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Youyou's lips twitched for a moment. He could now vaguely sense a hint of gunpowder in what should have been a fun volleyball game.

Lisa said to him, "Stand to the side. I'll have a game with her."

"Well..." Little Yichen muttered in frustration, is there really a point to this match?

No matter who ended up winning, it would be a rather dishonorable win wouldn't it?

Lisa, however, was fine with it. If Chu He were to win, she'd end up feeling as though she had stooped to the level of a child. But if she were to lose, it would be humiliating.

Linxi hesitated as well, and finally said, "Forget it, I admit defeat!"

"Please don't misunderstand." Chu He smiled as she walked over to Linxi. She picked up the volleyball from the ground and lightly brushed the sand off it. "I just want to see how strong a girl she is, to have injured a boy's hand."

Lisa replied expressionlessly, "He was the one who wanted to continue playing. I saw he was hurt and didn't want to play anymore, but he refused to admit defeat."

Lisa had a competitive streak in her, especially if the situation was in her favor, there was no way she would admit defeat unless she was utterly convinced.

"Then, can I have a go at it?" Chu He ventured to ask.

In a daze, Lisa found the face before her strangely familiar.

Vermilion Bird?

A name skittered through her mind.

There was someone by the name of Vermillion Bird in the Hurricane Group, so was there one in Interpol previously. One was the Black Vermilion Bird, and the other was the White Vermilion Bird. Everyone used this to distinguish between the two.

Lisa was a junior and had never met White Vermilion Bird in-person, but she remembered seeing a picture of her, smiling and full of self-confidence.

She looked exactly like this woman before her now.

She couldn't help feeling suspicious.

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She was in a daze when Chu He reminded her, "Are you ready?"

Lisa reacted instantly, taking half a step back and bending her body forward slightly, instantly returning to her "fight" stance.

Chu He served. She held the volleyball high, then performed a standard serve. The volleyball flew over the railing.

Reacting nimbly, Lisa sprang forward like a cat, using her considerable bounce to knock the volleyball back.

A special volleyball match had begun.

Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi were returning from their walk along the beach when they stumbled upon this scene. Behind them, Hua Jin clearly saw it too.

The actor had offered to take Natalia down to the beach, and the couple had followed behind to go for a walk. Little Yichen and Youyou, on the other hand, were still in bed. Lisa had offered to stay behind to look after Yueyao, so the four of them had gone for a walk along the beach.

They were just returning after their stroll when they saw this scene. Everyone felt a little curious.

Yun Shishi was surprised. "What are they doing, exactly?"

"Playing volleyball."

"But..."

Yun Shishi and Hua Jin stared blankly at the two players, who were engaged in a heated match. The sound of them hitting the ball was astonishing.

"Volleyball is too scary!"

Mu Yazhe found it interesting and insisted, "Let's go take a look!"

As the group moved to the side, Little Yichen spotted them. Mu Yazhe motioned for him to keep silent, then observed the game quietly from the side.

Chu He and Lisa fought to a tie.

One was a former Interpol officer. The other was the youngest mercenary in Mercenary Paradise. Both were terrifyingly strong.

Especially Chu He, who was now horrified!

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Chu He, especially, was horrified!

Before she'd experienced it, she'd already imagined that Lisa was no weakling. Otherwise, Linxi's wrist wouldn't have been so badly injured. However, she did not expect Lisa to be so terrifyingly strong! She even felt that this girl's potential was far above her own!

As the saying goes. The younger generation will surpass us!

That was exactly what it meant!

And wasn't Lisa equally surprised! She had not expected Chu He to be so strong. The woman looked thin and frail, she had not expected Chu He to be as strong as any other mercenary! As a result, she was even more certain that the woman before her must be the all powerful former Interpol governor.

Amazing.

Being able to spar with such a famous figure, Lisa was instantly motivated!

One should not underestimate Lisa. Even if it was just a volleyball game, she would do her best! She was an extremely competitive person. She either didn't compete with others, or if she did, she would be compelled to win. Games were no exception.

