

Bodyguard 1101

Chapter 1101: Raising House Xiao

The hidden House Pi was one of those houses that were ready to insert into the worldly affairs. House Pi didn't have any opportunities before, but House Xiao was their way in! Before Uncle Pi was working for House Xiao, he was the housekeeper for House Pi. He then had an affair with one of the female servants, so the house leader kicked him out. In the end, he still carried the name of House Pi, so when they heard that he was in a vegetative state, there was an order to find out the truth of the matter!

As a result, hidden House Pi now had a reason to pay an official visit to House Xiao. This was considered direct contact with worldly affairs!

Xiao Ji didn't understand all of Pi Zhishan's terms, but he was able to fish out the words that signaled that House Pi wanted money from the secular world. Even if they couldn't directly dip their hand into world affairs, they put their focus on House Xiao! As for Uncle Pi, he was just used as an excuse. From the attitude of these two young masters, they didn't seem to care for Uncle Pi's health. Otherwise, they would've asked to visit Uncle Pi the moment they entered the villa.

Xiao Ben was able to sigh out in relief. As long as House Pi wasn't looking to start up trouble, then it is easy to handle. If House Pi wanted to borrow House Xiao to interfere with worldly affairs, then House Xiao wasn't in any trouble!

"Young Masters, House Xiao has fallen far from its former glory due to two reasons. The first reason is that when my father was still alive, he lost the majority of our funds due to bad investments. The second reason is that House Xiao doesn't have any high-profile fighters. So even amongst the Noble Houses, our rank was never high. We weren't even accepted as one of them..." Xiao Ben honestly described their situation, "As for Uncle Pi's situation, it was House Xiao's miscalculation. We didn't think that Pengzhan Industries would be backed by a strong fighter. Now we are broke and powerless! In the end, it is because House Xiao doesn't have any strong fighters backing us up..."

"What you are saying, I already know!" Pi Zhishan nodded, "If I can send you fighters to hold down the fort, how soon can you reopen business?"

"Young Master Pi, nothing I say can express my gratitude. If you can support us, I propell us onto a greater stage!" Xiao Ben promised, "When Noble Houses do business, they rely most on network and strength!"

"Okay, then let us discuss how we should split the profit," Pi Zhishan understood what Xiao Ben needed and it wasn't a difficult request! House Pi had already agreed to frequently send strong fighters to visit House Xiao. Officially, they will say that it is to investigate Uncle Pi's injury and to protect Uncle Pi's friends from House Xiao.

"Young Master Pi, how do you want to arrange it?" Xiao Ben's expression changed. This was the critical moment in the negotiations.

"10 percent. You get 10 percent, we get 90 percent," Pi Zhishan plainly declared.

"This..." Uncle Ben's expression changed. It had a bitter look, "Young Master Pi, isn't that a little too harsh? Ten percent to us, House Xiao, isn't that too little?"

However their situation was not favorable, but Xiao Ben knew that House Pi needed House Xiao as much as they need them. That was why, Xiao Ben dared to renegotiate.

"Xiao Ben, you have to rethink your situation!" Xiao Ben didn't think that Pi Zhishan was going to get angry from his terms! He pointed at Xiao Ben and said, "Right now, House Xiao is working on redeeming themselves from punishment. If I wanted to kill you right now, it is still acceptable! House Pi wants to make money, so we can choose another Noble House as a puppet! If we went to House Kang to cooperate, I think they would be very willing. Don't you agree?"

In all honesty, Pi Zhishan was bluffing to scare Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji. House Pi didn't dare to work with any other Noble Houses! The hidden house convention agreement is not a joke. Even if the witnesses were missing, that didn't mean they could just disregard the agreement!

As for House Pi and House Xiao interacting, it was due to the Uncle Fu's accident. So House Pi wasn't afraid of anyone investigating on their interaction in the worldly affairs. However, if they intended to raise a puppet in the Noble House, the nature of their visit changes completely.

However the truth about these issues were kept under tight lips, so Xiao Ben and Xiao Ji didn't know about it. They knew that hidden Houses weren't supposed to interfere with worldly affairs to earn money. However, it was still within acceptable boundary if it was through someone else's hand. It shouldn't be a problem, since House Yu does the same thing. Xiao Ben didn't know that House Pi's only choice was to pick House Xiao.

Xiao Ben was starting to become afraid! House Pi wanted to work with House Xiao, but he was making the situation worse! If they found another noble house to do their dirty work, then what would become of House Xiao?

