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Chapter 671 - The Miraculous Effects of the Heart Nourishing Pill_1

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One bullet settled everything. Watching the man behind the scenes forced to shrink his neck and flee back, Qin Fang was truly satisfied.

He left two people to watch over there, and then Qin Fang went back home with Shen Liang. Essentially, this matter was resolved satisfactorily, and he believed that guy wouldn't make the same mistake again.

According to the feedback from his subordinates, the very next day, the casino officially shut down, and all IOUs from usurious loans were delivered back to the borrowers.

This meant many people no longer had to live in fear of not being able to pay back those colossal sums from usurious loans.

But they were all wondering who had solved such a difficult problem for them... Expecting loan sharks to show mercy was less likely than believing sows could climb trees or roosters could lay eggs.

Regrettably, this was destined to remain an unsolved mystery.

Qin Fang didn't have the time to reveal this fact, not even to his mom or Tang Feifei. He didn't want them to worry about him.

That matter was settled, but Qin Fang still had another important issue to take care of.

"Mom, just listen to me this one time, it's just a trip to the hospital for a check-up..."

Qin Fang pleaded earnestly.

His mother, Qin Qing, was generally fine, but she had one particular quirk: she seldom went out, and at most, she only went to town. In over a decade, she hardly ever visited the county city—she could count those times on one hand...

It was a very strange phenomenon, and Qin Fang had never understood it. He had thought maybe his mother got carsick or simply didn't like to travel far...

But now, upon reflection, he felt that things might not be as he had imagined them to be...

Of course, whatever the reason, it was no longer important to Qin Fang. What he wanted most now was to take his mother to the hospital for a thorough health check-up.

Why?

Because of the Heart Nourishing Pill he had given her.

As Qin Fang had thought, when he handed the Heart Nourishing Pill to his mother, he had only briefly explained its benefits, and Qin Qing had immediately eaten it with a smile on her face.

This was something Qin Fang had sorted out on his very first day home. He hadn't expected the effects of the Heart Nourishing Pill to show so quickly, but when he got out of the car with a sore back the next day, his mother Qin Qing said to him, "Xiao Fang, that pill you gave me seems to be quite effective. My chest hasn't hurt these past few days..."

Qin Fang hadn't been particularly concerned, as he was mentally prepared for the pill's long-term miraculous effects. But he hadn't expected that in less than two days, his mother would suddenly come out with such a comment, which made him overjoyed.

Qin Qing had suffered from angina for more than a decade. Although the attacks were not frequent, she experienced a constant dull pain every day. Although not intense, the discomfort was very distressing.

Qin Qing had grown accustomed to the pain, but when it suddenly disappeared over the past two days, it made her feel very strange. After enduring pain for over a decade and then having it vanish all of a sudden, it was hard for her to adjust. She actually found it odd, which is why she mentioned it to Qin Fang.

Her words immediately made Qin Fang happy, and he insisted on taking his mother Qin Qing to the hospital for a check-up.

The clinic in town was too basic, lacking the necessary equipment; at the very least, they had to go to the county People's Hospital.

Qin Fang wanted to take his mother directly to the best hospital in Ninghai City District, but the problem was... his mother would definitely not agree.

So Qin Fang had to compromise and opt for the county hospital, which was a relatively easier request to fulfill.

"There's no need, I'm quite fine, no need for any checks..."

But faced with Qin Fang's request, Qin Qing still shook her head and refused.

"Mom, it's just some simple tests. You're getting on in years, and it's very normal to have regular health checks. This way, if there are any minor issues, they can be discovered early..."

Qin Fang, of course, would not give up. How effective the Heart Nourishing Pill would be was yet to be proven. Qin Fang wasn't sure if the disappearance of the pain was temporary or permanent; detailed medical examination was necessary to determine this.

If it was just a temporary disappearance, then Qin Fang had to be prepared to produce more Heart Nourishing Pills. And before these pills could be mass-produced, he would have to collect more of those medicinal ingredients.

"Aunt Qing, Qin Fang is right, getting a health check-up is a good idea..."

"That's right, Aunt Qing..."

"Aunt Qing..."

Tang Feifei and the other two girls naturally joined the persuading team very quickly, each speaking in turn, along with all sorts of tactics like acting spoiled and being willful.

"Alright, alright, you win... Is it okay if I go now?"

Honestly, the whining of the three girls was quite effective, and considering Qin Qing actually liked these three girls, seeing how anxious they looked, she eventually agreed.

When Qin Qing agreed, Qin Fang finally took a long sigh of relief and saw Tang Feifei and the other two girls immediately give him a look of seeking credit.

In response, Qin Fang naturally gave each of them a look of appreciation, but he restrained himself from showing too much since his mom was there.

Now that Mom Qin Qing agreed, Qin Fang immediately phoned Shen Liang to come over. His Audi couldn't fit so many people, and it was much better with two cars.

The little girl Tao Xiaojuan was now also very familiar with Tang Feifei and the girls. She was only a year younger than Qin Fang, which put her in the same age group as Tang Feifei and the others, and they had a lot in common, just short of swearing to become Gold Orchid Sisters.

Thus, she had also been spending most of her time at the Qin Family's house these past two days. Since Qin Fang was taking his mother to the hospital for a checkup, she proactively joined them.

And so, with two cars and seven people, they set off for the county town.

Qin Qing's main problem was angina, accumulated over the years. What started as a minor issue had become severe.

But Qin Qing had never mentioned a word about it to Qin Fang; even when she was in intense pain, she always endured without showing any sign of it in front of him.

She thought she had hidden it well, but actually, Qin Fang had known for quite some time. As Qin Fang grew up, he became increasingly aware of how serious his mother's condition was.

Qin Fang was always concerned about this illness. In the past, his will exceeded his ability, but since he had turned his fortunes around, he had been searching for a cure, even consulting Medical Grandmaster Elder Ma specifically for this.

However, Elder Ma, a master of Traditional Chinese Medicine, was not particularly expert in cardiology. While Qin Fang's The Nine Revival Needles had some techniques for stimulating the heart, they were mainly for stimulation, not curing, so Qin Fang lacked a proper treatment method for the time being.

As for entrusting his mother to the doctors at the hospital for treatment, Qin Fang wasn't ready to take that risk yet, mainly because his mother refused to leave home, and he didn't trust the skills of those doctors.

The appearance of the Heart Nourishing Pill gave Qin Fang a huge glimmer of hope. He valued this prescription immensely and did not hesitate to resort to certain measures to acquire the necessary herbs.

Even for such a priceless piece of calligraphy, Qin Fang willingly traded with Qiao Zhenfei. He was indebted to Qiao Zhenfei's kindness; without Qiao involving him at the right time, the calligraphy might not have ended up in Qin Fang's hands, and he might not have acquired the Heart Nourishing Pill either.

The People's Hospital in the county town was the best hospital in Qin Fang's hometown. Although it couldn't compare with the big hospitals in the city district, it was still very decent.

Angina required many tests, such as electrocardiograms, chest X-rays, radionuclide tests, coronary angiography, intravascular ultrasound, and endoscopy, to name a few.

In short, it was a series of tests, a mess of fuss over a few hours, from morning till afternoon, but eventually, it was all done.

Qin Qing was very considerate of her son Qin Fang, and since she agreed to the checkup, she let him take charge. She complied with every test instructed, ending up very weary, yet she said not a single word of complaint.

"Doctor, how is my mom's health?"

When Qin Fang went to see the heart specialist with all the test results, the doctor reviewed each data point while Qin Fang became very anxious.

Normally, such a specialist's appointment would need to be pre-booked, but Qin Fang, frantic, had to resort to his most loathed sure-kill technique—flashing a stack of cash. It was the hospital's deputy director who personally allowed Qin Fang to jump the queue.

