

Spatial Ability 441

Chapter 441 Fall Into His Trap

After a long pause, she defended herself, saying, "I... I didn't... I didn't think much about it. I just randomly chose a few lotus lanterns."

She could not admit that she wished to be related to Qian Jiyun. She wanted to save face too.

"Second Brother, this is just a coincidence. If you didn't mention it, I wouldn't have noticed that the lotus lantern Yan'er gave you is identical to hers," Gong Cheng quickly explained.

"Haha..." An Jiuyue laughed and did not interject.

One was scheming, and the other was a little white flower. What was she supposed to say?

She felt that a person like Gong Cheng should be thrown into Ding Nuo Academy's underground Secret Network to train for a few years. He might grow after that.

"Young Master Gong's comprehension skills are excellent." She was impressed.

"What do you—"

"Second Brother."

Gong Cheng was interrupted by a new voice.

Xia Junfeng beamed as he walked over quickly with Chen Youran. His face froze when he saw Yu Yan'er beside Gong Cheng.

He knew that Gong Cheng and Yu Yan'er could not be a couple. Since they appeared together and Qian Jiyun sent someone to call him here, it was clear what must have happened.

He could not help but curse Gong Cheng internally. He failed to appreciate Qian Jiyun's kindness.

He moved the hand that was holding Chen Youran's. When she looked up at him, he cast a quick glance at An Jiuyue.

Chen Youran was also from a wealthy and influential family. She understood what Xia Junfeng meant immediately. Letting go of his hand, she approached Qian Jiyun and An Jiuyue.

"Greetings, Prince Zhan Yun."

"Miss Youran, since you came with Junfeng, you can call me Second Brother." Qian Jiyun glanced at Xia Junfeng.

This younger brother was sharp-witted, so he had to give him some face.

"Second Brother," Chen Youran greeted Qian Jiyun before looking at An Jiuyue.

"You must be Sister Jiuyue? I'm pleased to meet you."

She bowed to An Jiuyue. They had bumped into Qian Jiyun and An Jiuyue earlier, and Xia Junfeng had told her about them. She knew about An Jiuyue.

"You're too courteous, Sister Youran."

An Jiuyue smiled at Chen Youran and supported her with one hand.

"Young Master Xia is Jiyun's good brother. There's no need to be so polite with each other. We should feel at ease."

“Sister Jiuyue is right.” Chen Youran smiled and nodded before turning to look at Xia Junfeng shyly.

Gong Cheng, who had been ignored, was speechless. He felt extremely aggrieved.

What did Second brother say when I introduced him to Yu Yan’er? Why is Chen Youran allowed to call him “Second Brother”? Is there a need to be so obvious about this differential treatment?

He glanced at Yu Yan’er and saw that she looked awful.

However, he did not dare to be impudent before his two sworn older brothers.

Otherwise, even if his second brother did not do anything to him, Fifth Brother Xia would not let him off. His hands were black. He might fall into his trap if he were not careful.

“The boat is here. Let’s board it first,” Qian Jiyun said to them when he saw that the boat he had booked had arrived. He did not care about the brainless Gong Cheng.

Chapter 442 Disregard Your Brother?

“Jiuyue, give Rong’er to me.”

“No.” Qian Yirong shook his head quickly.

Uncle Qian already has Brother in his arms. If he carries me too... Brother and I are already five years old. We can’t stay children forever, can we?

He wriggled out of his mother’s arms and blinked his big, cute eyes.

“Brother and I can walk on our own, Mother, Uncle Qian.”

Qian Yizheng also wriggled out of Qian Jiyun's arms. He stood by his brother and held his small hand.

"Alright, you can walk on your own. Be careful. "There are a lot of people here," An Jiuyue replied, smiling.

Qian Jiyun's shadow guards were watching them anyway. Although Wei Na could not see them, it could sense them. She was at ease and allowed them to board the boat first.

Gong Cheng saw that the two children had boarded the boat, and Qian Jiyun had also led An Jiuyue onto it. Naturally, he wanted to follow them.

However, Qian Jiyun glared at him before he could take a step forward.

Gong Cheng was frightened by his glare. He retracted his leg aggrievedly, asking pitifully, "Second Brother, what are you doing? Don't tell me you don't want me to come on?"

His second brother had not said a word to him in the past hour. Instead, he had been conversing with An Jiuyue and the two children. Now that Fifth Brother Xia was here, he ignored him even more.

