

Genius 801

Chapter 801 - A Real Man...

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That was why Qin Fang found the traitorous Fat Principal in front of him quite amusing, as he hurried to stick up for the two little devils without even understanding the situation...

And the Fat Principal's capital for making a fuss was very limited, repeating the same sentence over and over—"I'm going to expel you!"

Not an ounce of novelty...

It actually made a lot of people who knew the inside story hardly keep a straight face, or stifle their laughter...

For instance, the expressions on the faces of Xiao Dao, Li Yi, and the others were rather peculiar, and the way they looked at Principal Chen was also very strange.

The beautiful teacher didn't know Qin Fang's identity because she wasn't sure if he was her student, but they did...

The reason they dined together was completely to thank Qin Fang for his previous heroic rescue!

Actually, during the meal and drinks just before, Qin Fang had already told them that he wasn't affiliated with Capital City University, and he was actually in the Capital for some business from Ninghai, and he would be leaving Capital City and returning to Ninghai in a couple of days...

Yet, Principal Chen kept yelling about expelling someone who wasn't even a student of the school. Not calling you an idiot was already being polite.

However, they had also confronted the little devils, and at this time, when Principal Chen brought up past grievances, they didn't dare to jeopardize their futures, wanting to laugh but having to hold it in, which made their expressions so peculiar.

As for Su Yuan and Li Yuerong, they were not polite at all. Influenced by a bit of alcohol, they were a lot more courageous than usual, and burst into laughter as they listened to Fatty Chen boasting, not giving him any face.

"You... you..."

This laughter, it really did it. Principal Chen, already purple with rage because of Qin Fang, spotted two "female students" mocking him, making his round face even uglier. The fat on his face trembled violently, and large beads of sweat dripped down more and more...

"Principal Chen, let's not take things too far, it's not good for you..." Qin Fang said, sensing that the fuss was about enough. Fatty Chen was also sufficiently angered by him, and he didn't feel like dealing with it any further, lightly patting Principal Chen's round shoulder and simply said this.

"Let's stop dawdling, everyone, let's continue eating, let's continue drinking..."

Before Fatty Chen could grasp the meaning behind Qin Fang's words, Qin Fang had already pushed Xiao Dao, Li Yi, and the others back to their seats.

As for the beautiful teacher who had come later, Qin Fang looked at her and hesitated slightly but still asked, "Joining us?"

The beautiful teacher looked at Principal Chen, whose face was ugly, at Tanaka who was still frothing at the mouth on the ground, and then at Xiao Chuan who was shrinking in a corner far away, not daring to come near, and ultimately nodded, taking a seat at the table...

With the beautiful teacher, the ten-person table was finally complete...

Everyone returned to their places, and Qin Fang still had ladies on either side, while the beautiful teacher sat next to Su Yuan. The two beautiful women were close in age, slightly older than everyone else present.

"This is killing me! This is killing me..."

Qin Fang and the others continued eating and drinking, blatantly ignoring Fatty Chen who was left aside—an omission that greatly displeased him. His round face turned fiery red as his eyes glowed angrily... but no one cared to pay him any heed.

Even the beautiful teacher, who had previously been quite polite to him, seemed to have given up and now completely ignored Fatty Chen's existence.

"Good! Good... just you wait... If I don't sort you all out today, I'm not a Chen..."

Fatty Chen could climb to the position of deputy principal of Capital City University, naturally not being any ordinary character. His administrative rank was at the bureau level. Although he fell far short compared to government or corporate bureau-level cadres, he was not someone a student could afford to offend lightly.

Actually, principals of prestigious universities like Capital City University are usually renowned scholars, members of the academies, or recipients of special allowances from the State Council, and vice-principals are generally of the same ilk. But as education also started to become commercialised, schools needed to increase revenue for development, hence there was a vice-principal like Fatty Chen who specialised in management.

The school had its own research projects, but not every project could receive research funding from the state; some needed to be arranged by themselves. Fatty Chen was in charge of a collaborative project, and the partner was the Japanese consortium behind Xiao Chuan and Tanaka...

School funds weren't abundant, state key projects had some money, but real profits came from the kinds of collaborative projects he managed... He had high hopes for this project, which would substantially swell his wallet once completed...

That was why Fatty Chen placed such high importance on Xiao Chuan and Tanaka, even resorting to underhanded tricks to secure the project... Unfortunately, things didn't go according to plan, and it resulted in this mess!

If previously Chen Pangzi had simply wanted to deal with these students to please Xiao Chuan and Tanaka, now he absolutely hated Qin Fang to the core.

After the recent commotion, many guests in the lobby had started to pay attention to the unfolding situation. They hadn't expected Chen Pangzi, who had arrived all bluster, to end up doing nothing and being left hanging...

Qin Fang had even triumphantly returned, not bothering to leave. Instead, he sat there boldly continuing to eat and drink, essentially knocking Chen Pangzi to the ground and metaphorically urinating on him.

"Principal Chen..."

Xiao Chuan initially felt smug seeing Principal Chen show up, thinking they could turn the tables. But finding that Principal Chen was just for show - not only failing to regain any face but also getting played - left him dejected.

It was only because Qin Fang had lost interest in tormenting them that Xiao Chuan dared to approach, especially as his companion, Tanaka, was still lying on the ground...

Tanaka, who had trained a bit in martial arts, was nearly crippled by Qin Fang's bear hug; he ended up frothing at the mouth. After resting for a while, his condition improved slightly - at least he was no longer foaming - but getting up was out of the question... With numerous small fractures throughout his body, he couldn't hope to recover fully without spending some time resting in bed.

"Mr. Xiao Chuan, I'll sort this out for you... Hmph, just watch how I deal with you!"

At this point, Principal Chen didn't seem in the mood to say much else, and he even appeared somewhat ashamed to face Xiao Chuan. After a brief comment, he immediately took out his phone to make a call.

"Director Xing... it's me, Capital University Chen Baiqiang... Yes, yes, yes... I need your help with something... There's an altercation at Deyue Tower involving foreign guests..."

Chen Pangzi seemed to intentionally raise his voice while on the phone, so that Qin Fang and the others would hear him, his smile growing thicker by the moment as if he could already see Qin Fang and the others being handcuffed and taken away...

"Kid, I'll see how long you can stay arrogant. The police will be here shortly to arrest you... Hmph, you might still have time to escape..."

After hanging up, Chen Pangzi was naturally very pleased. The person on the other end of the call, Director Xing from the police station in their district, normally ingratiated himself with Chen Pangzi; mainly because there was quite a gap in their statuses...

The police can be quite useful, like in this situation. One call, and Director Xing immediately assured that he would be there within five minutes.

Possibly feeling backed up, Chen Pangzi started acting smugly and triumphantly towards Qin Fang.

"Idiot..."

Facing such a foolish person, Qin Fang simply scoffed and spat out those two words, which instantly deflated Chen Pangzi's joyful demeanor like a punch into a cotton pile, causing his face to flush with rage yet again.

"Brother Qin... why don't you leave first?"

Hearing Chen Pangzi's words, Xiao Dao's face showed some worry. These students couldn't afford to provoke someone like Chen Pangzi, and now he had even called the police and blatantly set them up...

"If I leave, what will you do?"

Qin Fang simply shook his head and asked half-jokingly.

At Qin Fang's question, Xiao Dao and the others were briefly taken aback, showing hesitation, like Wang Hao and Tian Ziqi, who were just bystanders in the fight.

Li Yi, usually more quick-witted, also seemed unsure of how to respond.

"At worst, I'll just say I did it; I'll face arrest or even expulsion. I'll risk it all..."

Xiao Dao was also hesitant at first, but soon bit the bullet and bravely declared, causing everyone present to be momentarily stunned.

The decision was quite serious because being taken by the police might result in some physical pain but wouldn't be fatal. However, expulsion could doom his future prospects.

"Brother Qin, you've helped me before, saved my life... and today, this trouble started because I insisted on inviting you to dinner... I'll take the blame for this myself, and I won't let them frame you!"

But Xiao Dao's resolution appeared firm, with no trace of uncertainty in his eyes, clearly sincere.

"Hahaha... What a man! Qin Fang now acknowledges you as a brother..."

Seeing the determined look in Xiao Dao's eyes, Qin Fang also smiled and gently patted Xiao Dao on the shoulder, saying,

"Don't worry, they're just a bunch of yapping dogs; they can't touch me..."

Chapter 802 - Who Do You Think You Are?

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The way Qin Fang spoke was quite impressive, not at all like he was pretending.

Xiao Dao and the others were slightly stunned, then they remembered that when Qin Fang had rescued them, it seemed that his men had once thrown some minister into a ravine and beaten him up.

As a result, they were rescued, and now Qin Fang was sitting here completely intact, dining, drinking, chatting, and shooting the breeze with them...

What did this indicate?

Qin Fang must also have a pretty powerful background!

Although university students were still in their ivory towers, they were already half-stepping into society, especially in a place like Capital City. With so many officials' and rich second generations around, they naturally understood these social intricacies better than those from smaller cities.

Now that they thought about it, and heard Qin Fang say so, Xiao Dao and the others finally put their hearts at ease...

Qin Fang's words naturally weren't only heard by Xiao Dao and his group; the beautiful teacher, Chen Pangzi, and Xiao Chuan also heard them, but each reacted differently.

"Hmph, just you wait..."

For instance, Chen Pangzi gave Qin Fang a disdainful look, his jowls quivering as if he were quite displeased, but he also didn't believe that Qin Fang really had any background.

Xiao Chuan was the timid type; he was scared by Qin Fang. Initially, seeing Chen Pangzi could rely on something, he felt smug for a moment, but seeing Qin Fang's fearless attitude, he was no longer sure and just had to squat obediently on the side.

The most intense reaction belonged to the beautiful teacher who was unaware, sitting right next to Su Yuan, and at this moment, the two of them were also discussing softly.

"Su Yuan, is he... really okay?"

Chu Beauty asked Su Yuan in a very low voice. They had chatted quietly for a while, and she also found out that Qin Fang was not a student at Capital City University, which made her feel much relieved.

But seeing Chen Pangzi calling the police to arrest someone, she became somewhat worried, taking out a cellphone from her purse as if she wanted to call someone.

While she was hesitating, she heard the conversation between Qin Fang and Xiao Dao. While admiring Xiao Dao's loyalty and righteousness, she was also sweating for Qin Fang.