The specialist, looking at the reports in his hands and scrutinizing every index, furrowed his brows tighter and tighter, increasing Qin Fang's worries. He feared something had gone wrong with the Heart Nourishing Pill, and if that were the case, he would be truly to blame.

As for being blameless, compared to his mother's health, there was no comparison. As long as his mom was fine, even if he was damned, Qin Fang wouldn't care at all.

However, when the specialist had finished reviewing the last report and his brow was still furrowed, Qin Fang became even more anxious.

Then the specialist spoke up—"Your mother... she has no illness!"

"Er..."

Qin Fang was instantly bewildered, his mouth gaping wide, unable to close for quite a while.

"All the test results are within the normal range, and I would even say they are in a very healthy state. Even the hearts of you young people may not be as healthy as hers..."

The specialist added for emphasis, but it made Qin Fang break into a broad smile... Without a doubt, the Heart Nourishing Pill truly worked, and its effect was so astonishingly powerful.

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Qin Fang also had a general understanding of his mother's health and illness.

Angina was the main concern, and it also led to some other minor issues, such as high blood pressure, but those were not too serious.

However, after taking the Heart Nourishing Pill, not only was the angina completely eradicated, but all the other minor issues were also swept away.

As a result, his mother Qin Qing's heart problems were completely resolved.

Of course, what the doctor mentioned were heart problems; other minor issues unrelated to the heart still existed. The Heart Nourishing Pill, although miraculous, mainly targeted heart-related diseases.

Nevertheless, Qin Fang no longer needed to worry. All the other problems were minor. His medical arts might not yet be capable of treating them, but with his current wealth, he could easily hire professional medical caregivers to take care of his mother.

"How is it? How is it?"

When Qin Fang stepped out of the doctor's office and approached his mother Qin Qing and Tang Feifei, Tang Feifei immediately asked anxiously.

Only she among the three women knew about the Heart Nourishing Pill because Qin Fang had only two pills: one prepared for his mother Qin Qing, and the other for her grandfather, Elder Tang.

Qin Qing's pill had already been ingested, and this check-up was essentially to evaluate the effect of the Heart Nourishing Pill. While concerned about Qin Qing's health, she naturally could not forget about this issue.

"Mom, you don't have to worry about angina anymore... That pill was very effective; it has completely cured your angina, and even all other heart-related diseases have been eliminated. Your heart is now even healthier than ours, the younger generation..."

Qin Fang said excitedly, holding onto his mother Qin Qing's hand.

He couldn't remember when he started worrying about his mother's condition, but it had been many years, and now he could finally be completely at ease.

"Is it really that miraculous?"

Qin Qing seemed quite surprised. The pill was dull in color, unremarkable to look at, much like a small mud ball, and tasted bitter; it was not pleasant at all...

She had taken it without hesitation only because her son Qin Fang gave it to her; otherwise, she would definitely have paid it no heed.

Unexpectedly, the pill turned out to be so magical, completely curing the angina that had tormented her for over a decade. She felt deeply moved at that moment.

Qin Fang could only infer the pain of angina from her expressions and movements, but only she understood how unbearable that pain truly was.

The usual minor aches were already tormenting, and each attack felt like an ordeal of life and death. If it weren't for her son, she would have long wished to end her life; such agony was simply unbearable for most people.

Remembering the suffering she had endured for over a decade, even the strong-willed Qin Qing could not help but be moved to tears, which she could no longer restrain as they began to slowly stream down...

Seeing his mother in tears, Qin Fang, too, was deeply touched. Over the years, she had raised him through hardships, never letting them defeat or sadden her to tears...

But today, she cried!

A man's tears are not easily shed, except at the place of deep sorrow...

Qin Fang held his mother Qin Qing tight, his eyes also red. Tang Feifei and the other girls, with their lower thresholds for tears, seeing Qin Qing cry, could not help but cry along, without knowing the real reason...

Thus, in front of the hospital, a large group gathered, crying loudly, attracting the attention of many onlookers.

"Alas, probably another terminal illness..."

"How pitiful..."

Similar comments were overheard, making Qin Qing burst into laughter, wiping away the tears on her face, amused by the situation.

"Alright, the check-up is over, and my illness is completely cured. We should head back home now..."

After wiping away the tears, Qin Qing regained her composure, still the strong, admirable mother of Qin Fang. With a grand gesture, she led her son and daughters-in-law back home.

They had initially planned to eat out in the county town, but Qin Qing still preferred the food at home. Qin Fang felt the same. Although his cooking skills far surpassed his mother Qin Qing's, he still preferred every dish made by his mother... that was the true taste of home.

Another calm day passed, and the casino officially closed its doors. The middle-aged man, with his bodyguard Li Qiang in tow, disappeared without a trace, and Qin Fang didn't care where they had gone.

What Qin Fang was most concerned about—his mother's health—had also thankfully recovered. This brought Qin Fang more joy than even knowing the Heart Nourishing Pill was highly effective; it made him jump for joy.

Just like before, Tang Feifei and the two other girls helped Mom prepare a sumptuous dinner, and the family happily dined together. It was a truly warm and cozy feeling.

The only slight imperfection was Tao Xiaojuan popping in for a meal and becoming a super third wheel.

Come evening, there wasn't much entertainment, and the girls went to bed early to play cards. Originally they played landlord, but after Xiao Juan arrived, they switched to a game called "leveling up."

Meanwhile, Mom Qin Qing had called Qin Fang outside. This was the first time in three days they'd had a heart-to-heart talk alone since he came home.

"I heard you're heading to the Capital City soon?"

Qin Qing asked as soon as she started speaking.

"Yes, Feifei's grandfather's birthday is coming up, and Feifei and I are going to celebrate it..." Qin Fang nodded. He would have mentioned it even if Qin Qing hadn't asked.

Even though he brought three girls home this time, both he and Mom Qin Qing knew that ultimately, Qin Fang would only end up with one girl, and naturally, that girl was Tang Feifei.

With Old Master Tang's birthday coming up, Qin Fang was now recognized by the Tang Family and considered the prospective grandson-in-law. It was only proper for him to go and offer birthday wishes.

Actually, aside from this relationship, just based on the care Tang Cheng and Tang Feifei had given Qin Fang alone, he would have felt it proper etiquette to make the trip... so this journey to the Capital City was inevitable.

"You should go, and while you're there, give my regards to Old Master Tang..."

Qin Qing nodded; regardless of whether the Qin Family was reaching above its station, such courtesies had to be observed to not be seen as impolite.

"Are the birthday gifts prepared?"

Qin Qing asked another question. Since he was going to celebrate a birthday, Qin Fang couldn't show up empty-handed. He was now quite wealthy, something he hadn't hidden from Mom Qin Qing. The old excuse of running a restaurant was outdated; Qin Fang had already told her about selling the technology to Japan and earning a fortune.

Qin Qing didn't say much about it; it seemed that a few billion was as insignificant to her as several thousand.

This wasn't surprising; despite struggling for over a decade and living in hardships, Qin Qing had always kept a set of precious jewelry, indicating that the Old Qin Family wasn't as destitute as Qin Fang had imagined.

"I have it prepared. It's those medicinal pills you took, Mom. I still have one. The old landlord has been tortured by ailments from his war years. Giving him this pill as a birthday gift will hopefully ease his long-standing pain..."

Qin Fang said, somewhat sheepishly.

"So you were using your old mother as a guinea pig..." Qin Qing immediately joked, not really angry, just playfully teasing.

"Although you and Feifei are both still young, things between you two are pretty much settled. You've changed a lot, my child, and the girls keep flocking around you. You've only been back a few days, and look at the way Xiao Juan looks at you... I won't say much about it, you're my son, and your mother will naturally take your side. Having more daughters-in-law could mean more grandsons and granddaughters for me to dote on... But you need to be careful not to create any trouble at home..."

