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Chapter 1461 - Venting Anger!

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Ah Hu left...

Just like that, he hurriedly left alone, leaving behind the group of Qing Gang Disciples to stay at the hotel. Whether you call it surveillance or tailing, they were there to ensure Kui Mingyu didn't escape their sight.

After all, Qin Fang was considered a "crossing river dragon." If he left Jiangzhou with Kui Mingyu, it would mean leaving the Green Gang's territory, and reclaiming the person would not be easy.

This outcome, perhaps no one had anticipated beforehand...

Not just Kui Mingyu, Ah Hu, the Qing Gang Disciples, but also Chu Yunxuan, Wu Tang, and others on Qin Fang's side could not have predicted it.

The Green Gang was incredibly dominant in Jiangzhou, even though Wu Tang had the mayor of Wu Ling backing him, even a mere Fen Tang Tangzhu like Green Wolf wouldn't give him any face, let alone Kui Mingyu himself.

Didn't you see that before Qin Fang's arrival, Kui Mingyu dared to openly flirt with Chu Yunxuan?

It's because this kid was used to being arrogant and dared to disrespect anyone...

Unfortunately, he ran into Qin Fang, who didn't take him seriously at all, which doomed him to a tragic end... Even his trusted bodyguard Ah Hu couldn't protect him!

Ah Hu left, taking the evidence with him.

As for where he went, Qin Fang could guess, but he couldn't be bothered to care about it.

"Wu Ge, tie this kid up first and have someone watch him..."

With Ah Hu, the opponent gone, the remaining Qing Gang Disciples, although having decent quality, were not much different from a rabble to Qin Fang.

Qin Fang conveniently threw Kui Mingyu to Wu Tang, telling him to find someone to tie up Kui Mingyu!

Qin Fang had already spoken; naturally, there was no reason to take back his words. Now he held the justification, and if the Green Gang didn't give an explanation, he wouldn't let it go easily.

Moreover, Kui Mingyu's blatant teasing of his girl had crossed his bottom line, and not giving him a lesson was absolutely impossible...

"Alright..."

At this time, Wu Tang could see that this unknown Qin Fang was definitely a tough character, even feared by the experts of the Green Gang.

Who was Kui Mingyu?

He was the son of Boss Kui from the Green Gang, always accompanied by a skilled bodyguard, and had been running rampant in Jiangzhou. But now he was in Qin Fang's hands, and his bodyguard didn't even dare to utter a word before leaving. Didn't this show Qin Fang's strength?

Qin Fang was strong, and naturally, so was he. Although the Green Gang's numbers were large, at this moment they were the weaker side, standing there not daring to recklessly act.

Wu Tang was also ready to go all out. Qin Fang's toughness offended the Green Gang, but it also relieved him of most of the trouble, so he couldn't be ungrateful.

He immediately called two underlings, and, from God knows where, got a coarse hemp rope, tying Kui Mingyu up in front of the many Qing Gang Disciples, turning him into a big dumpling.

Kui Mingyu had never suffered such a thing before; being tied up like that, his blood flow was restricted, causing him to feel stiff, hurt, and uncomfortable, and he began to cry out miserably.

Unfortunately, Qin Fang paid him no mind, letting him shout there. He just pulled up a chair and sat there, intimidating the many Qing Gang Disciples opposite.

"Help, help... Quickly save me!"

Kui Mingyu was truly bullied badly; if it was just Qin Fang dealing with him, it would be one thing. Even people Ah Hu didn't dare to fight, he knew he'd hit a hard wall, and at most, he'd be resentful in his heart.

But the problem was being tied up like this, restricting his blood flow, making his body stiff, painful, and uncomfortable, as if it were costing Kui Mingyu his life...

At first, he had the strength to shout, but after a while, he didn't have much energy left.

The Heping Hotel was not only used for gang negotiations; it was also a regular hotel, serving guests for dining and accommodation.

At this time, Qin Fang and his group were in the lobby, forming two distinct camps, large and small, with unrelated passersby occasionally walking by.

Seeing such a scene, they were all very surprised!

Outsiders who didn't know Kui Mingyu might not understand, given they hadn't realized the extent of his power, making it hard to imagine the strength of Qin Fang's side.

But there would also be many locals passing by, not ordinary people, among them some who recognized this Green Gang young master.

Seeing this scene, their expressions were extremely strange...

If they were to switch Qin Fang and Kui Mingyu, perhaps they would think it's normal, but it turned out to be completely different from what they imagined.

"Could it be that this master has come down from above?"

Quite a few people looked at Qin Fang, who was sitting there bored, even trimming his nails, and couldn't help but think this way.

If it were in the past, someone would have approached by now. After all, knowing such a young master could bring significant benefits.

But at this moment, no one dared to take that step!

No matter how influential a young master is, it doesn't matter. It's impossible for them to stay permanently in Jiangzhou, but Master Kui is definitely always in Jiangzhou. He's notoriously petty. Anyone who tries to befriend Qin Fang now is basically handing Master Kui a knife... If this guy comes to settle accounts in autumn, it would be very tragic!

No one dared to step forward or greet him, but pointing fingers and whispering discussions were inevitable...

Such discussions held no meaning for Qin Fang. No one recognized him, so he naturally didn't care.

But on Kui Mingyu's side, and among the Qing Gang Disciples, it was a completely different story.

In front of so many people, with so many Qing Gang brothers present, the son of the gang's big shot was being bullied like this. It was a complete disgrace to the Qing Gang, even the Qing Gang Disciples felt humiliated...

"Damn it, let's go at him..."

Someone couldn't bear the silent pressure anymore, shouted loudly, and immediately pulled out a plastic stick or some other weapon, charging at Qin Fang.

It wasn't just him; immediately afterward, a few more Qing Gang Disciples stood up, seemingly planning to join in... Even the other Qing Gang Disciples who hadn't stood up were also itching for action.

But that Qing Gang disciple hadn't even rushed out of the Qing Gang camp when he saw Qin Fang reach out, grab a steaming teacup from the table beside him, and casually throw it out...

The teacup flew through the air at a very fast speed, but it remained stable, keeping a horizontal position the entire time without spilling a single drop of water.

Until...

Bam~~

The cup struck the Qing Gang disciple's forehead with a thunderous speed, scalding hot tea pouring over his forehead.

"Ah..."

A shrill scream echoed through the scene, startling everyone present!

Whether they were the uninvolved onlookers or the eager Qing Gang Disciples...

But it wasn't over yet. The teacup seemed to carry infinite force, sending that Qing Gang disciple flying through the air, soaring backward.

Bam bam bam~~

Behind him were several Qing Gang Disciples who were also ready to act. Since they had already stood up, his flying body slammed into them hard... several people were knocked into a heap.

"Ouch, ouch..." echoed one after another...

What's strange was that the Qing Gang disciple who was first hit by the teacup, while he was scalded to a blossoming face, had minimal other injuries. Meanwhile, the few people he crashed into behind him were all crying out in pain, as if they were more seriously injured than he was...

"This was just a little warning... Anyone who dares to act rashly will face more severe punishment, and I can't guarantee this guy will walk out of here alive..."

This action was merely a small tactic, Qin Fang said nonchalantly, but his offhand words carried an indescribable murderous intent, directly forcing these somewhat restless Qing Gang Disciples to calm down, not daring to act rashly anymore...

It was at this moment they vaguely understood why the seemingly invincible Ah Hu had had no courage to fight Qin Fang, choosing instead to turn and flee.

They were previously puzzled, but now they understood the formidable nature of this dominant young man in front of them...

Earlier, it was just a teacup, but it successively incapacitated five people... one with a scarred face, four injured.

There were only twenty Qing Gang Disciples altogether. A minor move incapacitated a quarter of them. If he were to exert full strength, the remaining fifteen would be nothing...

"Awesome..."

Hiding in the back, Wu Tang watched the previous scene unfold, and despite his shock, he couldn't help but pump his fist in excitement.

It's been years since he came to Jiangzhou after retiring from the military. He had forgotten the last time he felt so assertive in front of the Qing Gang Disciples, always swallowing his anger and living with his head down... Over time, his ferocity was gradually worn away.

But today's scene was a breath of fresh air... Seeing those Qing Gang Disciples with their sour expressions, as if they'd swallowed flies, Wu Tang felt especially satisfied, as if even his blood was boiling.

Even though the leader of this event was Qin Fang and not Wu Tang, he was at least a part of it throughout, holding a tiny bit of credit, which brought him pride and honor.

Chapter 1462 - Substantial Weight!

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The commotion at the Heping Hotel was naturally unknown to Boss Kui's side.

After Ah Hu got the evidence from Qin Fang, he didn't linger and drove straight to Boss Kui's side...

This kind of thing could have been handled with a simple phone call, but Ah Hu insisted on reporting in person.

Leaving Kui Mingyu to Qin Fang like this, it seems that Ah Hu as a bodyguard is indeed a bit irresponsible, but he dared to do so, obviously having confidence.

Fortunately, the distance wasn't particularly far, just a little over ten minutes' drive, and he soon arrived at Boss Kui's residence.