And now he's not letting me board the boat? What does this mean? Does he not treat me as his brother?

"I'm your sixth brother! You can't do this! You'll suffer if I tell Big Brother!" he threatened Qian Jiyun resentfully.

He was the most spoiled by the other sworn brothers. He was, after all, the youngest.

Qian Jiyun was only 15 years old when they became sworn brothers, and he was only 10. He was still a child and had been pampered by his brothers all these years.

Back then, Qian Jiyun doted on him very much.

But now...

He was hurt that his second brother abandoned him after having a woman.

Xia Junfeng looked at Gong Cheng helplessly, then at Yu Yan'er, who was following behind him. His eyes darkened, and he sneered.

If Big Brother and the others find out that this idiot brought a woman to annoy Second Brother's sweetheart, there's no telling who will suffer!

Fortunately, Second Brother didn't argue with him. Otherwise, he would have prepared the sack, right?

"You can try to come up."

Qian Jiyun did not give him a good attitude. He did not want to embarrass Gong Cheng with Yu Yan'er around just now. Now that Yu Yan'er had gone to buy the lotus lantern, he was naturally not going to be polite to Gong Cheng.

"Second Brother, are you really going to disregard your brother for a woman?" Gong Cheng could not believe that Qian Jiyun would really disregard him for a woman.

When they became sworn brothers back then, they said they would live and die together. Qian Jiyun only had a woman, but look what happened now?

"Fifth Brother, look at him. He's been at the border for so many years. What has he become?"

He looked at Xia Junfeng aggrievedly and complained without hesitation.

Xia Junfeng was speechless.

He felt that he should be the one to prepare the sack. He had only been here for a while but was already annoyed by this guy.

Did he pester Second Brother for a long time before Second Brother sent someone to find me?

“Do you think complaining to Junfeng will work?”

Chapter 443 Serves You Right!

Qian Jiyun stared at Gong Cheng coldly. He had already made up his mind to pack this guy up and send him to Huayan Peak in a few days. He did not want him to stay in the capital for another moment.

“That’s enough. You’re already so old. What’s there to argue about with him?”

An Jiuyue sighed softly. She could not say much about Gong Cheng. After all, he was not her family.

If it was a relative’s child, she would slap them without hesitation. How could such a brat exist?

“Let him board the boat. Having one more person is fine. Young Master Gong, do you know how to row a boat?” she asked Gong Cheng.

“Do I look like I know how to row a boat?” Gong Cheng answered assertively with a question.

He was the eldest son of the Gong family. His servants would usually take care of everything he did in the city. Was rowing a boat something he had to do personally? He could just pick any servant to row the boat, right?

An Jiuyue remained silent.

What a stubborn man! I gave him a way out, but he refused to give in. It’s no surprise that Qian Jiyun is angry.

After hearing what Gong Cheng had said, Qian Jiyun almost kicked him away. Fortunately, An Jiuyue grabbed his wrist and stopped him.

“Why would you want to come if you don’t know how to row a boat? Do you want me to serve you? Or do you want Junfeng to row the boat for you? Get lost!”

“I—”

Gong Cheng opened his mouth and finally understood what An Jiuyue meant.

However, he had already spoken and could not take back his words. What else could he possibly do? He had to put up with it to board the boat.

“Second Brother, although I don’t know how to row a boat, I can help you pick the lotus seeds. Look, you have two children, yet you have to row a boat and pick the lotus seeds. You’ll be in a frenzy. Isn’t it better if I go with you?”

He finally had a good head on his shoulders. He could even delegate tasks to himself.

“I’ll row the boat. Youran can help pick the lotus seeds.” Xia Junfeng pushed Gong Cheng away and jumped onto the boat first before helping Chen Youran up.

He saw Gong Cheng looking at him pitifully. He sneered again and cursed internally, “Serves you right!”

“Cousin, why don’t we release the lotus lanterns by the bank? Prince Zhan Yun’s rented boat isn’t big. Lord Xia and Miss Chen are also here. If we all board, it will be quite crowded.”

Yu Yan’er also realized how much Qian Jiyun disliked her. She pursed her lips and tried to be a good person and persuade Gong Cheng to leave.

However, Gong Cheng was a foolish young man. He remembered being here before Fifth Brother Xia arrived.

No matter what, there should be a place for him on the boat!