Not being from Capital City, but offending the local bullies in Capital City, if his connections weren't strong enough, he could suffer a great deal, especially since Qin Fang might be formidable in a fight, but that's not much use against the police, who could easily frame him for assaulting an officer...

And everyone knows, the police in Celestial Empire don't carry a good reputation. Once caught in the station, with Chen Pangzi pulling strings in the background, a beating could be severe, and worse, it could turn into another tragedy of "hide and seek"!

"It's okay, don't worry..."

Su Yuan was no longer the naive girl who didn't know anything. She had stayed several days in the Chang'an Club, enjoying the extremely satisfying services and heard quite a few rumors about this club...

Although she still hadn't figured out exactly what Qin Fang's background was, she knew it must be very impressive, as some "servers" in the Chang'an Club would say—"Anyone who could stay in the Jiazi Building is a bigshot who can traverse Capital City unhindered!"

Just these things, she knew herself but didn't share much with others, not even with Li Yuerong who she had gotten along with quite happily these last few days. She only revealed a little bit.

As for the current beautiful teacher, they had only just met; they weren't familiar to that extent yet, so of course, she wouldn't say much, just hinting at the end...

Speaking of which, the police response time in Celestial Empire has always been a major grievance among the public, truly frustrating. It might be days without any information from today's report... Even if asked again, they could easily excuse it with "too many cases" or "lack of personnel".

After all, what really happened, only the police themselves knew; how would ordinary people know...

But if the case involved officials, wealthy merchants, privileged young masters, and so on, then the response time was incredibly fast. For example, as soon as Director Xing borrowed Chen Pangzi's phone, he immediately arranged for personnel to be dispatched.

He promised five minutes, but in less than four minutes, the sound of police sirens was heard outside the hotel, and then they saw five or six policemen in uniform rushing in swiftly...

"Director Xing, here..."

Chen Pangzi, seeing the police arrive, led by the familiar Director Xing, immediately shouted over, and a group of policemen quickly came over.

Director Xing was a middle-aged policeman in his forties. At this age and still just a head of a small police station, his life was basically set; it wasn't likely to make any further breakthroughs.

At least from the people he curried favor, it was clear: others would curry favor with government officials or corporate executives, but he curried favor with school leaders. Even with Chen Pangzi's department-level rank, he couldn't help him get promoted...

Of course, everyone has their ambitions, and Qin Fang was merely expressing his thoughts internally, as he wouldn't dare to say too much out loud, which was ultimately meaningless.

Director Xing initially whispered with Chen Pangzi at the side, and Chen Pangzi pointed at Qin Fang, who was sitting in the main seat, clearly targeting him primarily.

Afterward, Director Xing did not rush to arrest anyone; instead, he arranged for helpers to assist Tanaka to his feet. The ambulance had already arrived, so they took him to the hospital for treatment first.

Then, the officers under his command also recorded the accounts of several witnesses and summarized them to Director Xing, giving him a general understanding of the entire case.

Director Xing did not seem to be the kind of person who only flattered others. In the short time since his arrival, he had already inquired about the general situation.

Perhaps it was the Japanese who initiated the conflict, but now Tanaka was lying motionless on the ground, seemingly having passed out, with foam still at the corner of his mouth... He appeared quite pitiful.

In contrast, Qin Fang had not a single scratch and was still freely holding a beauty and drinking wine... This scene immediately made Director Xing frown.

People say that the police are mighty and can arrest anyone they choose... That's just what ordinary folks think, but many policemen feel quite miserable, especially those in the Capital City, who are truly the fighters among the miserable, the absolute scapegoats!

It's because there are so many influential people in the Capital City, especially the younger generation, who tend to be impulsive and come from powerful families. This marks the beginning of the hardships for the police.

Seeing Qin Fang's demeanor, Director Xing noted it, although his clothes looked simple, Qin Fang seemed to have an air of arrogance, similar to those privileged young masters and sons of officials he had encountered.

Unfortunately, the Haidian District, where Capital City University is located, is the most densely populated area of universities in Capital City. With more universities, there are more beauties, and these young masters and privileged sons like to flock to this area, chasing girls and often causing trouble. That's why Director Xing, at the age of forty, was still just a low-ranking station chief: having been the scapegoat several times and standing on the wrong side didn't give him a chance for promotion...

"Sir, you are suspected of assaulting a foreign visitor, please come with us!"

Regardless, now that Qin Fang had been involved in an incident, and it also involved Chen Pangzi, Director Xing had no choice but to intervene... This was not because he wanted to ingratiate himself with Chen Pangzi, but because Chen Pangzi wouldn't have reached his position by himself; he had connections, and this was why Director Xing came to assist...

"Arrest me? On what grounds..."

Qin Fang still sat there calmly, seemingly completely ignoring the group of police officers facing him...

"Many people at the scene can prove that he hit someone; please cooperate with us..."

Director Xing spoke in a tone that was neither humble nor arrogant.

"Of course, I am very cooperative with your work, so I have prepared a bit too!"

On this note, Qin Fang actually found this man to be quite decent. Although his tone was still somewhat forceful, it was obviously much more polite than the way he treated Chen Pangzi.

During this conversation, Qin Fang finally took out his mobile phone, leisurely looking for a phone number, mumbling under his breath in a voice too low for the others to hear.

"Director Xing, what's the use of talking so much? Just take him away quickly..."

Chen Pangzi had no patience to wait for Qin Fang to dally there; seeing Director Xing hesitating to make the arrest, he couldn't wait and burst out shouting.

"I'll do it myself; give me the handcuffs..."

Unexpectedly, Chen Pangzi was not just arrogantly blustering. He actually snatched a pair of handcuffs from a nearby police officer and was ready to cuff Qin Fang's hand that was holding the phone...

"Wait..."

Just then, Qin Fang had found the number he needed and saw Chen Pangzi hurriedly approaching with the handcuffs, his eyes flickering with an indiscernible hint of color.

This was truly a case of natural disasters being more forgivable than manmade ones...

Originally, Qin Fang was annoyed by Chen Pangzi, but he couldn't do much about him. However, this act of his merely provided Qin Fang with an excuse to deal with him.

"You should think carefully now. The police handcuffing me, whether I really committed a crime or not, at least they have the authority... But who are you to have any right to handcuff me?"

With such a perfect opportunity, how could Qin Fang let it slip?

So while it seemed like Qin Fang was resisting, almost every statement he made was provoking Chen Pangzi, urging him to act and cuff him, which would make things much easier afterward.

"Damn it, I'll just handcuff you. What about it?"

Chen Pangzi was clearly infuriated by Qin Fang, who had not only disregarded him entirely before, beaten up his guest, but even ignored his presence. He had even pulled away the lady teacher Chen Pangzi had arranged, and now topped it off with a "who do you think you are," making Chen Pangzi utterly furious.

Chapter 803 - Comparing Backstage

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Chen Pangzi, consumed by rage, had his chubby face contorted into something quite ferocious, with beads of sweat dropping down like they cost nothing...

This Fatty had a problem that terribly affected his image, or else he wouldn't be stuck mingling within the school rather than holding a position in a governmental department.

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When Chen Pangzi got angry, he really tossed all caution to the wind, he immediately handcuffed Qin Fang's hand, the one holding the cell phone, with a clack, and just like that, Qin Fang was cuffed.

Almost at the same moment the handcuffs snapped shut, Qin Fang's phone dialed a number.

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Others may not know, but Chen Pangzi was a case of a family member aware of his own kin's matters; his rise to the position of vice principal, with an administrative grade leaping to the department level, had absolutely nothing to do with his personal ability. It was entirely because someone was supporting him from the shadows that he managed such a transition.

To be more specific, it was Chen Pangzi's brother-in-law, a significant figure with a particularly distinguished position, who, although not so fond of Chen Pangzi, had this connection in place. There were always people willing to help Chen Pangzi, and with this, plus some luck and opportunity, he was able to climb to the position he held today.

Although called a vice principal, Chen Pangzi was the one with the least power among them, just a title holder in name only. He really lacked actual authority, and despite his loudmouth claims of wanting to expel this student or that, he truly didn't possess that power...

It was precisely because of his lack of power that he cared so much about this collaboration. Now, with Tanaka being beaten and Xiao Chuan threatening to terminate the partnership, Chen Pangzi had to take a risky move. By dealing with Qin Fang and having the "little devils" blow off some steam, the collaboration could continue and naturally, he'd be able to rake in money.

Having a big backer, Chen Pangzi, though a bit apprehensive, didn't think too much of it. In his opinion, Qin Fang was just an insignificant student, whose potential background was of no use. Could it possibly be bigger than his brother-in-law's?

Unless it was a top-tier heir from the Capital City, the kind Chen Pangzi truly wouldn't dare provoke, as even his brother-in-law would find it troublesome. But would such a person mingle with these poor students, having meals and drinks together?

Not to mention personally beating Tanaka, some people would lend a hand in that...

Thinking this way, Chen Pangzi felt much more at ease, and naturally his apprehensions faded away, as he went ahead and handcuffed Qin Fang.

"Director Xing, is this how your police handle cases?"

With one hand cuffed, Qin Fang was still composed as he turned his face towards Director Xing, whose face had taken on a somewhat gloomy shade, and asked with amusement.

"This..."

Director Xing really didn't look too pleased.

Not to mention Qin Fang's possible complex identity, just with this case alone, whether to use handcuffs was debatable. But for someone who wasn't police to snatch a pair of handcuffs and cuff Qin Fang, the suspect... It was really becoming hard to explain!

If Qin Fang decided to not let go of this matter, it could mean Director Xing might not be able to stay in his position. He might even have trouble keeping his job!

As a police officer, if someone could easily snatch away your handcuffs, the same could be said for your gun. If you can't keep your own belongings safe, how can you be expected to fight evil and punish the wicked?

"Forget it, I won't trouble you anymore..."

Seeing Director Xing's awkward expression, Qin Fang didn't feel like teasing him anymore. Just then, the call connected, and of course, Qin Fang couldn't keep the person on the line waiting.

"Fourth Brother, what are you busy with?"

Qin Fang promptly put Chen Pangzi aside and spoke leisurely on the phone.

