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Chapter Sixty-Three: The Bai Siblings (Part 1)

The young man in front of Zhuang Rui was about 1.75 meters tall, very handsome, with bright eyes and slightly dark skin that looked healthy, almost as if he had deliberately tanned. His well-fitting clothes didn't look like store-bought; Zhuang Rui had seen many luxury items while working at the pawnshop, and he could tell it was a designer suit, handcrafted from abroad.

"Zhuang Rui, let me introduce you. This is Mr. Bai Meng'an, and this young lady is Bai Meng'an's sister, Bai Mengyao. Um... they are friends that Xuanbing and I met in Hong Kong..."

After everyone entered the guest room, Lei Lei introduced the two strangers who had come with her to Zhuang Rui. However, Lei Lei only introduced their names and did not say much about their backgrounds.

Aside from her alluring and wild attire, Qin Xuanbing remained the same as always, quiet and reserved. The only difference was that she greeted Zhuang Rui upon seeing him, something she had never done before.

"Hello, Mr. Zhuang. Lei Lei and Xuan Bing have mentioned you many times. My sister and I apologize for disturbing you this time."

Bai Meng'an had already put down what she was holding, and then stepped forward and reached out her hand to Zhuang Rui.

Bai Meng'an's encounter with Qin Xuanbing in Nanjing was purely accidental. He was in Nanjing handling some family business matters when his younger sister insisted on coming from Hong Kong to visit. Unexpectedly, his sister spotted Miss Qin, who wasn't home when he visited the Qin family for the New Year earlier, at a restaurant in Nanjing. After receiving the news from his sister, Bai Meng'an naturally wouldn't let the opportunity pass. Upon hearing that they were going to Tibet, he bought two plane tickets and flew over as well.

"It's okay, Lei Lei and I are old classmates, we're all friends, it's just..."

Zhuang Rui's first impression of the young man, who was about his age, was quite good. Judging from his clothes and demeanor, he seemed to come from a well-off family and had received a good education, yet he didn't possess the arrogance typical of wealthy young men, which was quite rare these days. However, as he shook hands with the man, he realized that while the Hummer wasn't too cramped for six people, it wouldn't be very convenient for one man and three women to be in the back.

"Oh? Is there something inconvenient for Mr. Zhuang?"

When Bai Meng'an saw that Zhuang Rui stopped halfway through his sentence and looked troubled, she couldn't help but ask.

"Well, we only brought one car, but there are six of us now, so it might be a bit crowded. But that's okay, as long as Mr. and Ms. Bai don't mind."

Since everyone was young, and the other party's behavior didn't seem like that of Xu Wei, whom he had encountered during the appraisal, who was petty and narrow-minded, Zhuang Rui voiced his concerns.

"Oh, I see. That's alright, Mr. Zhuang. I arranged an SUV before I came. We can sit separately. I certainly won't let the ladies feel uncomfortable."

Bai Meng'an sighed inwardly. Of course he didn't mind, and he was even hoping to squeeze in with Qin Xuanbing, the smaller the space the better. However, before coming, he had already told Qin Xuanbing and Lei Lei that he would find a car to accompany them, so this wish probably couldn't be fulfilled.

However, Bai Meng'an put in a lot of effort for this car. Although his family was wealthy and powerful in Hong Kong, they had not been developing in the mainland for very long. He went through some roundabout ways to borrow a modified Desert Prince off-road vehicle from a client in Chongqing. He also had his own little plan. If the other party's car was not as good as his, then Qin Xuanbing could naturally travel with him.

"Mr. Zhuang, I heard from Sister Xuanxuan and Sister Leilei that you are really good at appraising antiques and have great luck. My brother is such a fool. He has bought a lot of fake things. When can you teach me? By the way, you can call me Yaoyao. That's what my friends call me."

Bai Mengyao, who had been standing next to Bai Meng'an, was as quiet as a well-bred young lady when she didn't speak. But as soon as she opened her mouth, she immediately became mischievous and clever, especially with the innocent expression on her face. If she entered the entertainment industry, she would definitely be a heartthrob. However, apart from Bai Meng'an, no one noticed the cunning in Bai Mengyao's eyes.

The siblings' Mandarin had a slight Cantonese accent, which was much better than many Hong Kong people who couldn't understand Mandarin. In addition, Cantonese is somewhat similar to Suzhou dialect, so Bai Mengyao's voice was soft and pleasant to listen to.