Unlike Green Wolf, Ah Hu walked straight into Boss Kui's residence to find him, not needing to kneel outside for a long time to get a meeting like Green Wolf.

"Boss Kui... Master!"

Both Boss Kui and Elder Alai were present, and Ah Hu entered, greeting respectfully.

Unexpectedly, Ah Hu turned out to be Elder Alai's apprentice... To have trained such a disciple with mid-master-level strength, this seemingly ancient Elder Alai's strength is also conceivable.

However, it's not always the case that a strong disciple means a much stronger master...

For example, Qin Fang's current strength, though not yet entering the master level, his actual combat power is already catching up with late-stage master-level experts. If using the Infinite Berserk Blood Explosion Technique, he can even contend with those at the master-level peak...

But Qin Fang's master, Cai Pingyuan, is only at the master-level peak with essentially no possibility of breaking through further...

Once Qin Fang officially crosses that hurdle into the master level, his combat power could definitely rival his master Cai Pingyuan.

Yet for someone of Ah Hu's age to have such cultivation, his master must be no ordinary figure, definitely very powerful.

After all, in the outside world, because the Heaven and Earth Spiritual Qi is too sparse, without the support of Spiritual Medicine, advancing to higher levels isn't that easy, far from comparable to the ancient sects.

There's certainly reason in Ah Hu rising through the brutal fights of the Black Fist Alliance, but guidance from a renowned master is also crucial.

Elder Alai is a trusted associate beside the Green Gang's big shot Boss Kui, and with the Centennial Green Gang's profound heritage, Elder Alai's cultivation is undoubtedly not simple.

"How did things go?"

Boss Kui nodded. Ah Hu, as Alai's disciple, was considered his junior nephew and had always been highly regarded, otherwise he wouldn't have arranged for him to stay by his son Kui Mingyu's side.

Firstly to protect Kui Mingyu's safety, and secondly to ensure they built a good relationship...

"Boss Kui, please take a look..."

Ah Hu didn't say much initially, only handing the evidence in his hand to Boss Kui, seemingly intending to discuss further after he finished looking.

Boss Kui took the evidence, gave it a cursory glance, and already understood the situation...

"I'll leave this to you to handle... Where's the young master?"

This piece of evidence doesn't hold much significance; it merely provides Qin Fang a sufficient reason to act first. Whether or not the Green Gang acknowledges it is another matter.

As for the Green Gang disciple implicated in this evidence, he's just a small fry, not even worth Boss Kui's attention, someone Ah Hu could easily deal with.

But he realized Ah Hu had returned while his disappointing son was not present, prompting Boss Kui to casually inquire.

"He's been detained by the other side..."

Ah Hu spoke truthfully, not daring to hide a single thing.

"Hmm?"

Boss Kui was momentarily surprised, clearly taken aback, even furrowing his brow slightly.

"This young man..."

After all, Boss Kui was a hero who weathered many storms, why would he worry about such trivial matters?

Rather than worry about his son's safety, he was quite impressed with Qin Fang, who dared to detain his son, even expressing a hint of admiration.

For a big shot like him, it had been a long time since a junior dared to go against him...

It's said that for a boss to rise in the underworld, the best way is to climb over the bodies of their predecessors, but you have to consider what kind of predecessor it is. At least, someone like Boss Kui isn't that easy to step over. You'd probably end up in a sack tossed into the Huangpu River to feed the fish before even meeting him...

"What did he say?"

Boss Kui didn't mind this, relaxing his brow a little and softly asking.

"He said to rescue the young master, an elder needs to step in..."

It seemed Ah Hu had anticipated this outcome, which is why he left Kui Mingyu and returned first. Now that Boss Kui asked, he honestly replied.

"Hmm?"

Boss Kui's eyebrows furrowed even tighter. Clearly, he didn't expect Qin Fang to make such a request, something he hadn't heard in many years.

"Good, good... very good!"

Boss Kui was silent for about twenty or thirty seconds, then suddenly burst into laughter, admiringly uttering the word "good" three times.

"Truly, heroes emerge from the young... Although this young man named Qin is not very old, his courage is extraordinary, not something common folk can compare to!"

Even Elder Alai, sitting beside him, nodded gently. At their age, they had seen many young men of great promise, but ones like Qin Fang were indeed rare...

The young men they had encountered in the past either bent too easily and ended up with bitterness and buried bones... or soared to great heights, towering over everyone else!

These are the two extremes, but they also highlight the extraordinary nature of young heroes like this.

"Ah Hu, how strong is this kid? To dare to speak such bold words..."

After a hearty laugh, Boss Kui seemed to be in a better mood and immediately turned to Ah Hu next to him to ask a question.

From the whole situation, Boss Kui knew that Qin Fang was not a reckless brute. Every step was brilliantly planned, such that even Boss Kui could hardly find fault.

People like this are even less likely to do anything irrational, so for Qin Fang to make such a request, he naturally has something to rely on.

This is Jiangzhou, the territory of The Green Gang. For Qin Fang to face the powerful Green Gang so forcefully, it can only mean that Qin Fang himself possesses extraordinary skills.

"I'm not his match..."

Ah Hu was silent for a moment, then spoke in a muffled voice.

"Uh..."

When this answer came out, not only was Boss Kui stunned, but even Ah Hu's master, Elder Alai, was slightly taken aback... It was indeed beyond their expectations.

Ah Hu's strength was definitely formidable, with a mid-Master Level cultivation, and coupled with his intense killing intent, he could even take on experts of the Master Level Late Stage...

But even with such strength, he claimed not to be a match for Qin Fang, which means Qin Fang's abilities...

"Although I haven't fought with him, I could feel it..."

Ah Hu seemed to understand the confusion of the two elders and briefly added a sentence.

A martial artist doesn't necessarily need to have fought to know who's stronger or weaker. Sometimes a simple clash of momentum is enough to determine the outcome.

Just now, the reason Ah Hu paused was to carefully compare the aura between the two; ultimately, he felt he was on the weaker side and wasn't a match for Qin Fang...

Boss Kui and Elder Alai exchanged a glance, their eyes filled with deep confusion and a bit of concern.

They already knew some basic information about Qin Fang. He wasn't very old, around twenty or so...

But his cultivation was fiercer than Ah Hu's, who had been practicing for many years and whose killing intent had solidified. The only likely explanation... he's from one of those ancient sects.

These ancient sects have always been reclusive, wholly dedicated to cultivation, truly filled with masters... so any disciple who can step out is no weakling!

The strength or weakness of such disciples isn't all that crucial; even if very strong, there's always someone stronger to suppress them...

But unfortunately, these people are the ones you cannot provoke, because they don't represent just themselves, but the entire sect behind them...

Pulling one strand might trigger the whole sect!

Perhaps just because of this one disciple, an entire sect might mobilize...

Like when Qin Fang destroyed Tang Nan of the Tang Sect, Tang Sect sent out many masters to hunt down Qin Fang. They've reportedly tracked down to Ninghai and might soon reach Qin Fang...

This is the trouble involved with these ancient sects...

At this moment, Boss Kui also thought of this, naturally causing him some headache!

"Alai, go personally..."

After a while of silence, Boss Kui's brows were still not completely relaxed, but he still instructed Elder Alai behind him.

"Yes..."

Elder Alai nodded without objection and accepted, then accompanied by Ah Hu, headed to the Heping Hotel.

Even though Boss Kui didn't mention any specific solution, just sending Elder Alai personally already explained a lot.

The people within The Green Gang knew that if Boss Kui was the leader, the true decision-maker, then this seemingly ordinary servant, Elder Alai, was the head steward. Essentially, his words carried the second highest weight within The Green Gang...

In fact, most of the time, Alai merely conveyed Boss Kui's intentions, not making concrete decisions himself. But whatever he decided, even Boss Kui wouldn't object...

Therefore, sending him on this trip largely showed a high degree of respect to Qin Fang...

Chapter 1463 - The Three-Move Challenge!

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The Heping Hotel was still calm and orderly. The Qing Gang disciples, once intimidated by Qin Fang, were behaving themselves now...

The few underlings handled by Qin Fang had significantly recovered after all this time, though the spots they were hit still throbbed with pain.

Feeling this pain only made them realize just how strong Qin Fang was, making them even more reluctant to act rashly...

However, just because these Qing Gang disciples didn't dare to confront Qin Fang didn't mean they couldn't do anything. So, at the hotel entrance, they spontaneously blocked guests from entering...

It could be considered a direct clearing of the scene...

Perhaps it was also a way of saving some face for Kui Mingyu and the Qing Gang!

This was good too, as it saved Qin Fang from unnecessary trouble and allowed him some ease. Naturally, he wouldn't hinder the Qing Gang disciples' actions.

After all, his main goal was to resolve the previous conflict with the Qing Gang. Negotiation was the best choice. If not necessary, he didn't want them to become outright enemies.

The reason he dealt with Kui Mingyu so harshly was mainly because he knew this guy was reckless. If left unchecked, he'd undoubtedly cause many disturbances. Of course, it was also because this guy had teased Chu Yunxuan, so naturally, he needed to be disciplined...