After playing for a while, they were at a tie. The score remained even, with neither willing to give way to the other. Even if one of them came into a lead, the other would immediately catch up.

Bam!

Bam!

Bam!

For those in the know, this was a volleyball game. For those not in the know, they'd think there were explosions going off.

Lisa was gradually feeling the volleyball soften a little. It was fully filled with air, but now, it actually felt a little soft!

Not to mention the twins, even Gu Jinglian held his breath, and even more so, Yun Shishi and Hua Jin, who were watching from nearby.

The actor asked weakly, "Will they both break their hands if they continued playing like that?"

"Uh..." Yun Shishi groaned. "I don't know if Chu He will, but Lisa certainly won't."

"Why do you say that?"

"Have you ever seen a kid her size lifting a 20 kilogram dumbbell like it was a toy?" Yun Shishi was feeling rather nervous. The last time, in the gym at home, she'd tried to put away the dumbbells Lisa used for training. She'd almost broken her back when she bent over and tried to pick them up.

## So heavy!

From then on, she did not dare to pick up any of Lisa's training equipment. If she were careless, it could certainly break her back.

The actor muttered, "That's ... a little scary."

Yun Shishi was intrigued. "I wonder who would win if Yazhe and Gu Jinglian played a match against each other?"

The actor sized up Mu Yazhe and then Gu Jinglian, and said weakly, "Of course Brother-in-law will win."

"Oh, do you think so too?" How could Mu Yazhe not tell that Hua Jin said this out of his survival instinct and eagerness to please.

The actor immediately expressed his sincerity. "Of course! I really believe that!"

Mu Yazhe laughed and said indifferently, "I've never fought Gu Jinglian, but I don't think he'll lose out to me."

The match had been going on for half an hour. Lisa and Chu He were showing signs of fatigue. After all, they were made of flesh and blood, not steel. Their stamina was depleting quickly.

Little Yichen shouted for the match to stop. At this stage of the competition, it was obvious who would win. Although they looked like they were even, Chu He's stamina was clearly failing.

"Stop fighting. Lisa's been fighting for a long time. She'll get tired."

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Although Chu He was indignant, she took the initiative to stop the competition.

It had to be said that Lisa had incredible stamina. She'd been playing almost a full session of the game even before their confrontation took place, and hadn't taken a break in-between. It wasn't easy to play so intensively.

Little Yichen had just come up to Lisa when Gu Jinglian said, "Why don't we have a match?"

"Huh?" Little Yichen looked around before he was sure that Gu Jinglian was issuing him a challenge.

He was dumbfounded. "Seriously?"

Upon hearing this, Gu Jinglian taunted, "Are you afraid?"

"No..." Little Yichen scratched his brow sheepishly and replied, "I'm just afraid you might embarrass yourself if you were to lose the game."

The man immediately turned ashen. "Pfft..."

Chu He was greatly amused when she heard this!

Ahaha!

What the boy said sounded arrogant at first, but Little Yichen looked earnestly embarrassed, as though really worried that Gu Jinglian would look bad if defeated!

The man was speechless for a moment. "How are you so sure that I'll lose to you?"

"Because... it's a fact..." Little Yichen hesitated, and then continued, "I don't know how to fake my play."

Youyou said in a quiet voice, "If Little Yichen plays, this volleyball will probably explode."

Lisa nodded in agreement. The three children looked at Gu Jinglian sincerely, as if they were worried for him.

Of course hearing this made the man feel extremely uncomfortable!

He, a grown man, actually had to have a child give way to him?!

He immediately snapped, "You don't have to give me a handicap! I may not lose if we have a match."

"That's... not a good idea, is it?" Little Yichen rubbed his head sheepishly. "You... you really can't beat me. If I accidentally hurt you, Daddy will chide me for causing trouble again."

He had no idea his father was standing nearby.

When Mu Yazhe heard his son saying that, he thought to himself, "It's okay. Daddy's not going to chastise you for that. Go ahead and do him in!"