Qin Qing was that kind of splendid mother; not only did she not blame her son for being a heartbreaker, but it even seemed like she encouraged and praised him.

Of course, she was also a bit worried. After all, with more girls comes more conflict, and if discord arose at home, that would be a big problem.

"Don't worry, Mom, I know..."

Qin Fang nodded. He had become rather restrained now, having even turned down advances from beauties like Helen Dayangma, who brazenly sought his attention. This was a sign of his caution.

As for Xiao Juan, which Qin Qing mentioned, Qin Fang could only offer a wry smile. Xiao Juan had grown up with him, and they could be considered childhood sweethearts. But Qin Fang had been away for school for over three years, and in his memory, Xiao Juan was still that little girl from three years ago. Unbeknownst to him, she had transformed into a beautiful young woman upon his return.

Such childhood bonds were the easiest to develop further, especially now that Qin Fang had changed drastically upon his return, vastly more charming than before. Combined with saving her family, those feelings mixed with gratitude were prone to change unexpectedly.

Qin Fang had no easy solutions. After all, Xiao Juan was still young, and since he was hardly ever home, they rarely crossed paths. He believed that over time, her interest in him would naturally fade, so he wasn't overly worried.

"It's best if you're aware... I won't say more and bore you..."

Qin Qing smiled, then pulled out a small wooden box, less than ten centimeters in length and about five centimeters in width. It looked quaint, like an old artifact with some history.

Just as Qin Fang was about to inquire what it was, Mom Qin Qing had already begun to speak, "Now that you're going to celebrate the birthday, the Qin and Tang families are formally becoming relatives. I can't attend, so please take this birthday gift with you..."

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"The birthday gift..."

Qin Fang looked at the small box in his mother's hands, his face showing considerable confusion. It seemed that in his teenage years, he had never seen this item before, just like that set of jewelry that was treated as a family heirloom.

However, mother and son knew each other the best. Since his mother, Qin Qing, had brought it out, Qin Fang knew he had to accept it.

He took the small box into his hands and sneakily opened it for a quick look.

"Mom, this is..."

Inside the box, which had an antique design and seemed to be quite old, there was a layer of golden-yellow silk cloth. In the middle of the cloth lay—a bullet.

Indeed, the box did not contain the jade or gemstones Qin Fang had imagined, but a bullet, one that also appeared to be very old. Qin Fang could even see the mottled rust on it.

"Don't ask too much about this. Just remember to present it as a birthday gift when the time comes..."

But Qin Qing didn't seem to want to discuss it further, simply leaving him with that brief instruction before hurrying off Qin Fang's car, apparently ready to go back to sleep.

With his mother gone, Qin Fang's questions naturally remained, lingering in his mind, unable to dissipate for a long time. He felt that the mother he had known so well suddenly became very unfamiliar...

Or rather, Qin Fang felt that his mother, Qin Qing, had hidden too much from him.

But since his mother was unwilling to speak, Qin Fang also felt it inappropriate to ask too many questions. He could only wait for the right time in the future, trusting that his mother would eventually explain.

This night was the last one he would spend at home, at least before the New Year. Qin Fang would mostly not have time to come back, which was precisely why Qin Qing made such a special arrangement for him.

Just like the previous two days, not long after Qin Qing returned to her room, the light was turned off, and the women were all in bed, resting.

Qin Fang was quite bored, so he took out his mobile phone to play with it briefly. Finding no interest, he wrapped himself in the quilt, preparing to sleep.

In the countryside, there was not much entertainment at night. People would usually watch TV or, for those with hobbies, play cards or mahjong, possibly staying up a bit later...

Drowsy, Qin Fang gradually fell asleep...

Knock knock knock knock~~

Qin Fang wasn't a sound sleeper and sometimes, the slightest noise could wake him from his dreams, like now. He vaguely heard some knocking sounds nearby and climbed out of bed, looking in the direction of the noise.

The night was hazy, the moon clear and bright, and the night air was as cool as water.

A girl in a red down jacket with a slender figure was standing outside Qin Fang's car, her face barely visible in the dim light.

Of course, it wasn't a haunting!

"Xiao Juan?"

Peering through the car window glass, Qin Fang was surprised to see the pretty face outside. It was Tao Xiaojuan.

Although Ninghai was nationally known as a furnace city, in winter, the temperature was still very cold. Coupled with the proximity to the Yangtze River, the air was quite damp, making the cold bone-chilling at all times...

Tao Xiaojuan was not dressed very lightly, but girls are like that—even in such cold winters, they still wanted to maintain a slim figure, so naturally, their clothes were not very thick.

At this moment, in such a night, in the piercingly cold night wind, her little pale face was reddened by the cold, her lips were slightly purple, and she was stomping her feet non-stop to keep warm as she stood there.

"Come in quickly..."

Although Qin Fang was puzzled about why Tao Xiaojuan was here so late, he couldn't bear to let her freeze outside and immediately opened the car door to pull her in.

"Little Brother Fang..."

Tao Xiaojuan was indeed badly frozen. When she called out to Qin Fang, her voice was trembling non-stop, looking very pitiable.

"Don't talk, just warm up quickly..."

Qin Fang naturally felt a pang of tenderness and immediately wrapped the quilt he had been using around Tao Xiaojuan. Fortunately, the car's heater was on, which was much better than outside...

Without the cold wind and with the blow of the heater and warmth from the quilt, Tao Xiaojuan's body gradually heated up. Her originally pale face was now slowly becoming rosy, like a ripe apple, very alluring to the eye.

"It's so late, what's a little girl like you doing running around outside? Aren't you afraid of being carried off by wolves..."

Seeing that Tao Xiaojuan's complexion had improved quite a bit, Qin Fang finally felt at ease, but then his eyebrows knitted together in displeasure as he spoke.

Of course, that was just a joke. It wasn't like they were deep in the forests, where could there be wolves? At most, there might be a few dogs around, but even they wouldn't come out and bite people.

"I... I... Qin Fang, are you really leaving tomorrow?"

At Qin Fang's words, Tao Xiaojuan's eyes instantly reddened, tears beginning to swirl, and she asked with a pitiful tone.

"Don't... Little girl, can we not resort to this tactic, okay?"

Seeing the tears in Tao Xiaojuan's eyes, Qin Fang was instantly at a loss. He remembered Tao Xiaojuan had always been like this, a crybaby. He hadn't expected that this habit hadn't changed after not seeing her for several years.

"I do indeed have to leave tomorrow. I still have classes at school, and there's something I need to take care of in Capital City..." Regarding his departure, Qin Fang naturally saw no need to hide it.

"Qin Fang, you... will you... are you going to marry... marry Feifei?"

Tao Xiaojuan appeared to be very hesitant and conflicted. After a long pause, she finally asked in a very small voice, her lovely face exceedingly tense, while her eyes were fixed intensely on Qin Fang's face, appearing so expectant yet also seemingly worried.

Qin Fang's expression briefly stiffened as he looked at Tao Xiaojuan, at the little girl who once trailed behind him with a runny nose. Recalling what his mother had said, he understood Tao Xiaojuan's intent.

"If nothing unexpected happens, that should be the case..."

Qin Fang didn't hesitate this time and nodded gently as he spoke.

As long as he and Tang Feifei didn't break up, this matter was pretty much settled. Maybe they couldn't get married right away, but there might be an engagement first...

Of course, it would also depend on the Tang family's arrangements and the plans he had with Tang Feifei...

Upon hearing Qin Fang's response, Tao Xiaojuan's already pale face instantly turned ghastly, and her eyes hollowed out in an instant, losing all their luster...

Qin Fang pursed his lips, wanting to say something, but in the end, he chose silence. Tao Xiaojuan had grown up with him, and although they shared a childhood friendship, Qin Fang already had enough women around him and didn't want to add any more.

