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Chapter 1781 Emergency Landing in Yunbei City

Under Bai Xiaosheng's acupuncture treatment, the little boy's condition finally stabilized. When Bai Xiaosheng removed the needles and stood up, passengers and crew around him applauded thunderously.

The single mother held her son, crying tears of joy, and kept saying thank you to Bai Xiaosheng.

The man named Dong smiled, giving Bai Xiaosheng a thumbs up.

Chen Feiyu looked at Bai Xiaosheng with shining eyes, clapping hard along with others.

Lei Ying and Lin Weiwei smiled, not too surprised. After all, Bai Xiaosheng had brought them many such surprises.

The bespectacled doctor was full of shock and immediately went to examine the little boy, showing an expression of disbelief.

His reaction was clearly seen by the surrounding passengers.

"That guy with glasses, he's a doctor, yet he's not even as good as a Chinese medicine enthusiast!"

"If he had succeeded in stopping just now, the child would have been in danger. Luckily, he didn't!"

"Quack doctor! How many people like him have delayed how many patients!"

"Hey, don't be too hard on him, he tried his best, just his skills are limited..."

Several people around spoke in low voices, mocking the bespectacled man, as if he were the culprit of the child's illness, like a villain.

The bespectacled man seemed to turn a deaf ear, seeing the child was fine, he let out a breath of relief, nodded slightly at Bai Xiaosheng, then silently turned and left.

This attitude made Bai Xiaosheng feel much better about him.

"Everyone return to your seats and remain quiet. This child needs rest; his condition is only temporarily relieved and still needs medical attention." Bai Xiaosheng said loudly.

The surrounding passengers nodded immediately and dispersed.

"Weiwei, you guys take care of them!" Bai Xiaosheng gestured towards the mother and child, speaking to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Then he stepped towards the direction the bespectacled man left.

The bespectacled man had just exited first class when Bai Xiaosheng caught up to him.

"Friend." Bai Xiaosheng called out to him.

The bespectacled man turned around in confusion, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, and asked with a smile, "Is there something?"

Even after enduring groundless accusations and insults, he remained calm, an admirable demeanor! Bai Xiaosheng secretly gave him a thumbs up.

Even though the bespectacled man argued with him in public, it was because he didn't know him, and also for the sake of the patient. Imagine if Bai was a quack, full of confidence, recklessly acting, the child would suffer, and it might even lead to danger.

Aside from his slight prejudice against Chinese medicine, which was a bit distasteful, the rest was fine.

What Bai Xiaosheng appreciated even more was his self-restraint in facing the crowd's misunderstanding, even mockery, and not arguing stubbornly with everyone. Even towards him, the bespectacled man later showed respect.

For such a person, Bai Xiaosheng wanted to say a few more words, even if it was a trivial affirmation.

"Actually, your handling was the most prudent. The criticism from others is just an emotional outburst post-event, don't take it to heart." Bai Xiaosheng said sincerely.

The bespectacled man looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise and seriousness, then smiled, "Did you specifically come to tell me this?"

"Let's just say I couldn't resist speaking up." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

The bespectacled man's smile was warm.

"Thank you for telling me this." The bespectacled man said earnestly, "Actually, my method was conservative and cautious, but the child's situation was not optimistic, which was a bit like leaving it to fate. Had I known you were a... master in medicine, I wouldn't have stopped. As for the gossip, if I took it all to heart, it would be exhausting to live."

The bespectacled man was genuine and open-minded, and Bai Xiaosheng really liked people like him.

"A true healer is not afraid of gossip, only of being powerless!" The bespectacled man said with earnestness, then smiled, "Of course, I thank you for affirming and supporting me. Let's get to know each other..."

With that, the bespectacled man reached out his hand with a smile, "Mo Ziyue."

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled and extended his hand, "Bai Xiaosheng."

The two shook hands, smiling at each other.

“With you over there, I’m at ease. I’ll head back to my seat now, let’s meet again if we have the chance.”
Mo Ziyue said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and turned back.

When he returned to first class, Bai Xiaosheng found that everyone looked at him with awe.

So young, so capable, surely from a family of medical practitioners.

Some even left their seats to give Bai Xiaosheng their business cards, and some approached to seek medical advice.

Bai Xiaosheng courteously declined them all.

Someone even came up to say their boss had an ailment, and if Bai Xiaosheng could help, he would get a ten thousand fee for the trouble.

This made Bai Xiaosheng find it both funny and frustrating.

He was the Executive President of Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region, having just secured a trillion-scale long-term cooperation, would he care about ten thousand?

Besides, he wasn’t really a doctor, while he could help in emergencies, actual medical practice was not his field.

After Bai Xiaosheng firmly refused, the people finally quieted down.

Bai Xiaosheng walked to the little boy, whose condition had stabilized, he should be fine until they could get to a hospital after landing.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were nearby, without much to do, so Bai Xiaosheng told them to return first.

The grateful mother saw Bai Xiaosheng and expressed her thanks again.

"I'm just in front; call me if the child has any issues." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The grateful mother nodded repeatedly, full of gratitude in her eyes.

The man named Dong came from the direction of the cockpit, saw Bai Xiaosheng, and smiled, "Brother, you were amazing just now!"

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Bai Xiaosheng appreciated his earlier performance too, and gave him a smile, "Did you go to the front? What did the crew say?"

"In twenty minutes, we'll make an emergency landing in Yunbei City. The airline will arrange for the next flight for us, but it'll be tomorrow." Dong shrugged, "That's the situation, basically."

Emergency landing is a term for when a plane can't or shouldn't fly to the destination airport, or the destination airport is not suitable for landing, and it must land at another airport.

Reasons for an emergency landing also include situations such as a passenger falling seriously ill.

Lives are at stake, and when a child faces such issues, no one wishes to see it happen, so an emergency landing is unavoidable.

Fortunately, the passengers on the plane are all kind-hearted, and being aware that it's about a lively life, no one caused a fuss, which is good.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, said goodbye to Dong, and then returned to his seat.

When he went back, Bai Xiaosheng saw that Chen Feiyu's beautiful eyes were following him, he was puzzled and looked over, wondering what was worth being stared at by her like that.

"I didn't expect you're a master!" Once Bai Xiaosheng sat down, Chen Feiyu still stared at him, and said softly, "Watching your movements steady as a pine tree, and your needle maneuvering as smooth as flowing clouds, you wouldn't happen to be a master of hidden weapons, or internal martial arts, some descendant of an ancient, concealed family, would you?"

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback, then found it amusing, "Miss Chen, maybe you should read fewer martial arts novels in the future!"

"Seriously though, do you practice internal energy or Qi cultivation?" Chen Feiyu smiled.

"Fantasy novels, don't read those either!"

Even though Bai Xiaosheng denied it repeatedly, Chen Feiyu's interest in him was piqued.

