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Chapter Sixty-Four: The Bai Siblings (Part Two)

As Zhuang Rui and his group entered the restaurant, they immediately attracted a lot of attention.

Liu Chuan is a full 1.85 meters tall with a robust and burly build. Bai Meng'an, on the other hand, is the most handsome of the three men. Lei Lei had just jokingly asked him why he didn't apply to the Hong Kong TVB acting class. Zhuang Rui, although not particularly handsome, is a natural clothes hanger and looks good in anything. He also has a very special aura.

As for the three female companions, Qin Xuanbing's appearance would definitely be considered a stunning beauty in ancient times, capable of causing the downfall of a nation. Lei Lei was only slightly inferior. Bai Mengyao, who exuded youthful vitality, had a different kind of charm. This combination of three young men with three women who could be described as having the beauty of a nation immediately made the previously noisy restaurant quiet.

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Perhaps the people in the restaurant didn't want to be impolite in front of Qin Xuanbing and the other beauties, because after they entered, every customer became very polite. And with Liu Chuan, that big guy whose face practically screamed "I'm not a good person," by their side, no one bothered them.

The meal proceeded smoothly. Bai Meng'an was adept at creating a pleasant atmosphere, never neglecting anyone at the table. Even Liu Chuan, who had initially seemed uncomfortable with him, began to treat him like a brother after the meal, demonstrating Bai Meng'an's skillful interpersonal relationships.

Bai Mengyao kept calling Zhuang Rui "brother," and kept asking about the characteristics of Sichuan cuisine. Anyone who didn't know better would think Zhuang Rui was her biological brother. Even Liu Chuan, who was usually carefree, sensed something was off and his gaze towards the two became somewhat amused.

After dinner, Liu Chuan booked two more rooms. Since they would be driving that night, and the road would be very difficult to travel after passing Ya'an and entering the Tibetan area, requiring the driver to be highly focused, Liu Chuan didn't bother Lei Lei, and everyone went back to their rooms to rest.

"Hey bro, your rival's come knocking on your door, and you're just sitting there doing nothing? You're destined to be a bachelor for life. But seriously, Bai Mengyao seems to have a thing for you."

As Liu Chuan lay in bed, seeing Zhuang Rui's leisurely demeanor, he felt a sense of utter helplessness.

"Alright, you scoundrel, stop talking nonsense. I have no feelings for Qin Xuanbing. As for Bai Mengyao, what do you think her purpose was in those actions..."

At first, Zhuang Rui simply thought that Bai Mengyao was just like that. But after returning to his room and reflecting on it, he realized that wasn't the case. Could a woman from a prestigious family really be so naive? Considering Bai Meng'an's purpose in coming here, Zhuang Rui understood a bit more. It seemed that Yao Yao had already regarded him as her brother's imaginary rival.

However, Zhuang Rui wasn't disappointed. He was just an ordinary person and didn't need to rely on women for a living. How much money they had, what their status was—it didn't matter. It was just that these four extra people on this trip to Tibet had made Zhuang Rui somewhat expectant.

"After I accompany you on this trip, I'll go back to work in Zhonghai. What happens to Qin Xuanbing is none of my business, but that Bai Meng'an seems like a nice person..."

Zhuang Rui then told Liu Chuan that he had once set a standard for choosing a partner: the other person must be filial to his mother. Judging from Qin Xuanbing's appearance, she was probably not the kind of person who would do housework. Therefore, Zhuang Rui had always kept his distance from her. Even after the treasure appraisal incident, when Qin Xuanbing became a little more enthusiastic towards him, Zhuang Rui had no intention of taking advantage of her.

"You... never mind, I'm just being a busybody, what does it have to do with me? I don't care anymore."

Liu Chuan was surprised that Zhuang Rui would actually praise Bai Meng'an. Although his feelings for Bai Meng'an had changed, he still thought that his brother was more important than him. In a fit of anger, Liu Chuan pulled the covers over his head and went to dream about being intimate with Lei Lei.

Zhuang Rui didn't sleep. He was looking at maps of Sichuan and Tibet. According to Liu Chuan's plan, there was no need to go to the slightly larger autonomous prefectures and districts, because purebred Tibetan mastiffs had basically disappeared in those places. Even if they did, they would be extremely expensive. The 500,000 coins offered by the Song army probably wouldn't be enough to buy one.

Therefore, the points marked by Liu Chuan on the map are all sparsely populated pastoral areas. In these places, the local residents have very little contact with the outside world, and the mastiffs they raise are rarely crossbred with other sheepdogs, making them the purest and most likely to produce good mastiffs. However, these places are adjacent to the uninhabited grasslands, which are the most harsh natural environments in Tibet.

Zhuang Rui had often seen reports on TV or in newspapers about famous explorers disappearing in the uninhabited areas of Tibet. He had no intention of performing the heroic feat of crossing the Tibetan Plateau. His real goal was to see the grassland scenery, learn about Tibetan Buddhism, help Liu Chuan buy a good Tibetan Mastiff, and return home safely.

Liu Chuan booked a suite for Lei Lei and the others, which had two rooms. However, Bai Mengyao was not in the suite at the moment, but was having a conversation in Bai Meng'an's room next door.

"Boss, I did a great job just now, right? Sister Xuanxuan definitely won't be interested in my target anymore. I've taken care of your biggest rival for love. When we get back to Hong Kong, you have to give me that limited edition Ferrari, or I'll expose your scandal in front of Sister Xuanxuan. It seems like someone was dating a minor celebrity last year, hehe."

At this moment, Bai Mengyao was like a little witch, sitting on the sofa in the room without any regard for her image, with her two long legs propped up on the coffee table, threatening her older brother with a wicked smile.

Knowing that his younger sister was difficult to deal with, Bai Meng'an scratched his head in distress. He also had a good impression of Zhuang Rui. Although he had heard that Zhuang Rui came from an ordinary family, he had a very convincing or approachable temperament. His attitude towards Qin Xuanbing, Lei Lei and his own siblings was neither overly enthusiastic nor very cold.

Bai Meng'an could tell that Zhuang Rui genuinely considered them all as friends. Of course, it was far from the level of his relationship with Liu Chuan. Friendships deepen through continuous interaction, and those so-called stories of instant rapport and then becoming bosom buddies are just stories.

After realizing the relationship between Zhuang Rui and Qin Xuanbing, Bai Meng'an no longer considered Zhuang Rui a rival in love. Moreover, even if Zhuang Rui was interested in Qin Xuanbing, Bai Meng'an didn't care much. After all, in some large families, children's marriages are not something one can decide at will. Of course, Bai Meng'an did not use family marriage to force Qin Xuanbing.

In Bai Meng'an's view, pursuing Qin Xuanbing was a very interesting thing, and given Qin Xuanbing's own qualities, it was worth the effort. As for the minor celebrity his sister mentioned, he didn't care much. Bai Meng'an's reputation in Hong Kong has always been very good, and it's understandable that he occasionally has some gossip.

However, this younger sister was a real headache for Bai Meng'an. This little devil was always very well-behaved and likable in front of others, but once you got to know her better, you would know her true personality. Those self-proclaimed cunning young men in Hong Kong suffered a lot at Bai Mengyao's hands, and over time, fewer and fewer people pursued her.

Even Qin Xuanbing asked Bai Meng'an why no men were pursuing Bai Mengyao, to which Bai Meng'an could only smile wryly and remain silent.