Tao Xiaojuan's father, Tao Yihai, was also very good to Qin Fang, and he had even jokingly referred to Qin Fang as his son-in-law, but that was all in jest.

The matter between Qin Fang and Tang Feifei was essentially settled. If Tao Xiaojuan were to join in, she would be doomed to a title-less relationship. Since the Qin and Tao families were so close to each other, if such a thing were to happen, it would certainly make things lively in the future...

It was with this consideration in mind that, although Qin Fang knew Tao Xiaojuan had feelings for him, he decided to refuse... Otherwise, he worried the relationship between the Qin and Tao families might become strained.

"But... but... you promised you would marry me..."

However, it seemed Tao Xiaojuan was not willing to give up just yet, her previously empty eyes suddenly showing a glimmer of life as she spoke anxiously.

"Uh..."

Qin Fang was taken aback, clearly confused by Tao Xiaojuan's assertion.

He remembered his past self, always so tactless and inarticulate; he surely wouldn't have flirted with girls... So Qin Fang was momentarily stunned.

"When we were very young, you said that, you would marry me and I would be your bride... Qin Fang, have you forgotten?"

Tao Xiaojuan's insistence seemed to offer her a ray of hope, as she eagerly spoke with a renewed intensity in her eyes and an extremely tense expression on her face.

"That... those were just things from when we were kids, they don't count..."

Upon hearing it was a matter from their childhood, Qin Fang figured it might have been said during some kind of play-pretend game. Of course, it couldn't be taken seriously. If such things were taken seriously, some people might not even know how many wives they had.

"But... I was serious! Ever since I was little, I've wanted to be your bride, Qin Fang..."

Tao Xiaojuan said these words almost through a veil of tears, and Qin Fang found it unbearably heartbreaking. He had never been the kind of man who could withstand a woman's tears; it was a significant weakness for him.

"I..."

Qin Fang opened his mouth to explain, but couldn't seem to find what was right to say.

Looking at Tao Xiaojuan's beautiful face marred by grief and despair, Qin Fang suddenly felt moved and quickly cast a "Mind Reading Technique" on her. Soon, all of her inner thoughts were transmitted into his mind...

This visit home was the first time Qin Fang had seen Tao Xiaojuan clearly in several years. In the past, he always came back in a rush and left just as quickly. His memory of Tao Xiaojuan was still stuck on the green, snotty-nosed little girl from years ago. But this time, he discovered that the once tender little girl had blossomed into a mature and well-developed young woman...

With his memory still fixed in that era, Qin Fang's feelings toward Tao Xiaojuan naturally remained as they were in the beginning: simple childhood friendship, like that of a little sister...

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Reading the innermost thoughts and fleeting ideas of Tao Xiaojuan, along with those fragments of memories that had long since blurred in Qin Fang's mind.

Gazing upon that youthful era, those childhood days of being playmates and innocent friends... The pretty girl with pigtails who always followed behind him was now appearing faintly before Qin Fang's eyes.

Those pure childhood thoughts... Indeed, they had long been blurred in Qin Fang's memory, only to resurface slowly from the depths of his memory at times like this.

It was a memory Qin Fang once knew very well, yet it felt so unfamiliar, because this time he recalled the past events from Tao Xiaojuan's perspective.

Qin Fang could even feel Tao Xiaojuan's psychological activities and internal feelings at the time when recalling these past experiences...

It was through this that Qin Fang realized the intense admiration and love that Tao Xiaojuan, whom he always saw as little sister, held for him...

Qin Fang pondered, had he not accidentally gained a system with a bug that completely changed the course of his life, perhaps he might have finished university with difficulty, found a job, and it's possible he would have married Tao Xiaojuan and lived that way for the rest of his life...

But now... everything had changed, and Qin Fang was no longer the Qin Fang he once was. Since striking it rich six months ago, the path he walked had gradually diverged more and more from Tao Xiaojuan.

"Xiao Juan, I..."

Feeling Tao Xiaojuan's thoughts over the years and the emotional accumulation, Qin Fang was truly moved.

He gently embraced Tao Xiaojuan in his arms, and she behaved very obediently, her eyes still swirling with tears, her tear-streaked face just as clear as before.

"You've seen it yourself, I'm not the good man you imagined. There are many women around me, you've already met Feifei and the other two, and there are a few more in Ninghai... You are a good girl and should find a man who cherishes you, loves you, and remains devoted to you, not someone like me..."

Qin Fang said this quietly, and he felt very sad himself. As a man, he was supposed to be the one enjoying this, but as someone who valued relationships deeply, he couldn't ignore the feelings of the women in his life...

"I... I don't care!"

Tao Xiaojuan cried, her sobs full of heartache, but she dared not cry too loudly. In the quiet of the night, crying too loudly would wake up the people at Qin's family home, so she could only stifle her sobs, which after a long while suddenly led her to raise her head, look firmly at Qin Fang, and say.

"As long as you don't abandon me, I'll always be your lover... even if we must hide in the shadows!"

Chapter 675 - Wilderness

As the young couple finally stopped, Tao Xiaojuan could barely muster the strength to move a finger, her face still showing the lingering ecstasy that refused to fade.

There was no denying it, the momentary pain was excruciatingly intense, almost making her want to jump off Qin Fang and flee...

But what followed made any initial hesitation completely vanish, as she experienced a kind of ultimate pleasure she hadn't felt in over a decade, though it came at the cost of feeling completely unhinged... she even briefly lost consciousness.

However, even in her near-unconscious state, another sensation took over: her body's residual pleasure remained, but a newfound mental bliss consumed her even more...

Of course, by that point, she was nearly passed out, unaware that Qin Fang seized the opportunity to practice the Joyous Zen dual cultivation secret technique, slowly absorbing her pure feminine essence to enhance his own inner strength...

Just as he and Chu Yunxuan knew, only such pure essence would have the most potent effect, nearly doubling Qin Fang's inner strength...

"Xiaojuan, from now on... you're my woman!"

Having slept with the girl in front of him, Qin Fang himself felt as if he were dreaming, but since it was now done, it was unchangeable. The two held each other gently, gazing into each other's eyes, and Qin Fang finally spoke, staking his claim in a simple declaration...

Men are inherently possessive, and Qin Fang was no different. Having had such intimate contact with Tao Xiaojuan, he now considered her his close woman and no longer feared she might regret it...

He already regarded Tao Xiaojuan as his possession, and if anyone dared take her from him, he wouldn't hesitate to crush them.

"Yes, I belong only to you..."

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Like the fulfillment of a promise, Tao Xiaojuan's heart was filled with an infinite sense of satisfaction, as if she had achieved a great aspiration.

This night was unforgettable for both of them.

Despite the cramped space and relatively rudimentary conditions, it did not affect the couple's ardor, and was even quite stimulating.

In such a lonely and deserted wilderness, darkness surrounded them everywhere, with only the scattered stars and the bright moon in the sky.

Under such conditions, they completed humanity's most primal rhythm, an act of great sanctity and a testament to the survival instinct of mankind.

"I really don't want to be separated from you..."

Tao Xiaojuan weakly leaned against Qin Fang, her fair and smooth face pressed against his warm chest. The dragon-shaped tattoo was also very considerate, not coming out to disturb the harmony of the moment, it was as if it had slipped away somewhere.

After the passion, that same flavor still lingered in their minds.

And now, as dawn approached, the thought of Qin Fang leaving after daylight to return to the bustling city, Tao Xiaojuan couldn't help but feel a surge of tears coming.

"Silly girl... there are plenty of days ahead... The New Year is almost here, and in at most half a year's time, you too will be off to college. I'll be waiting for you in Ninghai..." Qin Fang said, gently stroking Tao Xiaojuan's soft hair.

Tao Xiaojuan, a senior in high school, would take her college entrance exams in half a year. Qin Fang could arrange for her to attend a university in Ninghai, making the distance between them much shorter.