The call was to Fourth Brother, who was actually one of the brothers Qin Fang had met after coming to the Capital City; he was Qiao Zhenfei's crowd. Nowadays, Qin Fang was ranked as the youngest, and Fourth Brother was the Lu Jun he had met.

"Youngest, what's up? What brings you to call me today?"

Lu Jun was somewhat surprised to receive a call from Qin Fang, considering they had even planned to meet before Qin Fang left the city; they all had their own busy lives.

"Heh, surely you know I wouldn't come to the temple without a cause... I need a little favor!"

Qin Fang spoke somewhat sheepishly.

"Alright, tell me..."

Lu Jun didn't hesitate but immediately sat down to listen.

"So here's the thing. I was over at Capital University having a meal when, coincidentally..."

In front of Chen Pangzi, the Japanese Xiao Chuan, and Director Xing, Qin Fang went ahead and roughly explained what had happened to Lu Jun, of course not forgetting to mention Chen Pangzi, the deputy principal of Capital University.

"I'll ask about this for you... Pass the phone to the leading cop..."

After hearing this, Lu Jun couldn't help but chuckle, teasing Qin Fang about his "good luck," yet he still took the initiative to help Qin fix this troublesome situation.

"Director Xing, there's a call for you..."

Qin Fang smiled and handed his mobile phone to Director Xing.

At this point, Chen Pangzi also vaguely felt that something was amiss. Though he hadn't figured out whom Qin Fang had sought for help, judging from Qin Fang's composed tone, it seemed like Qin Fang's connections were far from ordinary.

Director Xing, who took Qin Fang's phone with some skepticism, started listening to the call, and his expression changed immediately. He quickly walked to a corner to continue the conversation, all the while seeming to explain something. Shortly after, he returned and respectfully handed the phone back to Qin Fang.

Seeing that the call had not been disconnected, Qin Fang immediately picked it up.

"Chu Zongyuan is your brother-in-law, right..."

But before he could say much, Qin Fang, holding his phone, suddenly turned to Chen Pangzi and asked a question.

"Uh... yes!"

Chen Pangzi was slightly taken aback, obviously caught off guard, but he still responded subconsciously.

By the time he realized what had happened, his chubby face had already changed color. He rarely told anyone who his brother-in-law was, mainly because his brother-in-law did not think highly of him as a brother-in-law.

Now that Qin Fang had figured out his backer with just a phone call and still appeared so indifferent, Chen Pangzi, no matter how foolish, sensed that the situation might have changed.

Or rather, it had gradually exceeded the scope of what he could control...

Thinking of this, Chen Pangzi glanced at the shiny handcuffs on Qin Fang's wrist, and he couldn't help feeling uneasy.

"That... that, Xiao Qin, I think... there seems to be a bit of a misunderstanding..."

The more Chen Pangzi thought about it, the more he felt something was wrong. He couldn't summon his courage, and seeing Qin Fang picking up the phone as if about to call someone, he became more flustered.

In his panic, he became disordered. Now his thoughts weren't about standing up for himself or seeking revenge for Xiao Chuan and Tanaka; he vaguely felt that this time he might be in trouble too. For the sake of his career and position, he had to reluctantly bow his corpulent head...

Chen Pangzi's chubby face now sported a brilliant but bitter smile, his facial flesh bunched together, making him look particularly frightening... Even the tone of his speech became unusually gentle, and calling "Xiao Qin" so affectionately almost made Qin Fang stumble and fall.

Qin Fang gave the Fatty a sideways glance, thinking, "Am I that familiar with you? Your affectionate calling..."

However, outwardly, Qin remained impassive, giving Chen Pangzi a sidelong look, "I say, Principal Chen, what's gotten into you? Just a moment ago, you were swearing to put me behind bars and show me a lesson... How come within such a short time, you've suddenly changed your tune?"

"This... this... this is all a misunderstanding! Misunderstanding..."

Chen Pangzi was left speechless by Qin Fang's retort, which would normally be combatted with slamming the table or smashing a stool, calling for a scene. But now, he clearly didn't have the courage to do so, and could only meekly negotiate with Qin Fang, hoping to put this incident behind them.

Especially upon seeing the handcuffs on Qin's wrist, his complexion appeared extremely panicky and hesitant. If Qin's background was genuinely powerful, then he had indeed caused a catastrophe.

"Misunderstanding... Quite a big misunderstanding indeed..."

Upon hearing this, Qin Fang scoffed coldly in amusement, and at that moment his phone began to ring. He checked the number and his smile grew even brighter.

Ignoring Chen Pangzi, he directly answered the call and put the phone to his ear. The caller was none other than Qiao Zhenfei—the Third Young Master—Qiao Sanshao, who had the best relationship with Qin Fang.

He naturally called concerning Qin's situation, and when Lu Jun got a clear picture, he directly advised Qin, "Chu Zongyuan is a man of the Qiao Family, and for this kind of thing, Third Brother is the most suitable..."

Originally, Qin had sought Lu Jun's help because Lu Jun worked at the State Council, and Lu's father had retired from being the second-highest leader in the nation, with significant influence in this sphere.

To act against Chen Pangzi, approaching from this angle seemed quite appropriate.

Only by chance did he find out that Chen Pangzi had solid backing too, and what's more, that Chen's brother-in-law was actually a member of the Qiao Family, which made things much easier.

Therefore, as soon as Qin's call ended, Lu Jun called Qiao Zhenfei to inform him of the matter, for it was more appropriate for Qiao Zhenfei to handle it.

"Your kid's troubles are truly not ordinary, casually stepping out and you bump into these kinds of petty issues..."

As soon as the call connected, Qiao Zhenfei berated Qin jovially, and indeed, just as he said, there was hardly a day when Qin didn't give people a headache, either stumbling into one situation or encountering another hassle—he could hardly keep up with cleaning up after him.

Of course, it was a jest; the number of times he actually had to clean up after Qin could be counted on one hand, and it was only because Qin shared a good bond with him. Otherwise, why wouldn't he ask someone from the Old Tang Family for help?

Chapter 804 - Heavy Bleeding

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"Third Brother, I really can't be blamed for this. I was just eating my meal when those two foreigners carelessly bumped into me..."

Qin Fang also had a bitter smile on his face, feeling quite frustrated himself, as he always seemed to encounter troublesome situations. If it weren't for the fact that he gained some experience from these incidents, he really wouldn't bother dealing with such annoying matters.

Or rather, ever since Qin Fang obtained this mysterious and unpredictable system, his troubles had never ceased. They didn't happen daily, but encountering them every few days was inevitable.

Thus, Qin Fang had no choice but to become a trouble magnet, sitting and waiting for these issues to arise, like today's situation... which was truly unjust.

"Youngest, I've already notified Elder Chu about this matter. I believe his call is about to reach his nephew... Elder Chu is quite a character, but his nephew is rather unscrupulous. You just handle it as you see fit..."

Joking aside, there were still matters that needed to be handled. Qiao Zhenfei briefly discussed the situation with Qin Fang. Qiao Zhenfei's words were few, just a couple of sentences, and then he hung up the call.

Qin Fang was no longer the rookie he used to be. He understood the implications of Qiao Zhenfei's words; he could deal with Chen Pangzi as he wished, just don't kill the man, and try not to escalate the issue. Chu Zongyuan was part of the Qiao family and held a very important position; this incident should not affect him...

"Principal Chen, that's your brother-in-law's call, isn't it? Hurry up and answer it! What are you waiting for..."

Just as Qiao Zhenfei had said, almost at the same time Qin Fang ended the call, Chen Pangzi's phone in his pocket started ringing. When Chen Pangzi looked at it, his face completely changed color.

Qin Fang witnessed this scene and smiled cheerfully. Even though he hadn't seen the name displayed on the phone, he knew it was undoubtedly Chen Pangzi's brother-in-law, Chu Zongyuan.

Seeing the smile on Qin Fang's face, Chen Pangzi suddenly felt an urge to cry and even felt like dying at that moment...

Brother-in-law Chu Zongyuan was his strong support. Whenever he faced trouble before, just mentioning this backer usually made problems go away easily, even if there were some losses, they were minimal.

But in reality, Brother-in-law Chu Zongyuan didn't think highly of him, barely saw him, let alone called him. Even when he proactively went to his sister's to dine, his brother-in-law would eat quickly and leave, so one can imagine their relationship...

And because of this, the chances of Brother-in-law Chu Zongyuan calling him were almost zero... but today, that changed as Chu Zongyuan's call came through.

"Brother-in-law..."

Chen Pangzi's face turned the color of a purple eggplant, not choked by Qin Fang's words, but rather terrified by the call, his face almost crying.

Ultimately, he could only helplessly answer the call, trembling as he spoke.

"Chen Youde, is your brain full of shit? Who do you dare to offend? Who do you dare to arrest? With your tiny official role, when did you become a policeman, even playing with handcuffs? Are you trying to harm me and your sister..."

But the response Chen Pangzi received was not a gentle voice from his brother-in-law but a thunderous roar. Chu Zongyuan, who had risen to a considerably high position, was not behaving like a high-ranking official at all, directly cursing at Chen Pangzi... Although Chen Pangzi stepped aside, Qin Fang and the others could still faintly hear the loud curses.

Poor Chen Pangzi could only shrink his head and take the scolding, without the courage even to utter a word, looking incredibly miserable...

However, none of those present felt any sympathy for him; just a while ago, he was incredibly arrogant, all because he had a powerful backer supporting him.

But now, things were different. The first to call him out and take him to task was precisely the backer he had relied on. Now he really was a widow with a dead son—completely hopeless.

Qin Fang had also heard from Lu Jun about Chu Zongyuan's identity, the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Public Security, soon to be promoted, which was indeed a powerful support.

No wonder Director Xing, such a low-ranking police officer, was so obsequious and wary of Chen Pangzi. He was the boss of his boss's boss...

Knowing full well that Chu Zongyuan would not provide him any support, he still didn't dare to offend someone like Chen Pangzi easily. No wonder it's said, "it's better to offend a king than a devil..."

Seeing Chen Pangzi being scolded like a grandson brought a bit of relief to Director Xing's heart. Although he was the one Chen Pangzi had called to make the arrest, he always followed procedure in his actions.

Moreover, he could tell that Qin Fang appreciated his adherence to these work protocols, so he didn't make things difficult for him...

"Qin, Young Master Qin..."

But with things having reached this point, even a politically insensitive person wouldn't be foolish enough not to understand the situation. He carefully approached Qin Fang and called out.