"I feel you're a practitioner too, don't deny it, then we'd be comrades. Why don't we have a sparring session when we get off the plane?" Chen Feiyu said with interest, "Perhaps we could... become friends through martial arts!"

Bai Xiaosheng was speechless, truly unsure whether those passionate about martial arts were all fanatics, what era is it, still playing 'making friends through martial arts'...

"I have a companion, if you want to become friends through martial arts, I'll talk to him..." Bai Xiaosheng planned to have Lei Ying take his place.

As a result, Chen Feiyu wasn't buying it at all.

“That big guy, I’m not in the same weight class as him, no point in sparring. I’m much more interested in you!”

“You’re basically saying you find me easy to bully. But honestly, I’m not as impressive as you think, if you find hitting people satisfying, and insist on punching me, and I can’t dodge it, then I’ll just consider myself unlucky.” Bai Xiaosheng shrugged with a smile.

By saying this, surely this beautiful lady wouldn’t continue to pester him!

Chen Feiyu smiled, gave Bai Xiaosheng a deep look, and said no more.

However, the eagerness in her eyes seemed not to have subsided. Bai Xiaosheng pretended not to see.

Twenty minutes later, the plane landed.

Through the cabin window, Bai Xiaosheng saw this northeastern city – Yunbei City.

Once the plane landed and taxied to the stand, the ambulance arranged by the airport was already waiting in the designated area, and medical staff promptly came to take away the stylish mother and child duo.

And Bai Xiaosheng and the other passengers were also guided off the plane to a small hall in the airport terminal.

Several airline staff dressed as executives came to explain the situation to them.

The airline will handle accommodation arrangements. Given the large number of people, some will be diverted to hotels near the airport. The next flight is at 2 PM tomorrow. If passengers are in a hurry, they can take flights from other airlines, which can be discussed in detail.

It’s undeniable that this domestic airline truly goes out of its way in handling things.

In fact, this rare event — “plane making an emergency landing to treat a sick customer” — really is an excellent advertisement.

They naturally want to do it perfectly.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two had no objections, as they could contact home anytime, do internet work, phone work, and being back in the country feels just like being home.

When Bai Xiaosheng and some others were being taken to the hotel, Bai Xiaosheng unexpectedly discovered that Dong and Chen Feiyu were with them too.

“Fate, this definitely is fate, wouldn’t you agree, beauty!”

Dong ran over to Lin Weiwei’s side, grinned, contrasting starkly with the “serious person” image he portrayed on the plane.

“Indeed, this really is fate!”

But before Dong could be happy for even two seconds, someone grabbed his neck. The arm was muscular, thick, and strong, almost as big as his calf.

Dong struggled in terror, looking at Lei Ying who was smiling at him from up close, but to him it seemed like a sinister smile, and his smile vanished.

Dong quickly sought refuge in the gaze from either Chen Feiyu or Bai Xiaosheng, only to find the two were instead walking away side by side.

“Brother, don’t be like this... let up a bit, your grip’s too strong... I can’t breathe.” Dong pleaded with a bitter face.

Lei Ying smiled a little and actually eased his grip, putting his arm around this restless guy as they walked forward.

Lin Weiwei walked laughing beside Lei Ying.

“What’s your name, brother?” Lei Ying asked Dong politely.

Dong dared not refuse to answer, hurriedly squeezed out a smile, “Little brother, Dong Tianxiu.”

The name caught Lei Ying by surprise.

Is this a man’s name, it sounds like a woman’s.

Lin Weiwei beside him giggled, then quickly apologized, “Sorry, couldn’t hold back, I wasn’t laughing at you, I just couldn’t hold back...”

Dong Tianxiu looked at Lin Weiwei gloomily and explained, “Actually, I feel this name suits me quite well, I’m more introverted as a person. Moreover, when my parents named me back then, they didn’t consult me, found some kind of master who said the name would ensure I’m sheltered from rain and storms, peaceful life, that old fellow, bought into his nonsense, so bad...”

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Lin Weiwei laughed even harder.

Lei Ying maintained his composure with great effort, not laughing, and even sympathetically patted Dong Tianxiu’s shoulder, “Actually, I think this name is okay.”

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Eventually, Bai Xiaosheng and the others were settled into a hotel, with standard twin rooms. Chen Feiyu and Lin Weiwei shared one, Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying shared another, Dong Tianxiu and another passenger shared one as well, all next to each other, convenient.

It's only two in the afternoon now, and the next flight is at this time tomorrow. Although the airline staff advised not to delay much, staying in the hotel for an entire day isn't ideal. So Bai Xiaosheng and the others decided to go out shopping.

Originally, Lin Weiwei wanted to invite Chen Feiyu, but thinking Dong Tianxiu would tag along too, the excitement was dampened.

So, they went out as a trio.

Yunbei City was originally an old industrial area in the northeast, but in recent years, with industrial transformation and a series of measures like energy saving and emission reduction, the environment here has become excellent — azure skies and white clouds, looking especially pleasant.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others strolled through the streets, tasting local delicacies, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Upon hearing there's an ecological park nearby, the trio even went for a visit.

During this time, Bai Xiaosheng made a phone call to Xiahou Qi, explaining their current situation.

Elder Xia was very open-minded, and laughed on the phone, "Just consider it a day off for you all, I have things covered here!"

Currently, the collaboration between the Greater China Region and the Luo Family is as significant as signing those hundred-plus key contracts with the European region, and the old man delightedly felt his "workaholic illness" might make a comeback.

Bai Xiaosheng earnestly reminded him not to overwork, assuring him to wait for the business group and himself to return before starting work.

On the phone, Xiahou Qi agreed wholeheartedly.

Still worried, Bai Xiaosheng also called Wang Mubei, asking him to closely monitor and not let Elder Xia overwork.

With Wang Mubei's promise, Bai Xiaosheng was finally at ease.

Considering he's only been the Executive President of the Greater China Region for half a year and has signed dual major contracts with both the European region and the Luo Family, greatly benefiting his side, Bai Xiaosheng felt invigorated.

Whether it's his path to succession or redeeming Wei Xuelian's youthful freedom, everything is making great strides toward success.

Continuing at this pace, it won't take long, a year or a year and a half, let's see how the Greater China Region transforms!

By then, my scores will skyrocket, and I'll be the fastest-promoted large region president!

The more Bai Xiaosheng thought about it, the more excited and ambitious he became, even his steps were firm and vigorous while exploring.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying knew why Bai Xiaosheng was happy and joyfully accompanied him.

They wandered straight for three hours, returning to the hotel at five in the afternoon.

At the hotel entrance, after getting out of the cab, Lin Weiwei suddenly remembered passing a nearby alley on their way out, where they found a local specialty pastry shop with great flavors; she wanted to buy more to bring back.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying decided to accompany her to buy.

