

For the sake of freedom, she could only hide the hatred in her heart and come back when she had the chance in the future. At that time, she would definitely chop the old bachelor and his mother into pieces and feed them to the dogs.

However, reality slapped her hard on the face.

She followed Cao Dajun back to his residence obediently. After drinking the water Cao Dajun handed her, she passed out.

Now that she woke up and felt the sturdy rope on her body, her heart skipped a beat. She looked at the dilapidated house around her and was filled with fear. She shouted at the top of her lungs, “Help, is anyone here? Help!”

She was extremely afraid. After realizing that she had been deceived again, the hatred in Qin Lan’s heart intensified. She never expected to fall into the hand of another villain as soon as she escaped from a villain.

She was resentful.

She hated Lin Guosheng and everyone in the Lin family. She hated the old bachelor and his mother. She hated the man who said that he would save her but only wanted to take advantage of her. She hated Cao Dajun even more. The purpose of saving her was to push her into another fire pit.

However, they were not who she hated the most. The person she hated the most was undoubtedly Qin Xi.

If not for Qin Xi, she would still be living a comfortable life. She would not have ended up in such a miserable state.

However, the most important thing was to figure out where she was now.

“Help, can anyone hear me?”

“Stop shouting. It’s useless.” Suddenly, a cold voice sounded, scaring Qin Lan. She subconsciously looked behind her.

It was also at this moment that Qin Lan saw clearly that she was not the only one here. There were four women curled up on the wall behind her. They looked young, but the haggardness in their eyes could not be concealed.

Not only that, but they were also dressed in thin clothes. Their hair was messy, and their eyes were bloodshot. Their faces were more or less scarred, and they looked dirty. It was obvious that they had not washed their faces for a long time.

Seeing their miserable state, Qin Lan seemed to have seen her future. She was even more determined to escape. She arched her body like a worm and begged them with red eyes.

“Please save me. I was tricked into coming here. I want to go home. Can you untie me?”

“It’s useless. We were all tricked into coming here. In the beginning, we were like you, thinking about escaping all the time, but we were caught again and again and tortured even more,” an older woman said calmly. She was already numb to this life and spoke like an emotionless puppet.

Qin Lan was scared to death. Her face was pale as she asked, “Where... is this place?”

Chapter 448 The Pathetic Qin Lan

“This is...”

“Hey, hey, it’s time to work. Come out to entertain the guests!”

Before the woman could explain to Qin Lan, she heard someone shouting outside.

The women were trembling from the cold, but they still stood up slowly and walked out. When the older woman passed by Qin Lan, she saw Qin Lan’s shocked and confused expression and reminded her.

“You’d better not struggle later. Otherwise, they’ll use all kinds of cruel methods to make you obedient. Remember, don’t struggle. Do whatever they tell you to do, if you want to live.”

Hearing her tone, Qin Lan became even more nervous. She wanted to ask something, but they already left.

After a while, a man in his forties in a military coat walked in unsteadily. The strong smell of alcohol assaulted Qin Lan’s nose, making her heart jump to her throat. She was even more terrified and prayed that he wouldn’t touch her and wouldn’t come over.

Unfortunately, her prayers did not work. She was destined to be disappointed.

The man was drunk. His face was red and his eyes were still a little blurry, but the way he looked at Qin Lan was passionate and invasive.

Qin Lan was so frightened that her body shivered.

“Hahahaha! The new girl is really beautiful. Come, let me kiss you first!”

The man smiled and reached out to grab Qin Lan, scaring her so much that she screamed and retreated. Unfortunately, she still couldn’t escape the man’s clutches.

She trembled and looked pitiful as she muttered, “Don’t touch me. Please, let me go.”

However, the man seemed to be used to women saying this and was unmoved. He grabbed her and threw her onto the wooden bed at the side.

Qin Lan tried her best to dodge, but her limbs were tied up and she had nowhere to run. She was held down by the man.

Qin Lan couldn't stop her tears from flowing. "Let me go. Please, let me go!"

Seeing Qin Lan like this, the man was even more excited.

"Hahahaha, good! That's great. This is the first time I've seen such a good-looking girl. You're mine today!"

The man undid his pants as he spoke.

Qin Lan screamed in fear and struggled with all her might. Unfortunately, she was pressed down by the man...

Ten minutes later, the man pulled up his pants and left, humming a tune.

Just as Qin Lan thought that it was over, another man came in. He was about the same age as the man just now. Not only was he ugly, but he also smelled bad.

Qin Lan was even more terrified when she saw another man walking towards her.

However, she was too weak to even struggle now.

Just like that, five people came one after another. There was no part of her body that did not hurt, especially the back. It was so painful that it felt like it was tearing apart. This humiliation made her want to die immediately.

Finally, Qin Lan couldn't hold on any longer and fainted. In her daze, someone seemed to be pinching her chin and stuffing something round into her mouth.

She struggled in pain and gradually woke up with difficulty. Before she could see the situation clearly, something disgusting slipped into her mouth.

The man moaned comfortably. Qin Lan's head buzzed. Just as she was about to struggle, she was whipped by someone. It was so painful that she broke out in a cold sweat.

The pain instantly spread to her limbs and bones. She felt like her heart was about to break. She did not know how long this painful life would last.

Chapter 449 Danger

Three days later, Xia Tangxin called and said that the fruit store was open for business. She even asked Qin Xi how she did it.

Qin Xi said simply, "I just gave Wen Chen a new mother!"

Although Xia Tangxin did not know what this meant, she did not care because she knew that there was nothing Qin Xi could not solve.

Qin Xi stayed in Yangshan City for three days and bumped into someone in a high-end restaurant. It was Xu Guochao, the president of a famous association in the antique world and the old man who had once spoken up for her.