"This handcuff..."

Qin Fang was still wearing handcuffs, though they were unrelated to him, but if a fuss were to arise, it could still be troublesome for him.

"Don't worry! Whoever put these handcuffs on me will have to take them off..."

Qin Fang, however, waved his hand. He wasn't trying to make things difficult for Director Xing. He was just irked by Chen Pangzi's smugness from earlier, acting all high and mighty like he owned the world and Second Brother was his servant. Now he was cowering... But it's much easier to ascend the mountain than to descend.

"Young Master Qin..."

By then, Chen Pangzi had ended his phone call, having been thoroughly scolded by his brother-in-law. He cautiously approached Qin Fang with a timid smile, careful in his address. It was surprisingly gentle coming from a man who was no less than twice hundred pounds heavy.

"Stop! Principal Chen, I really can't accept such an address..."

But before Chen Pangzi could even speak, Qin Fang had interrupted him with a smile, flatly rejecting him. He really couldn't stand Chen Pangzi's tone; it was making him nauseous.

"I can handle it! I can handle it..."

A look of utter dejection crossed Chen Pangzi's face, yet he could only continue to ingratiate himself with Qin Fang, almost as if ready to bare his soul.

"Young Master Qin, about these handcuffs..."

Hoping to appease Qin Fang, Chen Pangzi naturally did not forget the main issue. Qin Fang's wrists were still clasped in the handcuffs that he himself had locked.

"Handcuffs? They're actually quite nice..."

Qin Fang simply ignored him, smiling, and even flaunted them a bit. Beside him, Su Yuan added, "They really are pretty, all shiny and silver, and best of all—they were free! Now I want a pair for myself..."

Hearing Qin Fang and Su Yuan banter back and forth, Chen Pangzi's face contorted painfully. He looked utterly mortified and completely out of options.

"Ma'am, what's so great about these handcuffs? A beauty like you should wear jade bracelets... Handcuffs are better suited for rough folks like me!"

While speaking, he fished out a bank card from his pocket cautiously and passed it to Su Yuan. Clearly, the young man had a sudden bright idea, realizing that sweet talking alone wouldn't get him freed; he had to bleed some wealth.

"There's not much in here, just enough for a somewhat decent jade bracelet... Please accept it!"

While speaking, he also sneaked a glance at Qin Fang, who, however, didn't show much reaction.

Su Yuan hadn't expected that her playful agreement with Qin Fang would actually lead to her receiving money. She was instantly dumbstruck and didn't know what to do, only able to foolishly look at Qin Fang.

Qin Fang slightly nodded to signal Su Yuan to accept it, and she then took the bank card.

"Principal Chen, that's not very fair of you. There are still two beauties here, you can't favor one over the others..." Seeing Su Yuan accepting the card, Qin Fang smiled again and teasingly added.

"All three are top-class beauties, of course, they all get one... they all get one..."

Chen Pangzi paused briefly but quickly adjusted and pulled out two more cards from his pocket, respectfully handing them to Li Yuerong and the beautiful teacher.

The two beauties were also surprised, but seeing the look Qin Fang gave them, they accepted the cards as well.

Watching three cards swiftly go out like that, Chen Pangzi's heart was bleeding. All the savings he had accumulated were now drastically reduced due to his meddling.

But he couldn't complain. If Qin Fang caused any more trouble, probably three cards wouldn't have been enough to settle the matters.

"Alright, it's about time we left..."

By now, Qin Fang wasn't inclined to stay any longer and quickly called to retreat... As for the handcuffs on his hand, no one saw him use a key or anything; he just slightly shook his hand, and the handcuffs fell off by themselves.

Such a move instantly stunned everyone present. If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes, they might have thought the handcuffs were just a magician's prop.

"Principal Chen, before leaving let me give you a piece of advice—be anything you want, but never be a traitor!"

As he approached Chen Pangzi, Qin Fang patted his shoulder, his expression rather relaxed, seemingly joking, yet it gave Chen Pangzi an overwhelmingly uneasy feeling.

"Yes! Yes! Never a traitor! Never a traitor..."

Chen Pangzi, all he could do was nod incessantly in agreement, really not knowing what else to say. At this moment, he just wished that this troublemaker would leave as soon as possible so he could finally be free...

Chapter 805 - Visiting the Chu Family

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There's nothing left to say to Chen Pangzi. This guy had painfully shelled out a lot of money and probably quieted down. As for the previous threats of firing Xiao Dao and the others, he didn't dare to mention them anymore.

If he dared to take advantage after Qin Fang left, even if his brother-in-law was impressive, he wouldn't be able to protect him again...

Everything was settled, and dinner was over. Seeing it was getting late, Qin Fang naturally had to see Su Yuan and Li Yuerong off. Accompanied by Xiao Dao and the others, they all walked out of the hotel together.

"Brother Qin, I'm really sorry, even a simple dinner..."

Xiao Dao awkwardly expressed his regret since the incident that had just occurred actually had nothing to do with Qin Fang, yet it still dragged him in. If not for Qin Fang's strong background, things might have turned out very badly.

"Xiao Dao, don't give me that useless talk... I consider you a friend, a brother, so there's no need to be so formal with me... I'll be returning to Ninghai in a couple of days. If you ever come to Ninghai, remember to give me a call!"

Qin Fang appreciated Xiao Dao's bold and straightforward character and therefore regarded him differently, showing him much more affection compared to the others.

"Absolutely!"

Xiao Dao immediately responded with a wide grin, his smile indicating genuine sincerity.

A friend like this was certainly reliable—there were no entangled benefits, just pure friendship, which was indeed very valuable... Qin Fang cherished such relationships deeply.

"Thank you..."

After bidding farewell to Xiao Dao and the others, a relatively unfamiliar and beautiful teacher approached Qin Fang and shyly thanked him.

"It was nothing at all!"

Qin Fang smiled casually, not minding much about the situation, despite its complications.

"This... here, take this back!"

At that moment, Chu Beauty took out a bank card from her purse, extended it towards Qin Fang, and spoke.

The card was one of the three bank cards that Chen Pangzi had produced as a desperate plea for Qin Fang's forgiveness. Although the specific amount inside was unknown, Chen Pangzi had mentioned it could buy "a somewhat nice jade bracelet."

A genuine jade bracelet had a considerable price—just a slightly decent one would cost at least several hundred thousand yuan.

From this, it was evident that the sum in the card was not minuscule... Strictly speaking, she was the instigator of the entire incident, and having not been harmed was already quite fortunate, yet she had unexpectedly acquired such a windfall, which made her feel quite undeserving.

"This isn't mine... it's what Chen Pangzi presented to you ladies, and it has nothing to do with me!"

Qin Fang waved his hand, refusing the gesture from Chu Beauty to return the card to him, providing an irrefutable reason.

Although Chen Pangzi offended Qin Fang and had to give up the three bank cards to secure his safety and future, Qin Fang hadn't even touched those cards during the process. Chen Pangzi hadn't said they were gifts for Qin Fang, so his explanation was completely reasonable.

"But..."

Chu Beauty paused for a moment, evidently surprised as she looked at the young man in front of her. Her mind raced with thoughts, and she opened her mouth to argue.

"Sorry, Miss Chu, we're in a rush. If fate allows, we'll meet again..."

Qin Fang glanced at the time and was quite pressed. He immediately apologized to Chu Beauty. Su Yuan and Li Yuerong had already gotten into the car, and Qin Fang swiftly opened the car door, started the vehicle and drove off, leaving a stunned Chu Beauty behind.

"What a strange guy..."

Watching the gradually vanishing car, Chu Beauty took the card back and muttered softly, though a slight blush tinged her cheeks.

Receiving such an amount of money for no reason, if it were another man, Chu Beauty might have suspected ulterior motives...

But facing Qin Fang, such thoughts never crossed her mind.

The reason is simple: Qin Fang had never asked her name from beginning to end. Apart from knowing her last name was Chu and that she was a teacher at Capital City University, he hadn't asked anything else.

If such a man were said to have any ulterior motives, that would really be saying too much ...

"Teacher Chu is a top-tier beauty, you know. Why didn't you ask for her phone number? Maybe she would have considered it since you played the hero ..."

Sitting in the car, Su Yuan couldn't help but tease Qin Fang. They had grown quite familiar with each other now, and casual jokes were permissible.

"Come on, do I look like the type of guy who can't move when he sees a beautiful woman?"

With no option but to disdainfully look down upon Su Yuan's teasing, Qin Fang responded, "My meeting with her was nothing more than a brief encounter. Should I chase after every beautiful woman I meet ... What kind of person would I be then?"

"Besides, don't I already have two quite beautiful women right by my side? Haven't you seen? I haven't chased after either of you," Qin Fang said, genuinely exasperated.

"Psh!"

Yet his words brought about a unified disdain from the two beauties.

The two beauties glanced at each other, and although they said nothing, they secretly wished Qin Fang would chase after them ...

Unfortunately, they seemed to have been a step too late, as he already had a girlfriend, and though both of them were rather outstanding and beautiful, they apparently held no advantage over Tang Feifei ...

A single teasing remark suddenly made things somewhat complicated for the two beauties. Both looked at each other, wordlessly, and then silently turned their heads to gaze out at the traffic and the busy street crowded with people constantly coming and going ... making the atmosphere in the car much quieter.

The atmosphere had become quite strange, but Qin Fang didn't think too much of it and soon dropped Li Yuerong back at school ... The scene of a military Audi returning the beauty of Capital Normal University caught someone's eye, and immediately stirred up quite a sensation at the university.

Unfortunately, after Qin Fang dropped off Li Yuerong, he drove off right away, so the onlookers only got a brief look at a man's silhouette and had no chance to take any photos ...

But the more obscure the situation, the more tangled the rumors became. Coincidentally, concerning this misunderstanding, Li Yuerong maintained her silence, hence a rumor that the school beauty Li Yuerong had a sugar daddy started spreading from that moment.

As one of the people involved, Qin Fang obviously knew nothing of this. After leaving Capital City, Qin Fang drove directly to Capital Airport to drop off Su Yuan and saw her onto her plane before driving back alone.

With all this driving back and forth, it was already around four or five o'clock when Qin Fang left the airport, just about the time he had scheduled to meet with Tang Cheng. After briefly contacting Tang Cheng, they decided on a meeting spot, and Qin Fang hurried over ...