Thinking up to this point, Xiao Ben had to give up as he apologized, "Young master Pi, please forgive me... I was just messing around... Fine, then we will take 10 percent..."

Xiao Ben had to calculate pros and cons. If they were able to obtain House Pi's support, then fortune will start coming in. 10 percent isn't a small amount! In principal, if they had House Pi's support, then House Xiao's status will raise. Then House Xiao can match noble House Yu. At a certain point, there are certain things that money can't buy. As long as their cooperation with House Pi is maintained, then House Xiao will have endless growth!

"Good, you understand the situation!" Pi Zhishan calmly replied, "Originally, our family committee didn't want to give House Xiao anything, but my grandpa convinced them and said to give House Xiao 10 percent. It should be enough for House Xiao to survive on the salary. There's a saying: if you want the horse to run, then you have to feed the horse. I told you my maximum limit so we can save time on bargaining back and forth!"

"Thank you young master Pi!" Xiao Ben felt relieved. It was good that he didn't maintain his stance too strong, otherwise the consequence would've been severe!

“No need to thank me. It is a win for the both of us,” Pi Zhishan felt that it was laughable. He had lied to them. House Pi had expected to give away 30 percent, which was the same term that House Yu has with its noble House. Who would’ve thought that Pi Zhishan went to an even lower percentage. Perhaps, it was due to House Xiao’s dire condition, which sparked him to suppress them into unfavorable terms.

House Xiao had no other choice. They were able to obtain House Pi’s support, so it was wonderful news. The compensation split was a secondary concern. If they are able to grow their business to the same size as House Yu, then 10 percent will be more than the income when House Xiao was at its peak!

“Then House Pi’s fighter...” Xiao Ben was worried about the other issue. If House Pi couldn’t find someone to send over, then all this negotiation was for naught.

“Relax, I will send you someone in the late stage Mystic class spiritual master to hold down the fort. Then I will send an early stage Mystic class physical master to help with your other issues!” Pi Zhishan continued to speak, “You should know that Earth class fighters like us, can’t stay in the secular world. There are rules!”

Chapter 1102: Happiness for Some, Worry for Some

“Mystic late phase peak?” Xiao Ben froze- that was insanely strong, much stronger than Uncle Pi! Plus, with that strength, there was the name of the hidden House Pi that they could use- who would dare cross them once they put that on the table? Especially after Pi Zhishan said that he was already an Earth class- this only shocked him even more! Fortunately for him, he decided to abide by Pi Zhishan’s arrogance- otherwise they really would be done for!

Pi Zhishan was already an Earth class this young... Just how strong is this hidden house? Yet their strength was a good thing now that they happened to be working together- the stronger they were, the higher House Xiao would soar!

“Of course, the practitioners we send from our house will only be protecting and monitoring you- if you think that you’ll get to order them around like Uncle Pi, it’d be impossible!” Zhishan said clearly- these were not maids they were sending!

“I understand!” Xiao Ben nodded quickly. He wasn’t thinking of ordering them around at all, of course not! “But, if someone were to come cause House Xiao trouble...”

“Don’t you worry- if that were to happen, the masters we’ll send will take care of it!” Zhishan said with a wave of his hand, “What I meant was ordering them around like workers. If you’re in trouble, they wouldn’t just sit idly by- we’re working together now, after all!”

“That’s perfect!” Xiao Ben said, very pleased at the promise. This was the result he wanted- as long as House Pi would be able to help out when they got into trouble, that’d be fine. As for ordering them around... He will be trying to please them all the time, of course he wouldn’t do anything like that!

“If so, then we’ll stop discussions here,” Zhishan said faintly, “We’ll leave it to you in the future. The practitioners will arrive within these two days- I’ll be returning to my grandfather to make my report now!”

“Master Pi, please wait a moment...” Xiao Ben called out, “As for the business... Is it up to us, or are there certain projects or plans you have in mind?”

“That isn’t a concern- as long as there is money earned, anything goes,” Zhishan said casually.

“Um... Then will I be allowed to spread the news that House Pi is now backing House Xiao?” Xiao Ben said after nodding.

This was extremely vital- if House Pi wanted this to be a secret, then their support would be much weaker. Passively letting people understand this would result in a far different effect compared to them spreading the powerful news on their own!