The trio threaded through the streets and alleys, taking twists and turns, and quickly arrived.

After buying pastries, the shop owner mentioned another road on the other side could also lead back to the hotel, much closer and without detours, so the trio took the alternate path.

As a result, after walking a bit, they suddenly heard faint sounds of yelling and shouting from a side road.

There was even the sound of a fight.

The three were surprised and exchanged glances, thinking it might be some street toughs fighting, and decided not to interfere.

Until they heard a shout, “Don’t hold me back, get behind me, don’t be a hindrance! I can handle them myself!”

Soon the voice got louder, “Come over here! You bunch of trash, I, Chen Feiyu, don’t consider you a threat!”

Chen Feiyu?!

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying immediately stared at each other in shock.

How did she end up here, fighting with someone?

Where’s Dong Tianxiu?

The one holding back Chen Feiyu, causing trouble, could it be him?

“Let’s go check it out!” Bai Xiaosheng decisively said.

Then he took the lead, striding toward the scene.

Chapter 1784: Chen Feiyu in Trouble

Bai Xiaosheng led Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying quickly into that side road, walked further, turned a corner, and saw the end of the street. It was a secluded square, some distance away from them.

But because the angle was direct and the visibility was good, they could clearly see a group of people at the corner of the square.

To be precise, about five or six men had cornered two women.

Those five or six men held batons and baseball bats, cursing and looking like nothing but trouble.

The two women surrounded, Bai Xiaosheng looked through the gaps in the crowd from afar. One was Chen Feiyu, and the other he didn't recognize, but she was also quite attractive. At this moment, she was clinging to Chen Feiyu's right arm, hiding behind her with a face full of fear.

Turns out, the one dragging behind this time wasn't Dong Tianxiu.

Unconsciously, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions all had the same thought.

Although they weren't very familiar with Dong Tianxiu, they all just assumed that the guy usually caused trouble and dragged his feet...

If Dong Tianxiu knew how Bai Xiaosheng and the others viewed him, he would definitely wail in protest, thinking it was so unfair...

"Young girl, you sure pack a punch. That kick to your brother really hurts like hell! You want to step out, huh? Then you better not think about getting out of here today!" someone yelled.

"Little coquette, just wait till we catch you, see how we torment you, you'll wish for death this time!" someone else shouted excitedly.

“That’s right, sweetie, we’ll make sure you enjoy it! You’ll be in delightful pain!” someone laughed wildly.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions heard clearly.

Lin Weiwei’s face turned red, spat angrily, “A bunch of scoundrels!”

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged a glance, their eyes filled with icy coldness.

Such matters, they couldn’t just sit by and ignore!

Hearing these filthy words, they simultaneously decided that when they helped, they’d make sure to hit hard...

However, at that moment, the situation suddenly changed.

From an alley on that side, a person rushed out, shouting, “Stop it, you hear me!? I’ve already called the police!”

Bai Xiaosheng and the others looked from a distance; it was actually Dong Tianxiu.

Seeing him appear, however, Chen Feiyu didn’t feel moved; instead, she shouted, “What are you doing here! Get out of here!”

Dong Tianxiu was good at flirting, but fighting really wasn’t his strength.

“Feiyu, don’t panic, I already called the police, they’ll be here soon!”

Dong Tianxiu shouted confidently.

That shout caused the group surrounding Chen Feiyu to send two of them rushing towards him.

Dong Tianxiu seemed panicked but didn't flee.

"So you called the cops, huh, kid!"

"Catch you, and won't that feisty girl be within our grasp?!"

As the two approached, they laughed sinisterly.

Dong Tianxiu was suddenly flustered, shouting, "I, I really called the police, they'll be here soon, you can still leave now!"

"We might make it, but you, too late!"

One of the two went up and swung a baton.

Dong Tianxiu hurriedly blocked, but the baton struck his arm, and he yelped in pain.

The other man kicked him down and pinned him.

From afar, Bai Xiaosheng and his friends looked on speechlessly.

Dong Tianxiu was truly a teammate sent to be beaten...

However, to his credit, he showed courage, standing up the first moment Chen Feiyu was in danger, regardless of whether he could fight or not.

As a man, he showed some responsibility.

Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit more favorable towards him.

One time it was saving a little boy on the plane, and now this, Dong Tianxiu had redeeming qualities.

Looking at those street thugs, Bai Xiaosheng frowned.

They were too rampant!

Chen Feiyu, seeing Dong Tianxiu indeed not running and getting caught within seconds, became anxious and was about to shake off the woman holding her, rushing over to rescue him.

This momentary opening was spotted by a baton-wielding guy who seemed to see a chance and charged fiercely.

Chen Feiyu, being held by the arm, was in a very unfavorable position and distracted by Dong Tianxiu, realized someone was attacking her but still reacted swiftly. A leg kicked up violently, delivering a rapid series of three kicks likened to a storm, too fast to guard against.

“Beautiful!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s and Lei Ying’s eyes involuntarily lit up, and Lin Weiwei also exclaimed.

The one trying to sneak attack Chen Feiyu didn’t even touch her hem and was kicked straight in the head and side; one foot hit the abdomen, sending him sprawling.

Seeing her skills, if she fought freely, those five or six thugs wouldn’t be a match for her at all.

But then again, things changed abruptly.

The woman holding Chen Feiyu's arm suddenly sprang into action, kicking her other leg's calf.

"Ah!" Chen Feiyu hadn't expected that this woman would strike at her, cried out in pain, stumbled, and was subsequently seized around the waist by the woman.

"Come over here and hold this little bitch down!" the woman shrieked.

The group swarmed, hands grabbed Chen Feiyu's arms, pressing her on one knee, unable to move.

Someone took out ties, securely binding her thumbs. Though only her thumbs were bound, she couldn't struggle free.

"You!" Chen Feiyu was a mix of anger and shock, glaring at the woman.

"Little bitch, you are fierce, huh? That one you kicked was my brother!" The once fragile-looking woman sneered, walking forward and slapping Chen Feiyu, leaving a clear five-finger mark on her fair cheek.

Chen Feiyu glared at her angrily.

Meanwhile, the two also dragged Dong Tianxiu over.

Seeing Chen Feiyu get hit, Dong Tianxiu angrily shouted, "You bastards, daring to hit her! Do you know who I am? If you dare touch us, I'll make you pay!"

Saying this, Dong Tianxiu's aura completely changed.

But just for that, he received a punch to the abdomen, doubling over in pain.

Someone laughed heartily, "I know, you're God! Come on, let's see how you'll make us pay."

The crowd burst into laughter.

Dong Tianxiu sucked in a breath through his teeth in pain, but remained silent, staring at them menacingly.

“Take these two away, that guy must be a rich one, and even has a bodyguard. As for the woman, hehe...” the woman sneered.