Yun Shishi gave her man an icy glare. Why was he being so childish now!

Gu Jinglian, on the other hand, was indignant. Feeling belittled by the three children, he insisted on having a go.

Oh alright then!

He'd try his best not to hurt the man.

The boy picked up the ball and served it casually. Gu Jinglian saw that the boy was being casual and so he did not return the serve. Instead, he looked displeased and asked the boy, "Are you thinking so lowly of me?"

"No. I was afraid you wouldn't be able to return it."

Gu Jinglian's lips twitched again. "Be serious about it!" With that, the man made a powerful serve. Noting that Gu Jinglian was serious, Little Yichen also became swift and serious. He rushed forward and jumped up. With a beautiful slam dunk, he immediately threw the volleyball into the net.

Gu Jinglian rushed over and saved the ball. The game gradually became intense.

Youyou was speechless as he looked on. He muttered, "Why are you acting like a child when you're a grown-up?"

Lisa, who had been trying to catch her breath, finally managed to even out her breathing. By the side, Chu He was so tired that she squatted on the floor. She hadn't exercised so vigorously in a long time. Her heart couldn't keep up and she was sweating. Nevertheless, she sincerely thought Lisa's game was formidable. Even more formidable was the fact that a girl this young could have such terrifying strength.

She could tell the girl had been professionally trained. A young mercenary with the strength of an adult. How dreadful. Chu He couldn't help being curious about the identity of this child.

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The group watched the game with great interest. Little Yichen leaped for a slam dunk. Gu Jinglian reached out and caught it. In that instant, he felt a spark of electricity and reflexively withdrew his hand.

It was a function of the body's self-preservation. The ball was coming at too great a force. If he were to try to return it, it could mean a dislocation of a joint or a bone fracture.

The human body has the capability to protect itself instinctively. Gu Jinglian subconsciously felt that he was not going to be able to return the ball, so he instinctively retracted his hand.

The ball immediately bounced off the concrete rock by the side. There was a bang, followed by the sound of an explosion. The volleyball tumbled to the sand, but it was clearly deflated.

It had exploded.

It was the first time Chu He had seen a ball being burst by a child. She was stunned. Gu Jinglian was also stunned.

He knew Little Yichen was very capable and strong, but he had never expected him to be so terrifyingly strong! Yun Shishi and Hua Jin were equally stunned.

The world seemed to have gone silent.

Little Yichen looked regretfully at the broken volleyball and then his gaze fell on Gu Jinglian. The man was still standing there with a blank expression on his face. Then he snorted forcefully and remarked, "You didn't do too badly. I lost."

"Wahhhhhh...!" Little Yichen stared at the man in disbelief. He had not expected Gu Jinglian to admit defeat.

But only Chu He and Youyou saw it. Gu Jinglian's hand, hidden behind his back, was trembling slightly, and his wrist was visibly swollen.

Chu He walked over and tentatively said, "Your hand is... swollen..."

"Shhhh." Gu Jinglian glanced at her. "Save me some face."

"…"

This man! At such a critical moment, all he could think of was saving face! But on second thought, it was only human. Although he admitted defeat, he could not let others feel that he had lost too badly.

A six-foot-tall man injuring his wrist playing volleyball with a kid... It would be embarrassing to tell this to anyone.

Gu Jinglian was determined to save his own dignity.

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"You ... are fine, right?"

"It's just swollen. It'll be fine."

"Little Yichen, can you..." Lisa stared at the slowly deflating volleyball in utter disappointment. "Can't you just play gently?! I have only one volleyball and now it's broken. We'll have nothing to play with now."

Little Yichen said resentfully, "We'll buy another one!"

"That's easy to say. Do they sell volleyballs on this island?"

"Yes," the boy replied. "There are convenience stores near the hotel. They sell beach volleyballs." Little Yichen looked embarrassed. "Lisa, don't be mad. I'll get you a replacement!"