Moreover, despite Kui Mingyu's notable status, he fell short of Qin Fang's expectations. His influence within the Qing Gang was minimal, and his words were as effectual as empty air.

To bring out someone with enough weight, Kui Mingyu was the best pawn to use, leading to Qin Fang's decisive handling of him...

It seemed now that Qin Fang had achieved his aim. The Qing Gang should have sent someone with substantial authority.

Now that the Qing Gang disciples had cleared the scene, it was for the best...

Kui Mingyu's embarrassment was tolerable, as apart from being Boss Kui's son, he amounted to nothing—unable even to speak in the Qing Gang... But Qin Fang couldn't let this prominent figure lose face.

Kui Mingyu's disgrace would only earn him resentment from Qin Fang, which he wouldn't mind at all. After such a turmoil, this kid would also act more courteously.

Yet if that prominent figure were humiliated, the negotiations would collapse completely, and a large-scale clash between the two sides would be imminent...

Qin Fang himself could easily withdraw from Jiangzhou and return to his home base in Ninghai. Despite the proximity of the two cities, for the Qing Gang to extend their reach into Ninghai, they'd have to consider Qin Fang's stance first!

However, if Qin Fang left, many would be implicated, with Wu Tang being the first target. Given Boss Kui's tactics, background, and power, he might not fear Wuling, the mayor... It's likely that if these two heavyweights spar, Wu Tang, the poor fellow, would be the ultimate casualty.

Qin Fang got along well with Wu Tang and didn't want to land him in trouble. Hence, his actions needed to be meticulous, while trying to shoulder as much animosity himself.

He was quite used to the attention—more lice don't itch, more debts don't worry him... Anyway, he'd offended enough people not to mind adding the Jiangzhou Qing Gang to the list.

Elder Alai arrived promptly, as expected, being not too far, and was naturally accompanied by Ah Hu...

Most of the Qing Gang disciples at the entrance didn't recognize Elder Alai, much like many hadn't seen Boss Kui. The two mainly operated behind the scenes and rarely managed specific affairs.

But seeing Ah Hu return with such caution and, recalling Qin Fang's earlier remarks, they realized this elderly man was undoubtedly a significant figure in the gang.

"Master, they're inside..."

Ah Hu first checked with the underlings and, after confirming that Qin Fang and others hadn't left, reported back to Elder Alai and accompanied him into the hotel.

The Qing Gang disciples continued to block the hotel, disallowing anyone else from entering.

At this moment, Qin Fang was joking with Chu Yunxuan, while Wu Tang was busy watching over Kui Mingyu, not disturbing them.

But when Elder Alai entered the lobby, Qin Fang, who was conversing with Chu Yunxuan, suddenly froze with a serious expression.

"Grandmaster level..."

Ah Hu's return was expected by Qin Fang, as was him bringing someone of high standing.

However, Qin Fang was caught off guard by the person's unexpected status and strength.

With his scouting skill, already at the grandmaster level, Qin Fang could identify almost anyone unless they were specially concealed.

Elder Alai was no exception; Qin Fang quickly discerned that the old man's cultivation surpassed even Qin Fang's mentor, Cai Pingyuan, reaching the grandmaster level...

Currently, Qin Fang was only at Level 5, with combat strength approximating Level 6, but this Elder Alai was already a Level 7 Grandmaster... a strength far beyond Qin Fang's current capacity to handle.

Chapter 1464 - Three-Move Duel! (Part 2)

"Looks like there's some trouble..."

Although he knew the Green Gang certainly had experts, he didn't expect an expert to appear so quickly, and a Grandmaster-level expert at that. It was really quite a conundrum.

Even though Qin Fang was quite confident beforehand, he couldn't help but furrow his brows now.

However, the situation had already reached this point, and regrets were useless. The opponent was already at the door, and he had no choice but to brace himself and face it.

The two sides collided in the center of the hall...

On Qin Fang's side, it was just him and Chu Yunxuan, while on the Green Gang's side, it was Ah Hu and his apprentice Alai, making it a two-on-two in terms of numbers.

But in terms of strength, the gap was truly vast...

Qin Fang facing Alai was a sure defeat... Chu Yunxuan facing Ah Hu was also a sure defeat!

However, neither side made a move directly; they stood facing each other, maintaining a stance of confrontation.

Elder Alai stood quietly there, looking like an old man past his prime, seemingly so frail that a gust of wind could blow him over...

But the flicker of clarity in his otherwise cloudy eyes, along with his concealed yet powerful aura, revealed his extraordinary cultivation.

Of course, Qin Fang wasn't willing to be outdone either, squaring his shoulders. Even facing such a Grandmaster-level expert, he stood tall, with not the slightest hint of relief.

"Young man, your strength is indeed impressive..."

This eye contact lasted for a few minutes before ending. The elder withdrew his gaze, returning to an ordinary demeanor, and looked at Qin Fang with a tone full of admiration.

"Thank you for your praise, elder!"

Qin Fang responded quite politely, immediately thanking him respectfully.

This elder, both in age and strength, was undoubtedly considered a senior to Qin Fang. Regardless of what relationship they might be in, the necessary respect was still due.

Though he was polite on the surface, Qin Fang internally grew more vigilant, vaguely feeling the opponent wasn't merely simple.

Indeed...

After a simple exchange of courtesies, Elder Alai revealed his true intentions!

"However, your actions this time have deeply touched the bottom line of the Green Gang, even I cannot easily let you off..."

With an expressionless face, Elder Alai spoke in a tone that was quite calm.

Yet, within that calm tone, there was an intense sense of murderous intent...

Qin Fang forcefully invading Drunken River South was already breaking the Green Gang's taboo. Even if there were excuses, it was still something the Green Gang couldn't tolerate.

Mistakes the Green Gang could acknowledge, but losing face was unacceptable...

Moreover, Qin Fang had forcibly detained the Green Gang's young master, Kui Mingyu, today, tying him up and letting so many people witness it, which was even more humiliating for the Green Gang...

"Since the elder has spoken, please lay out your challenge, and I'll take it on as best I can..."

Qin Fang knew that today's matter wouldn't end simply, especially with the Green Gang having such experts in their ranks.

However, Qin Fang couldn't let his aura weaken, so he boldly expressed.

"Good, very courageous!"

Hearing this, Elder Alai couldn't help but praise, admiring Qin Fang's boldness.

After all, a Master Level expert facing a Grandmaster-level expert was an incomparable situation, yet Qin Fang dared to take it on. Such courage indeed made many heroes feel ashamed by comparison.

"Since Young Master Qin put it this way, I won't waste words with you... Here's the deal, I will strike three times. If you can endure without dying, then our grievances will be considered settled..."

Elder Alai was quite straightforward, seemingly not wanting to speak unnecessary words, directly laying out his terms!

The condition seemed simple and fair, even Chu Yunxuan on the side thought it seemed too easy.

Indeed, with Elder Alai appearing frail, he didn't seem like a formidable expert, naturally making it seem easy...

But only Qin Fang knew that with Elder Alai's Grandmaster-level cultivation, if truly given three opportunities to strike, even a single hit could severely injure him... or even cost him his life!

"No way..."

Without thinking, Qin Fang immediately refused.

"Hmm?"

Elder Alai was slightly taken aback, clearly surprised by Qin Fang's answer.

Qin Fang had been very strong-willed since arriving, yet surprisingly softened at the end, which left him somewhat disappointed.

"Your condition is too unfavorable for me... Why should you get all the benefits, and I get none at all? Unless..."

But Qin Fang disregarded the elder's confusion, instead expressing his dissatisfaction straightforwardly.

"Unless what?"

Elder Alai was taken aback but could hear something and immediately inquired.

"It's simple... if I win, besides settling the grievances, your Green Gang must agree to one condition of mine..."

Qin Fang proposed with a smile.

"Hmm? What condition?"

Elder Alai was also dumbfounded. It was clear he didn't expect Qin Fang to be fixated on this issue, making his expression a bit unnatural.

Nevertheless, he steadied his emotions and asked calmly.

"I haven't thought of it yet, but it's nothing your Green Gang can't manage..."

Qin Fang shook his head, adopting a quite rogue attitude, clearly intending to negotiate.

"You..."

Elder Alai was taken aback, finding it both amusing and bewildering, not understanding what Qin Fang was up to.

But Elder Alai pondered slightly, seemingly considering the feasibility of Qin Fang's condition, and briefly fell silent.

"Alright, if it's nothing that threatens the Green Gang's interests, I can represent the Green Gang in agreeing to your condition..."

After a while, Elder Alai nodded in agreement.

Of course, some necessary restrictions had to be in place; he couldn't agree to just anything. If it threatened the Green Gang's interests, denying it later wouldn't be unthinkable.

"Deal..."

However, Qin Fang didn't mind these, as all he wanted was a promise, which was enough!

"I've agreed to the condition, so we can begin now..."

Having agreed on the condition, it was naturally time to start, but Elder Alai couldn't help but chuckle, "I'm truly curious to see what you have up your sleeve to agree to such a condition..."

"You'll find out soon enough, elder..."

