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"Hurry up, confess honestly..."

Seeing Qin Fang spacing out, Tang Feifei's little hand reached for Qin Fang's ear again, apparently planning to wreak havoc a second time, and this time it would probably be more severe than before. Who let Qin Fang space out at such a critical moment.

"Stop, don't hit me! Merciful heroines, spare my life, I am innocent, I am a law-abiding citizen..."

Thankfully, Qin Fang reacted quickly enough. If he had remained silent, he would have been mistakenly killed by the two beauties, which would have been a real injustice.

"You've already done it and still dare to claim innocence. Should we sisters go to the shop and catch you in the act???"

Seeing Qin Fang persisting in "denying," Tang Feifei became even more irritated. Initially, she wasn't so sure, but now she was really starting to believe it somewhat.

"Wait, I remember now... I know who you're talking about!"

Seeing the ferocity of the two beauties, Qin Fang mulled it over and realized something was off, then he remembered it was about Wen Yi, the female apprentice recently hired at his shop.

It seemed that all the conversations matched up, such as becoming an apprentice, arranging accommodation, buying clothes, it indeed pointed to her.

But in reality, Qin Fang was later busy preparing sauces and completely forgot about Wen Yi.

"Finally remembered? Confess quickly! Wasn't she the one who stayed overnight with you that night?"

Great, it turned out that the two beauties were still bothered about Qin Fang's unaccounted-for night, and the sudden emergence of Wen Yi made them suspicious.

"Don't talk nonsense, the young girl is already pitiful enough as it is. Splashing dirty water on her like this is very unscrupulous!" Qin Fang said, straightening his face.

"First of all, I want to make it clear, I have no relationship whatsoever with this girl. I met her for the first time today, and from what I could see, she's just average looking, not the 'very beautiful' you mentioned."

Qin Fang was making a judgment based on his first impression of Wen Yi. At the time, Wen Yi's clothing looked rather unsophisticated, her face was pale from fear, she had been hungry for a long time, and

she walked a long distance on foot, appearing extremely weary. Seeing any beauty in her under those circumstances would have been truly unthinkable.

So Qin Fang's words were not fabricated. After finishing the sauces, he went straight back to school and didn't have a chance to see Wen Yi afterward, so he was unaware of any changes.

"Really?"

Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue clearly didn't believe him very much.

"Of course, it's true, absolutely true!"

Qin Fang stated confidently; he had been sitting face to face with Wen Yi and had seen her quite clearly. There was no way he could be mistaken.

Of course, he hadn't looked too closely, mainly because Wen Yi seemed very scared at the time. If Qin Fang had actually done something like that, Wen Yi probably would have fled on the spot.

After all, a girl who had suffered such misfortune would naturally be extraordinarily defensive around men.

"That girl is actually quite pitiful. Uncle Fang told me when she applied for the job at the shop, she probably hadn't eaten for almost two days, and she still insisted on walking from the city center to the university town..."

Qin Fang emphasized some details about Wen Yi's situation again. While he felt it wouldn't be proper to tell the two beauties outright about her being deceived, these points alone were enough to arouse sympathy.

"Not having eaten for two days, walking from the city center to the university town... that's really pitiful!"

No matter what, both beauties were actually quite tender-hearted. Hearing how miserable Wen Yi's situation was softened their expressions considerably.

"No, we must go see for ourselves! Who knows if you're not tricking us, making up such stories to deceive us..."

Although Qin Fang had explained once, when Tang Feifei thought of the vivid account given by someone else, she still had some doubts.

"Suit yourselves, I have nothing to hide, I sit upright, do nothing wrong, and am not afraid of ghosts knocking at my door!"

Qin Fang shrugged indifferently. In this matter, he honestly didn't have anything to feel guilty about; on the contrary, he felt a bit of pride for having saved an innocent person.

"Alright then, we'll trust you this time! But tomorrow morning, we're going to eat breakfast at the shop and take a look while we're there..."

Seeing Qin Fang so certain, Tang Feifei and the other girl also believed him to a great extent, but they couldn't just relent so easily; they still had to insist a little.

"By the way, I'm a bit curious. Who exactly was the one who hoodwinked you guys?"

Frankly, no matter how Qin Fang heard it, the rumor seemed a bit far-fetched. If there hadn't been someone stirring the pot, the two beauties wouldn't be so angry.

"Xiao Nan, who else..."

Tang Feifei was quick to speak, directly betraying the traitor.

"So it was this kid who spread the rumor. Wait until I get back to deal with him harshly..." As soon as Qin Fang heard it was Xiao Nan, he immediately understood.

Ordinary people weren't very aware of the situation at the shop. Qin Fang had hired a server, so the staff knew a bit, and although Uncle Fang also knew Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue, he usually stayed put in the shop and didn't come out casually.