The boy coaxed Lisa patiently. Gu Jinglian and Chu He, who were standing by the side, exchanged glances.

Were these two children the reincarnation of monsters?! Were they that strong?! That was too violent.

It had to be said that Little Yichen and Lisa were inexplicably compatible. They were similarly violent, and had the same monstrous strength.

Chu He and Gu Jinglian had each experienced the terrifying strength of the two children. When they looked at Baby Chu, who was standing there stunned, Chu He was lost for a reaction.

Baby Chu was in a daze. And as Linxi observed this scene, his mind was boggled too. Fortunately, he withdrew from the competition in time. He also had reason to believe that Lisa did hold back significantly during their match earlier on. Otherwise, he would have lost even more miserably for sure!

Even though he was unwilling, he admitted defeat. At least Chu He hadn't managed to defeat her either. He felt better.

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Naturally, they could no longer play volleyball.

It was dinner time, so Gu Jinglian ordered a candlelight dinner, intending to relive the sweetness of their marriage with Chu He.

Dusk. Seaside. Beach. Sunset. A hint of candlelight with classic foie gras. Quietly waiting for nightfall.

It was beautiful just to imagine such a scene. Gu Jinglian had put a lot of thought into this trip. Since they were on vacation, everything had to be perfect.

He was a perfectionist, so there was little excuse or reason not to do well whatever he wanted to do.

Chu He, however, had no idea how much effort he had put in. Even after the candlelight dinner was ready, she continued fretting about what delicious food could be found on the island. She was hungry and all she could think of were steaks and burgers.

Gu Jinglian had sent the two children to dine in other restaurants on the island under the care of the bodyguards, and happily prepared for the candlelight dinner with his wife.

Lin Xi knew his intentions, so he didn't say much apart from promising to take good care of Baby Chu. Coaxing the Baby Chu, he led the boy away.

Gu Jinglian was full of anticipation. When the candlelight dinner was ready, he told Chu He he had a surprise for her. He took her by her hand and walked to the edge of the beach.

Chu He saw the small dining table in the distance. It was only big enough for two people to sit facing each other. There were appetizers on the table and beautiful candlesticks. Chu He's eyes widened in surprise.

"This is..."

"A candlelight dinner." Gu Jinglian looked at her lovingly. "Do you like it?"

The woman was stunned and speechless for a moment. Then, she turned and looked up at him, her eyes like crescent moons as she smiled and said, "I do!"

She stood on tiptoe, put her arms around his shoulders, and planted a kiss on his cheek. Although she had always despised this man for not being romantic enough, every now and then, he would meticulously create a bit of romance and plan a surprise.

She'd also fantasized about a romantic honeymoon for two. Although it was a delayed one, it did not stop her from looking forward to it.

Gu Jinglian took her hand and sat down. After they were both seated, the candlelight dinner officially began.

Just as the main dishes were served one after another, Gu Jinglian suddenly smelled smoke. Shortly after he did, Chu He smelled it too!

Gu Jinglian had no idea where the smell came from at first. It had a smoky aroma unique to barbecues. The smell was heavy and mixed with the aroma of roasted meat. The man frowned slightly and looked in the direction of where this may have come from. To his surprise, he heard excited voices coming from the courtyard only a wall away from his villa.

"Ah, no, that one's burnt, it's burnt. I think it's on fire!"

From the voice, it sounded like Yun Shishi. Then Little Yichen's and Lisa's voices followed.

"I told you there's too much oil on it, but you wouldn't believe me. It will catch fire easily!"

"Oh dear, it's burnt. This is probably inedible. Throw it away!"

"Boohoo, my chicken kebab..."

"You have the cheek to cry. If you hadn't applied so much oil, it wouldn't have burnt."

"But it's my first barbecue!"

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Gu Jinglian was flabbergasted. These guys were actually having a barbecue on the beach?!

Moreover, these guys had actually created so much smoke that it had now floated over to his own courtyard!

He was eating Western food! The BBQ next door was messing up his plans.