If they were to spread the news, saying that the hidden house Pi were now backing them up... People would be coming to House Xiao for partnerships on their own, trying to give House Xiao benefits! Otherwise, they’d have to be the ones knocking door to door, trying to hint to the person that they had the Pi family backing them up... Of course, they didn’t even know if people would believe that.

“Of course,” Zhishan smiled slightly, agreeing. This was naturally something that they would allow, since they wouldn’t be able to hide this information from the committee in the first place- instead of hiding and ducking around, they might as well make it official and loud! After all, there was a reason for all of this, so people wouldn’t speak up!

“That’s great- if that’s the case, we’ll be avoiding a lot of trouble!” Xiao Ben nodded happily, seemingly already visualizing the glorious future of their house! The meeting of the noble houses was coming up, too, and Xiao Ben smiled happily- not only would their standing and rank not drop, it would even go up!

Whoever messed with House Xiao, after all, messed with House Pi!

Pi Zhishan and Pi Zhihai had only come to discuss business- Zhishan was the first in line to House Pi’s seat, and so naturally he couldn’t stay long. Zhihai, on the other hand, was only here to see the world and experience it.

Zhihai was the type of person without much ambition- but that made Zhishan all the more happy. Having a powerful brother who trained to become stronger without thinking about stuff like authority or personal glory? What was there to hate?

Zhishan and Zhihai left, and Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben started laughing loudly! There was hope for them now, and all their troubles were gone! Everything was fine now, and House Pi- they didn’t even go take a look at Uncle Pi, meaning that they didn’t care about him! This made the Xiaos relax as well!

Xiao Ben was afraid that Uncle Pi’s incident would anger the two, and if they started to address it, it would really be troublesome... But that wasn’t a worry at all! At the same time though, it seemed like he would no longer be able to have his revenge against Lin Yi anymore. He was planning to bring the avengers from House Pi straight to Lin Yi right away, but they didn’t care about Uncle Pi at all, so of course they wouldn’t get revenge or anything...

But the situation now was in their favour as their future was guaranteed. Xiao Ben turned to Xiao Ji, “Big brother, quickly- get the word out that the hidden House Pi is now supporting us, and we’re now officially business partners!”

“Alright, leave it to me!” Xiao Ji patted his chest- bragging was something he loved to do, and this wasn’t just simple bragging- it was the truth!

This piece of news flew around fast, and all the noble houses received them with mixed feelings!

Some were happy, some were troubled, some didn’t care...

The happy ones were House Wu- Wu Gonggao felt that his grandson, Wu Chentian, was close with Xiao Wangdao and Xiao Wangba, and so they’d receive good benefits in the future as well!

The happy ones were lesser in number, however, and the most troubled houses were House Liu and House Chen!

Both of them were weaker houses, and while there was still a sense of danger, House Xiao had just recently fallen to the bottom- they had room to breathe. Yet, House Xiao was now soaring up in the skies, and it resulted in House Liu and House Chen sitting at the bottom instead!

House Liu didn’t have any practitioners, and House Chen only had the Golden class early phase Chen Yutian... Both houses had powerful elders with high positions in the business world, but they were old. While they were still alive, people would give them face and respect- but the moment they left the world, their houses’ strength would plummet!

Chapter 1103: House Chen’s Marriage

Liu Zhenhu, on the other hand, took a very deep breath, knitting his eyebrows together upon hearing the news from Liu Tianyi- he remained silent for a long time!

He always thought that- due to Lin Yi’s healing- he’d be able to live ten more years, and as a result, allow House Liu to remain in power for a longer period of time. As long as he stayed alive, House Liu had hope! As long as that kept going, along with reasonable marriage alliances with a martial arts family... House Liu would continue its prosperity!

What he was planning was to get Liu Jinghan to marry with a boy from a Wulin house, sacrificing the Liu name of their child but setting him as the future leader of House Liu. The kid would then learn the kung fu of that Wulin house, and by the time he grew up, would turn House Liu into a Wulin house as well!

But a problem appeared before the thought turned into reality!

House Liu learned that House Yu was planning to cut one noble house out and raise a new one into the group in the upcoming noble house meeting... Not only would this maintain House Yu’s outstanding position in the council, but also let the new noble house provide many benefits to House Yu!

Everyone thought that it would be House Xiao who would be cut off, but it seemed now that it very well might be House Liu!

House Chen at least had Chen Yutian, a practitioner- his strength level was a bit low, but he was still a practitioner! House Liu had none!