Qin Fang grinned as well, then had Chu Yunxuan, Wu Tang, and the others step aside to a safe distance. After all, the confrontation between him and Elder Alai might be intense, with a significant area of effect, and he didn't want to harm any bystanders.

Ah Hu also retreated to a distance on his own, confident in his ability to protect himself but still retreating as protocol demanded.

"Please..."

Standing firm with Elder Alai, Qin Fang courteously gestured to Elder Alai.

The elder would attack, while Qin Fang focused on defense, so naturally, the elder made the first move...

"Young man, be careful now..."

The elder chuckled, then slightly moved his body, appearing frail but instantly becoming incredibly agile with astonishing speed, accompanied by immense power, charging towards Qin Fang...

This attack was as fierce as lightning and extremely vigorous!

It was hard to believe that such terrifying strength could be possessed by a seemingly frail old man, leaving Chu Yunxuan, Wu Tang, and others at a distance utterly stunned...

Even more shocked than Qin Fang's ability to defeat five Green Gang disciples with just a teacup...

Chapter 1465 - Three Moves, None Landed!

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A Grandmaster-level expert is naturally extraordinary...

The old man made his move, and although this was just an opening stance, it already displayed the exceptional level of a Grandmaster-level expert. It almost made Qin Fang's gaze instantly grow much more serious.

"The first move..."

As he made the move, the old man specifically reminded Qin Fang.

As a Grandmaster-level expert, the necessary demeanor must be maintained. If it weren't for Qin Fang's actions actually touching the bottom line of The Green Gang, he wouldn't have struck against this younger generation member.

Three moves, though not many, already constitute an extremely dangerous number given the gap between Grandmaster-level and Master-level... just the might of this first move from the old man says it all.

Qin Fang's eyes were serious, his gaze fixated on the opponent, all his attention focused on this move from the old man...

It's undeniable, Grandmaster-level experts are indeed much more formidable than Master-level experts. Qin Fang could clearly feel that this move of the old man's was merely casual, already showing considerable mercy to Qin Fang.

But when truly facing this move, Qin Fang still felt that his own strength seemed too weak...

"Be careful..."

The people watching from afar were also extremely tense, especially Chu Yunxuan, almost screaming out of nervousness when she saw Qin Fang being cornered like that...

Whish~~

The gap was too large, and a hard conflict was obviously not feasible, but this didn't mean that Qin Fang couldn't dodge. Almost as the old man's palm energy was about to touch Qin Fang's body, he suddenly slid his foot, transforming into a swimming fish, pulling himself back quickly by two or three meters, and was still retreating.

"Huh?"

The old man was slightly stunned. Even though this palm strike was casually executed, he had confidence that even an ordinary Master-level expert would have great difficulty dodging it. Yet, Qin Fang had actually managed to dodge it, which was indeed a bit of a surprise.

However, this move was far from over. Without changing his stance, the old man merely tapped his foot lightly on the ground. His body immediately transformed into an even swifter phantom, rapidly pursuing Qin Fang.

This time, his speed was even faster, and the hard-earned distance Qin Fang managed to pull away was instantly closed rapidly at such speed...

As the two were already within attack range, the old man's hand moved, bringing a sharp energy aura with it. Even being grazed by it would definitely be quite troublesome.

This palm strike took advantage of an extremely precise opportunity, hitting just as Qin Fang's forward strength was spent and his backward strength hadn't yet commenced. Additionally, the swing of the old man's palm wind locked almost all possible avenues of evasion around Qin Fang.

At this moment, a wall was already behind Qin Fang, leaving him with nowhere to hide...

It seemed that this outcome was something the old man had anticipated, his eyes half-closed as if knowing that Qin Fang would no longer be able to dodge, having already succeeded with his first move...

"Erh..."

But then, the old man's expression quickly froze!

When his palm wind nearly covered the entire attack range and Qin Fang almost had no place to hide, Qin Fang slightly moved, leaping into the air with a swallow-like flip, soaring at least three meters high, flying over the old man's head.

Subsequently, he made two more effortless flips in mid-air before landing steadily on the ground... By this time, Qin Fang was already standing about three meters behind the old man.

The first move ended... Qin Fang was unharmed, and the old man's strike was unsuccessful!

"How is that possible?"

Ah Hu, who was also focusing on the fight, almost bulged his eyes out in shock seeing Qin Fang dodge his master's nearly certain strike.

"Take my move..."

After dodging the first move, Qin Fang did not stand idly; instead, he moved again. His entire body suddenly erupted, unleashing an extremely fierce and terrifying aura, and then directly used his strongest attack move...

"Blood Explosion!"

"Tiger's Rush!"

He directly used the Blood Explosion Technique, instantly boosting his strength by a quarter, reaching the level of a Late-Stage Master-level expert in terms of burst strength.

Subsequently, he employed his strongest move available, the Tiger's Rush... One could see his elbow transformed into a ferocious tiger, charging straight for the old man's back.

The speed was quite fast, and the movement was strange and tricky. However, the energy gust wrapped around his elbow was incredibly violent... While it couldn't match the terrifying palm energy of the old man's Grandmaster level cultivation just moments ago, when he went full frenzy, it didn't fall short by much either...

"Hmm? Xingyi Fist?"

After all, the old man was a Grandmaster-level expert. Even if Qin Fang hadn't audibly warned him, he had long sensed the threat from behind, though he didn't take it too seriously.

As soon as he noticed Qin Fang's move, he recognized that Qin Fang's Tiger's Rush originated from Xingyi Fist and nodded slightly.

Although the old man guessed that Qin Fang might be a disciple from some ancient sect, this did not mean that Qin Fang wouldn't know other martial arts as well.

Many people know some of the more common martial arts like Xingyi Fist, even the old man himself had practiced a bit, though he wasn't very proficient at it.

So it's understandable that Qin Fang would know Xingyi Fist... However, he was quite surprised at how Qin Fang had honed the Xingyi Fist techniques to such an extent.

Fortunately, he had never fought against a Wu Family expert, otherwise, he might have recognized that the Tiger's Rush was a secret technique from the Wu Family Tiger-shaped Fist...

But at this moment, the old man didn't have much time or mental space to think too much about it.

"The second move..."

The old man clearly understood Qin Fang's intention, which was simply to use this active attack to force him into defending, thereby exhausting his second move.

This idea was very clever, even the old man, who stood on the opposing side, felt that Qin Fang's mind was indeed quite sharp...

However, this did not mean he could only be passive in defense. Even though Qin Fang's attack was like a tidal wave, seemingly fierce and unmatched, it did not pose a threat to the old man.

The old man let out a soft shout, and at the same time, the aura around him instantly went berserk. The terrifying cultivation of a Grandmaster-level expert was fully unleashed at this moment, and a powerful wave of energy rolled out, rushing straight at Qin Fang.

Not only did his aura become violent, but the old man also struck out with his palm again, this time more terrifying than before, the wind generated from his strike producing a terrifying hissing sound!

This palm was not aimed at Qin Fang's body, but instead, it was to counter Qin Fang's Tiger's Rush... It seemed he was planning to engage in a direct confrontation with Qin Fang.

If they were on equal terms in cultivation, Qin Fang's fierce technique like Tiger's Rush would naturally have a considerable advantage. However, the disparity in their strength was too great, making it really hard to predict the outcome of this clash...

"Bring it on..."

Seeing the old man strike, Qin Fang was not panicked in the slightest. Instead, he seemed quite excited, almost shouting with a deep voice, as if he added more force to his elbow.

The old man saw it but didn't mind much, seeming a bit excited as well, perhaps thinking of weighing Qin Fang's strength too.

Both of them moved at extremely fast speeds, the more than three meters of distance between them was almost closed in the blink of an eye...

However, just as Qin Fang's elbow was about to collide with the old man's palm energy, Qin Fang's body suddenly twisted, transforming like a swimming fish, miraculously weaving past the old man's palm energy and arriving directly behind him...

"This... this... I must be seeing things!"

Ah Hu's mouth hung wide open, wide enough to swallow a tennis ball, and it took him a good long while to recover, still wearing a bewildered expression as he rubbed his eyes, thinking he must have been seeing things!

"This is..."

The old man was slightly stunned, his entire body instantly halting as he fixated on Qin Fang's continuously changing form, with a peculiar gleam in his eyes.

Because of the setback in the first move, the old man was particularly attentive to Qin Fang's movement technique this time. But even so, his previous palm was still evaded by Qin Fang.

The old man wasn't too bothered by failing a second time, what truly shocked him was Qin Fang's incredibly agile movement technique, which almost brought him to a standstill.

The old man stopping did not mean Qin Fang would stop.

The threat of a Grandmaster-level expert was something not even a Master-level martial artist could compare to. Although he had evaded the first two moves, the third move was undoubtedly the most terrifying. Naturally, he also wanted to deceive it...

At this moment, Qin Fang immediately seized the opportunity of the old man's astonished pause, and once again launched the Tiger's Rush back at him...

"Stop!"

This time, though, the old man had no intention of counterattacking. Facing Qin Fang's fierce assault, he instead immediately shouted.