He could not bring himself to ask Fifth Brother Xia and Chen Youran to leave. However, he would lose face if he could not board the boat.

“No, I have to get on the boat. Releasing the lotus lanterns by the bank cannot compare to releasing them in the middle of the lotus pond. Cousin, you can go to the bank if you want. This boat still has room for one more person,” he said to Yu Yan’er in a daze.

“Pfft!”

This time, it was not An Jiuyue who laughed aloud but Chen Youran, who had accompanied Xia Junfeng.

Even she could tell that Miss Yu from the Grand Preceptor Residence was retreating to advance. She said it on purpose to provoke Gong Cheng into fighting to get on the boat.

Chapter 444 Tell Her to Get Lost!

She was also a woman. If she could not even tell what Yu Yan’er was thinking, she would not be worthy of staying in the capital, let alone capturing Xia Junfeng’s heart.

“Miss Yu, Young Master Gong is right. You should go to the bank and release the lotus lanterns on your own. There is still room for Young Master Gong on this boat, but it will be too crowded with the two of you.”

She believed Yu Yan’er could understand the last few words she said.

It was truly too crowded. Prince Zhan Yun clearly only had eyes for An Jiuyue. Why was Yu Yan’er still trying to force her way in?

Of course, Yu Yan’er understood what Chen Youran meant. Her face flushed red with anger.

She did not want to come here in the first place. If her father had not forced her, she would not have thrown away her reputation to get involved in this messy situation with Qian Jiyun.

If Qian Jiyun had not insisted on returning from the southern border, her father would not have forced her to come here.

Wouldn't it be great if Qian Jiyun stayed at the southern border?

"If that's the case, then... Cousin, go have fun with Prince Zhan Yun and the others. I... I'm going back," she said as she looked at Gong Cheng miserably with reddened eyes.

"Well..."

Gong Cheng looked at her pitiful appearance and could not bring himself to let her go.

She was a single lady, after all. How could he let her go to the bank by herself to release the lotus lanterns?

It would, however, be embarrassing for him if he was not permitted to board Second Brother's boat. He was caught in a dilemma and had no choice but to turn to look at Qian Jiyun.

"Second Brother, why don't we... squeeze in together?" he suggested.

Xia Junfeng and Chen Youran exchanged glances. They could see the helplessness in each other's eyes. It was really not easy to teach this younger brother.

"Mother, since this auntie likes Uncle Qian's boat so much, why don't we leave and let her board?"

Even the young Qian Yizheng could not stand it anymore.

It's easy for us to come out to play, but this pair who can't read the room ruined the scenery. How nauseating!

Why don't we go to the bank with Uncle Qian to release the lotus lanterns? It'll save us the trouble of watching people put on an act here!

Qian Jiyun looked down at the child and patted his head. He looked up at Gong Cheng coldly and asked, "Shall I let you have this boat?"

"No, no need. Second Brother, that won't do. We can just squeeze in together. This boat is not small." Gong Cheng quickly shook his head.

Snatch his second brother's boat? He had not grown tired of living!

"Gong Cheng, either you two get lost, or you tell her to get lost! Do you hear me?!"

Xia Junfeng could not stand it anymore and shouted at Gong Cheng.

Can't you read people's expressions? Why are you making life difficult for your sworn brother for the sake of a cousin who is not even related by blood?

Also, does Yu Yan'er not feel anything when she sees how much he detests her? It's remarkable for a single lady to have such thick skin!

"Junfeng, don't be angry. Miss Jiuyue and the two children are still here," Chen Youran quickly advised when he saw that Xia Junfeng was really angry.

It was not good to do this in front of the two children.

Xia Junfeng took a deep breath. He wanted to say it in front of the two children.

Chapter 445 Admitted Defeat!

The two children could tell that Yu Yan'er was deliberately trying to annoy them. How was he supposed to not lose his temper and continue putting up with this?

He was not his second brother and would not tolerate Gong Cheng's bad habits.

He did not know that Qian Jiyun had planned to visit Lord Gong at the Gong Residence after this incident. Qian Jiyun had decided to send Gong Cheng to "meditate in seclusion" for some time.

Gong Cheng probably did not have to return to the capital for another three to five years!

That explained why he was so patient with Gong Cheng. Otherwise, he would have fallen out with him long ago.

"Fifth Brother!" Gong Cheng was furious.

Is it inappropriate for me to go out today? Why am I being criticized like this? First, it's Second Brother, and now it's Fifth Brother. Why am I so unlucky?