Gu Jinglian was furious.

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Gu Jinglian was furious.

Chu He guessed as much that the smell of smoke was probably coming from next door. It seemed that she could even vaguely smell barbecued oysters.

She was feeling a little greedy, but when she realized that Gu Jinglian was studying her reaction, she immediately smiled. "It's okay. We'll have our dinner. It doesn't affect us."

"Doesn't affect us?" Gu Jinglian narrowed his eyes in displeasure. The smell of the smoke wafted past his nose. "You're saying it doesn't affect us?"

Were they doing this deliberately !? Gu Jinglian looked increasingly uncomfortable.

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When Chu He noticed this, she said helplessly, "Don't let it ruin your mood. I think the barbecue atmosphere is pretty good."

"Oh? So you don't think that the atmosphere of a candlelight dinner can compare to that of a barbecue?"

"Uh..." Chu He simply fell silent. It was obvious that Gu Jinglian's rare good mood had been ruined by the smoky smell.

She somehow felt the two men, Gu Jinglian and Mu Yazhe, just couldn't coexist in the same space. After all, there was the saying that one mountain would not be able to accommodate two tigers.

Chu He didn't want to cause any trouble, so she carefully reassured the man. "Don't be angry. I understand your intentions. Nothing is ever absolutely perfect, but..."

Gu Jinglian placed his fork and knife down with an ugly expression. Chu He did not dare utter another word. At this point, Gu Jinglian suddenly heard Baby Chu's voice coming from next door.

"Wow! This is so delicious. What is this?"

"This one's a scallop." It seemed to be Linxi's voice.

Gu Jinglian immediately looked incredulous. Why could Linxi's and Baby Chu's voices be heard coming from next door? What was going on?

This surprised Chu He as well.

"Didn't you say that it had been arranged for Baby Chu and Linxi to have their dinner at one of the restaurants on the island?" Puzzled, Gu Jinglian stood up and followed the direction of the voices. When Chu He saw this, she immediately got up and followed him.

The two villas were separated by a snow-white fence. Through the fence, one could see a limited view of the private courtyard opposite. Gu Jinglian walked over and was speechless to see Baby Chu and Linxi prancing around the three barbecue pits. The yard was huge, and had more than enough space for three pits.

Obviously it was Baby Chu's first barbecue ever, and he was excited.

Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi had spent all afternoon preparing for it. In addition to vegetables, there was meat, including beef, bacon, pork, and more seafood.

Fed by the sea.

The seafood here was all caught by the local fishermen on Saipan, so it was very fresh, and really tender when barbecued.

Chu He walked over to Gu Jinglian's side and followed his slightly gloomy gaze. Her lips twitched when she spotted Baby Chu and Linxi.

The man was infuriated!

"Gu Chengze!" He let out a roar.

Baby Chu, who was on the other side of the fence, immediately stood at attention. His immediate reaction was to look around. He didn't know where the voice was coming from. Not until Linxi saw Gu Jinglian and tugged at Baby Chu's shirt, pointing in the man's direction.

Gu Jinglian's face darkened. What sort of a stupid son did he have!

"Daddy!" Baby Chu waved at him. "Come over quick, let's play!"

Gu Jinglian's face darkened further.

In contrast to Baby Chu's excitement, Linxi felt inexplicably uneasy.

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In contrast to Baby Chu's excitement, Linxi felt inexplicably uneasy. He had a feeling that Gu Jinglian did not look too happy. He was sensitive enough to notice that his father did not seem to like Uncle Mu Yazhe very much!

Initially, he and Baby Chu had been taken to eat at a restaurant on the island, but when they passed by Mu Yazhe's private villa, they ran into Yun Shishi, who kindly invited them to the barbecue.

He had never had a barbecue, so out of great curiosity, he agreed. It proved to be a great experience and he was overjoyed. Unexpectedly, it had led the man here.

When Yun Shishi saw Linxi and Baby Chu standing frozen on-the-spot, she followed their line of sight and spotted Gu Jinglian and Chu He. She approached them with a smile.