Simultaneously, the old man himself moved, instantly withdrawing from the battle circle, giving Qin Fang no chance, as if he was voluntarily giving up this engagement.

Qin Fang was a bit surprised too, unable to fathom what the intentions of this Grandmaster-level expert were, so he hesitated slightly, keeping a safe distance.

Two moves had passed, leaving only this last one.

Originally, Qin Fang planned to continue deceiving through it, but now it seemed the old man had no intention of granting him such an opportunity, forcing Qin Fang to be more cautious.

The third move of this Grandmaster-level expert, also the agreed-upon final move, was definitely more terrifying and more aggressive than the previous two...

Even having evaded the first two moves, Qin Fang didn't believe he could necessarily dodge this third one!

"The third move is unnecessary..."

Just when Qin Fang was being extremely careful, he didn't expect the old man to suddenly wave his hand and say, almost causing Qin Fang's jaw to drop in surprise...

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Qin Fang was also stunned, really unable to understand what the elderly man's words meant.

"Could he also be trying to deceive like me?"

Although Qin Fang felt this possibility was extremely tiny, it seemed difficult to think of any reason for the elderly man to give up on this final move.

After all, Qin Fang had endured the previous two moves; if this third move were invalidated, then it would mean Qin Fang had won...

"Are you certain to give up?"

Qin Fang still found it a bit hard to believe, so he asked casually.

"No need..."

However, the elderly man was unconcerned about this, waved his hand, and said. It seemed he had forgotten his original intention for coming, instead quietly gazing at Qin Fang. After a long silence, he cautiously asked, "Are you from the Snow Mountain Sect?"

"Snow Mountain Sect?"

Qin Fang was taken aback by the words he heard, his face showing immense surprise, evidently startled by the question from the opposite person.

Qin Fang did not rush to answer but paused briefly in silence before shaking his head, perhaps a bit puzzled, responding, "Never heard of it..."

From the moment the elderly man spoke the three words Snow Mountain Sect, Qin Fang knew why the man had stopped; because he had already judged from the movement technique Qin Fang had just used.

Qin Fang's Traceless Snow Stepping Technique is a sect secret technique of Snow Mountain Sect; it could not be passed on by anyone other than a Snow Mountain Sect disciple...

Although Qin Fang was also curious about how the elderly man recognized the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique, he already discovered that the elderly man seemed to have realized that point, which was why he voluntarily gave up the third chance to make a move.

As for the reason...

This was quite evident!

The Green Gang is certainly powerful, and they have quite a number of experts, like the elderly man, who is a grandmaster-level expert, which is rather formidable.

Perhaps within the Green Gang, there are some experts who are comparable to the elderly man, but the number is definitely not many; after all, this is the secular world and not those hidden sects.

In such a secular world, being able to advance one's cultivation to the grandmaster level, all are supreme figures. If one could reach the level of Eight Extremes Fist Grandmaster Elder Niu, they would be revered by many martial artists as a beacon in the martial world.

However, although such grandmaster-level experts are indeed powerful and rare, it's only relative to the martial artists of the secular world. In fact, in those hidden sects, such grandmaster-level experts are not scarce.

And the more ancient the sect, the stronger the heritage, the more experts there are... The Snow Mountain Sect is such a hidden sect, although the disciples within the sect are not numerous, the heritage is not weaker than the Tang Sect or Kunlun!

In such a sect, not to mention Level 7 Grandmaster-level experts, even Level 8 Great Grandmaster-level experts exist, and there are even Supreme-level experts who have reached Level 9...

Thus, even though these sects have not surfaced for a long time, they aren't something the secular forces dare to offend...

Just as Qin Fang was worried, such a sect is like a hornet's nest; hitting one disciple is like stirring the hornet's nest, definitely involving extraordinary trouble...

However, facing this choice now is not Qin Fang, but this authoritative figure from the Green Gang...

Qin Fang's reply inadvertently felt insincere, further convincing the elderly man that Qin Fang's movement technique definitely came from a Snow Mountain Sect disciple.

This sect has a long tradition; although disciples from the sect don't often appear in the world, it's not unheard of...

The reason the elderly man recognized Qin Fang's movement technique as the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique from the Snow Mountain Sect was that he had seen a disciple of the Snow Mountain Sect before.

However, that was many years ago, back when he was young...

But in these decades, from being a young man who had just stepped into the martial world, he had become an elderly man now. Although his strength advanced to the grandmaster level, he still had great reverence for those ancient sects.

Recalling the years, he had seen that Snow Mountain Sect disciple, similar in age to him back then, quite like the current Qin Fang.

In those days, he had just laid a good foundation, steadily improving, still a considerable distance from the master level, but that Snow Mountain Sect disciple of his age had already early on entered the master level, even when confronting older masters, none of whom could gain any advantage over him.

And at the time, what the Snow Mountain Sect disciple relied on was this set of Traceless Snow Stepping Technique... He had not forgotten this for decades, hence why he could recognize Qin Fang's movement technique!

Recalling the past and looking at the present, comparing with the Snow Mountain Sect disciple of those days, and looking at Qin Fang now, the elderly man was more certain that Qin Fang was definitely a Snow Mountain Sect disciple.

"Young Master Qin, I believe our conflict was just a misunderstanding... The three moves have been exchanged, and I've lost... Let's let bygones be bygones from now."

Seeing Qin Fang deny his identity, the old man didn't mind. Seeing the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique was proof enough of Qin Fang's identity, whether he admitted it or not was irrelevant.

With this identity, there's no need to pursue this grievance, as it would only bring endless trouble to The Green Gang... Naturally, the old man wouldn't do that.

Moreover, since Qin Fang possessed the Traceless Snow Stepping Technique, it was doubtful if his third move would even touch Qin Fang, so he straightforwardly admitted defeat, making things simpler...

"Do not forget, you owe me a favor..."

Hearing the old man's words, Qin Fang relaxed, but he wasn't about to forget the terms he had previously set, so he immediately reminded with a hint.

"Haha! Impossible to forget..."

The old man laughed slightly, responding nonchalantly.

These were promises made in advance. Not to mention he had already lost, so naturally, he had to keep his word... Just the identity of Qin Fang as a disciple of the Snow Mountain Sect was reason enough for them to help, making it obvious The Green Gang wouldn't refuse a request.

These secular associations are quite shrewd and won't pass up such opportunities... Though ancient sects rarely engage with the secular world, many do have their own agents there.

For instance, the Shaolin Temple has many influences in the secular world, partly related to its acceptance of secular disciples...

These secular disciples use the Shaolin name to develop their power in the world, and when needed, Shaolin can leverage this power to gain benefits...

However, secular disciples are unique to the Shaolin Temple; other sects rarely make such arrangements. With limited resources, even supplying Inner Sect disciples is challenging, so there's little regard for secular disciples.

Shaolin Temple does this partly because of its vast resources, and also because some talented disciples aren't willing to become monks, finding themselves as secular disciples instead... Once their strength reaches a certain level, they can leave Shaolin and explore the world, gradually developing their power.

With a major sect as a backer, developing is easier, standing stronger. If bullied, they can return to the sect for help, and experts will come to aid immediately.

Conversely, without a major sect as backing, standing becomes difficult. If bullied, they must rely on themselves... Truly rising up is not so easy.

Perhaps for this reason, the old man was unwilling to make an enemy of Qin Fang...

The Green Gang may have strong foundations, but provoking a great sect like the Snow Mountain Sect means inviting endless trouble.

Ordinary Qing Gang Disciples are insignificant, mere commoners, and experts from great sects disdain dealing with commoners.

But this means experts within The Green Gang, like the old man, would become key targets for the opposition, facing sieges from numerous similar or higher-level experts...

"If that's the case, if there's nothing else, we'll be on our way..."

Qin Fang didn't care what the old man was thinking. Since the matter was resolved, The Green Gang had admitted defeat and agreed to let the grievance go, so Qin Fang saw no reason to stay.

Whether The Green Gang would later uncover that Qin Fang wasn't truly from the Snow Mountain Sect didn't concern him, as he never admitted it from the beginning—it was merely the old man's assumption.

Even if investigated, it had little to do with Qin Fang...

Moreover, The Green Gang wouldn't easily go back on their word, as it would damage their century-old reputation, more than just losing face.

Not that Qin Fang would show them courtesy, but even The Green Gang wouldn't tolerate such an event occurring...

And Qin Fang wasn't as weak as they thought, if they truly angered him, he could very well find Boss Kui's residence and eliminate this gang overlord.

Though Boss Kui had experts like Alai by his side, that was just his martial strength; if Qin Fang resorted to the gun, even Alai couldn't stop him...

Furthermore, with other assassination techniques like the Wood Release Technique, Qin Fang could kill unseen, naturally dispelling fear!

"Farewell then..."

Elder Alai did not stop Qin Fang and company from leaving but instead bade them farewell with a smile.

"Farewell..."

Qin Fang returned the courtesy, although in his heart he quietly wished, "Hopefully, we'll never meet again..."

The pressure from Grandmaster-level experts was overwhelming, and Qin Fang couldn't contend with them yet, naturally wishing to avoid meeting such experts again.