All I did was bring Yu Yan'er along. She's my cousin! Why can't I bring her out to play? Is there a need to despise her so much?

We didn't even despise An Jiuyue for coming from the countryside, but they despised us first.

"Since Miss Yu wants to board the boat so badly, come on board," An Jiuyue said.

Since she wanted to board the boat so badly, An Jiuyue had to give her a chance, right? She looked at Yu Yan'er with a relaxed gaze, staring at her until her eyes were filled with guilt, and she avoided her gaze.

Finally, Gong Cheng and Yu Yan'er boarded the ship because of one word from An Jiuyue.

Gong Cheng did not understand why his second brother was so obedient to An Jiuyue.

Would he have agreed to let them on the boat so quickly if someone else had said that? He might not even consider it.

Even Xia Junfeng was astonished.

Qian Jiyun always stood by his word—something that would only change when that old woman from his residence caused trouble.

But one word from An Jiuyue made him change his decision. Wasn't that too easy?

Xia Junfeng did not believe that a person could change so much. It was as if he had become a different person. He almost suspected that the person in front of him was not his second brother.

But he thought it looked natural when he saw Qian Jiyun reach out and pick a lotus seed pod, peel the lotus seeds, and casually bring them to An Jiuyue's mouth for her to eat.

He thought he was already very sweet and thoughtful to Chen Youran, but he admitted defeat to Qian Jiyun!

"Maybe it's because of the water quality, but the lotus seeds in the Moonlight Lotus Pond are sweeter than those found elsewhere. Zheng'er, Rong'er, try some too."

Qian Jiyun picked two more and handed one to each of them. However, he did not peel the lotus seeds for them.

The two little ones did not mind. Qian Jiyun did not have to peel lotus seeds for them—they were big children anyway. They had peeled and eaten the seeds in their mother's space. It was an easy task.

"It's quite sweet." An Jiuyue nodded in agreement.

However, she thought that all tender lotus seeds were very sweet.

“Mother, eat.”

Qian Yizheng was very good at peeling. He quickly peeled one but did not eat it himself. Instead, he brought it to his mother’s mouth.

Although he was young, he could still take good care of his mother. He did not need Uncle Qian to feed her. Of course, he had no intention of snatching her away from him.

“Here’s mine too, Mother. I peeled them very carefully. You can eat mine.”

Chapter 446 I Really Shouldn’t Have Come

Qian Yirong was even more meticulous. He even peeled off the outer layer of the lotus seed before bringing it to his mother’s mouth.

“Alright, I will eat.”

An Jiuyue smiled, took the lotus seed from the child, and placed it in her mouth.

“Alright, I’ve eaten. You can peel and eat them too. We’ll release the lotus lanterns later. By the way, Jiyun, where are our lotus lanterns?”

She had not seen the lotus lanterns they made and also did not know where Qian Jiyun had placed them.

She could have kept them in her space, but she remembered that there would be many people at the Moonlight Lotus Pond. It would be too inconvenient to take them out, so she did not mention it.

“In the bow of the boat.”

Qian Jiyun bent and reached for a basket. There were a few lotus lanterns inside.

There were more lanterns inside at first, but the two children found them more appealing than their own and took out a few. Qian Jiyun instructed the butler to keep the others in the warehouse as mementos.

“Second Brother, your lotus lanterns are so beautiful. Where did you buy them?” Xia Junfeng leaned over and glanced at the lotus lanterns in the basket.

In reality, there was no need to ask. No stall dared to sell black lotus lanterns with golden edges, so these were undoubtedly handmade.

However, he still wanted to ask that aloud because he wanted Yu Yan’er to understand that some people were out of her reach. He also wanted Gong Cheng, that fool, to know what he was doing—he had no idea he was being used for nothing!

“Uncle Qian and Mother made them together. Brother and I also made some. You can’t buy them outside,” Qian Yizheng answered immediately.

“You can buy them next year. I know how to make them,” Qian Yirong added.

An Jiuyue and Qian Jiyun were silent.

This child still remembers wanting to make money by selling lotus lanterns. He has a great memory!

They looked at each other and could not do anything about it. It was good to have personal interests and hobbies. They could not deny him, right?

Gong Cheng and Yu Yan’er sat in the back and watched Qian Jiyun’s family chat happily. Even Chen Youran, who came later, could exchange a few words with An Jiuyue.