"Mhm... I won't disappoint you..." Tao Xiaojuan immediately nodded, a bright smile on her face. She snuggled even closer to Qin Fang, then whispered softly in his ear, "Xiao Fang... I... I want it again..."

"As you wish!"

Women have great powers of recovery, and though Tao Xiaojuan had a very sensitive constitution, her recovery was impressive. After just a short pause and hearing such tender words, she couldn't help feeling aroused again.

Qin Fang would never refuse his woman's request, so the young couple once more engaged in their vigorous activity, and the Audi car began to rock once again...

That's how it is between men and women; before crossing that threshold, they might seem very reserved and many things would seem off limits.

But once that line is crossed, everything that follows naturally becomes much easier, and they become more open; Tao Xiaojuan and Qin Fang were both like that.

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Before dawn, Qin Fang left Tao Xiaojuan at a hotel in the town so she could rest a bit. This way, she could go directly to school once it got light, or if she preferred, she could stay and recuperate before showing herself in public again.

Qin Fang couldn't stay, so he left her an anonymous bank card containing enough money for her regular expenses.

The Tao family had encountered a great disaster, and even though the usurious loans had been settled, their previously comfortable household had become much poorer. The money Qin Fang left wasn't just for Tao Xiaojuan; it was for her whole family.

It wasn't because of anything other than the current relationship between Qin Fang and Tao Xiaojuan that he couldn't bear to see the family suffer.

Tao Xiaojuan didn't understand at first, but she soon followed Qin Fang's wishes and stayed to recuperate peacefully.

Having settled Tao Xiaojuan, Qin Fang then drove back to his own house, where after eating a sumptuous breakfast with his mother Qin Qing and a few others, including Tang Feifei, he set off under the watchful gaze of Qin Qing, accompanied by Tang Feifei, Xiao Muxue, and Wen Yan, and returned to Ninghai.

His brief visit home left Qin Fang yearning for more, but with many matters to attend to, he naturally couldn't stay any longer.

His mother's illness was completely resolved, lifting a burden from his heart. Also, to prevent her from overworking herself, Qin Fang left her a sum of money, meant not only for household expenses but also to offer some benefit to the neighbors who had taken good care of the Qin family.

Of course, the specific arrangements were up to his mother, Qin Qing; Qin Fang wouldn't interfere, as his mother knew much better how to handle such matters.

Thus, Qin Fang left home with a carefree air and returned to Ninghai. He planned to stay there briefly for a day to sort out his affairs and then fly to the Capital City with Tang Feifei to celebrate Old Master Tang's birthday...

Tang Feifei's father, Secretary Tang, had already left for the Capital City in advance. With the Old Master's birthday approaching, all his children were expected to return early to prepare, and he was also there to handle some important business.

As for Tang Cheng, it goes without saying. Before Qin Fang and the others returned home, he had already gone to the Capital City, accompanied by Ning Weiqiang. Their relationship was very solid, and even for the trip to the Capital, the two were inseparable...

If Tang Cheng hadn't already been married, Qin Fang would have suspected the brothers of being more than friends—clearly, however, they were just brothers, both male and interested in females...

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Of course, Qin Fang's group now had to include him, although the three of them didn't really have many opportunities to be together since everyone was busy with their own affairs.

Tang Cheng was an active-duty military officer and instructor for a special forces unit, occasionally tasked with some highly confidential missions. His responsibilities extended across the East Sea, including certain islands...

Ning Weiqiang was just killing time at school, even more so than Qin Fang. With his family's backing, he was guaranteed a spot for postgraduate study without even frequently attending exams...

As for Qin Fang, it went without saying. He had been caught up in all sorts of messes for nearly half a year, and he even felt he had been quite decadent; he only attended the classes he liked and skipped the ones he didn't or couldn't make time for.

When it came to planning, Qin Fang really had nothing to organize. His current business holdings weren't extensive. Fang Feixue was publicly known, and as long as he was still there, Fang Feixue would not fall and its business would only get better.

The laboratory managed by Lin Hai also didn't require much attention from Qin Fang. With the foundation of the first two technological developments, the researchers at this lab had become quite adept. They were also very enthusiastic about their work, which involved various aspects of research that occasionally brought them brilliant insights.

In just half a year, more than eight researchers had published high-caliber papers in international journals.

Such papers also brought significant influence. Many professional institutions and research institutions extended invitations to these researchers, including some from abroad offering high salaries...

However, for the time being, no one had decided to leave. As their research went deeper, they felt they were touching the frontier of an unprecedented technological field, with some technologies potentially overturning current scientific theories—almost an innovation of technology. If they left hastily, they might miss out on this opportunity—an opportunity to become world-class top talent.

No one was foolish, especially not these tech-devoted researchers. They were all high-end, exceptionally intelligent individuals; they would have to be out of their minds to leave such a project.

The current high salary was indeed very tempting, but once their research succeeded, they could become top experts in this field. By then, would they still worry about not having a high salary?

Moreover, the salary offered by Qin Fang had already made them very satisfied.

Of course, the second set of lithium battery technologies had already matured. They were developing the third set, a technology that would completely overturn all existing theories, akin to a technical revolution.

According to Qin Fang's own understanding, if this technology succeeded, it would be an immense blow to the energy market...

Of course, it was a long-term research project, and Qin Fang didn't expect it to succeed in the short term.

Therefore, he began to prepare for selling the second set of lithium battery technology... He guessed the Japanese must be starting the production of the first set of new lithium batteries by now; it was time to make a move on them.

As for potential buyers, Qin Fang had already decided on the target quite quickly, it seemed as though someone was already quite eager.

There was also considerable progress on Chu Yunxuan's side. With Helen Dayangma's help, the laboratory now had almost all the necessary equipment in place, except for some that were not allowed to be exported to Dragon Country.

This laboratory, like the one managed by Lin Hai, was located on the university campus, only this time it was Pharmaceutical University instead of Polytechnic University.

There were ready-made experts and professors in pharmaceutics, with Chu Yunxuan personally overseeing the work, selecting the most efficient research team, and using some of the world's most advanced pharmacological analysis equipment. The research on deciphering the Heart Nourishing Pill was ready to start anytime before Qin Fang's arrival in Capital City.

Of course, before heading to Capital City, Qin Fang naturally couldn't resist a tender moment with Chu Yunxuan.

Now, with Xiao Muxue, Tang Feifei, and Wen Yan together, the three girls formed a united front, almost always moving in and out as one, which made it impossible for Qin Fang to have a secret affair. At most, he could only engage in some rather intimate actions but dared not to cross the line too much. In the end, he could only come to Yunxuan for affection.

"Qin, can't you give me a chance? Even just for one night..."

Going to see Yunxuan inevitably meant encountering Helen Dayangma.

Yang Rui, the unlucky guy who tried to woo Ning Yumo, wasn't looking so smug anymore. Originally the head of the Dragon Country district, his position was usurped by Helen after she met Qin Fang and inexplicably became infatuated with him. She was supposed to stay with Chu Yunxuan for a while and then go back to the United States, but she had changed her tourist visa to a work visa and decided to stay. Thus, the head of the Dragon Country district had changed to her... and Yang Rui was relegated to the background.

Helen seemed to harbor some dislike toward Yang Rui, possibly a result of that discordant night. If it weren't for Yang Rui's competence, she would have fired him long ago.

Of course, Qin Fang didn't know about these issues; nor did he care...

But Helen's decision to stay really did give him a headache. Heaven knows when he might carelessly end up sleeping with this foreigner, even though she was a stunning mixed-race beauty. Qin Fang certainly did not want to one day find himself wearing a green hat out of the blue...

Things were normal on Yunxuan's end. After Qin Fang returned, he briefed Chu Yunxuan on the incredible effects of the Heart Nourishing Pill, which greatly boosted her confidence. Once the medicinal properties of the Heart Nourishing Pill were successfully analyzed, and other ingredients could be used for substitute production, it would be a tremendous success for humanity...