At the very least, he hoped never to meet with such hostility again...

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After bidding farewell to the old man, Qin Fang led Chu Yunxuan, Wu Tang, and the others away, as the matter here had been completely resolved, and there was naturally no need to stay any longer.

Only then did the old man walk up to Kui Mingyu, and with a gentle twist of his fingers, the thick hemp rope snapped easily...

Ah Hu also came over to help, freeing Kui Mingyu, whose hands, feet, and body had become completely numb...

"Uncle Lai, how could you let them go?"

As soon as he was freed, Kui Mingyu couldn't help but complain.

For someone of his standing to be treated like this, his pride was lost completely, and he was naturally quite displeased...

However, Elder Alai's status was extraordinary, and even though Kui Mingyu was Boss Kui's son, he was very polite to Elder Alai, respectfully calling him Uncle Lai.

"Young Master, let's not mention this again... That person, he's not someone you can provoke!"

But Elder Alai chuckled, as he activated his power to help Kui Mingyu with blood circulation, and spoke in a somewhat serious tone.

"Uh..."

Kui Mingyu was taken aback. He was used to having his way in Jiangzhou, and even when confronting those young masters from the Capital City, he wasn't afraid.

He had seen the battle just now. Indeed, Elder Alai had the upper hand entirely, but Qin Fang's own strength was also incredibly formidable.

Ah Hu's abrupt departure, leaving him behind, was proof enough that even Ah Hu was not a match for Qin Fang...

And now Elder Alai spoke to him in such a tone, which was enough to suggest that besides Qin Fang's power, his identity seemed to be quite extraordinary as well...

"Understood!"

Kui Mingyu was quite straight-forward; he knew who could be provoked and who couldn't... Elder Alai, being his father's most trusted subordinate and the second-in-command of the Jiangzhou Qing Gang, would always cover for him in the past. But this time, such a solemn statement indicated many things.

"Let's go back..."

After saving Kui Mingyu, since Qin Fang and the others had already left, it meant there was nothing else to do. Elder Alai didn't need to stay any longer and immediately took Kui Mingyu and Ah Hu back home.

Speaking of Qin Fang, he left the Heping Hotel safely, without a single scratch on him, and those around him weren't injured either.

Such a scene surprised many who were waiting outside the Heping Hotel... They thought that even if Qin Fang had some background, a strong dragon couldn't suppress a local serpent and that he would certainly suffer at the hands of The Green Gang. However, the result was not what they had imagined at all...

Qin Fang and his group walked out unharmed, and The Green Gang members stepped aside to create a path, allowing Qin Fang and the others to leave, without any intention of making a move.

Even... Many of these Qing Gang Disciples looked at Qin Fang with eyes full of admiration and awe.

Although many people were watching and talking, Qin Fang seemed not to notice at all, pondering the matter in his mind.

Chu Yunxuan walked beside Qin Fang, noticing that he seemed to be deep in thought, and she didn't disturb him, just quietly keeping in step with him.

On the other hand, Wu Tang seemed a bit confused, as if he hadn't fully come to his senses yet.

"Young Master Qin, do you really think The Green Gang..."

Wu Tang was still in a bit of disbelief, even after walking for a while, so he couldn't help asking Qin Fang beside him.

"Brother Wu, you don't have to worry anymore. The Green Gang said they'd let it go, so they will indeed let it go... It won't affect you!"

Qin Fang laughed and said, as this was something Elder Alai had promised, there was naturally no need to worry about them going back on their word.

"But what about Kui Mingyu..."

However, Wu Tang was still a bit hesitant, not because of The Green Gang, but because of Kui Mingyu himself.

Kui Mingyu's reputation in Jiangzhou was quite bad; he was known to hold grudges, and anyone he resented would definitely be tormented by him.

Even though Wu Tang had his uncle, Wu Ling, as a backing, Kui Mingyu might not care about that. When Wu Tang tied up Kui Mingyu earlier, he was quite rough, which might earn him Kui Mingyu's resentment. Such concern wasn't unfounded!

"Don't worry about that brat. If he dares to mess with you, just drop my name... He knows what to do!"

But Qin Fang merely chuckled, took out a card from his pocket, and handed it to Wu Tang. It had his contact details, so if anything did go wrong, Wu Tang could call him for help.

"Thank you, Young Master Qin, thank you!"

Seeing this card, Wu Tang's eyes lit up.

Though it was hard to say how useful this card would actually be, at least holding it made Wu Tang feel much more at ease than before...

If Kui Mingyu really did try to cause trouble, even if the card didn't deter him, Wu Tang could at least call the number on it to ask Qin Fang for help.

With the matter resolved and the crisis averted, Wu Tang still had official business to attend to, so he parted ways with Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan.

"Where should we go?"

With only Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan left, Qin Fang, not very familiar with Jiangzhou, waved his hands and asked Chu Yunxuan.

Chapter 1468 - The Emergence of the Heart Nourishing Pill! (Part 2)

Because of the Little Devils event, ever since Qin Fang came to Jiangzhou, he's been quite busy. Tang Feifei and the other girls have been sent back to Ninghai, as Qin Fang feared that they might suffer if they stayed.

Now that everything is settled, Qin Fang is simply staying to accompany Chu Yunxuan... After all, it's been a while since he properly spent time with this woman, who is closest to him.

"If you didn't mention it, I would've forgotten... Conveniently, there's something I need to do!"

Chu Yunxuan might have been too stressed before. First, her cousin Wu Jian was poisoned and nearly died, then Qin Fang offended The Green Gang. With one major event after another, she had no choice but to forget some less important matters.

Now, everything has been resolved. Wu Jian's illness is completely cured, and he's already bouncing around healthily. The matter with The Green Gang has been smoothed over, and Chu Yunxuan can finally relax.

"What is it?"

Qin Fang was taken aback, looking at Chu Yunxuan with some surprise, clearly unable to guess.

"Of course, it's something very important, and it has a lot to do with you..."

Chu Yunxuan gave a charming smile, purposely creating mystery without directly revealing anything.

"Whatever it is, I'm all ears. Go ahead..."

Qin Fang didn't mind. Since Chu Yunxuan mentioned it, he naturally played along, responding with a cheerful smile.

Then Chu Yunxuan drove the two of them directly to Jiangzhou's most famous Jiangzhou Hotel...

A hotel named after Jiangzhou surely isn't a simple one; it's considered an iconic building in Jiangzhou and also the most luxurious hotel here.

Jiangzhou, as Dragon Country's largest and most bustling city, actually doesn't lack Five-star hotels. Large international hotel chains like Hilton and Sheraton are abundant, not to mention several other Five-star hotels...

However, if one were to rank the most luxurious hotel in Jiangzhou, it would undoubtedly be Jiangzhou Hotel, the only one in Jiangzhou dubbed as Six-star level.

Nowadays, Five-star hotels are somewhat ubiquitous, but hotels with a level beyond that are relatively few.

But any hotel that meets this standard is undoubtedly very renowned... like the world-famous Seven-star sailboat hotel located in Dubai!

Although Jiangzhou Hotel doesn't reach that level, being at the Six-star level sufficiently proves its status...

This Six-star rating isn't self-proclaimed by the hotel; it's certified by the World Hotel Industry Association, with a star rating standard recognized globally...

In a metropolis like Jiangzhou, there are countless domestic and international business people passing through every day; over half of the major international corporations have set up offices or subsidiaries here...

Because of this, the business at Jiangzhou Hotel is flourishing, becoming the first choice for those wealthy and extravagant tycoons visiting Jiangzhou.

And the place Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan were heading to was this Jiangzhou Hotel...

"Helen?"

Upon hearing this name from Chu Yunxuan, Qin Fang's expression turned rather peculiar, "Isn't she that classmate of yours?"

"Yeah, she's my college classmate... You've met her, the one who wanted to tag along with us for a threesome..."

Chu Yunxuan was rather straightforward, without any shyness, even when mentioning the "threesome."

This woman who has tasted the forbidden fruit is different; no longer as reserved as when she was a maiden. Especially as Chu Yunxuan, who is a returnee after studying abroad, is even more open than average girls...

Of course, this openness is solely with Qin Fang, not any other men...

"Pfft~~"

Qin Fang couldn't help but spray water onto the car window upon hearing this, utterly shocked by her words!

What Chu Yunxuan said was so bold that even Qin Fang couldn't handle it, especially as she delivered it with a highly provocative gaze, directed at a sensitive lower part of Qin Fang's body...

Although Qin Fang had been in Jiangzhou for two or three days, he had been too busy to indulge Chu Yunxuan, who had been neglected for quite some time...

Now that Chu Yunxuan brought this up, it seemed she was flirting with him.

"Cough cough... That was just a joke, why take it seriously! Besides... even if I were willing, you wouldn't be..."

Qin Fang gave a couple of light coughs to mask his embarrassment, then slightly recovered, responding with a lighthearted reply, even teasing Chu Yunxuan a bit.

"Hmph... Who says I wouldn't dare?"

Chu Yunxuan was, surprisingly, much fiercer than Qin Fang had anticipated, immediately retorting with a sulky tone, seemingly ready for a challenge!