The servers might talk, too, but they were also all in the shop. It was obvious Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue hadn't gone to Fang Feixue, so they could be ruled out.

After eliminating the possibilities, it seemed it could only be Xiao Nan.

He was the second-largest shareholder of Fang Feixue, effectively the Second Brother, the boss. Naturally, the shop's affairs were not hidden from him. This guy, when out for a stroll today, happened to pass by the shop and went in to have a look. He had planned to find Qin Fang and boast a little, but coincidentally heard Uncle Fang mention the incident.

Hence, what was originally a small matter, once it reached his mouth, it got distorted. Not bothering to chat with Qin Fang anymore, he came back to report the incident to his brothers. On the way, he ran into Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue setting out together, and he mentioned it to them. This resulted in the scene of Qin Fang being chased by the two beauties.

"Second Brother really went too far, making up such rumors..."

After understanding the whole process, Qin Fang's face bore a bitter smile. Fortunately, the rumor was only spread among his buddies. If someone were to post this event on the campus network, Qin Fang would have really become famous, so much so that he could even imagine the headline—"Campus sweetheart's boyfriend keeps a mistress off-campus."

Although they hadn't been at school for long, Tang Feifei and Xiao Muxue's reputations were already significant. In Qin Fang's Economics Department and Muxue's Foreign Language Department, both beauties had already stood out from the many freshmen and become strong contenders for the title of department beauties, naturally challenging for the campus beauty title as well.

If things were to be hyped like that, they'd hardly be able to avoid becoming campus beauties.

Obviously, the two beauties didn't care much for such an empty honor, and even seemed very low-key, trying to avoid as many college activities as they could. Just like the upcoming new book performance report, they both very discreetly declined.

As for rumors, Qin Fang had come to terms with it. After finally convincing the two beauties, he rushed back to his dorm, pinned Xiao Nan, who was watching a small film on his computer, to the bed, and gave him a thorough beating.

Unfortunately, the result was that before Qin Fang returned, Xiao Nan and Shen Yang, the blabbermouth, had already spread the story of Qin Fang keeping a mistress outside of school throughout the entire dormitory building.

Qin Fang had previously wondered why on the way back to his dorm, quite a few classmates whom he had met were looking at him with very strange eyes. Even some rather flamboyant upperclassmen had patted Qin Fang on the shoulder, given him a thumbs-up, and said "Awesome." At the time, Qin Fang was puzzled about what had happened, but now he understood that it was all Xiao Nan's fault for spreading the rumor.

And that's how rumors explode, getting more and more mysterious as they spread, and more and more credible. Even Ning Weiqiang called to ask what was going on, and it took some explaining from Qin Fang to convince Ning Weiqiang that he hadn't done anything to wrong Tang Feifei. However, what Qin Fang didn't expect was that Ning Weiqiang, before hanging up, said with a chuckle, "I was actually hoping it was true!"

This statement left Qin Fang somewhat perplexed, but since he was indeed wrongly accused, he still needed to explain himself, such as to Tang Feifei, Xiao Muxue, and Ning Weiqiang. As for everyone else... let them talk if they want.

Qin Fang's silence only added fuel to the fire, but of course, it was just confined to the male dormitory of one building. Compared to a campus of over thirty thousand, this minor disturbance was truly insignificant. However, after the "not returning home at night" incident, Qin Fang now had another scandal, "sugar daddy gate," which some people discussed as if it were true, even going so far as to fabricate photos.

Of course, the pictures were clearly fake; at least the hulking figure in them didn't match Qin Fang's slight build, but it left Qin Fang amused and exasperated.

Despite the farce, life had to go on as usual.

Qin Fang resumed his normal routine at night, meditating and practicing the Breathing Technique, poring over the pages of the nearly-finished Oxford dictionary, or if there were not enough people, joining Shen Yang and the others for a game of cards. Everything was still the same as before, without any changes.

He got up as usual in the morning, went out for a run with Fang Dacheng, then practiced a few rounds of boxing, and sparred with Fang Dacheng.

Ever since Qin Fang knew that he needed to be hit to increase the Combo Points for the Strong Body Technique, his play sparring with Fang Dacheng had turned into real sparring.

Yet, Qin Fang was only at Level 2, and there was a significant gap between him and Level 3 Fang Dacheng. Even though he was slightly more agile than Fang Dacheng, to get hit, he still had to restrict his movement speed.

Naturally, Qin Fang had to take numerous punches every day, inevitably suffering pain and bruising, but fortunately, this kind of pain and purpling would disappear quickly with just a simple rub, since these injuries for Qin Fang were either non-damaging or slowly draining. No Baozi was necessary, and with a little rest, he would gradually recover.

The benefits were clear; after taking hits for several days, not only did Qin Fang come up with some counter strategies against Fang Dacheng's moves, but his Combo Points also increased quite nicely. In just two or three days, Qin Fang was almost ready for his second exchange of Proficiency...