She gritted her teeth and regretted it.

If I had known that An Jiuyue would have so much influence over Qian Jiyun, I would have gone for her first. I shouldn't have shown my liking for Qian Jiyun from the beginning and made her wary of me.

Now, I'm like an outsider who can't even chime in. It's far too awkward.

She tilted her head and leaned toward Gong Cheng, whispering, "Cousin, I really shouldn't have come."

Of course, she had no choice but to come. However, she had gone about it incorrectly. If she could get into An Jiuyue's good books now, she would definitely...

Unfortunately, no amount of money could buy prior knowledge. Who would have thought that Qian Jiyun would be so patient with and dote on a woman from the countryside?

What could Gong Cheng say to her?

Even his second brother and fifth brother ostracized him. They did not even want to talk to him.

They might as well not board the boat and go to the bank to release the lotus lanterns. They would not have to feel so aggrieved.

He believed An Jiuyue had ill intentions when she asked them to board the boat. She must have told them to board because she knew that Second Brother and Fifth Brother would ignore him.

Chapter 447 It Was All Very New

This young lady is really evil!

She has only recently arrived in the capital and is already sowing discord among us. Who knows what will happen in the future?

No! I can't let a young lady ruin my relationship with Second Brother, right?

He could not let An Jiuyue stay in the Prince Zhan Yun Residence forever. He had to think of a way to get rid of her. Gong Cheng fell into deep thought.

Is there any way to take An Jiuyue away from the Prince Zhan Yun Residence?

What if I do something? That won't do. If Second Brother finds out, he'll kill me! The best solution is to have Second Brother chase her away personally.

But An Jiuyue has bewitched Second Brother. Why would he chase her away? Unless there is a new lady—better, gentler, and more trustworthy—to replace An Jiuyue...

Gong Cheng took a deep breath and glanced at Yu Yan'er.

Although Yu Yan'er was not his biological cousin, she was the eldest daughter of the Grand Preceptor Residence, and the Gong family supported her. Moreover, she had a pleasant personality and was always very proper.

A lady like her was the perfect match for his brother.

He had to think of a way to let his brother know how good Yu Yan'er was. That way, he would be able to shift his attention from An Jiuyue to Yu Yan'er.

"How..." he muttered softly, unable to think of an idea.

Now that his second brother was ignoring him, he would not listen to anything he said. He had to make him realize that An Jiuyue was not a good match for him.

He took a deep breath and looked at the two children sitting on the boat, slowly peeling the lotus seeds.

These two children have nothing to do with An Jiuyue, right? They're also unrelated to Second Brother. Maybe I can make use of them?

It seemed feasible to him. The two children had nothing to do with anyone. He would not feel guilty even if something happened.

“Mother, the lotus flowers here are so beautiful.” Qian Yizheng pointed at a lotus flower beside him.

The lotus flowers here differed from those in his mother’s space. They had two different colors, and the stamens inside were yellow.

Although they were not as beautiful as the lotus flowers in the space, he had never seen them before. It was all very new to him.

“This lotus flower is the same as the one Aunt Yiyun taught me to make. I made a few, but I didn’t bring them out.”

“Typical lotus flowers are of this color.”

An Jiuyue carried Qian Yizheng and brought him closer to the lotus flowers. She wanted to teach them about lotus flowers.

“Come, Rong’er, come here too. I’ll tell you...”

Gong Cheng pursed his lips as he watched An Jiuyue tell the two children about the lotus flower.

This woman is very scheming! She knows that my brother feels responsible for the two children. She must have used this to tightly grasp Qian Jiyun in her palm, right?

That must be it! I won’t let this woman have her way!

And what’s with these little two things? They live off my brother, but they’re not close to him and insist on being so close to a woman who has nothing to do with them. Let’s see if An Jiuyue will sell them off in the future!

He glared at the two children angrily!

“Gong Liu, what are you thinking about?”

Chapter 448 Qian Yirong Pushed Him Into the Water

Just as Gong Cheng was contemplating how to use the two children to make Qian Jiyun despise An Jiuyue, Xia Junfeng elbowed him.

Why is this guy setting himself against the two children for no reason? Why is he glaring at them? He sure has become promising!

“Huh?!”

Gong Chengzheng did not have a guilty conscience at first. He was thinking about how to subdue the two children and make them side with him to chase An Jiuyue out of the Prince Zhan Yun Residence.