"Tianyi, Tianli- tell me- what can House Liu do to maintain its position in the upcoming noble house meeting?" Zhenhu raised his head and looked at his two sons.

Tianyi and Tianli went into deep thought- the truth was, they had already started thinking about this after learning of House Pi's support to House Xiao- they just hadn't come up with anything good.

"Tianyi, you go first," Zhenhu said.

"I was thinking that we could ask for House Wu's help?" Tianyi's wife was the daughter of House Wu's Wu Gonggao, and Wu Gonggao had just broken into Mystic mid phase- if he were willing to help them out, there would still be hope.

"Tianli, what about you?" Zhenhu asked before making any judgement on Tianyi's idea.

"Big brother is right- sis-in-law is from House Wu, so it's expected for us to ask them for help! Other than that, I think that we should get on good terms with House Xiao. They're looking for business partners right now, and we can always go to them to offer a partnership..." Tianli said after some thought.

"Jingjing, what are your thoughts?" Zhenhu turned to his granddaughter.

"Lin Yi..." Jinghan said after a brief sigh.

"Lin Yi?" Tianli paused, a frown on his face, "Jing Jing, why bring up Lin Yi now? He's not from a noble house, and even if he was, he's a big enemy of House Yu. Us opening up about our support to Lin Yi has already made House Yu uncomfortable- if we continue pulling in his direction then House Yu would only hate us more, kicking us out of the list even faster."

"Jing Jing, can you elaborate?" Zhenhu waved his hand, telling Tianyi to calm down before nodding to Jingyi.

"Dad, both you and uncle are right- but did you consider the fact that, since cutting out one noble house is already unavoidable, there'd be nothing House Wu could do even if he spoke up for us? Who would get cut off then, maybe House Wu instead of us?" Jingyi said calmly, "House Xiao has House Pi's support, but they had just turned from a falling house into a first class house- in a situation like this, they'd choose to maintain their current position, and not interfere with House Yu's decisions. They'd prioritize their survival right now, and other things would come in the next meeting..."

"Even so, House Xiao wouldn't have any problems from just putting one good word in, right? What about House Wu? If they were to do the same, then House Chen might actually be the one that gets cut off?" Tianli felt that his daughter was making sense, but House Wu was an old time house, with Wu Gonggao who was always very powerful- his words might save them from this crisis!

"Who would they cut then, once House Wu speaks up for us? If I'm not wrong, House Wu is trying to get House Kang into the noble house list, right? House Xiao is also in a marriage alliance with House Kang- even if they were to speak up, they'd help House Kang- they're probably hoping for House Liu to get cut off!" Jingyi said calmly.

Even until now, the marriage cancellation between House Xiao and Kang weren't made public yet- House Xiao was too embarrassed to do so, while House Kang had better things to do- they were busy finding ways to compete with Miracle Doctor Guan's company!

"Yes, but... If they were to suggest cutting off House Chen, wouldn't that keep our place as a noble house?" Liu Tianli said.

"That sounds reasonable, but dad, do you think House Yu would listen to them? Don't forget- House Chen has a marriage plan in motion!" Jingyi reminded.

Yes- if it weren't for this reminder, Tianli and Tianyi wouldn't have remembered! House Chen had a marriage engagement, and while many knew of this information back then, most people forgot about it as time went on and the massive reaction died down.

Now, many people have forgotten- even Tianyi and Tianli had forgotten!

"Jing Jing, that marriage alliance... There's been no news of that even now, it's probably not happening anymore, no?" Tianli frowned as he asked, hesitantly.

"Only House Chen knows if it's happening. The fact that Elder Chen could still sit there stably without trouble speaks some truth..." Jingyi analyzed.

In actuality, Elder Chen wasn't very sure as well- because after settling the engagement with the other party, no one came by to contact them even after all these years. There was still time before the agreement, but it was a little odd that they never contacted them at all!

His granddaughter wasn't a practitioner- could it be that they've given up on the marriage already?

Just thinking of the situation back then made it so surreal- that ancient sect so high up in the skies, so powerful- why would they be interested in his granddaughter, and why would they specify for his granddaughter to marry the young master who was just born?

Chapter 1104: Risky Move

After all, that sect was an extremely powerful force. Why would they be interested in a normal girl from a noble house? His granddaughter didn't have any talent or innate abilities- this made the other party's actions a little odd!

However, this was a good thing, so Elder Chen allowed it. He didn't know what they wanted from this marriage alliance, but this piece of news stabilized their position in the world of noble houses very solidly!