Countless patients would benefit from it; it was indeed a great deed. Of course, Qin Fang could also use the opportunity to make a fortune...

Qin Fang had just these few matters to settle in Ninghai. During the day he was there, he arranged everything simply and, once sure that all was in order, he went to the airport with Tang Feifei to prepare for their trip to Capital City.

"You guys just stay put in Ninghai. We'll be back in a few days..."

This time, it was a visit to the Tang Family for a birthday celebration, which meant that only Qin Fang and Tang Feifei would be going. Xiao Muxue and Wen Yan, of course, couldn't come along and had to stay behind in Ninghai.

With Song Gang dead, only the extremely dangerous Cao Chun remained, but Li Rui had hidden Cao Chun too well, and his whereabouts were still a mystery.

The women by his side were Qin Fang's greatest vulnerability. A madman like Cao Chun couldn't be judged by normal standards—no one knew what crazy things he might do. Therefore, in going to Capital City, Qin Fang, besides taking Shen Liang with him, left all his other men, including Chen Da, behind just in case.

"Mm-hmm, we'll definitely wait patiently for you to come back..."

Xiao Muxue and Wen Yan were both very sensible girls. Especially after accompanying Qin Fang back home and gaining the approval of Qin's mother, Qin Qing, they were even more compliant with Qin Fang. If it weren't for considering Tang Feifei's feelings, those two would probably have long ago slipped into Qin Fang's bed to seek joy...

And so, Qin Fang and Tang Feifei embarked on the plane to Capital City, preparing to celebrate Elder Tang's birthday. Of course, Qin Fang was also aware that this trip would mean facing the onslaught of Tang Feifei's many suitors...

After all, Tang Feifei had always been the little princess of the Tang Family, treasured by many as an angelic presence and brought up in a prestigious courtyard. But now, she would end up benefiting Qin Fang, this young fellow. Who wouldn't feel a bit aggrieved?

Chapter 678 - "Iron Grip" _1

Third update, looking for subscriptions and monthly votes~~~

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After saying goodbye to Xiao Muxue and Wen Yan, Qin Fang and Tang Feifei boarded the plane. In just a few hours, they would set foot on the land of the Imperial Capital.

Qin Fang's Longevity Heart-Nourishing Pill, as well as his mother Qin Qing's gift—a bullet, were all placed inside the Props Box. These two items were the most important, so naturally, Qin Fang kept them close at hand.

To Qin Fang, Capital City was unfamiliar, yet it was a place he greatly aspired to visit.

In the past, all Qin Fang dreamt about was finding a decent job after graduating from college, saving a sum of money, and taking his girlfriend to tour Capital City, to walk on the Great Wall...

Life is unpredictable, and some chance encounters had unexpectedly made Qin Fang's dreams come true earlier than planned... Now, Qin Fang could be considered well-off, with his charming and lovely girlfriend sitting beside him—what a wonderful life!

However, just as Qin Fang was reveling in his good fortune, an annoying fly came buzzing around.

"Hello, beautiful..."

The man sitting in front of Qin Fang and Tang Feifei suddenly turned around, glanced at Tang Feifei, and with eyes gleaming, began to shower her with enthusiastic attention.

As for Qin Fang...once again, he became an outsider, overlooked! (Qin Fang runs off with tears, why is it always me who's on the sidelines? 5555...)

Qin Fang, now a minor tycoon, though not yet to the point of buying a private jet, naturally traveled first class, which was much more comfortable than the economy class in the back.

Of course, the price for that was quite higher, but Qin Fang didn't care about the cost.

Generally, those who travel first class are not average office workers or salaried employees; they tend to be someone of importance, like the man currently at the front.

"Hello..."

Tang Feifei, who was well-mannered, felt uncomfortable with such behavior but still responded politely. Then, she playfully looked at Qin Fang, seemingly teasing him for once again being sidelined.

It was nearing New Year's Day, and the temperature had dropped considerably, but the airplane was quite warm. So, Tang Feifei took off her down jacket, revealing the sweater that hugged her body, showcasing her perfectly developed figure, which even made Qin Fang's heart skip a beat.

Of course, Tang Feifei was also very well-behaved. Sitting together, she reached out and hugged one of Qin Fang's arms, pressing her soft chest against it.

Their intimacy hadn't yet reached the point where Qin Fang could conquer those two peaks, so this gesture was as far as they went, but it still felt incredibly comfortable for them.

But the appearance of this young man disrupted the cozy atmosphere between the two...

Qin Fang was somewhat unhappy, but unfortunately, his emotions were ignored as he was put on the sidelines. Tang Feifei simply replied, not expecting that her response would invigorate the man in front as if he had been injected with adrenaline.

"My surname is Wang. Is this the beautiful lady's first time visiting Capital City?"

The young man named Wang introduced himself with a smile and then asked eagerly.

Since it was Qin Fang's first visit to Capital City, his knowledge of the place was limited to some well-known sites, such as Tiananmen, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, etc. He was clueless about other places.

Therefore, Tang Feifei took the initiative to briefly introduce Capital City to Qin Fang, focusing on the places he knew about and lightly touching on other famous spots as if reciting a travel brochure.

As a result, the man thought Qin Fang and Tang Feifei were visiting the city for the first time and seemed to have found a way into the conversation, becoming more enthusiastic.

Tang Feifei was slightly taken aback and looked at the young Wang with some surprise, yet remained silent, her eyes even showing a hint of mockery.

Tang Feifei was born in Capital City and had spent many years there, accompanying Old Master Tang, without joining Secretary Tang elsewhere.

It was not until Secretary Tang steadily climbed to the position of Deputy Mayor of Ninghai that Tang Feifei went to Ninghai and began to settle down there.

As Secretary Tang rose from Deputy Mayor to Mayor, and then to Party Secretary, and was on the verge of becoming Governor—and possibly even Provincial Party Secretary in the future—he would always be in Ninghai, and naturally, Tang Feifei wouldn't leave either.

However, no matter what, Tang Feifei was considered a Capital City native. She had spent many years there and, even though she settled in Ninghai, visited several times a year. Needless to say, she was quite familiar with Capital City...

Yet, this unfortunate guy tried to act cool with Tang Feifei, even offering to take her around for fun... Qin Fang found it hard to keep from chuckling at the situation, but he managed not to laugh out loud only because Tang Feifei shot him a look.

This man, however, seemed oblivious to the change in Tang Feifei's expression and continued to boast about how amazing he was.

"Beautiful, I've got some connections in Capital City, and I know all the fun places. How about letting me show you around? Whatever place you want to go, I can take you there..."

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Seeing his grandiose demeanor, he seemed to really be someone extraordinary. However, this person had come out with them from Ninghai, and Qin Fang didn't seem to have any impression of him. It was as though such a figure had never been seen in Ninghai's top circles.

"Oh? Really? Can you enter the Chang'an Club?"

The journey was quite boring, and having such a person to tease could actually pass the time. Tang Feifei and Qin Fang exchanged glances, quickly communicating without words. Qin Fang continued to play his role as a bystander, while Tang Feifei began to mock this young Mr. Wang.

The Chang'an Club was a top-tier clubhouse in Capital City, equivalent to the Elite Salon in Ninghai. Of course, when it came to the class of the young masters and privileged young masters who frequented these places, the Elite Salon was mere dust compared to the Chang'an Club.

The Elite Salon was mostly frequented by the top young masters and privileged young masters from Ninghai and even Jiangnan Province. It was rare for those from other provinces to come, and at most they would only attend at the invitation of some local top figure...

It was like the first time Qin Fang met Qiao Zhenfei; it was only because Ye Xiang had encountered Qiao Zhenfei and invited him that Qiao Zhenfei appeared at the Elite Salon.