But after Xia Junfeng elbowed him and he recalled Qian Jiyun’s attitude toward An Jiuyue, he felt a little guilty.

He was startled and jumped up suddenly. The boat swayed and became unstable.

“Gong Cheng, you...”

“Ah!”

“Zheng’er!”

A scream and an urgent shout sounded at the same time.

An Jiuyue was able to grab Qian Yirong, who was closer to her, in time. However, Qian Yizheng swayed a few times before falling into the water with a splash.

Qian Jiyun's eyes narrowed, and he jumped into the water too!

"What's wrong with you, woman? Can't you even watch over a child?" Gong Cheng was dumbfounded when he saw Qian Yizheng fall into the water.

However, he did not realize that Qian Yizheng had fallen into the water because the boat swayed violently when he stood up. His first thought was that An Jiuyue had not taken good care of the two children.

"Gong Cheng, shut up!"

Xia Junfeng turned around and glared at Gong Cheng before turning to stare at the water. Soon, Qian Jiyun emerged from the water with Qian Yizheng in his arms.

"Second Brother, give me the child." He reached out to grab Qian Yizheng.

However, Qian Jiyun did not give him the child. Instead, he brought the child to An Jiuyue.

"Jiuyue, pull the child up."

"Zheng'er, give me your hand." An Jiuyue immediately reached out to him, feeling relieved.

"Brother! Come here quickly, Brother." Qian Yirong waved at his brother too, almost crying from panic.

"Ahem, ahem." Qian Yizheng choked on some water but was still conscious and well.

He was relieved when he saw his mother in front of him and realized he was being carried by his most trusted uncle, Qian Jiyun.

“Mother!” He stretched his arms towards An Jiuyue, who quickly brought him into her arms.

“Let me carry the child. You can’t even take care of a child properly, woman. You...”

Gong Cheng now had a strong opinion of An Jiuyue. He wanted to snatch the child away when he saw how drenched he was.

This was the best time to win people over. There was no better opportunity.

However, he did not expect a small foot to hook him by the arm. He swayed, about to fall into the water, but regained his balance.

“You little thing...”

He looked at Qian Yirong, who was extending his leg toward him. Before he could say anything, Qian Yirong stretched out an arm.

Then...

Splash! Qian Yirong pushed him into the water successfully.

Xia Junfeng and Chen Youran, who had witnessed the whole process, were speechless.

These two children were truly extraordinary. One of them fell into the water and, when rescued, did not cry and only hugged An Jiuyue tightly.

Chapter 449 Go Down and Accompany Your Good Cousin

The other one went all out to avenge his brother. It had only been a short while, but he had already sent the culprit into the water.

And he did it so effortlessly!

From the looks of it, An Jiuyue was not someone to be trifled with. Unfortunately, Gong Cheng did not understand. He even thought he could make Qian Jiyun despise An Jiuyue for him!

“Cousin!” Yu Yan’er exclaimed when she saw her cousin fall into the water.

She reached out to save Gong Cheng, but she was a weak woman. How could she go into the water to save him?

“Prince Zhan Yun...”

She looked at Qian Jiyun pleadingly, wanting to beg him to save Gong Cheng too.

Unfortunately, Qian Jiyun did not even look at her. He leaped onto the boat as if he did not notice Gong Cheng struggling in the water.

“Young Master Xia, my cousin...”

Xia Junfeng glanced at Yu Yan’er coldly and said, “He’s perfect for waiting in the water. It’s cooler and can help to clear one’s mind.”

His sixth brother should use the water in the Moonlight Lotus Pond to wash away his muddleheadedness. Otherwise, he would not be aware that he had offended others!

While Yu Yan’er was asking Xia Junfeng for help on behalf of Gong Cheng, Qian Yirong had already taken off his coat. An Jiuyue had also taken off Qian Yizheng’s wet clothes.

She wrapped Qian Yirong’s coat around Qian Yizheng.

“Are you cold?” An Jiuyue asked softly.

“I’m not cold.” Qian Yizheng shook his head and looked at his mother with reddened eyes.

He did not feel aggrieved. His eyes only reddened because they stung.

How will I protect Mother in the future if I can’t withstand such a small setback?

“Mother, the water is not cold. Don’t worry.”

“It’s summer now, so the water is a little warm. It’s alright, Jiuyue. You don’t have to worry too much,” Qian Jiyun added.

“Let’s row the boat back,” Chen Youran suggested.