The Chu Family was a family of scholars; Elder Chu was a renowned educator, truly beloved by innumerable students. Although he was not in politics, he enjoyed a high level of respect and used to live in Houhai but now, given his advanced years, was more focused on his health, hence he lived in a more secluded area in the suburbs.

Relative to speaking, the area was rather remote. Just giving Qin Fang an address might not have sufficed, hence Tang Cheng had to come along to show the way.

Tang Cheng had naturally driven himself there, so he couldn't ride with Qin Fang. However, the important things and necessary warnings Tang Cheng had already conveyed over the phone earlier, repeating them was pointless.

Therefore, after meeting up, the two of them drove separately to their destination.

Regarding the Chu Family, Qin Fang didn't know much. Elder Chu was a great educator with countless disciples but for a young man like Qin Fang, he was previously unheard of.

The Chu Family was also quite prosperous; Elder Chu was nearly a hundred years old, almost sharing five generations under one roof, with nearly a hundred family members ...

But of so many members of the Chu Family, the majority followed in the Elder's footsteps—becoming educators, hence the number of teachers in the Chu Family was quite significant.

As Tang Cheng briefly explained, currently, there were over thirty members still teaching, not including a dozen or so who were retired, which roughly accounted for half of the Chu Family's total population.

The rest, some were too young and still schooling ... Those Chu Family members truly working in fields unrelated to education barely made up a third.

It's like Tang Cheng's wife, Tang Feifei's sister-in-law who was a university teacher ...

"This whole family is honest, and you know me, I never liked studying much, and what I feared the most were teachers! So every visit was a nervous affair for me, with every little noise making me feel as if someone was about to whip me with a teacher's cane ... You're still a student, so you should understand!"

This was Tang Cheng's deep-seated grievance against the Chu Family, making it sound like some daunting Eighteen Levels of Hell, terrifying beyond comparison ...

Of course, Qin Fang's visit was as a guest to the Chu Family, so he shouldn't encounter such treatment ... but he was a bit frightened that Elder Chu might be too enthusiastic and arrange something like a bride for him ... Qin Fang was truly scared of that as Chu Family's women were fierce—this was Tang Cheng's deep understanding after so many years of marriage!

Regardless, Qin Fang had already promised Elder Chu a visit before leaving the capital; after all, Elder Chu was an old friend of a grandfather Qin Fang had never seen, and with Qin Fang's relationship with the Tang family, it would have been unacceptable not to make this visit ...

Chapter 806 - Fate, Ineffable

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Departing from Capital City, after driving for over an hour, Qin Fang and Tang Cheng finally reached their destination.

Elder Chu resided in the suburbs for recuperation, living in a typical rural two-story house. Usually, only a few caretakers and health care workers looked after him. It was only on weekends or holidays that the members of the Chu Family would come to visit the old master...

Not far from the house was a small fish pond, with willows swaying gently on the bank. An umbrella specially placed by the water shaded a reclining chair underneath, apparently for Elder Chu's fishing use. Such a lifestyle was quite leisurely and content.

Tang Cheng explained that this place was originally the location of the Chu Family Old Mansion, but that was decades ago. Elder Chu had lived here for a few years, but as a younger man, he left home to study abroad. With the chaos of the times, his departure turned into decades. By the time the old master returned, the old mansion had already been leveled to the ground, leaving nothing behind...

Elder Chu liked the environment here, and with the old man's desire to return to his roots, he decided to rebuild this small building and settled down here. He only went to his city residence very occasionally.

It was like during the times Old Master Tang celebrated his big birthday; coincidentally, Elder Chu was staying in the city. If not, Tang Cheng wouldn't have received news of him so quickly...

Elder Chu usually preferred tranquility and didn't like his family disturbing him often, but today seemed unusually lively. When Qin Fang and his company arrived, it was just as the lights were coming on for the evening. They saw the small building brightly lit up and down, with various vehicles parked on both sides of the road outside, almost all of which were near the small building.

Most of these cars were very ordinary private cars; the best Qin Fang saw was an Audi A6, and there wasn't a single Mercedes or BMW...

It was clear that the Chu Family was quite understated, even though Qin Fang had heard from Tang Cheng that the Chu Family's assets totaled in the billions of yuan.

Qin Fang and Tang Cheng parked their cars and then walked together towards the small courtyard where Elder Chu lived...

As they reached the entrance, they saw a girl coming out of the courtyard.

"Qianqian came over too..."

Tang Cheng obviously knew the girl and immediately greeted her with a beaming smile.

"Eighth brother-in-law... it's you!"

The girl was about to greet Tang Cheng when she caught sight of Qin Fang following behind him.

"It's you..."

And almost simultaneously, Qin Fang saw the girl. As both their eyes met, Qin Fang and the girl exclaimed in unison, obviously very surprised.

"Er... Qin Fang, you know Qianqian?"

Tang Cheng was also slightly stunned, clearly not expecting this, and his surprise was no less than Qin Fang's...

"Just met today!"

Qin Fang nodded and said. He had not anticipated that the world could be so small; just a few hours earlier, he had said to a woman, "See you if fate allows," and now, only hours later, they had actually "met again." It really was a twist of fate.

The beautiful girl in front of him turned out to be the beauty Teacher Chu whom Qin Fang had heroically saved at lunchtime... the teacher of Xiao Dao and the others.

"Chu Qianqian, a pleasure to meet you..."

The beautiful teacher quickly recovered, her face breaking into a radiant smile as she extended her hand to Qin Fang, and introduced herself.

"Qin Fang, a pleasure to meet you..."

Qin Fang naturally could not be rude and immediately took Chu Qianqian's small hand, while saying the same.

Chu Qianqian was slightly older than Qin Fang, probably in her mid-twenties. Girls her age typically just graduated from college, yet Chu Qianqian had already become a teacher at Capital City University... It could be due to her personal abilities or perhaps family connections, but either way, it was of no concern to Qin Fang.

However, holding Chu Qianqian's small hand, Qin Fang could very distinctly feel its smoothness and softness, making him somewhat reluctant to let go.

But, that was clearly impossible... Shaking hands once was just a handshake; if he kept holding on and refused to let go, that would be flirting.

Even though he was slightly reluctant, Qin Fang quickly released the hand, looking very courteously at Chu Qianqian, the quite beautiful teacher.

The beautiful teacher, Chu Qianqian, also wore a bright smile as she locked eyes with Qin Fang for a moment. Fortunately, he still remembered the important matters and hadn't completely forgotten about Tang Cheng. Just then, she remembered and asked immediately, "Eighth Brother-in-law, where's Grandpa's guest?"

The Chu Family had a relatively large population. Through the generations, they also had many siblings, and in Chu Qianqian's generation alone, they had eleven girls.

Elder Chu and Old Master Tang were of the same generation, but Elder Chu was more than a decade older. Tang Cheng's wife was also Elder Chu's granddaughter, technically putting her in the same generation as Tang Cheng. However, Tang Cheng was known as Fourth Brother among the Tang Family Brothers, and his wife was ranked as the Eighth among the Chu Family girls...

As for Chu Qianqian herself, she was the Tenth, hence, why she called Tang Cheng Eighth Brother-in-law...

It was not until Qin Fang learned this that he truly understood just how many people there were in the Chu Family... It was no wonder that even before they entered, he could hear the lively noise from the yard. He suspected that quite a number of the Chu Family had returned home that evening.

"Isn't he right here?"

Tang Cheng was startled upon hearing her question, pointing at Qin Fang with surprise, as if he found Chu Qianqian's gaze a bit odd!

"You?"

This time, Chu Qianqian genuinely became confused. She looked at Qin Fang with astonishment and asked incredulously, "You're Feifei's boyfriend?"

"The real deal..."

Qin Fang shrugged his shoulders helplessly.

He was starting to understand why Chu Qianqian was reacting in such a way. At lunchtime, he had been accompanied by two beauties, Su Yuan and Li Yuerong, looking very much like a ladies' man. When Chu Qianqian spoke quietly to Su Yuan, she had asked if Qin Fang was her boyfriend. At the time, Su Yuan did not deny it, leading her to believe that Qin Fang was Su Yuan's boyfriend...

Qin Fang had actually overheard this conversation, but he had not found it appropriate to butt in. Moreover, since Su Yuan hadn't confirmed it, he hadn't paid much attention to it... Indeed, he had not expected to run into Chu Qianqian again at the Chu Family's place.

"Humph... Come on in! Grandpa has been waiting for a long time..."

After such a misunderstanding was clarified, Chu Qianqian's expression changed slightly. She huffed softly through her nostrils and said with curiosity.

"Damn, this kid didn't go and sweet-talk Qianqian, did he... Sheesh, her temper is even fiercer than my own girl's..."

Naturally, Tang Cheng led Qin Fang straight into the yard. However, as he passed by Chu Qianqian, he noticed the way she was glaring at Qin Fang and couldn't help but murmur to himself.

Tang Cheng was aware of Qin Fang's romantic encounters and hadn't said much before. But now that the mystery of Qin Fang's background was revealed, even his father, Secretary Tang, couldn't say much, and naturally, neither could he.

Tang Cheng was also familiar with Elder Chu's temperament—he knew that if you had the prowess, even if you honestly had a harem, he wouldn't say anything. However, the women of the Chu Family... were extremely fierce. Even a tough guy like Tang Cheng was trained to be utterly obedient by his wife.

At most, during social events, he might play around a bit outside, but it was all just for show. He never did anything too excessive, which his wife saw and understood with great magnanimity.

Of course, if Tang Cheng dared to cross that line, like keeping a mistress, that would be like piercing the heavens, and he would be dealt with by his wife very harshly, very harshly, very harshly...

This Tenth sister of the Chu Family, Chu Qianqian, however, was an even more fierce presence than Tang Cheng's wife... With Tang Cheng noticing the subtle flirtations between Chu Qianqian and Qin Fang, he couldn't help but snicker inwardly. If Qin Fang dared to make a move on Chu Qianqian, he would probably have a tough time ahead...

As for causing instability in the harem, that was unlikely. His sister, Tang Feifei, and Chu Qianqian got along very well. If Qin Fang ended up with both of them, they would definitely form a united front, teaming up to eliminate any other mistresses...