This sentence made Dong Tianxiu’s face change suddenly.

Chen Feiyu remained silent, her gaze fixed intently on them.

As they were about to take the two away, they suddenly noticed three people coming out of an alley behind them.

Two men and a woman.

It was Bai Xiaosheng and his group.

The group was caught off guard, apparently not expecting anyone to be in this ghostly, deserted spot.

The leader of the group raised the baton in his hand, viciously pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, “What are you looking at, scram! This has nothing to do with you!”

“That’s right, we’re catching thieves; these two are thieves!” the woman who had attacked Chen Feiyu shouted immediately.

Shouting thief to catch a thief, this woman was truly cunning.

“Who you’re restraining are our friends,” Bai Xiaosheng said coldly.

Held in the middle, Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu also saw Bai Xiaosheng and the others, their eyes immediately brightening.

“Run, get help!” Dong Tianxiu shouted with all his might, getting punched again.

But Chen Feiyu’s eyes remained bright, exhaling a breath of stale air.

To say nothing of others, she believed Lei Ying wasn’t inferior to herself and had the capability to save them.

“I’m really fired up; I’ll go first?” Lei Ying asked Bai Xiaosheng for permission.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

Without saying another word, Lei Ying rushed towards them.

With his bulk, as he charged forward, it was like a speeding battle tank.

“Get him!”

On the other side, six men—besides the two guarding Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu—immediately four of them charged at him.

Lei Ying lured them aside and started fighting.

“Weiwei, stay here for a moment, I’ll go save them,” Bai Xiaosheng said calmly, then started moving slowly but steadily towards Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu.

Not only Lei Ying, but Bai Xiaosheng was also fuming! Dare to touch his friends? Prepare to die!

Chapter 1785: We're Even Now!

Lei Ying faced off against four men alone, completely fearless. Even if there were twice as many, he wouldn't bat an eye.

Among the four aiming to take down Lei Ying, leading the charge was a big guy whose stature was no less than Lei Ying's—muscular and with a sinister expression, simply terrifying to look at.

The two first made contact, as the big guy swung the baton in his hand, aiming straight for Lei Ying's head.

This was a ruthless man; with this blow, he would have no problem shattering a red brick. If hit on a person's head, it could easily result in split flesh or fractured bones.

Lei Ying watched as the baton came down, utterly unpanicked, not even in a hurry to evade, and at the last moment, he just sidestepped out of harm's way.

Simultaneously, Lei Ying's right hand swung around, his large fan-like hand then slapped the opponent across the face.

A resounding "smack" echoed as the slap hit with explosive force.

The big guy spun in place twice, blood spraying from his mouth into the air, with a pebble-like object splattering onto his comrade's face.

His comrade grabbed it, looked at it, and was stunned.

A molar!

The second guy rushed towards Lei Ying and was similarly slapped away, blood spewing from his mouth.

Next came the third one.

The one who picked up the molar was the fourth, similarly beaten until he saw stars and felt half the teeth in his mouth loosened.

What struck them wasn't a human hand, but clearly a bear's paw!

After landing heavy slaps on each, Lei Ying didn't pursue them but extended a thick finger and beckoned to them coldly, saying, "Come again!"

"Screw you!"

The large man who lost the molar cursed, his face full of ferocity, eyes bloodshot, spraying blood as he yelled. He reached to his waist and withdrew a Butterfly Knife. Within the next second, the knife seemed to come alive in his palm, flipping, shining, and finally transforming into a razor-sharp dagger, or perhaps a bloodthirsty "snake."

However, before the "snake" could dance and pierce Lei Ying, he snatched it away with one hand.

The big guy stood dumbfounded, staring at his empty hand, seemingly having only one thought on his face, "Where's my knife?"

Lei Ying didn't even look, casually flinging the Butterfly Knife behind him; the knife embedded itself accurately into a gap in the red wall several meters away, with half of the blade inserted while the handle trembled uncontrollably.

"You dare play with knives in front of me? I'll show you how to play with knives!" Lei Ying swung his other hand, landing a second slap on the big guy, making him spew blood and retreat.

Meanwhile, the other three seized the opportunity to rush in, planning to attack Lei Ying together, making his two fists unable to fend off four strikes, hoping to beat him down.

Unfortunately, they underestimated Lei Ying and overestimated themselves.

Lei Ying's second wave of powerful slaps made them cry out in agony, their faces swelling.

"Come on, let's continue, have some fun!" Lei Ying said.

The quartet finally ceased their arrogance, instead showing fear on their faces, their eyes conveying a singular thought—

"Are you a demon?"

The two men and one woman guarding Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu widened their eyes at the sight of the four men's predicament, disbelief etched on their faces.

Four against one, and they're still beaten like dogs?!

Chen Feiyu's eyes shone brightly.

She knew Lei Ying wasn't simple, but didn't expect him to be this formidable!

Were it herself, she might also take down these four, but not with such ease and efficiency.

As long as Lei Ying was present, both she and Dong Tianxiu were safe!

Chen Feiyu's anxiety eased, but as her mind relaxed, the pain in her leg intensified.

Chen Feiyu couldn't help but gasp in pain, looking at the woman who deceived her and even kicked her, her anger surged.

Trying to help others, yet being plotted against, this fury was intolerable.

The woman was completely unaware of Chen Feiyu's anger, her attention drawn to the scene.

Even the two men accompanying her in guarding Chen Feiyu and Dong Tianxiu were equally stunned by the spectacle.

Beside them, Dong Tianxiu suddenly laughed heartily, shouting, "Well done, Lei, keep at it, give them hell!"

"What the hell did you just say!" The man guarding Dong Tianxiu glared at him furiously, pointing menacingly, "Say it again!"

"Me? Say what..." Dong Tianxiu clammed up, looking elsewhere, his previous bold and fearless demeanor instantly becoming cautious, nearly cowardly.

This shift in demeanor stunned the man.

"Use these two to threaten him to stop! If this goes on, Liu Si and the others are going to be completely wasted!" The woman who tricked Chen Feiyu shouted.

This reminder was timely, prompting the two men beside her to act.

"You, what are you doing!" However, one of them suddenly shouted in another direction.

They were so focused on watching their four men fight the big guy that they overlooked someone else approaching.

This shout drew attention from the other man and the woman, as well as Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was less than ten steps away from them, silently approaching with an expressionless face.

“This pretty boy is here to rescue them!” the woman shouted in realization.

The two men also scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng was neither bulky nor muscular, compared to their size, he seemed “frail”!

“Rescue? I reckon he’s just offering up his head!” the companion beside the woman sneered.

“I’ll deal with this kid!”

Saying this, he strode towards Bai Xiaosheng.

The woman’s eyes brightened.

The big guy over there fighting four is tough to handle! But the young man walking towards them is the big guy’s companion; capturing him would add another hostage!