But the Chang'an Club was different. It was one of the top three clubs in Capital City. The young masters of the Capital City often mingled there, and the sons of high-ranking officials from other provinces who came to the capital also frequented the club. In essence, this club was not only top-tier in Capital City but also nationally...

Because of its high threshold, only extraordinary figures could mix in there. Many young masters and privileged young masters might be making waves in their own locality, but once in Capital City, they couldn't even get through the doors of such clubs...

Tang Feifei said this deliberately, just waiting to see how this Mr. Wang would continue to bluff...

Even Qin Fang sat there with a smile, waiting to see this fellow make a fool of himself.

However, both of them had obviously underestimated the brazenness of this young Mr. Wang, who could boast without even blinking an eye.

"Chang'an Club... that's not a problem at all! Do you know? Qiao Sanshao and I are tight. With just a word from him, not to mention the Chang'an Club, even the Capital City Club and the Great Wall Club... wherever you want to go, I can take you there..."

The Great Wall Club and the Capital City Club were the other two of Capital City's top three clubs, and they too were places where many couldn't even step foot into...

Mr. Wang's boast sounded very convincing, and he spoke with such certainty as if it was the simplest thing in the world.

Of course, if he really knew Qiao Sanshao, Qiao Zhenfei, then it wouldn't be too much of a problem.

The Qiao Family's status was extraordinary. In the nation's political arena, they were a significant influence. Elder Master Qiao may have been of very advanced age, but his prestige was the greatest among the surviving old revolutionaries, thus the Qiao Family's status was also incredibly high, with several of the current top leaders belonging to the Qiao faction.

Qiao Zhenfei was a bona fide member of the "Red Third Generation." Most of the second generation of the Qiao Family were involved in politics, and many from the third generation had also begun to enter the political arena; the younger members were mostly mingling outside like Qiao Zhenfei.

However, Qiao Zhenfei was the third in ranking among the third generation, hence known as Qiao Sanshao. He was one of the most prestigious young masters in Capital City. His father had long been part of the central committee and might advance even further in the next change of leadership, stepping into the ranks of the top leaders...

With such a powerful background, in Capital City, the name Qiao Sanshao was synonymous with influence. To be associated with Qiao Sanshao meant that one could walk sideways in Capital City, and most certainly others would not dare to provoke them easily.

"Really? Do you actually know Qiao Sanshao?"

Tang Feifei was slightly stunned, glanced at Qin Fang, and then asked with some curiosity.

Tang Feifei knew that Qin Fang and Qiao Zhenfei had a very good relationship. The opportunity to obtain the recipe for the Heart Nourishing Pill came from Qiao Zhenfei inviting Qin Fang to a black market auction.

Not only that, in order to acquire a piece of calligraphy that Qin Fang intended to gift Elder Tang for his birthday, Qiao Zhenfei had not only exchanged it for his Supreme Pearl Bracelet, nurtured for over a decade, but he also owed Qin Fang a rather large favor. Their relationship could be said to be very close, almost on par with the relationship between Qin Fang and Tang Cheng.

Given such a relationship, if there were someone in Ninghai who was close to Qiao Zhenfei, it would be unlikely that Qiao Zhenfei wouldn't introduce them.

But Qin Fang obviously didn't recognize this Mr. Wang... and moreover, this guy was unscrupulously trying to hit on Qin Fang's girl!

If Qiao Zhenfei knew about this, who knows, he might skin the kid alive?

Qin Fang himself found it a bit strange; although Qiao Zhenfei, Qiao Sanshao, had a wide circle of friends and was a very easy-going person, Qin had never heard him mention having any particularly close friends in Ninghai.

People like Ye Xiang were just met by chance during gambling, and Qin had only agreed to go because he happened to have business to discuss in Ninghai at that time.

"Of course I know him, I'm tight with Qiao Sanshao! Wait till we get to the Capital City, I'll introduce you..."

Mr. Wang was still there, showing off like there was no tomorrow, pounding his chest in assurance... He made it seem like it was the easiest thing in the world; anyone who didn't know better would be easily fooled by his act.

Qin Fang was quite bored, just watching Mr. Wang spitting and boasting away, while Tang Feifei sat there with a smile, listening without a word, not taking any stance, just occasionally exchanging glances with Qin Fang...

The flight from Ninghai to the Capital City only took a few hours, and during that time, both of them just watched the kid show off, treating it as if they were listening to a comedy sketch. Soon, the time passed.

Once the plane landed, Qin Fang and Tang Feifei got up with a laugh, took their belongings, and disembarked directly, as for Mr. Wang... sorry, his usefulness ended there.

However, it seemed they had underestimated Mr. Wang's determination. As soon as Qin Fang and his companion stepped off the plane, Mr. Wang had already followed down and quickly ran to the front of the two, blocking their path.

"Beautiful lady, I've called for a car, why not come with me... Whatever place you want to go, I'll take you straight there!"

Mr. Wang came over quite proudly, obviously still not giving up.

"No need, someone's coming to pick us up..."

That time, Tang Feifei didn't speak; she just snuggled up next to Qin Fang, while Qin Fang cheerfully responded, then pointed at someone approaching from a distance.

"Beautiful lady, don't you want to meet Qiao Sanshao? I can introduce you..."

Mr. Wang only glanced in that direction briefly, seeing one person walking over, but he didn't care at all and continued trying to persuade Tang Feifei.

"Do you really know Qiao Sanshao?"

At that point, Tang Feifei decided to stop teasing him and asked with a playful tone.

"Of course I know him, we're as close as brothers... What about it?"

Mr. Wang still stuck with his previous claim, but noticing the weird expressions on Qin Fang's and Tang Feifei's faces, obviously different from before, he couldn't help but ask.

"Nothing much, I'm just curious why you don't recognize him coming over since you're such close brothers with Qiao Sanshao..."

Tang Feifei said immediately, her smile growing wider.

The person approaching wasn't anyone else; it was indeed the Qiao Family's Third Young Master, Qiao Zhenfei...

His relationship with Qin Fang was different. Knowing the time of Qin Fang's arrival in the Capital City, he immediately decided to personally come over for the opportunity and even drove there right onto the tarmac...

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While Tang Feifei was teasing the young man surnamed Wang, Qin Fang greeted Qiao Zhenfei with a smile and the two shared an exceptionally warm embrace, clearly indicating that their relationship was anything but ordinary.

"Brother Fei, long time no see...."

After letting go of Qiao Zhenfei, Qin Fang said with a beaming smile.

In fact, they hadn't been apart for very long, just over half a month, but this reunion held a completely different meaning.

"Yeah, long time no see...."

Qiao Zhenfei also nodded, their last time together having been before Qin Fang had gone into the deep mountains to gather herbs. What should have been a sure thing turned out to be a massive unexpected incident.

When Li Yang brought back the news that Qin Fang had fallen off a cliff and died, Qiao Zhenfei was full of regret. He already owed Qin Fang a favor and to think before he could repay him, Qin Fang met with such a tragic and premature death—Qiao Zhenfei felt extremely remorseful....

It was because of this incident that Qiao Zhenfei stayed in Jincheng for a few days waiting for news, but ultimately no good news came, and he had no choice but to leave early and return to the Capital....

It was right after Qiao Zhenfei left that Qin Fang came out of the mountains; they missed each other, but news of Qin Fang's survival reached Qiao Zhenfei immediately.

At that time, Qiao Zhenfei had planned to return to Jincheng, but was persuaded by Qin Fang to stop, and Qin Fang informed him that he would be entering the Capital to celebrate a birthday in the next few days, leading to the scene of Qiao Zhenfei coming to pick him up.

"Feifei, come over... call him Brother Fei!"

The two men were not the fussing type. Qin Fang beckoned to Tang Feifei, who was behind him, and immediately introduced her to Qiao Zhenfei.