But as for Qin Fang's future... it would certainly be ten times, a hundred times, a thousand times more miserable than Tang Cheng's...

Tang Cheng had his suspicions, but he wouldn't speak them aloud, especially since Chu Qianqian and Qin Fang seemed to have just recently met and only sparked a slight interest—their relationship hadn't even begun.

"Old Master specifically called for Qianqian to return and arranged this meal specially for Qin Fang, could it be for..."

As he thought about this, Tang Cheng suddenly felt like he had figured something out.

The current generation of Chu Family girls was indeed quite plentiful, with eleven in total, but their ages varied greatly. The oldest granddaughter was already attending university, while the youngest granddaughter was only eight years old... the Eleventh sister.

The only one of a suitable age and still unmarried seemed to be none other than the Tenth sister, Chu Qianqian... Considering Elder Chu's character and Qin Fang's status, this possibility seemed quite likely...

"Looks like there's going to be some fun... Should I give Feifei a heads-up?"

Though this was just Tang Cheng's speculation, considering the current situation, it was almost certainly right on the mark. As Tang Feifei's older brother, Tang Cheng felt it was necessary to give her a heads-up to at least prepare her mentally.

Chapter 807 - The Fierce Old Man

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Tang Cheng's mind was filled with thousands of thoughts, but Qin Fang could not possibly know them. He simply followed behind Tang Cheng, walking towards the courtyard.

The Chu Family had indeed many visitors; the spacious courtyard was dotted with clusters of people standing around and chatting in groups of twos and threes.

Some were discussing scientific research projects, others were debating about the trends of next year's college entrance examination, and yet others were engaged in talks about commerce, finance, and so on...

This, to some extent, also proved just how extensive the Chu Family's involvement was. Although their main focus was education, their achievements in other areas were quite formidable as well.

After all, Elder Chu had students all over the country, many of whom had made significant achievements. Their network of contacts was extraordinarily strong; a slight utilization of it was a considerable asset. Along with a bit of intelligence, it would be hard for the Chu Family not to succeed!

However, it was clear that the small courtyard was not Qin Fang's destination. As Tang Cheng greeted people he knew, he led Qin Fang towards the main hall of the small building.

There, too, many people had gathered, and Qin Fang could already faintly see a figure dressed in cheerful traditional attire, seated in the seat of honor, smiling and looking in good spirits.

In just a short distance, Qin Fang and Tang Cheng had already arrived at the entrance of the hall. Elder Chu, seated inside, seemed to have been watching the entrance the whole time.

"Xiao Qin, you've finally arrived. This old man has been looking forward to seeing you..."

Upon seeing Qin Fang and Tang Cheng enter, Elder Chu, who had been sitting upright, couldn't stay seated any longer. With the help of others beside him, he started to walk towards Qin Fang.

"Elder Chu, you are too kind..."

Qin Fang dared not neglect his duty; as a junior, how could he allow an elder to greet him in such a manner?

He quickened his step significantly, moving like a fleeting shadow. He covered the distance of five or six meters in a few steps, managing to support Elder Chu before he even left his chair, even though his own words had not yet fully settled.

The members of the Chu Family were still a bit slow to react, especially those who had been standing between Qin Fang and Elder Chu. They only felt a breeze pass by and then noticed that Qin Fang had already reached Elder Chu's side. Their mouths hung open in shock, and they struggled to close them for quite some time.

Fortunately, Tang Cheng was there to explain that Qin Fang was a martial artist, and a formidable one at that. This helped everyone to understand and accept the situation.

While it's true that scholars often looked down on martial artists, that was a matter from many years ago. In today's society, individual capabilities were what mattered. If martial artists were competent, they were held in high regard. Scholars might have extensive knowledge, but if they couldn't even support themselves, it was all in vain...

Besides, the subjects taught in schools now didn't include the old archaisms like "Zhi Hu Zhe Ye"; mathematics, physics, and chemistry, which were not part of the ancient curriculum, were emphasized now more than ever, not to mention physical education... If one were to argue, these could also be included under the category of "martial" disciplines.

After what had just happened, the Chu Family members, who were already quite interested in Qin Fang, focused even more attention on him.

"This young man is good! He's very spirited and robust..."

"Indeed, he is excellent, full of vitality and vigor..."

Of course, with many eyes upon him, some comments were inevitable. The Chu Family was large, so naturally, there were many women, and the numerous aunts were particularly talkative.

Fortunately, their discussion was more in favor of Qin Fang... Since the elder liked Qin Fang, they naturally followed suit with their fondness!

Especially since these people were of a certain age, the youngest being over thirty and coming from a teaching background, their judgment of character was not as superficial as that of the women outside who might only judge by appearance and attire.

For these women, looks were not important. They particularly despised pretty boys, who they described as "extremely unreliable!"

As for money, the Chu Family was a scholarly lineage, a family of educators. Having enough money to get by was sufficient. Plus, with the family's various businesses for support, they weren't concerned with the amount of money.

This could be seen by looking at the cars parked outside, which were primarily economical and practical rather than flashy sports cars... This was the result of their family's educational environment.

Having eliminated these two factors, Qin Fang, in the eyes of these people, was truly outstanding, almost beyond reproach, and given that the Qin and Chu families had been good friends for generations, they looked upon Qin Fang with even greater esteem.

Even though Qin Fang had grown a thick skin from his martial training, he still felt overwhelmed by the scrutiny and discussion.

Helpless, being a martial artist, his senses were much sharper than those of ordinary people. Even though the people around were only whispering, Qin Fang could hear every word clearly...

"Good, good... Good lad, your agility... It's a match for your grandfather in his heyday!"

The Chu Family members had seen what happened, and Elder Chu, looking directly, saw even more clearly. Being supported by Qin Fang made the old man's wrinkled face bloom with a delighted smile, and he began to praise Qin Fang profusely.

"Eh... My grandfather also practiced martial arts?"

Upon hearing this, Qin Fang was instantly taken aback. Evidently, this was something he did not know. He had very little knowledge of his father and grandfather.

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"Of course! If it wasn't for your grandfather's skills, Elder Tang and I wouldn't have escaped... Unfortunately, no matter how good one's skills are, they can't outrun bullets!"

When Elder Chu reached this point, he couldn't help feeling somewhat sentimental.

Martial arts experts are indeed formidable, but after all, they are still mortals. Faced with modern firearms like bullets, their flesh and blood can't withstand the impact.

Just like Qin Fang now, his strength could nearly claim to be unbeatable below the grandmaster level, but when it comes to bullets, he is still very wary. If a critical spot were hit, no amount of life-saving baozi could be of any use to Qin Fang.

"Grandpa Chu..."

Qin Fang also opened his mouth, wanting to offer some words of comfort, only to be unsure how to begin.

"Enough, let's not talk about it! Come on... the guests are here, it's time to eat... Xiao Qin, last time at Elder Tang's place we didn't get to drink much, tonight you must keep me company! You should drink a bit more as well..."

Elder Chu took hold of Qin Fang's arm, heading toward the nearby dining room. His tone was filled with palpable excitement, as if he really wanted to have a hearty drink with Qin Fang until they were both completely satisfied.

"Grandpa Chu, as long as you're happy, I'll drink as much as you want..."

Qin Fang naturally wanted to keep the elder cheerful. At such an advanced age, every day is a gift, and only with a happy mood can one hope for a longer life. So naturally, he followed Elder Chu's lead in the conversation.

"You said it, don't back out when the time comes..."

Elder Chu's smile brightened even more, like that of a child, as if he could hardly wait to make Qin Fang promise never to change his mind for a hundred years...

"I'll never back out!"

Qin Fang assured firmly. After all, he was known to be able to drink countless cups without getting drunk; no matter how much he drank, it wasn't a problem for him, not to mention he could cheat if necessary.

So Qin Fang supported Elder Chu as they made their way to the dining area, with the Chu family members following in succession... As he walked in, Qin Fang saw a super-huge dining table, five to six meters long and about one meter twenty in width – a rectangular table distinctly different from Dragon Country's commonly used square or round tables.

Qin Fang wondered if this table was specially made for tonight's dinner. At least in his nearly twenty years of life, he had never seen such a long dining table in any household...

Of course, in some foreign films, European noble families seemed to use such long rectangular dining tables... However, considering the large number of the Chu family members, using such a table did seem reasonable.

"Xiao Qin, come sit by the old man..."

Elder Chu naturally took the seat of honor, and he pulled Qin Fang to sit by his side. The rest of the Chu family also sat down in order. The only exception was the spot opposite Qin Fang, next to Elder Chu, which remained conspicuously unoccupied...

Qin Fang found it peculiar, but as a guest with limited knowledge of the Chu family's affairs, he didn't want to risk being impolite by asking too many questions.

Qin Fang had just taken his seat, his backside barely warm, when he saw the beautiful teacher, Chu Qianqian, walk through the door, craning her neck as if she were searching for someone. Their gazes met once again by chance.

However, while Qin Fang responded with a smile, Chu Qianqian rolled her eyes at him.

Chu Qianqian had previously been outside; she belonged to the third generation of the Chu family and initially could only sit outside, yet now she had come inside.

"Qianqian, come here... sit next to Grandpa!"

As soon as Elder Chu saw Chu Qianqian enter, his cloudy eyes immediately lit up with a smile, and he beckoned her over to the empty seat by his side.

"Grandpa... may I sit over here instead?"

Chu Qianqian hesitated for a moment, glancing at Qin Fang, who sat on the other side of Elder Chu, before she quietly pointed to her own spot and asked.

"Right here next to Grandpa... You've been away for many years, and Grandpa has hardly seen you. I've been wanting to have a good chat with you!"

Elder Chu's attitude, however, was quite firm, and he immediately grumbled in irritation.

"Oh, is it not okay for me to listen to Grandpa?"

Chu Qianqian had no choice, Elder Chu was getting older and his temper had become more childlike; usually, it was best to go along with him. That way, his mood would be good, and he might live even longer. Therefore, she obediently took a seat next to Elder Chu, which happened to be right across from Qin Fang...

"Xiao Qin, let me introduce you, this is the old man's granddaughter, named Chu Qianqian. She just returned from studying abroad and is now teaching in the Capital City..."

As soon as Chu Qianqian sat down, Elder Chu immediately introduced her to Qin Fang.

"Grandpa Chu, actually I've already met Miss Chu..."

