

## Genius 218

### Chapter 218 Task: Stealing the Secret Ledger\_1

The slender figure ahead looked quite familiar, very similar to Fan Ning's build. Qin Fang had once seen Fan Ning's silhouette at night, which left a deep impression on him.

Hesitating for a moment, Qin Fang's curiosity overcame his rationality, and he quietly followed.

While in the military, Qin Fang mainly practiced hand-to-hand combat and shooting, but he had also learned a bit about stealth and tracking from the special forces. When he followed, he didn't let the figure ahead notice him.

"What's this...?"

The routes chosen by the figure ahead were all quite secluded, and aside from the newly-built universities, this area of the university town had many low houses and alleys where one could easily lose someone on a night like this if not familiar with the area.

However, Qin Fang wouldn't have such an accident. During special military training, he had discovered a benefit: he could mark a target he was tailing. As long as it wasn't beyond a certain range, he could find where the person was hiding, similar to the target locking in online games.

Yet, the figure ahead seemed to be quite vigilant, especially after entering a very narrow alley. Perhaps sensing Qin Fang's presence, the figure suddenly sped up and dashed forward. Qin Fang wanted to chase after but hesitated, worried it might be the person's way to probe. During that moment of

hesitation, the fifty-meter locking distance was quickly exceeded, and Qin Fang immediately noticed the marked target had vanished, while at the same time saw the figure slip around a corner.

"So vigilant? There's something wrong..."

The more it was like this, the more Qin Fang felt something was off about the person ahead, intensifying his curiosity. Influenced by alcohol, he promptly chased after quickly.

Although this alley wasn't very long, it was still fifty or sixty meters in length. Such alleys were common in the university town area. However, the lighting was dim at night, and from such a distance, Qin Fang couldn't clearly make out the environment ahead.

Qin Fang soon reached the end of that alley and the turning point. He clearly saw that the locking mark had disappeared not far to the right, so he still had a general direction of pursuit.

"Ran quite fast..."

When Qin Fang got there, it was still an alley, but there was a little light in the distance, which made it possible to get a general view of the alley. Qin Fang had followed quickly, yet there wasn't a single person to be seen in the alley ahead.

"Enter combat!"

Suddenly, Qin Fang's mind received such a prompt, and a chill appeared on his back.

Qin Fang already felt the threat from behind; almost instinctively, he kicked against the low wall beside him with his knee slightly bent. Then he sprang up, twirling in mid-air to dodge the attack from behind.

"It's you!"

"Indeed it's you!"

This confrontation allowed Qin Fang and his opponent to face each other. Using the dim light from a distant street lamp, they could vaguely make out each other's face, and both exclaimed in surprise.

"Why are you following me?"

As Qin Fang had guessed, the figure was indeed Fan Ning, who instead of her usual sexy skirt, now wore a tight black outfit that fully displayed her devilish figure.

But Qin Fang didn't have much interest in admiring Fan Ning's figure, as her other equipment genuinely surprised him.

"It should be me asking you. What are you doing dressed like that in the middle of the night, carrying all these tools?" Seeing Fan Ning in her tight outfit, carrying a rope, a hood, a master key, and even a small decoder, Qin Fang couldn't help but be curious.

"Mind your own business..."

Fan Ning's expression changed slightly. She just scolded Qin Fang and pushed past him, continuing to walk swiftly towards him.

"You're planning to steal again?"

Qin Fang immediately quickened his pace, grabbed Fan Ning's arm with a hint of anger, and asked.

The origin of that pill initially surprised Qin Fang enormously. First was the origin of those black-suited men chasing after Fan Ning, then Fan Ning's extreme concern for that pill, yet, bizarrely, Fan Ning didn't know what the pill was for. Qin Fang surmised that Fan Ning had stolen the pill.

"Don't worry about it!"

Upon hearing Qin Fang's words, Fan Ning's complexion changed drastically, and she immediately tried angrily to shake off Qin Fang's arm.

"I'm your man, and I'm going to be involved!"

Qin Fang might have been a little drunk, his dissatisfaction with Fan Ning's attitude made him blurt out these words without even thinking.

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"You bastard!"

For a moment, Fan Ning was startled, then she slapped Qin Fang across the face and cursed at him furiously.

"Shut up!"

This time, Qin Fang's temper flared up due to Fan Ning's behavior, and he shouted sternly, at the same time pinning Fan Ning against the nearby wall, "Do you realize what you're doing? This is illegal..."

"You..."

When standing together, Qin Fang didn't actually have much of a size advantage over Fan Ning, but Fan Ning could feel an unsettling pressure emanating from him. She was initially going to retort, but was instead silenced by Qin Fang's intimidating gaze.

Fan Ning seemed to be genuinely frightened of Qin Fang, and she quickly became docile. They remained like that, one leaning against the wall while the other pressed a hand against the wall, holding her there.

Their poses were actually rather intimate. Just then, an elderly couple happened to pass by. They saw the scene, quietly discussing, clearly mistaking Qin Fang and Fan Ning for a young couple engaged in romantic affection. As the couple passed by Qin Fang and Fan Ning, the old man even gave Qin Fang a thumbs up, leaving Qin Fang feeling utterly embarrassed.

Fortunately for them, Fan Ning was being pinned in a dim corner of the wall, and the elderly couple didn't pay much attention to Fan Ning's attire, allowing the two of them to pass unnoticed.

Feeling that it wasn't very safe there and that others might pass by, and considering Fan Ning's distinct attire, Qin Fang quickly pulled Fan Ning back into the dark alley they had come from.

"What... what are you trying to do?"

But unexpectedly, Fan Ning, who had been very assertive just moments before, suddenly seemed scared as she was pushed into the alley, her voice trembling, immediately clutching her clothes as she spoke.

"Be quiet for a minute, I have something to ask you. What exactly is up with the tattoo on my arm?"

Hearing Fan Ning's words, Qin Fang rolled his eyes, thinking what in the world was going through this woman's mind. But he hadn't forgotten his original purpose and slightly lifted his T-shirt sleeve to point to the tattoo on his arm and ask her.

"Don't ask me, I don't know!"

"What did you actually go out to do? Is there anything I can help you with?"

Qin Fang looked despondent, Fan Ning's stubbornness exceeded his imagination. Seeing the expressionless Fan Ning in front of him, he felt utterly helpless and, after a moment's hesitation, he said that.

"You've guessed it already, I went stealing... What can you help with? Are you going to help me steal?"

Fan Ning sneered disdainfully at Qin Fang's words.

"Task acquired: Steal the Secret Ledger."

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"Alright, I'll help you steal!"

When this task appeared, Qin Fang knew he had to accept it. He didn't want to see the skill proficiency he worked hard for reset to zero, so he immediately agreed without hesitation, leaving Fan Ning completely dumbfounded...