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Chapter 98 Escorting Each Other

Many cases of rheumatism ache when it gets windy or rainy, some are even more accurate than the weather forecast.

This elder’s leg pain is mostly caused by rheumatism!

Gu Youyou nodded her head and looked at his leg again, noting that it had become somewhat deformed.

She said, "How long have you had this leg pain?"

"It’s been over twenty years, I believe. I endured the cold to work in the paddy fields when I was younger!"

Having been so long and seeing the severity of it, she feared there was little chance of a cure.

Gu Youyou quickly prescribed a formula and handed it to the attendant, then told the old man, "Your pain has lasted too long and is quite severe, making it almost impossible to cure. The prescription I’m giving you cannot completely heal your leg pain, but it can lessen the suffering. Make sure you brew and drink it as soon as you get home, or else the pain could get even worse at night!"

Upon hearing this, the elder nodded repeatedly, then said, "Doctor Zhou told me the same thing, ah! It’s my fault for being stubborn in the past. By the time I couldn’t bear it and sought help, it was already too late!"

Rheumatism is quite difficult to treat; even in its early and milder stages, treatment is very challenging, let alone for an older person with such a severe case!

Gu Youyou advised, "Keep warm on usual days, and don’t let your leg get cold; it will fare much better."

An afternoon, four hours had passed!

Gu Youyou had originally planned to stay only for two hours, but it took four to see all the patients who had come.

After seeing off the last patient, she felt her head spinning slightly.

Leaning back in her chair with her eyes closed to recuperate, Gu Youyou felt somewhat better, so she asked Qin Changlin to bring her medicine over.

Qin Changlin hurriedly instructed the attendant to bring the warm medicine to Gu Youyou and asked with concern, "Miss Gu, are you all right?"

Gu Youyou pinched her nose and drank the bowl of dark, bitter medicine, then said in a low voice, "I'm fine, I can walk home on my own."

In those four hours, the consultation fees totaled twelve taels, which Qin Changlin put into a small cloth bag and handed to Gu Youyou.

His face expressed gratitude and admiration as he said to Gu Youyou, "Miss Gu, this is your consultation fee, please count it."

Without looking, Gu Youyou took it and replied, "I trust you, so there's no need to count it."

Feeling rested enough, she stood up and said, "I've seen all the patients I needed to, so I won't disturb you any longer, farewell!"

"Ah, Miss Gu..."

Gu Youyou had walked a distance when Qin Changlin stopped her again. He smiled and said, "Your health isn't good, Miss Gu. Perhaps I should escort you home?"

Gu Youyou waved her hand and said, "No need, you should stay and mind the shop. Someone might come to buy medicine in a while!"

"It’s getting dark, we’re about to close anyway, and I have no other business. It’s better that I escort you!"

Gu Youyou paused, then smiled and said, "I live close by, it’s really not necessary. You should go back!"

"Miss Gu, you’ve been a great help to us. Please, don’t be so polite. With your health condition, what if something happens along the way? I insist on escorting you!"

Qin Changlin persisted in following Gu Youyou, and she, unable to decline further, let him accompany her.

After turning down a street, Gu Youyou suddenly asked, "Do you really trust me that much?"

Qin Changlin scratched his head and said, "To be honest with you, my master praised your prescription for a long time. He was curious about who prescribed the formula for Wang Shun of Lotus Village, but he was told it was given by a ’Great Fairy’ a decade ago. My master thought this ’Great Fairy’ must be an extraordinary recluse and did not pursue the matter further."