She glanced at Chu He then swept her gaze over to Gu Jinglian and smiled. "Would you like to join us?"

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Chu He was about to nod. She wanted to join in the barbecue. Most importantly, the aroma was so tempting! Especially now that she had come closer, the aroma made it all the harder for her to resist. However, whether they could join in depended on whether Gu Jinglian was willing to do so.

She looked up at the man. Gu Jinglian's expression softened. If Mu Yazhe had come over to invite them, he would have rejected him firmly and rolled his eyes. But it was Yun Shishi who approached them. He had always been a gentleman when it came to interacting with women. Therefore, he would never be too hostile towards them.

He declined, "No, thank you!"

Yun Shishi looked rather wistful and asked, "Why? Isn't it fun to be with your family? Besides, Baby Chu and Linxi are hoping that they can enjoy the barbecue with you!"

Gu Jinglian was slightly taken aback. He glanced at Baby Chu and Linxi, who were both standing nearby. They were looking at him expectantly.

Chu He couldn't bear it. She sighed, "Let's do this together! Baby Chu and Linxi are hoping that we can join them!"

Gu Jinglian and Chu He exchanged a look and finally agreed. He and Chu He entered the yard and immediately, Yun Shishi ordered for another barbecue pit to be set up.

Baby Chu ran up to Gu Jinglian's side happily. Without even looking, Gu Jinglian reached out and grabbed his ear.

"Ouch..." Baby Chu frowned in pain, and his shoulders slumped.

"Didn't I tell you to behave yourself and go for your meal?" Gu Jinglian snapped, "What are you doing here?"

"Um..." Aggrieved, Baby Chu pouted guiltily and said, "I... I wanted to have a barbecue! I didn't want to eat alone. It's so fun to have a barbecue with the others!"

"What do you mean by eating alone? Don't you have Linxi to accompany you?"

Baby Chu snorted. "He doesn't count."

Lin Xi was speechless.

Why didn't he count!

Yun Shishi came over and said, "They're just kids, and it's fun for them to get together with others and have some fun. Look, there are four or five kids here. It would be less lonely to get together."

Chu He was touched to hear this and her opinion of the woman grew even more favorable. She could tell that Yun Shishi really liked children. Her gentleness towards Baby Chu and Linxi was definitely not just superficial. Most importantly, she was also very patient with children. Baby Chu was also particularly fond of Yun Shishi, and so was Linxi. The important thing was...

The girl was there, too.

From time to time, Linxi looked in a particular direction. It was where Natalia stood. She was now beside Hua Jin, eagerly watching him roasting the oysters.

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Natalia stood beside him, watching eagerly as he roasted the oysters. The girl was clearly ravenous, but she tried to look reserved. For some reason she was vaguely aware of someone watching her. Her sixth sense was extremely acute. She turned her head, and was surprised to find Linxi staring at her. She frowned and opened her mouth, but stopped herself.

Hua Jin saw that she was distracted, but she was looking elsewhere, so he followed her gaze. He saw that Linxi kept looking in their direction. The actor's lips twitched.

"Why does he keep staring at me!" Natalia didn't feel comfortable with this. She wrapped her arms around her shoulders slightly. It felt strange to be constantly stared at by someone!

The actor couldn't resist teasing her. "Because our Natalia is a pretty girl. She's popular with boys!"

"I don't want to be popular with him!" Natalia hid awkwardly behind the actor.

Meanwhile.

Youyou, who was standing nearby, was also aware of Linxi's constant gaze on Natalia.

He knitted his brow slightly. Feeling rather annoyed, he put down whatever he was doing and walked over to Linxi. Deliberately, but not too forcefully, he knocked on the boy's shoulder.

Linxi snapped out of the daze and turned to the boy who had come up behind him.

"What ... what's the matter?"

"What are you daydreaming about?" Youyou's gaze fell on the scallop in his hand. "Are your scallops about to burn?"