Zhuang Rui smiled wryly to himself upon hearing this. It was somewhat believable that Lei Lei was praising him, but Qin Xuanbing was probably implying that he was just lucky. However, he also had a good impression of this girl who was full of youthful energy, and said, "Your sister Xuanxuan is right, I really am lucky. If we have the chance next time, let's try our luck together. Um, you don't need to call me 'sir' anymore. We're all young people, let's just call each other by our names."

"Okay, okay, then I'll call you Brother Zhuang from now on."

Bai Mengyao very naturally stepped forward and took Zhuang Rui's arm, which made Zhuang Rui's heart skip a beat. Although it was winter and he was wearing a lot of clothes, he still felt an amazing elasticity from the place where his arm touched Bai Mengyao's.

When Qin Xuanbing heard Zhuang Rui mention the name Xuanxuan, her eyes twitched slightly. She glanced at Zhuang Rui and, upon seeing Bai Mengyao's actions, a hint of displeasure flashed in her eyes. She couldn't explain why she felt unhappy seeing Bai Mengyao and Zhuang Rui together.

"Alright, you're all tired today, so let's not go out for dinner. Just have something at the hotel restaurant. Leilei, you guys rest this afternoon and we'll leave tonight. Mr. Bai's car should arrive tonight, right?"

Liu Chuan had been waiting for the plane all morning and was starving. It was only because Lei Lei had come that he was so eager to pick up anyone else, even his own father.

It was almost one o'clock in the afternoon, and the group nodded in agreement, stood up, and walked outside.

Jinjiang Hotel is also a long-established five-star hotel. Accommodation is only one part of its business. It also has businesses such as gyms, nightclubs, saunas, and restaurants. Liu Chuan's room was on the sixth floor, but the hotel restaurant was on the twelfth floor, so they had to take the elevator to the twelfth floor to dine.

After the elevator reached the sixth floor, Bai Meng'an immediately took the lead, entered the elevator, and pressed the open button. She only released her finger after Liu Chuan, who was walking at the back, entered the elevator, showing great gentlemanly manners.

However, Liu Chuan didn't appreciate it at all. He muttered to himself, and judging from his mouth, he was saying "sycophant." Now, whenever he sees a man around Lei Lei, he immediately becomes like a male penguin in heat, full of fighting spirit, without ever considering whether the man is there for Lei Lei.

Zhuang Rui, however, saw a true gentlemanly demeanor in Bai Meng'an. A gentleman is not someone who is handsome or rich. He can simply learn to open car doors, pull out chairs, and show off a few tricks in front of women he is interested in to create a perfect man's performance.

Gentlemen are a special group that evolved from the hereditary aristocracy in British history, and gentlemanly conduct is a product of profound cultural accumulation. Its spirit encompasses all aspects of speech, behavior, life values, and lifestyle. It is an inner quality that comes from the heart. This spiritual quality is actually very similar to the connotation of the Chinese "gentleman". However, for some reason, this gentlemanly quality has changed in modern Eastern society. Often, some playboys or nouveau riche open car doors for women and think they are gentlemen.

Zhuang Rui had an excellent upbringing. Although he didn't have the subtle influence of a large family, his calm confidence, honesty, and integrity made him appear very magnanimous in any situation. However, in the eyes of some women, this was seen as petty. At least Qin Xuanbing thought so in the elevator because Zhuang Rui consciously stood behind Bai Mengyao instead of standing next to her when he entered the elevator.

Actually, Qin Xuanbing hadn't originally planned this trip to Tibet. She had devised a plan in Nanjing and was just about to implement it when she unfortunately ran into Bai Mengyao and attracted her brother's attention. Helpless, she came to Chengdu with Lei Lei, hoping to avoid this person. However, she underestimated Bai Meng'an. After finding out, he also bought two tickets for the same flight and followed her with his little sister. Qin Xuanbing's family and Bai Meng'an's family had a special relationship, so she had no choice but to let him come along.

Qin Xuanbing's family company and Bai Meng'an's family have had numerous collaborations in various fields over the years. The two have known each other since childhood, but they stopped seeing each other after Qin Xuanbing went to study in the UK. When Qin Xuanbing returned to Hong Kong, Bai Meng'an, who had already taken control of part of the family business, immediately began to pursue her.

Bai Meng'an is a very sincere person and does not have the spoiled habits of those playboys. In addition, due to their childhood friendship and the relationship between their families, Qin Xuanbing, although she has no feelings for Bai Meng'an, can be considered one of her few friends. However, in the eyes of the elders of both families, he has become a good son and daughter-in-law. Qin Xuanbing's trip to the mainland this time is largely because she is afraid that her elders will agree to the marriage proposal between the two families during the New Year.