Although it was summer, it was still windy at night. Qian Yizheng was a child, so it was easy for him to fall sick.

“Okay.” Xia Junfeng nodded immediately and prepared to row back.

Yu Yan’er was dumbfounded when she saw that they were about to leave and ignored Gong Cheng, who was still in the water. She reminded them weakly, “My cousin is still in the water.”

An Jiuyue turned to look at Yu Yan’er. “You’re right. Young Master Gong is still in the water. Miss Yu, do you want to go down and accompany your good cousin?” she asked coldly.

Would this have happened if not for them?

She did not care about releasing the lotus lanterns, but causing Zheng’er to fall into the water was no small matter!

"I—" Yu Yan'er opened her mouth and looked at Qian Jiyun pleadingly.

Gong Cheng is his sworn brother, right? He can't possibly ignore his younger brother, right?

"Your Highness, you..."

"Junfeng, row faster." Qian Jiyun could not be bothered with Gong Cheng, let alone Yu Yan'er. He picked up another oar and rowed towards the bank.

Gong Cheng, still in the water, was speechless.

I know how to swim, but is this really my second brother? He saw me in the water, didn't rescue me, and even told Fifth Brother to row faster?!

Chapter 450 Treated as if He Did Not Exist

"Second Brother, I'm still here!"

Still in the water, he reminded Qian Jiyun not to forget him.

However, Qian Jiyun did not forget about him. Instead, he wanted him to stay in the water and recall what had happened. Gong Cheng could only watch as the boat rowed further and further away while he swam back on his own.

Fortunately, he knew how to swim. Otherwise, what would he do?

He hated An Jiuyue to the core. He would not have ended up swimming in the Moonlight Lotus Pond if it hadn't been for her.

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“Achoo!”

Qian Yizheng was well, as he had consumed medicine from An Jiuyue’s Points Mall.

On the other hand, Gong Cheng, who had been pushed into the Moonlight Lotus Pond by Qian Yirong, fell sick and had a fever the next day.

He summoned an imperial physician to treat him and spent two days resting at home before feeling better. However, he started causing trouble again after he recovered.

He invited Eldest Brother Yan and Third Brother Fu to a restaurant and began to complain.

“Second Brother has changed. He watched me fall into the water and didn’t even save me because of a woman. Eldest Brother, do you think he’ll still be our Second Brother in the future?”

“He used to protect me. When we went hunting in the royal hunting grounds, he almost got killed by a black bear to protect me.

“But look at Second Brother now. He threw me into the water because of a woman. You weren’t there to see it. An Jiuyue only had to give him a look, and he’d give in to her.

“Fifth Brother is also on Second Brother’s side!”

He had seen through it. A woman was more important than a brother. How could Qian Jiyun treat him like this because of a woman?

He had been lying in bed and drinking such bitter medicine for the past two days. He thought his second brother would feel guilty and come to visit him.

He was still contemplating how to persuade him to change his mind and throw An Jiuyue out of the Prince Zhan Yun Residence!

However, he did not receive any news from his second brother. He was treated as if he did not exist!

Eldest Brother Yan glanced at him and did not reply.

He knew Qian Jiyun's personality very well. He would never believe that he was so foolish that he would risk his brother's life for a woman.

Gong Cheng must have offended Qian Jiyun somehow and crossed his bottom line. Hence, Qian Jiyun punished him.

Furthermore, if only Qian Jiyun had treated him like that, it might have been because of a woman. However, Fifth Brother Xia was also present.

Even he went along with Qian Jiyun. Gong Cheng must have really offended Qian Jiyun.

"Second Brother has gotten too ambitious after staying at the southern border, right?"

Although Eldest Brother Yan was rational, Third Brother Fu was not, especially given his bad temper. His wife had even divorced him because of his temper. He hated her to the core.

He had never met An Jiuyue before, but he believed Qian Jiyun was at fault after hearing what Gong Cheng said.

According to the proverb, brothers were like hands and feet, and women were like clothes; if one lost one's clothes, one could replace them, but what could one accomplish without one's hands and feet?

"Don't be anxious, Sixth Brother. I'll accompany you to Second Brother's place later. He'll definitely apologize to you," he promised, patting his chest.

Gong Cheng looked at Third Brother Fu gratefully. "Thank you, Third Brother."

Third Brother treats me well, unlike Second Brother, who values his lover over his friends!