Moreover, looking at his frail stature, he seemed similar to Dong Tianxiu whom they captured!

Hotheads trying to show off, just like that guy!

The woman sneered disdainfully.

“Hey brother, are you sure? Don’t come over!” Dong Tianxiu shouted at Bai Xiaosheng.

He thought Bai Xiaosheng acted rashly like himself.

Chen Feiyu’s gaze sparkled, watching Bai Xiaosheng.

She wanted to see whether she overlooked something, whether Bai Xiaosheng had real skills!

In a blink, the thug confronted Bai Xiaosheng.

Yet in an instant, he was struck down, directly knocked unconscious.

No one saw clearly how Bai Xiaosheng struck, nor how he fell!

Even Chen Feiyu only saw a vague impression, with surprise in her slightly parted lips.

Fast!

Too fast!

Bai Xiaosheng's strike was the epitome of speed and power combined, swift as lightning, wasting not a single ounce of strength!

The strike was perfectly precise, like a computer-controlled operation!

Bai Xiaosheng remained expressionless, his steps uninterrupted.

Until he was three to five steps away from the other man, who suddenly panicked and threatened with hostage, "Stand still, or else..."

Bai Xiaosheng advanced another two steps.

The man's words were cut short as Bai Xiaosheng swiftly clenched his fist, thumb out, and struck a critical point on the neck, rendering him unconscious.

Quick to the point of depriving any chance, quick to the extent of giving the opponent no opportunity!

A single strike to subdue the enemy, absolutely no frills!

Chen Feiyu was wide-eyed.

Beside her was only the woman, fearfully watching Bai Xiaosheng as if she saw a ghost.

Then, she slowly retreated, fearing any big moves would draw attention to the terrifying man with a pleasant face.

Bai Xiaosheng turned his face, looking at her expressionlessly and said, "Don't worry, I don't hit women."

That Bai Xiaosheng actually said such words.

The woman was stunned, slightly disbelieving.

"However, her actions, I can't guarantee." Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

"Who?"

Before the woman could complete her sentence, her vision darkened, and Chen Feiyu appeared before her, eye sharp despite having her hands bound.

"You had a strong kick there, let me return it to you!"

Chen Feiyu said as she lifted a straightened long leg swiftly, foot rising above her head.

The woman's heart nearly shattered as she turned to flee, but was struck straight down, collapsing unconscious.

Chen Feiyu glanced at her, snorting coldly, "Now, we're even."

Chapter 1786: We're Friends!

Bai Xiaosheng successfully rescued Chen Feiyu and Dong Tianxiu, untying the ropes binding their thumbs.

Lei Ying was also done on his end.

The four tough guys who had a fight with Lei Ying were beaten to a pulp, knocked out cold, and couldn't get up even if they tried.

They were so dazed and seeing double. Getting up only made them dizzy and nauseous; it was actually more comfortable to stay lying down.

Besides, they were truly scared of the beating they received.

Lei Ying looked at the guys lying on the ground, feeling a bit bored, seemingly despising the fact that no one could put up a decent fight. With an uninterested expression, he walked over to Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Lin Weiwei, who was watching from afar, also walked over.

Everyone gathered again.

"What should we do with these people?"

After checking on Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu, Lin Weiwei looked at the ones lying all over the ground and couldn't help but ask.

“Call the police?” Dong Tianxiu looked at Bai Xiaosheng and asked for his opinion.

“Didn’t you already call the police!” Chen Feiyu immediately frowned and looked at him.

Dong Tianxiu immediately chuckled bitterly, “I mean, Feiyu big sis, how could I have had the time to personally call the police? I just shouted to someone to help call the police, then rushed over to help you. I bet that person is still confused, not knowing what’s happening! Earlier, I said that to deceive them. After all, a surprise is key to military strategy, right? I’m smart, aren’t I?”

Chen Feiyu looked thoroughly exasperated, feeling slightly disdainful.

“Help me?” Chen Feiyu looked as if she was holding back the urge to smack Dong Tianxiu. “If you hadn’t been caught, would I have been distracted and let that woman trick me? Could they have beaten me? I mean, Mr. Dong, are you out of your mind? If you really wanted to help me intimidate them, you might have shown yourself and run away! Instead, you just stood there, giving them a hostage, what’s up with that?”

Upon hearing Chen Feiyu’s words, Dong Tianxiu widened his eyes, having an “epiphany” moment.

He exclaimed in shock, “Yeah, I could have shown myself and just turned around and run! At least two would have chased me, and maybe they would have been scared I brought the police, so they wouldn’t dare mess with you!”

Chen Feiyu rolled her eyes, massaging her temples.

It seemed she’d been angered by Dong Tianxiu.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately laughed and patted Dong Tianxiu’s shoulder, reassuringly saying, “Actually, you’ve done really well! Having the courage to stand up and not retreat in the face of danger is already quite manly. At that moment, who could stay calm and think of a strategy?”

Lei Ying also smiled and nodded.

Speaking of himself, he never feared danger. Fighting was purely learned from crawling through countless life-and-death situations on the battlefield.

Dong Tianxiu grew up in the peaceful environment at home and perhaps had never even fought twice. Having the courage to step up without running away in the face of danger wasn't bad at all. Expecting him to remain calm and wise would be asking a bit much.

Lin Weiwei agreed as well.

Seeing everyone's attitude, Dong Tianxiu finally felt a bit better.

"So what now, should we call the police?" Dong Tianxiu asked again.

Bai Xiaosheng looked around.

The people had been thoroughly beaten up, bones and all.

What could they report to the police, say those people tried to commit violence?

The state those people were in made them look more like the victims...

Besides, if the police arrived, they'd naturally have to cooperate with the investigation, which would probably mean staying in Yunbei for a few more days.

But he wanted to go back quickly and get to work.

Of course, not calling the police and letting those people go wasn't an option!

Who knows if they'd harm others!

“Here’s the plan; let’s leave here first and call the police on the way, saying we accidentally saw someone fighting with weapons. These people aren’t good folks; they likely have criminal records. Once the police take them, they’ll definitely find out. Meanwhile, we’ll avoid unnecessary trouble.” Bai Xiaosheng said to everyone.

Everyone looked at each other and nodded, agreeing with his idea.

The group left the area and called the police before exiting the alley.

As they walked out, Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were curious about how Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu, being new, got entangled with those people.

“Well, I was just accompanying our Mr. Dong for a stroll.” Chen Feiyu began to recount the events, “Then a woman ran up to us asking for help, saying she was being controlled by a pyramid scheme operation and asked us to help her report it to the police. We also noticed two suspicious men following her. At that time, I felt sorry for her, and with our Mr. Dong being the gallant protector, we both agreed. She said we could cut through here to get directly to the police station, but she was afraid to walk this path alone, so we went with her. On the way, she said she needed to confuse them and threw her coat into a side path. When we got here, she then claimed her ID was in her coat and couldn’t be lost. Our Mr. Dong volunteered to go back for it. Then, we were surrounded by a group of men. However, I wasn’t really afraid; I even beat two of them. If that woman hadn’t held me back, those guys wouldn’t have been a problem for me.”