But it had been so many years- they never contacted or wrote to House Chen... This made Elder Chen a little disappointed. Were they regretting their decision?

But whether or not they were regretting was not something Elder Chen dared ask about- after all, the difference between a noble house and an ancient sect wasn't a small one- it was equivalent to the difference between an ant and an elephant!

He was worried, but still kept a look of confidence, as if everything was stable. After all, only Elder Chen knew if that ancient sect were in contact with them- others didn't! As long as he kept this up and didn't show any signs of weakness, other people would have no choice but to believe him. They wouldn't take the risk.

"Jing Jing's right- House Chen's marriage engagement happened when you were all young, but us of the older generation know- this was exactly why House Yu's head never touched House Chen all these years!" Zhenhu said, "House Yu actually has doubts regarding this as well, but it was true that the marriage engagement happened back then, so everyone just kept their doubts to themselves. Who would dare risk crossing an ancient sect? Even the hidden House Yu wouldn't be able to deal with an ancient sect, let alone House Yu!"

Tianyi and Tianli nodded, sighing helplessly. Was it inevitable that they'd be cut off from the list?

"Damn it, if it weren't for House Song's Song Lingshan suddenly breaking into Golden class late phase full peak, they'd also be a candidate for getting cut off, but now they're even in a marriage alliance with House Yu!" Tianli said, stomping his foot.

"Jing Jing, what did you mean when you said Lin Yi?" Tianyi was more stable than Tianli, turning his eyes to his niece after knowing that the plans from before wouldn't work.

"Uncle, dad, it's actually very simple." Jinghan smiled slightly, "We should first look at the source- what does House Kang have that qualifies them to be raised into a noble house?"

"Isn't it because of House Wu and House Xiao's support?" Tianli said.

"Dad, their support is just an effect- if House Kang didn't have the qualifications, House Yu wouldn't let them become a noble house regardless of who's supporting them," Jingyi shook her head, "House Kang has medicine- Golden Creation Injury Medicine, the limited edition Golden Creation, the Skin Beautifying medicine... But Lin Yi has all of these, and even better, he has the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing! I was thinking that if we could get into a full partnership with Lin Yi and become his sole business partner... This would make us the gateway to all those miracle medicines, we would have control! If one wanted to buy these products, they have to go through us first- this would only heighten House Liu's position!"

"Hmm... You're right, but Lin Yi might not agree to this? After all, a representative business partner... This was the side that earned money, and House Yu wanted to do that as well, only to be rejected..." Tianli said.

"Dad, there's a second side to everything- you can earn money in that position, or you can refuse to! Our House Liu can become a representative business partner that didn't earn money, giving all of the profits out and running the company on our own funds!" Jingyi said, "Plus, we'll give all the power and decision making to Lin Yi, and we'll take nothing!"

Liu Tianyi's eyes changed- he didn't expect his niece to think up such a plan! This would make them workers that didn't get paid, not getting power or money, yet also still in charge of providing massive resources to the rest of the houses! On the surface, this was a huge loss, but in actuality, House Liu would get a very powerful name, as well as get on very good terms with Lin Yi- they'd be justified to ask him for help if anything were to happen in the future!

Zhenhu nodded with approval- this was an amazing idea! This would turn the entire House Liu into a 'follower' of Lin Yi's, a lackey of sorts. Doing this would be rather bold, but if it were to succeed, the rewards that would come to them were unimaginable!

Zhenhu had already realized that Lin Yi was no common man- he has now already killed one from House Yu and crippled one from House Xiao- that was enough of a testament to his strength!

The House Liu now was looking for a breakthrough and change- if they put themselves as 'followers' of Lin Yi, this might actually work! It might seem a little degrading, but weren't House Yu followers of the hidden House Yu, as well? Weren't those of House Xiao getting all excited and gleeful when House Pi said they would support them, wasn't this the same thing?

And so, the glory of a follower depended on the strength of its boss- if Lin Yi was someone who didn't even care about hidden houses, then House Liu would naturally be above House Yu and House Xiao as well!

Of course, this was all guesses and gamble- no one knew just how powerful Lin Yi's background was, and no one knew if the guy could climb even higher than he was now!