In fact, Tang Feifei and Qiao Zhenfei knew each other, but they had only met once or twice before and were not close. With both hailing from massive political families, interactions among the younger generations were not so casual....

Elder Qiao held the highest prestige among the older generation of leaders. Elder Tang was slightly weaker, and with some minor political conflicts, the Tangs and the Qiaos were not considered allies. Therefore, the relationship between Tang Cheng and Qiao Zhenfei was just average, something Qin Fang had known from the start. He remembered when he first heard about Qiao Zhenfei, it was Ning Weiqiang who introduced him, and Ning Weiqiang had even had a bit of a dirty encounter with Qiao Zhenfei....

However, these political matters were not something an outsider like him could clearly understand. The association between Qin Fang and Qiao Zhenfei could be said to be accidental, and it was exactly Qin Fang's ambiguous status that brought uncertain opportunities to both the Tangs and the Qiaos. Before entering the Capital, Tang Cheng had given Qin Fang some simple guidance.

Qin Fang didn't quite understand all the details, but he got Tang Cheng's point, which was that Qin Fang could continue to associate with Qiao Zhenfei—at least the Tang family did not object....

"Brother Fei...."

Tang Feifei obediently called out to Qiao Zhenfei, her hands gently resting on Qin Fang's arm, looking especially gentle and sweet.

"Heh, Miss Tang, calling you little sister isn't a problem, right?"

Qiao Zhenfei glanced at Qin Fang with some surprise, obviously a bit puzzled by Qin Fang's intent, but knowing the relationship between Qin Fang and Tang Feifei, he immediately said with a chuckle.

Interactions among the younger generation were usually quite cautious, much like the relationship between Qin Fang and Qiao Zhenfei—they were quite close, but Qin Fang never involved his uncle Tang Cheng, and Qiao Zhenfei seldom introduced his own acquaintances to Qin Fang....

So far, there were only two people, Zhang Yuliang and Li Yang.

Zhang Yuliang was someone Qin Fang had encountered by chance and even almost got into a fight with, and it happened that he was with Qiao Zhenfei at the time.

Li Yang's involvement was also due to certain reasons. Knowing that Qin Fang possessed a formidable acupuncture secret technique, Qiao Zhenfei wanted to attempt it as a last resort....

This time, by proactively bringing Tang Feifei over to introduce her, it seemed as though Qin Fang was sending a signal. Qiao Zhenfei was startled for a moment but then quickly showed a friendly understanding.

Tang Feifei blushed, but she did not argue, seeming to accept the new title....

"Your friend?"

This clearly wasn't the place to talk. Staying here looked odd, so Qiao Zhenfei was ready to invite Qin Fang and the others to leave in his car when he noticed a young man nearby staring over with a peculiar expression on his face. Qiao Zhenfei casually asked.

Naturally, it was the young man with the surname Wang, who had boasted to Tang Feifei for hours on the plane. He recognized Qiao Zhenfei, having seen him from afar once, but that was all.

But ever since that encounter, he started to act all high and mighty, always bragging to others about being Qiao Sanshao's Iron Grip. The more he bragged, the more convincing he sounded, and over time, even he himself started to believe his own tall tales.

What he hadn't anticipated, however, was that today he might have blown his own trumpet a bit too loud. By sheer accident, he encountered the real deal, and the person he boasted about seemed to have quite a good relationship with the VIP. Almost immediately, he wanted to slip away, but for some reason, his legs seemed to lack strength, leaving him standing there dumbfounded, watching the young man he had been ignoring embrace Qiao Sanshao with laughter and conversation...

And the beautiful woman he had been eyeing? Qiao Sanshao called her his sister-in-law, and it was clear that the unheeded Qin Fang was actually a good friend of Qiao Sanshao's...

Originally, it would have been best if these few people had just said their simple pleasantries and left, but unexpectedly, Qiao Sanshao suddenly noticed him and made a comment. He immediately froze, his face looking even uglier than if he were crying...

"A talkative friend I met on the plane..."

Qin Fang smiled. This Mr. Wang really was full of it, managing to talk for hours on end without even taking a sip of water. Although his intentions were a bit unfair to Qin Fang, seeing this man reminded him immediately of Wei Suo, his underling back in Ninghai... That guy was also of a similar sort, fundamentally unreliable, but his loyalty was beyond question, and his abilities were nothing short of astonishing.

As for this Mr. Wang, Qin Fang had casually cast a Scouting Skill on him earlier out of boredom to assess his personal abilities, and surprisingly, he turned out to be quite a talent...

"Then let's all go together..."

Qiao Zhenfei didn't seem to mind and nodded immediately. He turned and waved at some vehicles not too far away, and soon several cars drove over.

Qin Fang also turned his head to wave at Mr. Wang, gesturing for him to come over...

"Thir... Third Young Master..."

Mr. Wang spoke timidly, and now in his eyes, Qin Fang was no longer an inconsequential bystander but had transformed into a top-ranking young master with a mysterious identity. Even though they had shared the same flight to the Capital City, he didn't even know Qin's surname. He respectfully addressed Qiao Zhenfei and turned to look at Qin Fang, but was at a loss for words...

"My surname is Qin, and my girlfriend's is Tang..."

Qin Fang's face bore a playful smile, but seeing Mr. Wang's pained expression was quite entertaining. He simply introduced himself.

"Young Master Qin, Miss Tang..."

Mr. Wang addressed them with immense trepidation, his attitude extremely humble. He no longer dared to stare brazenly at Tang Feifei like he had on the plane, shrinking back as if highly apprehensive.

"It looks like you don't have much to carry, and since Third Young Master is here to pick us up, we'll give you a lift on the way..."

Qin Fang said cheerfully, and used Mind Reading Technique on a whim, instantly knowing what was on his mind. He patted Wang Hui's shoulder with a smile.

This young man named Wang Hui was also from Jiangnan Province, except he wasn't from Ninghai; he was from Kunnan City. His father was a well-off businessman in Kunnan, their family wealth quite substantial, with extensive connections in the local government circles, and also owned significant industries in Jiangzhou. This wealthy second-generation was quite a powerhouse...

Despite his penchant for laying it on thick, and drooling over pretty girls, in reality, he was all talk and no practice, with not the slightest bit of real-world ability...

Qin Fang's recent use of the Mind Reading Technique unexpectedly discovered that the guy was already twenty-four and was still a virgin, not having experienced a woman at all.

Such a hapless kid, with wealth and influence at his disposal, could easily spend lavishly and play with women of any kind he wanted. Yet mostly he just talked big, daring in thought but cowardly in action...

"I...I already called for a car..."

Qin Fang casually patted Wang Hui's shoulder to convey his goodwill, but this action filled Wang Hui with alarm, as if getting into Qin Fang's car would cost him his life. His face looked so miserable, as if he were about to burst into tears... yet he didn't dare to directly reject the offer, instead speaking in a roundabout way.

Qin Fang was nearly driven to laughter by his antics, having never taken Wang Hui's words on the plane seriously. Nevertheless, he didn't expect to have frightened him so badly.

"What are you afraid of? If I wanted to deal with you, I would have done so already, wouldn't have waited until now, right? You wanted to get to know Third Young Master, didn't you? Here's a good opportunity, and even when you brag to others in the future, you need to have some substance, right?"

Qin Fang teased with a chuckle, just as Qiao Zhenfei's car arrived: two black Mercedes, both with military plates, which allowed them to drive brazenly onto the airport's tarmac...

"I...I..."

Clearly moved by Qin Fang's words, Wang Hui was still somewhat worried and hesitated...

"Forget your qualms... Get in the car already! Or I really will deal with you..."

Qin Fang shook his head and gave Wang Hui a nudge with his foot, pushing him into the car, then he and Tang Feifei also got in, followed by Qiao Zhenfei. Once everyone was aboard, the car started up and headed out of the airport...