Bai Xiaosheng nodded as he listened.

Dong Tianxiu added, “When I went back for the coat, I saw two guys trying to block me. I’m not good at fighting, but I work out a lot; I’m particularly good at running. I sprinted away, and they couldn’t catch me. Once I was out of the alley, they gave up chasing me. I realized things were going south, found someone to call the police, and then rushed back to help. When I got back, I saw the two who chased me had joined four others and surrounded Feiyu and the others. But I never expected that the woman was with them!”

Chapter 1787: We’re Friends! (Part 2)

The story went roughly like this.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others nodded slightly as they listened.

There are no shortage of bad people in this world, but there are even more warm-hearted good people. Bad people are cunning, so good people must be cautious when doing good deeds, so as not to let their kindness be taken advantage of and end up harmed.

After Dong Tianxiu finished explaining, she mumbled, “Why did those people target us out of everyone?”

Bai Xiaosheng smiled. This matter is actually easy to understand.

“Probably because you two looked unfamiliar and are outsiders. And look at your outfit; although ordinary people might not think much of it and the wealthy might see it as low-key, those who know quality recognize that your clothes, shoes, and watch are all quite expensive. Plus, didn’t you refer to Chen Feiyu as your bodyguard along the way?” Bai Xiaosheng explained with a smile.

Dong Tianxiu and the others must have been seen as easy targets.

Imagine, a man dressed in understated luxury with a bodyguard, and a woman with a perfect figure and face—how could real bad guys pass up such good targets?

“That group is quite scheming, it should have been that woman who suggested the plan. And she’s a great actress! To be cautious, they wanted to deal with you separately,” Lei Ying analyzed, pointing to Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu, “In their eyes, you two are big targets. They could ransom Dong Tianxiu, at worst lock him up, seize his phone, and deceive his family. As for Chen Feiyu... I reckon that group might resort to kidnapping women, selling them into the mountains as wives, and perhaps even insulting them in the process...”

Lei Ying’s words changed the complexion of Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu.

It’s hard to imagine what would have happened to them if Bai Xiaosheng and the others hadn’t shown up.

Dong Tianxiu would have been fine, temporarily without life-threatening danger—just financial loss. But Chen Feiyu might have...

Thinking of those wolf-like men and their filthy words, Chen Feiyu's face paled even more as she bit her lip.

She suddenly wanted to go back and wring those bastards' necks.

Dong Tianxiu uncharacteristically remained silent.

"This time, I truly owe you a debt of gratitude for saving our lives!" Then, Dong Tianxiu looked up solemnly at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "If it weren't for you, I'd be feeling guilty about Feiyu for the rest of my life!"

Chen Feiyu also gazed at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, eyes filled with gratitude.

"Haven't we already said thank you? There's no need to say it again. It's all in the past; just be more careful in the future," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Neither he nor Lei Ying are the type to seek rewards for their kindness.

"Some things can be glossed over, but not this!"

At this moment, Dong Tianxiu shed all previous nonchalance.

"Indeed!" Chen Feiyu agreed firmly.

They, on the other hand, were people who repaid kindness and valued loyalty.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Lei Ying and Lin Weiwei, then smiled and said to them both, "If you consider us friends, then don't bring it up again. Isn't it the duty of friends to help each other?"

With that, Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu stopped insisting, burying their gratitude deep within.

"Lei Ying's martial skills are so formidable, I'm ashamed of my own. But I've noticed a lethal aura in your moves; did you serve in the military?" Chen Feiyu couldn't help but ask Lei Ying.

Lei Ying smiled slightly.

"He's not simple; he's the God of Killing who fought battles in the warzone," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, briefly recounting some of Lei Ying's background.

Chen Feiyu gasped.

Who could have imagined Lei Ying had such a remarkable past?

Dong Tianxiu's eyes were aglow with excitement.

All men love wielding weapons and guns; it's a man's romance.

"However, in my eyes, Lei Ying also possesses a business-like demeanor," Chen Feiyu couldn't help but observe Lei Ying closely with a smile.

This was what intrigued her the most!

With such skills, he could likely exist as a bodyguard or similar role, so how could he develop such a demeanor?

"I've changed professions and now work in the business field," Lei Ying said with a slight smile.

Now, he could be considered Bai Xiaosheng's leading aide.

Underneath his sturdy exterior, he possessed a sharp mind, quick to learn.

"That's quite incongruent, leaving the field for the business world like that; it's just not right!" Dong Tianxiu expressed regret.

Hearing Lei Ying's experiences stirred his blood fervently; he sincerely believed Lei Ying should be geared up, face painted with camouflage, holding a sniper rifle and dominating the battlefield—that would be truly impressive.

Chen Feiyu rolled her eyes at her employer, then smiled at Lei Ying and said, "I think it's great. Besides, it's clear Lei Ying has successfully transitioned! Plus, it's evident that your skills haven't diminished one bit!"

That's what amazed her the most.

Lei Ying smiled and said nothing more.

As they spoke, they entered the hotel.

It was about dinnertime, so everyone naturally headed for the restaurant.

The first floor of the hotel offered a simple buffet, which could be paid for with a room card.

This was one way the airline provided food and accommodation.

Though it was nearly mealtime, there weren't many people dining inside, making it easy for everyone to find seats.

“So what about you, Bai Xiaosheng!” As they walked, Chen Feiyu looked at Bai Xiaosheng with bright eyes and resumed the topic, “Why are you so formidable too?”

Lei Ying’s physical qualities and past experiences determined his strength; where did Bai Xiaosheng’s skills come from?

Chapter 1788: We’re Friends! (Part 3)

Compared to Lei Ying, Chen Feiyu is more interested in Bai Xiaosheng!

She even feels that the subtle intimidating force Bai Xiaosheng gives off is even stronger than Lei Ying’s.

“Yeah, I saw it too, you’re unbelievably amazing! So fast, I couldn’t even see it clearly!” Dong Tianxiu also started shouting.

Facing the eager anticipation of these two people.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a smile.

Perhaps this question can only be answered by Bai Xiaosheng himself.

“I guess it’s talent.”

Under everyone’s expectation, Bai Xiaosheng replied slowly and leisurely.

An innate master?

Chen Feiyu couldn’t help but roll her eyes.

Bai Xiaosheng once told her not to read too many martial arts and fantasy novels, yet here he is, saying something even more fantastical than a novel!