Tianli understood his daughter's words as well, and went into thought for a long while, "Jing Jing, this Lin Yi seems strong, but he's still a big enemy of House Yu. We're talking about lowering our status to walk to his side, the side opposing House Yu- if he's able to handle House Yu, then that would be fine, but what if he can't? From what I've heard, his enemy Jin Wudi is now applying for leave in the hidden house community in order to avenge his disciple, Ma Zhu- he's planning on coming to the common world to get Lin Yi, and he's an Earth class! That's near invincible, and I'm worried that Lin Yi would get offed before we even get to celebrate!"

"Yes, Jing Jing- this is a risky move! If it were to fail, we'd be done for! The situation now is that House Liu will get cut off from the noble house title, but we wouldn't lose anything- we'll just be less glorious as we used to be, but if we get Miracle Doctor Lin's help and fail, this would incur the allied wrath of House Yu and the other noble houses, and then we'll all be in deep trouble!" Tianyi voiced his opinion as well.

Chapter 1105: House Kang Panicking

"Allied attack, huh..." Jinghan smiled slightly, "House Yu and House Xiao may hate Lin Yi, but the other houses might not be as bold as to fight Lin Yi alongside with them! Lin Yi's strength is already overwhelming House Yu and House Xiao- crossing him is something very serious, and House Yu and House Xiao might not be able to protect them if Lin Yi snaps. After all, House Yu and House Xiao aren't able to handle Lin Yi themselves right now."

Tianyi and Tianli went deep into thought- it was true, Jingyi's words really did kickstart their thought process. This really was a nice opportunity for them- if they played things right, then their power would really be above all the noble houses, although it did depend on how far Lin Yi would go!

If Lin Yi didn't get far enough and got stomped out before achieving his potential, House Liu would get wiped as well, resulting in complete destruction! The amount of risk and hope was equally there.

They were pushed to a corner- perhaps they didn't mind making the gamble, but they simply couldn't make the decision right now.

"Dad, what is your view on this matter..." Tianyi raised his head to look at his old man, Liu Zhenhu.

"Jing Jing's right, but I'm unable to make the final decision, not until we reach that point!" Zhenhu was a wise old man, and this matter was simply too serious and heavy- he had to think about it and look at the situation, "We'll look at how things progress as well as the things Lin Yi are doing these days- we'll have to plan accordingly."

"Yes, father!" Zhenhu nodded. This was the most stable approach.

Jinghan didn't say anything else. She was leaning into this idea, but this didn't mean that Lin Yi would be interested in working with them! They were offering to be his followers, but did he want them to be?

If Lin Yi really was strong and terrifying enough, then this House Liu might not really do much as a lackey. If Lin Yi didn't have the strength, however, it'd be useless for them to make him their boss. This was the first time Jinghan had such a headache. There was a House Xiao at the bottom before, but now things were different.

House Kang, on the other hand, were also made aware of this news.

The hidden house Pi was now backing up House Xiao- this meant that House Xiao was no longer at the bottom, they were not a power worthy to fight House Yu as they were a superpower! They weren't at the same level just yet, however, no one could say that it was not a possibility for the future.

"Kang Guifeng, you trash! Didn't you say that House Xiao's already a beaten dog, that they had no value left? Great, you told us to stay away from them, but now look! They're now getting as strong as House Yu – a hidden house is backing them up, yet you pushed the marriage alliance away!" Miracle Doctor Kang raged instantly as he called Guifeng, Cuipu, Zhaolong, and Zhaoming all together to scold them.

"Father, I... The situation back then, they really looked like they were at the end of the road- who knew that the hidden house Pi would just leave the matter with Uncle Pi and not blame them, and even support them..." Guifeng was very troubled- who knew that this would be the development, he'd have gladly let Xinyan get married with House Xiao if he knew this would happen! But now it was too late, it was already too late!

"You trash! Hmph, you're useless!" Miracle Doctor Kang slammed the table.

Guifeng kept his head lowered- nothing he could say now would help. He was wrong, and that was it.

"Number two, speak up!" Miracle Doctor Kang looked at his second son, not even calling his name.

"Dad, as I said earlier- a dead camel is still bigger than a horse, House Xiao wasn't completely useless, I didn't agree to flip the table with House Xiao back then, but there's nothing I can do now! It's too late!" Cuipu said helplessly- his absurd sounding opinion back then came true!

"Ah..." Miracle Doctor Kang thought about it- Cuipu did say that, it was just that he didn't even consider it, assuming that he was just rambling about! It seemed like those words had meaning in them after all, it was his fault! His second son may be a money wasting tyrant master, but he had his views

when it came to problems. Miracle Doctor Kang looked at Kang Zhaolong, “Zhaolong, what are your plans? You agreed to turn down the marriage back then- do you have any plans?”