"What?" Gu Linxi quickly lowered his head and looked at the scallop he was barbecuing. Indeed, because he had been distracted for too long, it was smelling a little burnt.

"Ah, shucks!" Gu Linxi quickly used the tongs to push the scallop aside, feeling a little depressed.

Aye, burnt again. He couldn't remember how many he had burnt. This had to be the third. Scallops were really hard to roast.

Watching others roast it made it look very simple, but if he really had to roast it himself, it was really not simple at all.

"Burned it again, eh?" Yun Shishi was greatly amused as she walked towards him. "How did you manage to burn it?"

Before Gu Linxi could speak, Youyou said coolly, "Because he was daydreaming!"

"Daydreaming?" Yun Shishi laughed in spite of herself. "If you're daydreaming, you'll burn it easily indeed."

"Got it. I'll pay more attention next time." Gu Linxi tried to explain, "I was distracted just then and didn't pay attention, so..."

"It's okay. We've got lots of oysters and scallops here. Remember, you can't eat burnt ones. You'll get diarrhea."

"Uh huh."

Yun Shishi stepped away to see how Little Yichen was doing.

After she left, Gu Linxi looked at Youyou in surprise. He sensed an inexplicable hostility in his eyes.

"You..." Gu Linxi asked hesitantly, "Did you want something?"

"Nothing." Youyou was clearly not friendly towards him. One could say he was rather cold even. The boy turned and glided away.

Gu Linxi looked confused. He felt that the boy had knocked into him on purpose. But why did he do that for no apparent reason? Gu Linxi was puzzled.

Hua Jin observed what had happened from beginning to end. "Pfft..."

This lad, Youyou, could he be jealous? Moreover, his display of jealousy was rather cute! The actor felt a strange sense of accomplishment! Because Natalia was his daughter!

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Chu He felt that there was actually no need to set up another pit. She walked over to Linxi and watched him solemnly brushing the oil over the food and became interested.

"Are you having fun?"

Linxi nodded sincerely. "Yes it's fun!"

Eating something that he barbecued himself felt different from eating ready-cooked food. It gave him a sense of accomplishment almost.

Chu He also set up two skewers of octopus and began to roast them enthusiastically. Although they had only just started to barbecue, Linxi had had some experience. Chu He wasn't very good at roasting so he stood by the side offering tips.

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Chu He smiled to herself. This guy was too interesting. Actually, it wasn't as though he was that good at barbecuing, yet he was giving her pointers. He even acted as if he was really good at it! Of course, she was only thinking these things to herself. Outwardly, she displayed a certain admiration for her son!

"Aiya, Linxi, you're really amazing. You've already learned how to barbecue in such a short period of time! If we go camping in the future, I'll leave the difficult task of barbecuing to you!"

Gu Linxi smiled and said, "No problem!" He patted his chest while also taking Chu He's hand and teaching her how to sprinkle on the dressing.

With the addition of cumin, salt and pepper, a tantalizing aroma gradually rose and filled the air. This amazing aroma attracted the little hungry bugs. Especially Natalia and Yueyao. Smelling the aroma, the two of them started to mill around Gu Linxi.

Neither of them was very tall, so they had to stand on tiptoe to see what he was roasting. The boy was cooking steaks, oysters, scallops, and skewers of meat.

Natalia was able to exercise some self-control. However, Yueyao did not have any self-control at all. She simply stared at the sizzling meat skewers without blinking, almost drooling!

Chu He almost burst out laughing as she observed Yueyao's stupefied expression. This little Lolita was really too cute! She just stared wide-eyed at Gu Linxi's movements, as if she was frozen. She was like a statue, her eyes in a daze yet full of spirit. It was as though her saliva was on the verge of overflowing from the corner of her mouth. Although she looked silly, she was extremely cute!

Like a cute little penguin. Her tender tiny mouth seemed to be made of cherries and sweet glutinous rice powder. Coupled with the saliva that had overflowed, they looked crystalline and translucent. When one got closer, one would notice the milky fragrance on her... The most typical smell of a child.

