LONGEVITY CHRONICLES

Chapter 5 4 Book Ship and Fishing_2

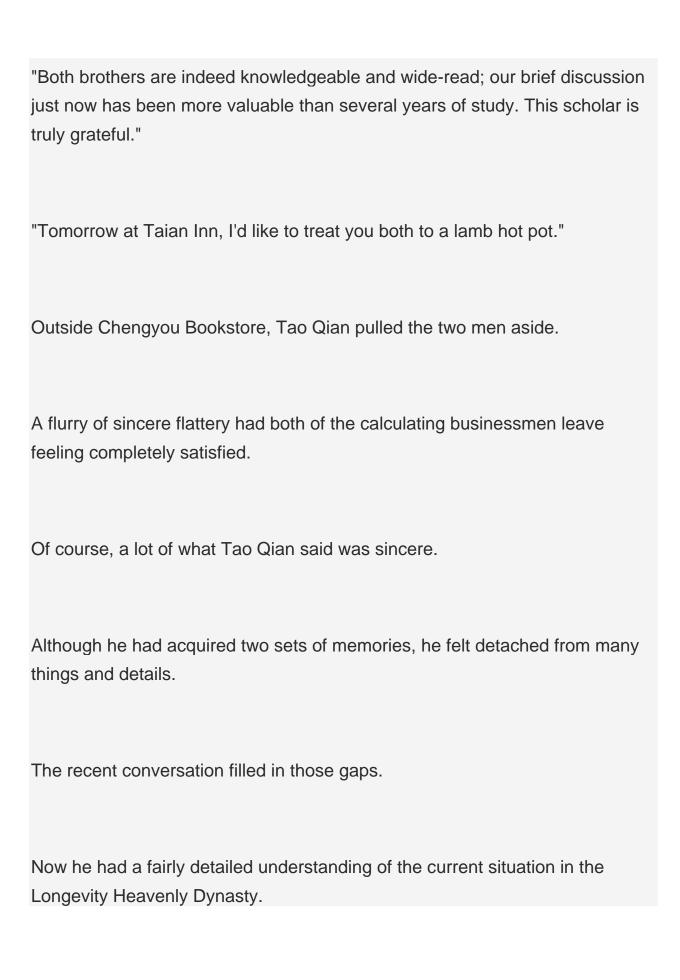
Li Sanyu finished speaking and Jia Qiang, pinching his goatee, nodded in agreement.

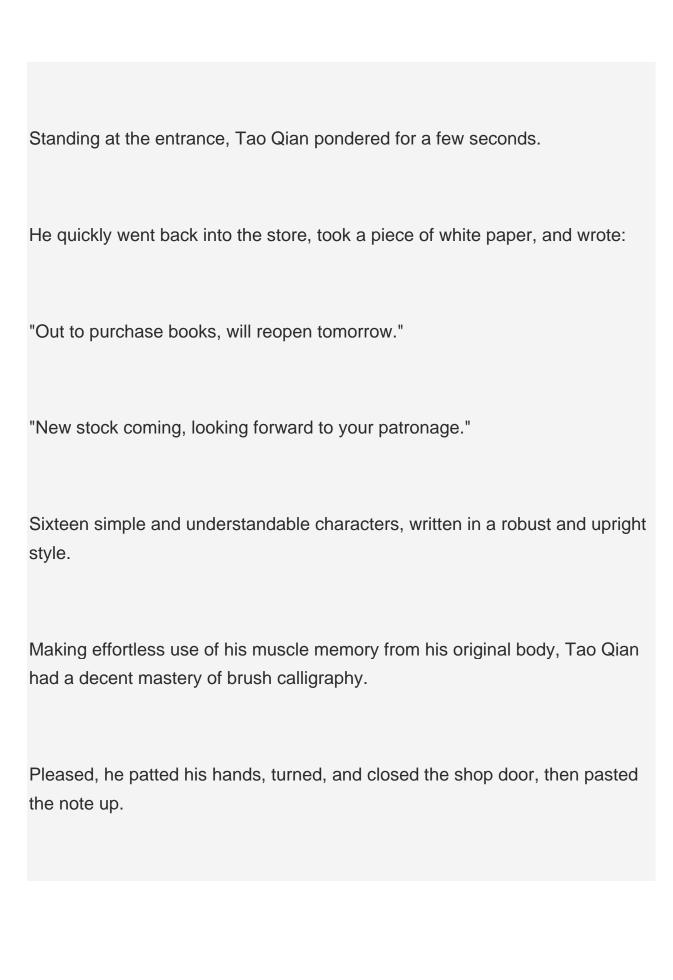
Then, with an even prouder look on his face, he said aloud, "Boss Li, your approach is prudent, but I think you can try something more stimulating."

"You know, because of those two unsuccessful wars, the court has a number of young officials starting some kind of Western movement, saying they want to learn all the heretical Western theories and secret skills to enrich the knowledge base of Tian Chao."

"We don't need to concern ourselves with the grand designs of those government masters, just know that even in Seeking Immortal County, there are many people interested in those Western heresies."

"As the saying goes, cater to their interests. If you import some translated Western books, you are guaranteed to have a unique product in the city, with no worries about sales."
"But you have to act fast, I've got some insider news for you."
"The newly appointed Governor of Southern Yue, Mr. Ji, recently defeated a group of the 'Taiping Rebel Army' and then annihilated a faction of the 'Devil God Army'. His reputation is flourishing, and his authority is wide."
"He, impressed by the novel Western weapons and theories, has instructed his nephew to set up a new 'Dexing Bookstore' and translated and printed a batch of Western books. When you go to the book market, you should inquire about it. If you can pre-order some, the profits should be considerable."
"Right, in addition to this tactic, there are also magazine girls and vulgar banned books, two sure ways to make money. If you are willing to let go of your old-fashioned ways, you can try them too."





He didn't need to tidy up further; after all, his total worth was "9.9 yuan and 53 copper coins," all of which he carried in his bosom.
After checking that nothing was left behind, Tao Qian identified the direction and casually walked towards the real hub of activity in Seeking Immortal County, called "Seeking Immortal Pier."
He wasn't going there for manual labor like hauling bricks or cargo, but to stock up.
It was quite incredible.
But indeed, the book market of Seeking Immortal County was located at the pier.
Not only books, but trading centers for things like major agricultural produce, salt, iron, coal, and even some physical trades were also situated there.
Seeking Immortal County was, in fact, a relatively bustling port town.

Of course, it's called a "book market." Essentially, it was just that several large Book Ships from the provincial capital would dock in Seeking Immortal County on specific occasions. The time was neither too long nor too short, just enough for the seven or eight major and minor bookstores and bookshops in the county to board the ships for purchasing; occasionally, shop owners from little bookstores from towns ten or eight miles away would also go. The so-called Book Ship, naturally, refers to a boat specializing in selling books. This was one of the unique features of the province. The publishing and printing industry in the capital was extremely developed, and given the much more convenient waterways over land routes, this gave rise to the special commodity known as "Book Ships." Periodically, vessels laden with books would depart the capital and pass through various ports, distributing various types of books and newspapers

throughout the province, through the hands of bookstore owners and others with "book tokens."
The schedule was not very fixed; sometimes it was every few days, sometimes even every fortnight.
However, from the memories of his past life, he knew that recently, the Book Ships had set sail almost every day.
Moreover, it wasn't just book trading.
Other aspects had become especially prosperous and active.
This seemed somewhat contradictory, as warlords were rising everywhere and rebellions rampant. The court obviously showed signs of decline, so why had things become even more flourishing?
A last burst of vitality before death?