Qin Fang didn't think too much about it. Although he sensed that Elder Chu intended to play matchmaker between him and Chu Qianqian, in his view, since Chu Qianqian already misunderstood him to be a philanderer and had a grievance with him, this arrangement would most likely not work out. Therefore, he wasn't too concerned about it.

"So you've already met..."

Elder Chu was also slightly stunned, clearly not having anticipated this. However, even though he was advanced in age, his mind was still quite agile, and he quickly recovered.

"It's even better that you know each other... So, what do you think, Xiao Qin? My granddaughter Qianqian is beautiful, isn't she? She's certainly no less than Elder Tang's little girl..."

As expected!

Even though Qin Fang had already guessed this, he was still taken aback when Elder Chu spoke these words.

"Grandpa Chu, this... Feifei and I are doing quite well!"

Knowing that he already had a girlfriend, having met each other's parents, and with the marriage already agreed upon, to still try to thrust a wife upon him—even if it would be a great boon for Qin Fang—he still felt quite bashful in front of so many people.

"It's quite normal for a man to have three wives and four concubines... The old man lived like that in his day!"

Unexpectedly, Elder Chu was quite bold, uttering such grandiose statements in front of his many sons, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law. His bearing was truly impressive.

Of course, that was also the truth.

Qin Fang had heard from Tang Cheng that Elder Chu originally had one wife and three concubines, but as the war broke out, along with various other calamities, the wives all left Elder Chu one after the other. By the time Dragon Country's laws became more robust, Elder Chu was already a lonely old man.

It was indeed these four wives who bore him five sons and four daughters. As the family grew and spread its branches, the Chu family became more prosperous.

While Elder Chu was speaking eloquently above, the faces of his sons and sons-in-law below were rather peculiar. Although they were all quite old, with the youngest being in their fifties, some couldn't help but feel a bit critical inside...

"Elder Chu, that sounds nice, but you didn't educate us that way before..."

Despite Elder Chu's forceful and domineering words, all of his sons adhered to monogamy, using his own argument that one must "obey the country's laws".

Yet, in the blink of an eye, when it came to Qin Fang, it became "It's quite normal for a man to have three wives and four concubines", no wonder their expressions turned so peculiar.

As for the sons-in-law, there was no need to mention their reaction. The women of the Chu family were not ordinary in their ferocity. Elder Chu could say what he wished, but if they dared to actually act on it, those Chu family women would make sure they didn't live to tell the tale...

"This... this... Elder Chu, the country's laws have regulations..."

Qin Fang genuinely didn't know how to respond. Elder Chu's boldness caught him completely off guard, and he found himself quite embarrassed.

Turning to look at Chu Qianqian across from him, she seemed completely indifferent, as if she hadn't heard what Elder Chu and Qin Fang were discussing, which only added to Qin Fang's frustration.

Chapter 809 - The Little Ambiguity Under the Dinner Table

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Chu Qianqian's reaction was entirely beyond Qin Fang's expectations... of course, it might also be because she knew Elder Chu's character well, so she opted for silence, perhaps the best approach indeed.

However, that left Qin Fang in a difficult situation...

Elder Chu persistently tried to set him up, even though Qin Fang repeatedly declined and refused, it was of no use... As for agreeing, his future brother-in-law, Tang Cheng, was sitting not too far away.

What a trap!

Qin Fang was filled with wry smiles inside, truly this elder was too fierce. If it were an enemy, Qin Fang definitely wouldn't have hesitated to incapacitate him with a pin, but this was a family friend and elder, so he had no choice but to sweet-talk him.

"Qianqian, what do you say? Xiao Qin is a great guy, and although you're a bit older than him, there's an old saying, 'An older woman and a younger man make a golden match.' I think it's perfect..."

Fortunately, this situation didn't continue indefinitely. Seeing that there was no opportunity for progress with Qin Fang, the elder finally shifted his focus and turned to ask Chu Qianqian.

"Grandpa... I'm still young, I don't want to get married so early!"

Chu Qianqian's expression didn't change much, but she wasn't about to easily let Elder Chu have his way. With a quick shift of her eyes, she immediately said with a smile,

"I didn't say you have to marry now. Xiao Qin isn't old enough to marry either, so there's no need to rush. Just start by dating, living together... Although I'm old, my thinking is quite progressive!"

But Chu Qianqian's reasoning not only failed to help her escape Elder Chu's grasp, it deepened her dilemma, as Elder Chu even brought up living together...

"This..."

Sure enough, his words made Chu Qianqian's beautiful eyes widen in complete surprise; she hadn't expected it to go this far.

"Grandpa... whatever you say, but... I'm really not too willing!"

Chu Qianqian grabbed Elder Chu's arm and shook it a couple of times, seemingly trying to use her pouting skills to escape the predicament. But seeing Elder Chu's determined look, she realized that tactic wouldn't work. However, seeing Qin Fang looking utterly miserable, she quickly devised a stratagem and turned the tables on him.

His words also caused Qin Fang's face to slightly change, looking at Chu Qianqian's triumphant expression, Qin Fang knew he had inadvertently been played by her.

"If you agree, Grandpa will take care of things for Xiao Qin..."

Elder Chu seemed truly determined to arrange this marriage, completely ignoring his sons' and daughters-in-law's reactions, even Chu Qianqian's parents tried to speak several times but were silenced by his stern look...

"Xiao Qin, look, my Qianqian girl has agreed, you better hurry up. I'm not rushing you two to get married, just start by getting along first, move in together later, that'll quicken the development of feelings... I went through the same process back in the day..."

Once Chu Qianqian agreed, Elder Chu began to work on Qin Fang's mindset, linking theory with practice to elaborate the rationale piece by piece, causing Qin Fang much distress.

Looking at Chu Qianqian, who appeared relaxed and carefree, occasionally coyly winking at Qin Fang, she seemed quite pleased to see Qin Fang so embarrassed.

Qin Fang was out of options and could only seek help from others, but everyone at the table was from the Chu family and he didn't know anyone well. The only somewhat familiar face, Tang Cheng, almost counted as Chu family, and he was Qin Fang's future brother-in-law...

Qin Fang looked pitifully at Tang Cheng, making a plea for help, but unfortunately, Tang Cheng just shrugged helplessly, then obediently accompanied his wife for the meal and chat...

Well, Qin Fang was left to fend for himself... Just then, Chu Qianqian threw him a particularly smug smile, making him even more frustrated.

Better die a friend than a beggar... to heck with it!

"Elder Chu, since you put it that way, the young man has no objections..."

Perhaps unable to bear Chu Qianqian's teasing any longer, Qin Fang unexpectedly stopped refusing and immediately agreed to Elder Chu's proposition.

"Uh..."

Almost simultaneously with Qin Fang's agreement, everyone stopped their actions and stared at him, uttering such a strange sound.

"That's more like it! Hahaha... I'll have someone arrange it later, transfer Qianqian's job to Ninghai, let's go to Ninghai University. That way, you two can live together..."

Upon hearing Qin Fang finally agree, Elder Chu burst into laughter, picked up his glass, and drank it all in one gulp.

That action frightened Qin Fang considerably, afraid something might happen to Elder Chu, but fortunately, everything appeared normal, and Elder Chu didn't show any adverse effects from that glass of wine, which relieved him.

"Damn you, Qin Fang, you're killing me..."

Chu Qianqian hadn't expected the stubbornly resisting Qin Fang to suddenly speak up and even agree to living together with her...

The main reason she agreed was because they were thousands of miles apart, one in the Capital City and the other in Ninghai, believing it wouldn't last long and would break off soon.

Unexpectedly, Elder Chu was so ruthless, he transferred Chu Qianqian's job straight to Ninghai... and it was directly to Ninghai University, where Qin Fang was studying. Chu Qianqian suddenly felt like spitting blood.

Don't doubt Elder Chu's capabilities. With his prestige in the education field, such minor arrangements were nothing to him, and even the president of Ninghai University would call him "teacher."

The more she thought about it, the angrier she got. Driven by rage, Chu Qianqian immediately kicked toward Qin Fang across from her.

Hiss~~

After Qin Fang had finished that sentence, he had bowed his head, fearing Chu Qianqian's glare. He hadn't expected to suddenly receive a kick to his calf. Although the kick couldn't really hurt Qin Fang, the instant pain made him involuntarily suck in a breath.

Chu Qianqian was wearing high heels, and even though they weren't the sharp-pointed type, they still hurt a lot when they hit Qin Fang's leg.

"Xiao Qin, what happened?"

Elder Chu, despite his age, still had sharp eyesight and immediately noticed something wrong with Qin Fang, so he asked with concern.

"Uh, nothing... I was just bumped by a little dog!"

Seeing the smug expression on Chu Qianqian's face across from him, Qin Fang had no intention of denouncing her. Instead, he just chuckled.

Elder Chu usually lived in the countryside with not many for company, and when bored, he raised a few chickens and a little black dog. Qin Fang had seen that little dog wagging its tail under the table when he came for dinner... which is why he said that.

"Oh, that's how it is. This little thing is always causing a ruckus, always liking to scurry around under the table..."

Elder Chu didn't think much of it, assuming it was indeed the little dog causing trouble, but he failed to notice the look of indignation on his granddaughter Chu Qianqian's face.

However, someone at the table looked odd because that little dog had been wagging its tail around his feet all the time, and he was sitting quite far from Qin Fang, nowhere near enough to touch Qin Fang's leg...

But that was something he wouldn't say out loud because it wasn't important.

"Stupid Qin Fang, stinky Qin Fang, calling me a little dog... Humph! See if I don't kick you to death..."

Although Chu Qianqian was slightly older than Qin Fang and supposedly should be called 'sister' by him, at that moment, Chu Qianqian seemed even younger than Qin Fang. Hearing him liken her to a little dog, she felt even more aggrieved...

Feeling aggrieved, Chu Qianqian got angry, lifted her foot, and kicked again!

"Oh..."

But this time, she obviously missed. Her kick went into the air. However, when she tried to withdraw her foot, she found that Qin Fang had suddenly closed his legs, trapping her foot between them.

Qin Fang was clearly much stronger than Chu Qianqian, especially when trapping a foot between his legs— it was incredibly easy...

Chu Qianqian tried several times but couldn't pull her foot back. Her face turned pale with anger, and her eyes fiercely glared at Qin Fang as if to say, "Let go, dammit!"