“Wow.” Dong Tianxiu shook his head and clapped his hands, “The way you said that, I can’t tell if you’re being modest or arrogant!”

Everyone was initially speechless, but was impressed by Dong Tianxiu’s comment.

Lei Ying silently took an apple from the fruit platter next to him and gestured to Dong Tianxiu, “Xiuer, want an apple? I can peel one for you?”

Rarely, Lei Ying was also joking.

Everyone burst into laughter.

Actually, everyone has their own secrets.

If Bai Xiaosheng doesn’t want to reveal them willingly, then Chen Feiyu and the others won’t press him further.

Between people, even friends, it’s important to maintain an appropriate distance and privacy.

The group changed the topic, grabbed some food, and gathered around a table to eat, drink, and chat cheerfully.

After dinner, Bai Xiaosheng and the others gathered again, drinking beer, and started playing poker.

To keep things lively, they left the TV on.

Next, they saw a news report on TV—

Due to a report from a concerned citizen in Yunbei City, the police apprehended a notorious criminal gang. Its members are suspected of multiple crimes and are currently being interrogated.

In the footage, those bruised up fellows, even with their faces pixelated, were recognized by everyone.

“Evildoers get their just desserts!” Dong Tianxiu threw down two cards and shouted joyfully, “Haha, I win again!”

This guy had been bragging about having been to the proud Gate Casino and being unbeatable, and indeed showed off some impressive card skills.

However, Bai Xiaosheng just didn’t want to cheat. If he really wanted to use the Red Lotus for assistance, he could combine it with his hand and the cards played, deduce the opponents’ possible hands, and win with ease by observing micro-expressions and discerning reactions.

Of course, cheating when playing with friends is just too low.

After this news, the TV switched to economic news covering various economic dynamics, with professors and experts expressing their viewpoints and disagreements on the news.

As Dong Tianxiu played cards loudly, he also managed to catch those points, occasionally nodding or shaking his head, making a few comments.

“Hmm, what this old man says is interesting. When the industry peak arrives, even pigs can fly, but when it stops, it’s the pigs that fall and die...”

“This expert’s statement is nonsense, just luring others to take the bait. Even he doesn’t sound convinced. In my opinion...”

Dong Tianxiu’s comments seemed offhand, yet they fit perfectly with Bai Xiaosheng’s judgment.

Only someone with deep knowledge and grasp of multi-sector markets could make such quick and direct judgments!

And every point was right!

This guy is definitely not ordinary!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take a deep look at Dong Tianxiu.

The economic news finally reached a major topic—the “Tengyun Yuema Battle”!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but look over.

Even Chen Feiyu, who had no interest in other economic news, turned her attention there.

The news reported that Tengyun united with multiple companies to form an alliance, but still couldn't compete with Yuema and its two allies.

“Tengyun aims to establish a massive alliance, while Yuema Group, adhering to its consistent philosophy, only allies with the strong. From the current situation, Yuema holds the advantage, and many key enterprises under Tengyun are facing significant difficulties...”

On TV, an expert was endlessly analyzing.

“It's like a shield and a sword facing off, but do you think there's any impenetrable defense in this world? As long as the sword is hard enough, fast enough, fierce enough, and ruthless enough!” Dong Tianxiu suddenly burst out, laughing and shouting—“King Bomb!”

Chapter 1789: The “Taobao” Adventure for Two

Bai Xiaosheng and the rest hung out with Dong Tianxiu and Chen Feiyu, drinking and playing cards until midnight. Being young and like-minded, they naturally hit it off.

Finally, everyone grew too tired, and so they called it a night, each returning to their rooms to rest.

No words were exchanged throughout the night.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng was woken up by the sound of knocking. After getting up, he noticed Lei Ying was no longer in the room, which didn't come as a surprise to him.

Lei Ying had a habit of waking up early to exercise, which Bai Xiaosheng was aware of. Regardless of the season, rain, or snow, or even the time of sunrise, Lei Ying would adjust his schedule and head out to exercise at dawn, without ever taking a break.

Actually, Bai Xiaosheng was a diligent person too. If it hadn't been for a bit of drinking the night before, he wouldn't have woken up this late.

Of course, there was also a bit of jet lag affecting him, though not much.

When Bai Xiaosheng and the others returned from Europe, they booked their tickets accounting for local time here.

On the flight back, they slept whenever tired, treating it as adjusting to the time difference. Plus, being young, their bodies could handle it. Upon arrival in their home country, they ate and slept according to local time without feeling discomfort.

After all, during their busy visits to Europe, they would switch day and night, sleep when tired, work when energized, as they had done before.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng got up to open the door.

As soon as the door opened, he saw Dong Tianxiu standing there grinning, with a plastic bag in one hand and a deep-fried dough stick in the other, biting into it with relish.

“Hungry? I brought you breakfast,” Dong Tianxiu waved the bag in his hand while chewing, “There’s a breakfast stall right across the hotel, fresh fried dough sticks and hot soybean pudding, smells amazing!”

“Come in!” Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Bai Xiaosheng smelled the aroma too and instantly felt hungry. He reached out for the bag from Dong Tianxiu, let him in, and glanced into the bag with curiosity, “You only got two portions? Just for you and me? There’s another person in my room. The two ladies next door haven’t eaten either.”

Bai Xiaosheng did not hold back with Dong Tianxiu, speaking as if to an old friend.

Even though they had only interacted for a day, which might seem short to others for knowing someone, it was enough for Bai Xiaosheng by his perception and feeling.

Bai Xiaosheng truly felt that Dong Tianxiu was someone worth befriending.

Though Dong Tianxiu could be quite annoying and unreliable at times, he would be the first to stand up and never flee when anyone around needed help, regardless of whether they were acquaintances.

Such a rare quality!

Additionally, during card games yesterday while listening to economic news, Dong Tianxiu’s views and judgments were surprisingly accurate, sometimes rivaling those of seasoned entrepreneurs. This might be due to his innate talent or something learned, but ability is ability, worthy of admiration.

With such reliable character and aptitude, it would be a pity not to consider him a friend.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng speak to him so casually, Dong Tianxiu felt at ease and chuckled, “I met Lei Ying outside the door. I told him I brought breakfast for you, which assured him enough to go on with his workout. And the two ladies aren’t as you think, they went out early.”

Bai Xiaosheng placed the breakfast on the table and went to freshen up, surprised by Dong Tianxiu's revelation, he poked his head out from the bathroom, "They went out early?"

Although the flight was at 2 PM and there was plenty of time, going out so early, were they shopping?

"Yesterday, Chen Feiyu and I heard from the hotel staff that there's a large shopping mall nearby, showcasing brand new clothing and bags in the morning event, which intrigued her. I think she took Lin Weiwei to check it out," Dong Tianxiu shook his head, "Ah, women, regardless of education levels or personality differences, 'bag' cures all, 'clothing' love at first sight, are eternal truths in their life!"