"Alright, you win! Let's talk business, talk business..."

Qin Fang, taken aback by such a bold Chu Yunxuan, had no choice but to capitulate, quickly changing the topic, daring not to continue further.

"Business, yes, talking business..."

Fortunately, Chu Yunxuan was only mentioning it casually, her focus naturally on the business at hand, "It's about our Heart Nourishing Pill... Helen is coming over this time as a representative of her family's company, Reid Pharmaceuticals, to discuss cooperation with us..."

"Cooperation? Have our clinical trials for the Heart Nourishing Pill concluded?"

Qin Fang was taken aback. He knew that the Heart Nourishing Pill's development had long ended. While replacing some drugs weakened the pill's effect, it had tested extremely effective against cardiovascular diseases...

But drug development success doesn't equate to immediate production and sale; it requires detailed clinical trials for validation first...

"Ah, you... don't care about me at all! The clinical trials are long over; we've even secured the production license and can start manufacturing and selling anytime..."

Chu Yunxuan lamented, expressing her resignation at Qin Fang's laid-back attitude.

In reality, it was quite simple: the efficacy of the Heart Nourishing Pill had been personally tested by Old Master Tang, and it was impressively effective, even drawing the attention of some high-status figures seeking advice from him.

However, Qin Fang only concocted a few genuine Heart Nourishing Pills, which were either consumed or used for experimentation, leaving none behind.

Conveniently, Chu Yunxuan's research concluded, bringing a substitute for the Heart Nourishing Pill to light. Although its effects were significantly lesser than the authentic one, with prolonged consumption, it effectively treated related cardiovascular ailments.

In fact, in just one treatment course, it cured mild cardiovascular diseases, and for more severe cases, it provided effective control and gradual recovery...

Thanks to this, along with several influential figures personally testing and verifying its effects without side effects, the Heart Nourishing Pill gained a solid reputation, easing the formalities for approval...

After completing clinical trials in Dragon Country, Helen, who happened to be there, took a batch of trial Heart Nourishing Pills back to the United States, administering them to patients with similar results: the Heart Nourishing Pill was highly effective and side effect-free...

Recognizing this tremendous business opportunity, Helen, a member of the Reid Pharmaceuticals family, took responsibility for this matter, coming to Dragon Country to seek partnership...

Chu Yunxuan originally came to Jiangzhou for this, but Wu Jian's illness left her unable to focus on it. Now that Qin Fang was also present, she naturally roped him in as a key player, since he was the true boss behind the scenes?

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Since it was for business, Qin Fang naturally couldn't refuse. He couldn't possibly let Chu Yunxuan handle everything; he should also do his part.

Reid Pharmaceuticals is a famous pharmaceutical group in the United States, ranking quite high among pharmaceutical companies worldwide, with assets in the billions...

If a collaboration with Reade Pharmaceutical Group could be achieved this time, it would provide a good start for expanding the overseas market for the Heart Nourishing Pill...

Of course, the Heart Nourishing Pill is an excellent drug, and Qin Fang did not worry about its sales. Even if this collaboration couldn't be reached, he could look for other companies or even open it to global bidding.

Therefore, Qin Fang remained calm about this cooperation, ensuring everything would proceed fairly...

The Jiangzhou Hotel is located on the bustling Bund of Jiangzhou, not very far from Drunken River South.

Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan quickly arrived there. While on the way, Chu Yunxuan had already contacted Helen Dayangma by phone.

However, when Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan entered the Jiangzhou Hotel, instead of seeing Helen, who was supposed to come down to greet them, they were stopped by a tall, handsome foreign man.

"Hello, Miss Chu..."

Qin Fang was wondering what this foreigner wanted when he noticed the foreigner happily called out and opened his arms toward them.

But once he said this, Qin Fang understood what was going on and looked at Chu Yunxuan beside him with a puzzled expression.

"Hello, Pete..."

Seeing this foreigner, Chu Yunxuan was momentarily stunned but responded politely. She didn't reciprocate the open hug.

Perhaps a hug is a normal gesture in the United States, but this isn't the United States; it's Dragon Country... so it's not appropriate here.

Besides, with Qin Fang right beside her, it was impossible for Chu Yunxuan to do such a thing...

"Yunxuan, this is..."

It was clear that this foreigner named Pete seemed to know Chu Yunxuan, possibly quite well, but Qin Fang didn't recognize him, so he cheerfully asked.

"He's Pete, a college classmate of mine..."

Chu Yunxuan wasn't embarrassed at all and cheerfully pointed to Pete as she spoke.

The introduction was simple, further indicating to Qin Fang that she wasn't very familiar with Pete.

"Pete, this is my boyfriend; you can call him Qin..."

Of course, she didn't forget to introduce Qin Fang to Pete.

"Boyfriend? You and Ron..."

Pete didn't seem to pay much attention to Qin Fang initially, but when Chu Yunxuan mentioned Qin Fang was her boyfriend, Pete was taken aback and almost instinctively blurted out.

But he quickly realized something, and the words got stuck in his throat.

Though Pete stopped speaking quickly, he probably didn't notice the sudden flash of a sharp killing intent in Qin Fang's previously smiling eyes when he heard the name Ron!

Qin Fang and Chu Yunxuan were very clear about each other's past, and the name Ron was certainly not unfamiliar to Qin Fang. He was the guy who had been Chu Yunxuan's boyfriend in the United States but later abandoned her for some reason, causing her great harm!

Now, Pete had to mention Ron of all people; it was no wonder Qin Fang could hardly stay calm!

Chu Yunxuan's expression also turned unpleasant, and she looked at Pete with a hint of coldness. "Pete, I have things to do, maybe we'll sit down and talk sometime later..."

This was a straightforward way to get rid of him, showing no courtesy to Pete!

"We'll talk next time, next time..."

Sensing the change in Chu Yunxuan's tone, Pete felt a bit awkward and could only mutter apologetically, letting Chu Yunxuan and Qin Fang pass.

"Don't overthink it; those things are long past..."

With his arm around Chu Yunxuan's slender waist, Qin Fang gently consoled her, knowing the past incident had hurt her deeply and wasn't entirely gone even now.

"I'm not overthinking it; those things have long been forgotten... don't worry!"

Chu Yunxuan let out a long sigh, and her smile returned to her face. She replied softly to Qin Fang, understanding his concern and not wanting to trouble him.

"Hmm..."

Qin Fang nodded, silently wrapped his arms around Chu Yunxuan's waist, and the two of them leaned on each other, heading into the hotel together.

At this moment, Qin Fang appeared somewhat silent, his eyes flickering, clearly contemplating something in his mind.

Regarding Ron, Qin Fang had long intended to deal with him, but he never had the chance since he hadn't gone to the United States; he had gradually been putting it out of mind.

But recent events made Qin Fang realize that Chu Yunxuan's scars hadn't completely healed, so this Ron... Qin Fang certainly wouldn't let him go.

Qin Fang knew some details about Ron's identity, meticulously pieced together from Chu Yunxuan's few memories, suggesting he is an heir to a large pharmaceutical enterprise.

Chu Yunxuan's injury was closely linked to Ron's identity; Ron seemed to have exploited Chu Yunxuan to steal research data about a new drug she was developing...

This resulted in Chu Yunxuan being expelled from the research institute due to the leak, almost facing legal charges, while Ron leveraged the research data to seize a highly favorable position among the family's heirs, getting closer to inheriting that enterprise.

Selling out Chu Yunxuan for money and power caused significant harm to her.

Afterward, Chu Yunxuan hoped for an explanation, but Ron vanished, refusing to even meet her, which led to Chu Yunxuan heartbreakingly leaving the United States and returning to Dragon Country...

Though over a year had passed and Chu Yunxuan and Qin Fang had developed significantly, the wound from this incident still hadn't completely healed.

"Ron... I will make you fully revel in the thrill of revenge!"

By the end of this short walk, Qin Fang already had a rough outline in mind, though putting it into practice would require some preparation and opportunity...

Indeed, Qin Fang intended to proceed secretly, ensuring Chu Yunxuan remained unaware.

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Speaking of which, after Chu Yunxuan and Pete parted ways, Pete watched Chu Yunxuan's figure vanish into the distance and suddenly thought of something, promptly pulling out his phone to make a call.

The call connected shortly afterward.

"Ron, it's Pete. I'm currently in Dragon Country, guess who I just saw..."

"It was your former beautiful girlfriend, Miss Chu..."

"But she seems to have a new boyfriend..."

If Qin Fang were here, he would know that Pete was talking to Ron, who he intended to deal with, and telling Ron all about Chu Yunxuan.

This kid indeed had some spy skills; he reported things remarkably fast, allowing Ron, far across the ocean, to learn everything in no time.

Listening to Pete relay Chu Yunxuan's news, Ron's face wasn't looking good, and he grew silent.

While Chu Yunxuan might not know the intricacies of the past events, Ron, as the person involved, understood them very well.

He exploited Chu Yunxuan, who was newly experiencing love, manipulating her genuine kindness with sweet words to ultimately secure the technology from her, climbing from fourth to second in the lineup of family heirs...