“I... I’m sorry, grandpa... I was wrong...” Zhaolong was troubled as well- who knew that House Xiao would make such a comeback- and what a comeback it was! What else could he do now, other than hope that Miracle Doctor Kang wouldn’t blame him?

“Hmph, what’s the use of that?” Miracle Doctor Kang scoffed coldly with one look at Zhaolong’s silence. He really did lose his mark- Guifeng and Zhaolong, they were useless when the time was dire! Who told him to admit his mistakes? The point now was to discuss strategy! Would House Kang still have chances now that House Xiao wouldn’t be cut out? House Xiao and House Kang were also enemies now, and even if they were to become a noble house the Xiaos might not say anything good... They’d be lucky if they didn’t start talking shit about him! He looked at Zhaoming, “Zhaoming, what about you...”

“Grandpa, I said it last time- a dried fish still has a chance to flip its body... House Xiao had fallen from grace then, but they were still a noble house, and they might make a comeback.. But you didn’t listen to me, and said that I wanted to mess around with sis-in-law...” Zhaoming said, looking at his brother with a little bit of anger. If it weren’t for him, he’d be with a beauty right now, and they’d be in a much better position!

“You’re right- I never thought that you two, Cuipu and Zhaoming, would be the ones in the right... I’ve missed the mark- we wouldn’t have been in this position if I had listened to you both!” Miracle Doctor Kang was regretting everything- even if he didn’t listen to Cuipu, he should’ve listened to Zhaoming! The Zhaoming now was no longer the tyrant money waster young master he used to be, he was now someone who had many merits in House Kang, achieving many things for them... He was a useful man now! At the thought, Miracle Doctor Kang turned to look at him, “Zhaoming, tell me- what should we do now?”

Chapter 1106: House Pi’s Practitioner

“Grandpa, I think that what we should focus on now, is taking the initiative to get on good terms with House Xiao, and repairing our relationship as much as possible. If the marriage is still possible, we’ll carry on with it!” Zhaoming said.

“Hm... Yes, you’re not wrong- Guifeng, you hear that? This is your mess-up here, you will be the one to repair it! Find a way to win back House Xiao’s understanding!” The doctor said with a hmph.

“I... Yes...” Guifeng was a bit speechless- wasn’t this task too difficult? They’d completely pissed the Xiaos off back then- was it even possible to repair this? Plus, those guys already had House Pi’s support- what use was a marriage alliance with the Kangs?

“Everyone knows that. Of course we have to repair the relationship, but with the situation we’re in, is that even possible anymore?” Zhaolong wasn’t pleased that Zhaoming was taking the spotlight. The guy was obviously trying to take over him and Guifeng!

“Whether or not it can be repaired depends on uncle- I have no power there, was it me who pissed them off?” Zhaoming said a little darkly.

“You-!” Zhaolong was instantly pissed, his eyes wide and speechless.

“Alright, Zhaoming, stop blaming!” Miracle Doctor Kang still, after all, liked Zhaolong better than Zhaoming.

“Grandpa, I’m not blaming- that’s just the first point, and I meant that only uncle will be able to fix this, it’s not within my abilities! But the other point is that we can use another method to repair the relationship, for example- they’re looking for business partners, and we’re great candidates ourselves!” Zhaoming said with a wave of his hand, “We can always suffer some loses and give more benefits to them when working together, repairing the relationship is the most important!”

Actually, the things he was saying was nothing special- everyone knew. It was just that everyone was panicking earlier and weren’t thinking about it, while Zhaoming had already stabled his mind, planning how he would look the greatest. His brain was calm because of that.

After all, this wasn’t a loss at all, in his eyes. Whether or not House Kang became a noble house didn’t affect his days of fun- he was just a rich kid, and since grandpa would never let him inherit the family he had a lot less to worry about.

“Looks like it’s still Zhaoming we have to rely on in a crissi!” Miracle Doctor Kang was instantly pleased at the words. “Alright, we’ll offer a partnership, and sacrifice some benefits while putting ourselves down a little!”

Zhaolong’s eyes lit up as well- he had to admit, this Zhaoming did have some brains. It was a normal idea, but it was practical- instead of going to them to talk out a repairing of their relationship, they could use this practical method! After all, why would they befriend the Kangs again, after what they did?