But Qin Fang was not about to show any weakness and glared back at Chu Qianqian—"I won't let go!"

"Are you going to let go?"

"I'm not letting go!"

"If you don't let go, I'll kick you..."

The two of them exchanged messages with their eyes, but to others, it looked like a young couple flirting with each other.

Elder Chu naturally had noticed this long ago. He pretended as if he hadn't seen anything, while others also wore odd expressions but didn't say anything, opting to just keep their heads down and eat.

Unable to defeat Qin Fang with her stare, Chu Qianqian then resorted to using her weapon—her other foot. Taking advantage of Qin Fang using both legs to trap one of her feet, she launched an attack in an attempt to free herself...

Whoosh~~

(Actually, there was no sound; this is just the author's offstage narration for dramatic effect)

Chu Qianqian kicked out.

However...

Just as her foot was about to touch Qin Fang's leg, she suddenly felt Qin Fang's legs open slightly, freeing her trapped foot...

But before Chu Qianqian could withdraw her newly freed foot, Qin Fang's legs suddenly clamped together again... and Chu Qianqian tragically found both her feet trapped by Qin Fang's legs...

All girls love to look beautiful, and Chu Qianqian, a beauty herself, was no exception. She was wearing very thin black tights on her lower body, and now that both feet were trapped by Qin Fang, even a slight struggle meant her legs were intimately rubbing against Qin Fang's...

Chapter 810 - Drinking Contest!

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Chu Qianqian wasn't very clear about what it felt like when a man and woman had intimate contact, because a good upbringing had made her avoid overly intimate contact with men well into her twenties.

However, now, under the dining table, she experienced such intimacy with a man for the first time, even though it happened without her ever imagining it.

For many men, black silk stockings have a considerable impact, whether they're covering a woman's skin or touching a man's body, they invariably bring about a certain impulsive feeling....

Unfortunately, Qin Fang was no exception....

As Chu Qianqian struggled continuously, her smooth calf rubbed directly against Qin Fang's leg, an exhilarating sensation truly, and Qin Fang, who hadn't released his pent-up feelings for days, felt somewhat uncontrollably swollen....

Plunk~

Just then, as everyone in the restaurant was immersed in eating and even speaking softly, suddenly the sound of something dropping made everyone instinctively lift their heads and look around.

However, the sound was sudden and singular, and the crowd couldn't figure out the cause, so they just quietly lowered their heads again.

But no one noticed a certain beautiful lady at the table whose cheeks were blushing red.

Why, you ask?

She had struggled a bit too violently, and Qin Fang's strength was much greater than hers; she had accidentally dropped her shoe to the floor, causing the sound.

Although no one discovered the true source of the noise, Chu Qianqian still felt very embarrassed; she lowered her head, glanced at Qin Fang, then glared at him fiercely as if to say, "This is all your fault, aren't you going to let go?"

This time, Qin Fang also felt rather awkward, fortunate that no one took it seriously, thus preventing their under-the-table antics from being noticed. Naturally, no one saw how embarrassingly aroused he was....

Receiving Chu Qianqian's glare, Qin Fang promptly let go of her leg, allowing Chu Qianqian to withdraw her foot. He also carefully retrieved her fallen high heel and handed it back to her.

Chu Qianqian obediently took back her shoe and stealthily put it on, her cheeks still flushed, the hue of shyness, but she no longer made a fuss with Qin Fang.

"Ahem~~ why is everyone so quiet? Xiao Qin is our guest today, and we, the Chu Family, as hosts, shouldn't fail to have a few drinks with Xiao Qin, right? Come on, everyone, let's raise our glasses...."

Elder Chu, like a hunter lurking in the shadows, how could he possibly fail to notice the slight commotion between the two younger ones?

He just didn't say anything, allowing the young man and woman to engage in their little antics; this was precisely what he had hoped to see.

Only when he noticed that Chu Qianqian was too shy to move and Qin Fang also seemed rather entangled and stationary did the old man finally speak up. He promptly picked up the wine glass in front of him, pulling in the Chu Family members to start drinking together.

The Chu Family members immediately raised their glasses, Qin Fang naturally did the same, and then, tilting his head back, he downed it all in one go—as did the still blushing Chu Qianqian, displaying quite the heroic drinking spirit.

"Xiao Qin, this old man is getting on in years and two glasses are really my limit, so I can't drink with you much more...."

Elder Chu stopped after that glass; he was getting old and his alcohol consumption was restricted, making Qin Fang worry about him as he watched the old man finish off two glasses.

"Grandpa Chu, you're too polite...."

Qin Fang hastened to respond, but before he could finish, Elder Chu continued, "However, as you've come to visit our Chu Family today, you absolutely can't be too rude. We must make sure you enjoy your drinks, so I'll have them take my place to accompany you properly...."

Elder Chu pointed to the twenty or so sons and daughters-in-law, daughters and sons-in-law, and a few grandchildren sitting around the table and said....

"Rest assured, they'll definitely keep the drinks coming; if they're not enough, there are a few more outside that can join..."

Elder Chu was clearly not satisfied yet, the twenty or so at the table not enough for him, actually counting on additional people outside, potentially doubling the number.

"Elder Chu, are you really..."

Qin Fang wore a bitter smile, feeling that this old man really didn't plan on letting him leave standing today; with Chu Family members inside and out totaling around forty or fifty people, even if only half could drink, that's still over twenty people. Although Qin Fang's drinking capacity was impressive, dealing with so many was still quite daunting.

"Xiao Qin, you are a distinguished guest of our Chu Family, and of course, we'll ultimately be one family. Just call me uncle, and this glass is my toast to you.... Thinking back to when I was with your grandpa, that was...."

But before Qin Fang could plead for mercy, someone immediately came over with a drink in hand, talking about old times, none of which Qin Fang had any clue about, but he could only nod in quick agreement and then downed the drink in one go.

"Qianqian girl, pour the drink for Qin Fang..."

Elder Chu didn't let Chu Qianqian sit idle either; he immediately pulled her over to pour drinks for Qin Fang.

At first, she was somewhat reluctant, but seeing the elders of the family coming over one by one to toast to Qin Fang, a brilliant smile like that of blooming flowers quickly appeared on her face.

The drink they were having was white liquor, and being in the northern part of Capital City, although the drinking vessels weren't exactly bowls, the cups they used were still bigger than those used for liquor in the south.

Usually, people wouldn't fill their cups too full with white liquor, mainly for fear of spilling when picking them up, and of course, also for fear of drinking too much in one gulp.

But this time, Chu Qianqian saw an opportunity for revenge, and she filled Qin Fang's cup to the brim as soon as he finished a cup; it was truly filled to the level almost flush with the rim.

With many people from the Chu family taking turns and all drinking in one gulp, even though everyone would say "I'll down it, you do as you please," Qin Fang couldn't just watch others down it and merely sip a little himself, so he ended up downing one full cup after another...

It wasn't even a few minutes before Qin Fang had already downed a whole jug of white liquor, with his stomach burning and the high-proof alcohol releasing waves of warmth.

However, this amount of alcohol evidently still wasn't enough to make a big hit on Qin Fang; it didn't make him withdraw at all; instead, it stirred him up even more.

Furthermore, it seemed Qin Fang had locked horns with Chu Qianqian; she poured a cup, and he downed it, she poured another, and he downed it again...this back-and-forth continued.

Although there were many from the Chu family and they took turns, not everyone was actually good with liquor. One or two cups might be nothing, but after three, four, or five cups, it was quite unbearable.

Looking at Qin Fang's side, while others drank one cup per person, he had to drink twenty cups in the same round, and twenty cups of this size nearly amounted to about two jugs...

If it were anyone else, they would have been out cold long ago, but aside from a slight flush on his face, Qin Fang's eyes only grew brighter the more he drank, which indeed impressed the Chu family.

But that was just the first round. Although such drinking prowess did make the Chu family take a second look, it wasn't enough to retreat just yet. So, the second round began...

However, by the end of this round, a few with weaker alcohol tolerance in the Chu family had already begun to retreat, but Qin Fang was still going as strong as before, drinking as if it was water, without showing any signs of drunkenness...

"Great tolerance!!"

The Chu family praised loudly, and so the third round began, with Elder Chu watching from the side, his face wearing a bright smile, showing no intention of stopping it.

In the third round, competitors began to drop out one after another, but Qin Fang continued to stand firm...

The fourth, the fifth round... more and more people dropped out, but Qin Fang was still the same. Chu Qianqian's arm had gone numb from pouring, and in her heart, she kept cursing for Qin Fang to get drunk right away, to fall down right away...

But no matter how she cursed, Qin Fang never fulfilled her wish; instead, it was the Chu family members who kept conceding defeat one by one...

The sixth, the seventh round...

People were dropping out less and less, Qin Fang was drinking less and less each round, but the overall amount was becoming quite terrifying... The Chu family was completely amazed.

They had seen people drink beer as though it was water, finishing a dozen in one go, but what was being drunk now wasn't beer but high-proof white liquor, and it was consumed even more crazily than beer... They were somewhat worried if Qin Fang, drinking so much white liquor, might suffer from alcohol poisoning!

Finally, Qin Fang had defeated the last person at the table...successfully freeing himself! Of course, this was after the best drinker in this group, Tang Cheng, had slipped away earlier. Had Tang Cheng been included, Qin Fang would probably have had to drink even more.

"Xiao Qin, your tolerance..."

Despite this, Qin Fang's drinking ability still shocked Elder Chu tremendously; he estimated roughly that Qin Fang had alone drunk about twelve or thirteen bottles of white liquor.

"Grandpa Chu, I really can't handle any more...if I drink again, I'll have to check into the hospital!"

Seeing Elder Chu's enthusiastic demeanor, seemingly ready to call more people to continue keeping Qin Fang company drinking, Qin Fang quickly begged for mercy in advance.

"Hehe, no more drinking, no more drinking..."

Elder Chu chuckled. In fact, he had wanted to call a halt as soon as he saw Qin Fang dowing each drink, just waiting for Qin Fang to say "I really can't drink anymore," at which point Elder Chu would definitely have decisively ended this drinking bout.

However, Qin Fang had fought through and made everyone at the table concede before he pleaded for mercy; his character was extremely tenacious on this front, much like his grandfather's renowned stubborn temper, and that delighted Elder Chu tremendously...