Elder Xu also saw her. At that time, he was talking to a man in his forties. He subconsciously looked over. When he saw that it was Qin Xi, his smile became much more sincere.

Since they had already met, Qin Xi had no reason to pretend not to see him. She stood up and walked over to greet him politely.

“Elder Xu, we meet again. I didn’t expect to see you here!”

Xu Guochao stood up with a smile. “I thought you had forgotten about me. Hahaha, why are you in Yangshan City?”

Seeing that Xu Guochao had stood up, the man sitting opposite him was slightly surprised. He quickly stood up and asked, “Elder Xu, this is...”

“Oh, this is a young friend I know in Luoping City. Her surname is Qin. Don’t underestimate her. She’s an expert at appraising raw stones.”

Elder Xu turned to look at Qin Xi with an amiable smile. “Qin Xi, this is the leader of the Cultural Bureau. His surname is Jiang. You can call him Uncle Jiang.”

Qin Xi called him Uncle Jiang humbly.

Jiang Baili quickly nodded with a smile. “Miss Qin, are you from Luoping? What brings you here? If there’s anything you need, feel free to ask me.”

Of course, he was just being polite in front of Elder Xu.

Unexpectedly, in the next second, Elder Xu immediately retorted, “There’s no need to look for you. If she needs anything, she can look for me.”

Jiang Baili was stunned and smiled awkwardly. “Yes, yes, yes. Elder Xu is right.”

Elder Xu waved his hand and said, “Alright, don’t just stand here. Miss Qin, let’s eat together. Order whatever you want to eat.”

Qin Xi thought for a moment and sat down.

At this moment, Elder Xu thought of the raw stone he had bought from Qin Xi and smiled.

“Miss Qin, the raw stone you sold me last time turned out to be a jade. It’s a very pure green jade. My wife likes it very much. She said that I’ve finally bought the right one after buying raw stones for so many years. Miss Qin, did you specialize in appraising stones? Why are you so good at it? The accuracy is almost 95%. If you go to stone gambling next time, remember to call me. I like stone gambling the most.”

“I didn’t expect Miss Qin to be so capable. If there’s a chance, I want to go too,” Jiang Baili said casually.

“That’s right. Last time, Miss Qin even got a golden silk red jade, spring ribbon, and a fist-sized imperial jade. She is very impressive.”

Just as the three of them were chatting, Qin Xi suddenly felt an extremely dangerous aura. She subconsciously shouted, “Get down.”

After all, Elder Xu was old. How could he react so quickly? On the other hand, Jiang Baili bent down and hid under the table.

At the critical moment, Qin Xi quickly pressed Elder Xu down. A steel arrow pierced into the back of the Elder Xu 's seat.

#### Chapter 450 Escape

Elder Xu was a little stunned at first, but when he heard the screams of the people around him and the sounds of them escaping, he immediately understood the severity of the situation.

“What’s going on?”

As expected of a big shot, he was still as calm as usual even in such a dangerous situation. Of course, only Elder Xu knew that he was also panicking, but he held it in.

“There’s an archer,” Qin Xi said calmly. Then, she took out a talisman from her pocket and handed it to Elder Xu. “This is for you. Don’t throw it away. It can save your life at critical moments.”

Elder Xu subconsciously took the talisman. “This thing...”

Just as he was about to ask if this thing was useful, he saw Qin Xi stand up calmly. With a whoosh, an arrow flew towards Elder Xu’s back. At this moment, Elder Xu was so frightened that his body stiffened and his pupils constricted. He even forgot to breathe.

At this moment, a pair of chopsticks appeared in Qin Xi’s hand and flew out.

One of the chopsticks hit the arrowhead, emitting an ear-piercing and sharp sound. Then, the arrow fell to the ground with a clang.

Another chopstick shot towards the killer’s wrist at an extremely fast speed

The chopstick pierced through that person’s wrist. That person looked at Qin Xi in disbelief, his eyes filled with ferocity and killing intent, but he still turned around and left.

Qin Xi did not chase after him. Instead, she placed a tracking talisman on that person. She was afraid that the other party was trying to lure her away before killing Elder Xu.

After the killer ran away, everyone came back to their senses. Perhaps afraid that the killer would come back and attack them, they quickly left.

“Elder Xu, let’s leave first. It’s not safe here.” Qin Xi helped Elder Xu up and said with a serious expression.

Jiang Baili had never encountered such a life-threatening situation in his life. His legs were trembling as he nodded repeatedly. “Yes, yes, yes. Leave quickly. By the way, the police station is diagonally opposite. Let’s go there to hide first.”

The commotion also reached the police station. They sent out the police very quickly. When they saw that the person who was attacked was Xu Guochao, they were so frightened that they broke out in cold sweat and their blood pressure soared.

Someone actually dared to commit an assassination in broad daylight near the police station. This was undoubtedly a blatant challenge to them.

Moreover, the victim was Elder Xu, which made them even more panicked.

The captain of the police force was a tough man in his thirties. He had resolute eyes and a murderous aura.

He saluted Elder Xu. Then, he took out the walkie-talkie and immediately gave the order.

“Inform Team One, Team Two, and Team Three to gather immediately. The suspect is escaping in the direction of the southeast. The suspect is a male. He’s about 178 centimeters tall. He’s wearing a black leather jacket and pants. There’s a wound on his right hand. We’ll set off immediately.”

After he finished speaking, Qin Xi said calmly, “There’s no need to go through so much trouble. I know where he is.”

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In an alley, the smell of blood filled the air. With a tearing sound, the man tore a piece of cloth from his clothes and bound the wound on his wrist with pain.

Not only did the chopstick pierce through the man’s wrist, but it also cut off the tendons in his hand. This hand was probably crippled.