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Charlie didn't know how long he would live, but from this moment on, he hoped to live more open-mindedly, no longer looking at the ground beneath his feet, but looking up at the sky above. The earth was only so big, but the sky was the infinitely vast universe.

Holding Lin Wan'er's hand, Charlie felt an unprecedented sense of peace.

On the vast Antarctic ice sheet, there were no traffic rules, so he held Lin Wan'er's hand until the vehicle returned to the Nordic research station.

At the Nordic research station, Yun Rugo and Song Ruyu, who had been in seclusion, both awoke from their meditation upon sensing Charlie and Lin Wan'er's return.

The first thing Charlie did after getting out of the car was, as always, to take Lin Wan'er's hand.

In a bustling city, he might have hesitated. After all, Lin Wan'er looked no more than seventeen or eighteen, while he was over thirty. Unsuspecting people might think he was abducting a high school girl.

However, at the research station, Yun Rugo and Song Ruyu were there. They knew Lin Wan'er's true age and naturally wouldn't think he was taking advantage of her.

But Charlie hadn't expected that while he felt comfortable being open about his relationship with Lin Wan'er in front of Yun Rugo and Song Ruyu, Lin Wan'er seemed somewhat uneasy.

Holding Charlie's hand nervously, she asked, "Young Master... if Miss Yun and Miss Song see you holding my hand like this, won't they laugh at us?"

Charlie was puzzled. "Laugh at what? They know the situation; they can't possibly say anything about me in their hearts, can they?"

Lin Wan'er said nervously and shyly, "I... I'm afraid they'll think badly of me... after all... after all, I'm really... really too old..."

Charlie suddenly realized.

He had only been thinking about avoiding being misunderstood as an old man dating a young woman, so he felt he had nothing to worry about when facing people who knew Lin Wan'er's background. But he hadn't expected Lin Wan'er to be even more afraid of this situation.

Charlie smiled and comforted her, "If you feel embarrassed, we can do it the same way as before."

Lin Wan'er hesitated shyly for a moment, then mustered her courage and said, "I do feel shy, but...it's alright!"

As she spoke, she gripped Charlie's hand even tighter, showing no intention of letting go.

Charlie smiled slightly, took her hand, and stepped into the Nordic research station.

At this moment, Yun Rugo and Song Ruyu had already come out, waiting for Charlie to enter. The moment Charlie pushed open the door, they immediately sensed something was amiss.

Before, Charlie would occasionally hold Lin Wan'er's hand when needed, but it felt more like an older brother taking care of a younger sister. Now, however, their hands were intertwined, one in front of the other.

This...it all felt different.