Bai Xiaosheng paused in silence within the bathroom, his voice eventually came out eerily.

"Tianxiu, how were the apples yesterday..."

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Bai Xiaosheng shared his breakfast with Dong Tianxiu, and under Dong Tianxiu's enthusiastic urging, Bai Xiaosheng ended up accompanying him outside.

Although it seemed odd for two grown men to go shopping, Dong Tianxiu mentioned that Chen Feiyu had instructed him not to wander off, to avoid any incidents.

"Chen Feiyu said that there might be accomplices of yesterday's group nearby, she told me to keep a low profile," Dong Tianxiu complained, "Listen to that, treating me like a fool. Yesterday's news said seven were nabbed. I think she's just avoiding her post and worrying that I might cause trouble, fearing responsibility, she's just scaring me!"

"Since you understand that well, why drag me along? Why not go out by yourself," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "I'd rather catch up on some sleep than spending time like this."

Dong Tianxiu shook his head vigorously, "No way, if I go out alone and she finds out, I'll sure get a scolding. Although she was arranged as a bodyguard by my sister, apart from protecting me, she's

actually in charge. Although I could complain to my sister to deal with her...but who doesn't cherish the cherished ones!"

For the first time, Bai Xiaosheng heard someone describe 'being chicken' so elegantly.

"So you're using me as an excuse, like a temporary bodyguard." Bai Xiaosheng glanced at him.

"Let's not put it that way, we're friends, hahaha, I'll treat you to some street food," Dong Tianxiu patted Bai Xiaosheng's arm and laughed awkwardly.

Chapter 1790: The Two-Person "Treasure Hunt" Journey (Part 2)

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Near the airport, the hotels' surroundings have quite a "rich" commercial atmosphere. As the two strolled around aimlessly, they unexpectedly found themselves amidst a cluster of antique shops.

Though they knew that nine out of ten of those shops likely sold counterfeits, neither was looking to score a big find. They were just browsing for fun, which was quite enjoyable.

Dong Tianxiu walked into shop after shop with keen interest. His attire clearly marked him as a wealthy individual to anyone who could recognize quality.

On top of that, the guy was interested in everything, prompting the shopkeepers to enthusiastically introduce their valuable inventory.

From paintings, porcelain, bronzeware, jade products, coins, and miscellaneous items, there were all sorts.

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng worried that the guy might get duped, so he casually gave him a few pointers.

This was a mistake, as Dong Tianxiu realized Bai Xiaosheng was highly knowledgeable in this area, which spurred him on even more. The shopkeepers, seeing Bai Xiaosheng easily identify their counterfeit

items, soon lost interest. Some even suspected Bai Xiaosheng was a fellow dealer or there to stir things up, hence their displeased expressions.

After visiting several shops, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't hold back any longer and frankly told Dong Tianxiu, "You can look, but don't make me point out flaws in every item. Haven't you noticed the wary and hostile looks people are giving me? If you keep this up, I'm leaving."

"No, no, I won't ask you directly... I'll just look quietly. If I really need to say something, I'll whisper. This place is so interesting, how can we just leave?" Dong Tianxiu quickly smiled apologetically, stopping Bai Xiaosheng.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng relented.

The two continued forward, visiting two more shops. As expected, Dong Tianxiu became much more reserved.

Actually, these shops did have genuine items, as they often acquired batches of old artifacts from nearby villages. Mixed among them, some genuine pieces were casually placed on a table in the shop, allowing customers to sift through and buy based on their discerning eyes.

With Red Lotus's assistance, Bai Xiaosheng quickly identified the most valuable items.

Under his guidance, Dong Tianxiu picked up an inconspicuous piece of amber and a jade carving, feeling like he'd scored big.

Soon, they arrived at a shop nestled in a remote corner.

"Treasure Pavilion — just listen to the name! You can tell there are good things inside!" Dong Tianxiu exclaimed excitedly.

Movies often portray scenes where treasure is hidden in remote, rundown shops.

Bai Xiaosheng wasn't impressed; he suddenly asked, "Do you play games?"

Dong Tianxiu looked at Bai Xiaosheng, surprised.

"Online games, do you play?" Bai Xiaosheng asked again, gesturing at those three words on the shop name, "The first time I saw the name was in online games. I hope the owner's interest in antiques surpasses his gaming enthusiasm."

With that, Bai Xiaosheng stepped inside.

Dong Tianxiu stared blankly, then quickly caught up, mumbling, "No way! This name sounds much more professional than the previous shops."

Inside, Bai Xiaosheng saw that this shop was much smaller than the previous ones, with only a few wooden shelves, haphazardly filled with some old artifacts, some lightly covered in dust. Perhaps the owner couldn't be bothered to maintain them, or maybe this was to enhance the "antique" atmosphere.

In the center of the room, instead of a table, lay a large tarpaulin strewn with various paintings, porcelain, pottery, bronze, and coins, alongside a dirty, broken wooden board with black, greasy grime, barely recognizable material, and red paint inscription: "By eyesight only, rely on luck, no returns, no exchanges!"

As Bai Xiaosheng entered, the proprietor sat behind a desk at the far end, typing away furiously on a computer keyboard.

It seemed he really was playing online games.

The noise made the shopkeeper look up briefly and coldly glance at Bai Xiaosheng before returning to his screen.

Bai Xiaosheng gave him a quick second glance.

The shopkeeper seemed roughly fifty years old, with disheveled hair that hadn't been washed in who knows how long, heavy eye bags, dark circles, a weathered face, and a warped cigarette dangling, its long ash trembling whenever he snorted, seemingly ready to fall at any moment.

It's common for kids and young people to be engrossed in video games, but it's rare for someone in their fifties to be so absorbed.

Bai Xiaosheng was a bit surprised.

The shopkeeper didn't acknowledge Bai Xiaosheng, so Bai Xiaosheng began his usual inspection.

Dong Tianxiu entered too, and upon seeing the shopkeeper gaming, paused in surprise.

The shopkeeper remained indifferent, not even looking up.

"You guessed right, he's not even handling incoming business. At his age, he's still so committed to gaming," Dong Tianxiu whispered to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't rush to respond. He picked up a blue-and-white porcelain plate to examine it before slowly saying, "Don't you know that game streaming can earn tens of thousands, or even hundreds of thousands a month? Maybe he earns more gaming than running this shop."

Dong Tianxiu shrugged, choosing to agree with Bai Xiaosheng, or simply disinterested in the topic.

After all, their goal was to find treasures!

In truth, with Bai Xiaosheng's wealth, even if the room was filled with items worth millions, he might not be impressed.

The same went for Dong Tianxiu; Bai Xiaosheng didn't know his family background but knew the limited edition watch on his wrist was worth over two million, the price of a luxury car.