Chu He knelt in front of her and gently tugged at her tiny hand.

However, the girl did not seem too cooperative. She even gently placed her hand behind her back, as if she was unwilling to be touched. Her gaze remained firmly locked on Gu Linxi, her eyes were filled with yearning.

When Chu He saw this, she couldn't help but say to Gu Linxi, "Are you done roasting? She's been staring at you for a long time!"

"Eh?" Gu Linxi then noticed the little lass standing beside him.

Yueyao stared back at him with her mouth slightly open, her eyes filled with pleading.

Chu He rebuked, "Did you just see that? She's been waiting with her mouth agape for a long time!"

Gu Linxi asked, "What would you like to eat?"

Without a word, Yueyao opened her mouth and looked at him eagerly.

For some reason, Gu Linxi suddenly felt an urge to tease her.

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For some reason, Gu Linxi suddenly felt an urge to tease her. He pretended to pinch a piece of meat. In reality, there was nothing in his hand at all. It was just thin air that he carefully brought near Yueyao's mouth.

When Chu He saw this, she could immediately tell that there was nothing in Gu Linxi's hand, but it looked as though he had food to feed the girl.

This was clearly a scam! Did he think Yueyao couldn't tell?

Eventually, Chu He realized she was wrong. Yueyao was only a few years old, and she was completely fooled by Linxi! Seeing that the boy had brought a piece of meat to her mouth, she didn't notice it and even dodged. "It's hot!"

Linxi couldn't stop laughing! What was hot!?

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This lass wasn't stupid at all. She knew that freshly roasted food would be hot. Or had her tongue already been burnt when she'd snuck over to Yun Shishi and learned from her mistakes?

Linxi even pretended to blow on the food gently. Then, he said to Yueyao, "It's not hot anymore. Try it!"

"Really?!" Yueyao was still in disbelief. After hesitating for a long time, she opened her mouth timidly.

Linxi fed the "meat" into her mouth. Without looking, she opened her mouth, but bit down on thin air.

In the end, to Chu He's amusement, Yueyao didn't even look at it as she tried to swallow the air. She didn't taste anything and looked puzzled.

Linxi even asked seriously, "Is it yummy?"

"Oooh..." Yueyao replied honestly, "I couldn't taste it ..."

Linxi coaxed her again. "I'll give you another piece of meat to try, okay?"

Yueyao grew excited. "I want meat!" She clenched her fists and looked expectant. There was a twinkle in her eye that made Chu He feel bad.

Linxi grabbed another ball of air and brought it to her mouth. When she bit into it, she still didn't taste anything. She even chewed at it seriously, but it tasted like nothing. The confusion in her eyes grew.

Chu He couldn't take it anymore and told the boy, "Alright, stop teasing her. Look how aggrieved she is."

Even Linxi couldn't bear it now, let alone Chu He. He felt so guilty that he finally picked up a small piece of real meat and brought it to her mouth. It was a small piece of octopus. They were very tender and chewy. Yueyao had just developed new teeth, and the octopus was a little hot, but Linxi blew on them so that they were much more comfortable to eat.

After eating a few pieces of octopus, Yueyao smelled the enticing aroma coming from the grill where Youyou was standing. She ran to his side and looked up. As Gu Linxi watched, he could not help but feel his heart soften. He thought, when his little sister and brother grew up, they would definitely be as cute as Yueyao! At that point, he would be Big Brother. However, his little sister was still too young now. She could talk a little. But he wondered if she would end up looking more like Dad or Mom when she grew up.

Chu He saw that he was deep in thought, and was compelled to ask, "What's on your mind?"

"Oh, I..." Gu Linxi came back to his senses and looked at Yueyao's back view. He paused and then replied, "I'm thinking about how cute my little sister would be when she grows up!"

"When you were a kid, you must have been just as cute. All kids are cute."

"Hee hee. I was thinking my little sister would look so pretty, no matter whom she ends up taking after."