But to reach first place, he needed to work harder, hence over the past year he had been entirely focused on this matter, gradually forgetting about Chu Yunxuan.

However, Pete's call suddenly reminded him of the kind, innocent girl from Dragon Country... and her profound pharmacological expertise!

"Should I find her again?"

Ron couldn't help but entertain this thought.

"Pete, keep a close watch and inform me promptly if there's any news..."

Thinking it over, Ron considered this might be a feasible plan, quickly instructing Pete.

In his view, Chu Yunxuan was still that kind, simple girl; although he wronged her in the past, he believed that with some sweet talk, she would still change her mind.

As for her boyfriend...

"Humph, if he doesn't know his place, I'll just make him disappear..."

Ron, who was willing to hurt and betray Chu Yunxuan for technology, revealed his ruthless nature, leaving any possibility wide open.

Someone like Qin Fang, obstructing his path, would be easily eliminated; to him, this was just a trivial matter.

Qin Fang probably didn't expect that while he was planning to handle Ron, Ron, far across the ocean, was simultaneously considering getting rid of him.

Moreover, they surprisingly shared the same intent: to deny each other any chance of existence...

"Ron, speaking of which, I actually remembered I have some explosive news about Miss Chu... It's about a miraculous special effect drug!"

Just as Ron finished speaking, Pete recalled something that excited him immensely and quickly began telling Ron.

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Pete's information seems extraordinarily well-informed, even acquiring such confidential news that would surely surprise even Chu Yunxuan on this side.

"What? There's really such a drug?"

Ron was almost immediately unable to stay calm upon hearing this news, and cried out in surprise.

His family is also in the pharmaceutical industry, with a scale even larger than the Helen Family's Reid Pharmaceuticals, ranking among the top major pharmaceutical companies in the United States.

Although he himself works in management and operations, which is preparation for eventually managing the family business, having spent considerable time with Chu Yunxuan, he learned some knowledge about various drugs from her...

Cardiovascular disease is one of the most prevalent ailments worldwide, with a threat level only slightly lower than terminal illnesses like cancer and AIDS.

But because the number of people affected is overwhelmingly large, the annual death toll from related diseases actually surpasses that from cancer significantly.

If there really exists a miracle drug capable of treating cardiovascular diseases, then it's equivalent to possessing a limitless gold mine.

It's even exaggerating to say that if he gets hold of such a drug, even the massive family business behind him, worth billions, would seem unimpressive to him...

He exerted all his efforts to climb to the position of the first heir, solely to inherit this huge enterprise with a larger share of the stock.

This is a family business, not belonging to one individual, but to the entire family... Every heir in the family holds shares, but those ranked higher obtain a larger share, thus having more influence in future board meetings.

Of course, the financial gain is relatively larger as well...

But Ron understands very well that even if he reaches the top position of the first heir, the most shares he'd control would only be around five to eight percent, which converts to roughly fifty to eighty billion US Dollars in cash...

That's naturally an astronomical fortune, one that many people wouldn't spend in their lifetime... Yet for the ambitious Ron, that's far from sufficient!

After all, these are just shares, most of which aren't liquid assets, with many being fixed assets, largely immovable, and the truly usable wealth might be barely twenty percent, perhaps even less...

Whereas if such a miracle drug truly exists, it would mean holding onto a gold mine, boundless wealth would rush toward him wildly.

At that time, let alone a mere fifty or eighty billion US Dollars, even multiplying that tenfold or twentyfold would be achievable effortlessly...

Considering the global population of over seventy billion, even if only one billion are affected by cardiovascular diseases, they become the main target consumers of this drug.

Even if only one-tenth of them decide to purchase, that's still ten million people... an enormous consumer market indeed.

Ron believes with his capabilities, facing such a large consumer base, he can surely earn unimaginable wealth.

Not having heard this news, Ron was relatively calm. Even upon hearing that Chu Yunxuan already has a boyfriend, his heart was merely slightly uncomfortable.

But now, upon hearing this information, especially as it seems to be within Chu Yunxuan's control, how could Ron sit still...

"Pete, where are you now? I'm coming over right away..."

With such a drug, Ron naturally wants to find a way to keep it within his grasp, unable to sit still, he must rush over immediately.

From Pete, Ron already learned that Helen is representing Reid Pharmaceuticals in the negotiation with Chu Yunxuan regarding this drug collaboration... which is absolutely unacceptable to Ron!

Ron is very clear about the relationship between Helen and Chu Yunxuan, and he knows Helen's identity as well. Once cooperation talks begin, unless Reid Pharmaceuticals exhibits utter incompetence, the partnership will undoubtedly quickly conclude...

Ron naturally doesn't want such a thing to happen. In his view, the drug belongs to Chu Yunxuan, hence his own possession, he must rush over to prevent it, and obtain the drug himself...

"I'm currently in Jiangzhou, Dragon Country..."

Pete cheerfully reported his address, also waiting for Ron to come over.

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Pete's affairs were quickly set aside by Qin Fang because he has more important matters to address.

Not long after entering the hotel, a voluptuously dressed Helen Dayangma approached their direction.

"Dear Qin, it's so nice to see you again..."

Helen Dayangma showed no reservations, upon seeing Qin Fang, ignoring the presence of Chu Yunxuan beside him, she promptly gave Qin Fang a bear hug and even offered an affectionate kiss, leaving two red lip marks on Qin Fang's face...

"Miss Helen, could you be a little less enthusiastic?"

Facing the fiery Helen, Qin Fang appeared rather helpless; this charming and alluring foreign beauty was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, leaving even a tough guy like Qin Fang calling for relief.

"Enthusiastic! Of course, I must be enthusiastic... You're Yunxuan's man, so we're not outsiders, obviously, I must be enthusiastic!"

This Miss Helen Dayangma asserted earnestly.

It seems that a while passed and her Chinese has improved considerably, possibly from constant practice during this period.

However, this lady has a limited understanding of Dragon Country's customs yet insists on acting as if she's an expert, leaving Qin Fang listening to her words with a wry smile.

Fortunately, Helen didn't teasingly provoke him as before, instead turning to give Chu Yunxuan a warm embrace as well, not favoring one over the other.

Of course, the kiss was naturally omitted with Chu Yunxuan...

"Helen, stop joking around, we're here to discuss cooperation matters!"

Seeing Qin Fang's predicament, Chu Yunxuan, understandingly, tugged at the seemingly mischievous Helen Dayangma and said.

"Come, come, come, let's not stand here, let's go to my room where we can talk slowly..."

Helen nodded, acknowledging that the hotel lobby wasn't suitable for such discussions, promptly leading Chu Yunxuan and Qin Fang upstairs to her room.

Helen stayed in the hotel's top luxurious suite, this lady always indulged, never frugal with cash, seeking the highest quality services everywhere she went.

Had the presidential suite not been booked months in advance, she certainly would have stayed there.

Still, even this business suite is extraordinarily lavish, second only to the presidential suite, with each night costs enough to buy a regular car.

"Miss Helen, you truly know how to enjoy life..."

Even after spending over a month on Hong Kong Island with Qu Yuancheng and Kong Er in various high-end venues, Qin Fang experienced many extravagant services, yet Helen's lifestyle left him in awe.

Not because Qin Fang couldn't afford it, but having risen quickly, his roots and character couldn't change so swiftly.

It's only a princess from a great family like Helen who would pay close attention to such indulgence... Of course, she wasn't alone, many society princesses lead similar lives, some even exceeding Helen!

For instance, the daughter of the most famous hotel mogul, whose lifestyle is truly extravagant, not only frequently updating her luxury items but switching boyfriends quicker than clothing!

"This is hardly enjoyment... After our collaboration succeeds, you'll soon surpass me in wealth, is there anything you couldn't buy?"

Helen chuckled, taking out a bottle of whiskey, clearly a rare item... Louis XIII, indeed a lady who appreciates enjoyment.

Upon hearing this, Qin Fang was slightly stunned, looking at Chu Yunxuan with surprise, somewhat puzzled how Helen knew the Heart Nourishing Pill belonged to Qin Fang.

"Don't look at me, she figured it out herself..."

Chu Yunxuan shrugged, gesturing toward Helen.

It's evident that this beautiful and elegant lady is not just about looks and ample bosom, but is indeed a very astute woman.

Reflecting on it, it's understandable. Without such ability, how could Helen's family appoint her as Reade Pharmaceutical Group's Asia Division president for such a crucial position?

Asia, being the largest and most populous continent, naturally holds the largest market... Though numerous countries in Asia have mediocre economies, it doesn't imply a small market.

Especially in current Dragon Country, its economy has soared for thirty years, furthermore as the engine of the world economy, it can be considered the world's largest market, making the Asia Division president's value equally comparable to the head positions at the headquarters...

Even at some joint board meetings, her voice as Asia Division president is considerably impactful...

Just like the Heart Nourishing Pill's clinical trials in the United States and related procedures, all realized through Helen's influence...

Thus, in this partnership discussion, on Qin Fang's side it's him and Chu Yunxuan, while Reid Pharmaceuticals naturally is led by Helen...