“Of course, this is just one aspect- whether this idea works will depend on Uncle’s moves!” Zhaoming was not a nice person- after all, this might not get the Xiaos to forgive them, but Zhaoming took that responsibility and pushed it to Guifeng, meaning that it would be his fault if the idea failed, not Zhaoming’s fault!

Guifeng’s face changed, and was about to explain something when Zhaoming continued speaking. “The other part is that, in order to ascend to a noble house, it all falls on us... In other words, it’ll fall on me- as long as I’m able to get the recipe of the Pill of Life Extension and Toxin Cleansing, then whether or not House Xiao supports us wouldn’t matter anymore. If we have the recipe, and the strength- House Yu would make us a noble hosue for sure!”

“Zhaoming, you truly are the miracle of House Kang!” Miracle Doctor Kang said excitedly, standing up to pat his shoulder, “Grandson, you’re the most composed and calm person out of all of us in this time of crisis- I really have midjudged you, you’re actually wise and practical!”

“Thank you, grandpa!” Zhaoming said humbly. Everything he had just said was normal- this was all the planning that they decided to stick to before, but saying these now changed the context and texture of it.

“House Kang will fall onto your shoulders now- I wish it will grow stronger and closer to glory!” He said solemnly.

"I understand, grandpa! Don't worry, I won't let you down!" Zhaoming was smiling widely- his grandpa seemed to see him as a possible heir now!

Miracle Doctor Kang's words made Guifeng and Zhaolong's expression change- it seemed that they had really messed up this time, disappointing the doctor intensely! Yet, saying anything now wouldn't help- Guifeng had to use all his power to repair this relationship, even if they had to sacrifice benefits! If he failed this task, then Zhaolong's position in this house would be compromised!

At the thought, he quickly left for House Xiao after the family meeting ended, bringing Zhaolong with him.

A blue SUV sped on the highway, and behind the wheel, Zhaolong. Guifeng sat next to him.

"Zhaolong, this is really serious- if we fail this, then our position in House Kang could plummet!" Guifeng sighed, his eyes solemn.

"Father, I actually think that we didn't really mess up at all- with the situation we were in, anyone would think that House Xiao was done for- who would've thought that something like this would happen?" Zhaolong said, "Zhaoming was completely thinking of himself back then- only grandpa didn't know what he was thinking! He just happened to guess the right thing by luck!"

"Leave that talk for later- right now we're the losers, we need to find some way to redeem ourselves." Guifeng waved his hand. There was no point talking about whether or not Zhaolong got lucky.

"Yes, but I don't know if House Xiao would forgive us..." Zhaolong nodded.

The car parked in front of House Xiaos' villa, but House Xiao was not the old House Xiao anymore- normal people wouldn't be able to enter! The practitioners had come from House Pi already- since the night that Pi Zhishan and Pi Zhihai left!

"Master Pi, Brother Pi, what do you think of this master bedroom?" Xiao Ji said with full respect as he showed them their master bedroom on the third floor, where no one had lived before.

Their villa was a luxury type, and was even one floor above Mengyao's.

Chapter 1107: Returning the Words

"It's fine, there's no need for luxuries!" The older Pi practitioner said, the one they were calling Master Pi, "Just make the training room downstairs better!"

"Don't worry, Master Pi- I've already made the preparations. Anything you need, just tell us- we'll be able to provide for you!" Xiao Ji said.

It was then that the villa's doorbell rang.

"Brother, can you get the door? I'll accompany the two masters," Xiao Ben said to Xiao Ji.

Xiao Ji knew what type of person he was, and was worried that he might mess something up with his rough personality. Naturally, he'd prefer letting his brother deal with this!

There had been a lot of noble houses calling them to ask for a business partnership already, so it wasn't weird to have a visitor.

Xiao Ji walked down the stairs and looked out- pausing. He wasn't expecting Zhaolong and Guifeng to be outside their iron door!

He was a rough and brash man, but even he knew what the Kangs were thinking, to be visiting now! His rage from the time they humiliated him rose up instantly!

Great- these guys came on their own to get messed up! He really needed to return the favor they paid to him last time, otherwise it wouldn't be right!

"Oh? Isn't this the son and father of House Kang? Did you need something?" Xiao Ji used the same style of talking as what the Kangs used last time.

Guifeng and Zhaolong felt a chill- it seemed that this wouldn't be easy at all, as expected!

"Xiao Bro, what are you saying? Aren't our families engaged in a marriage alliance? Visiting is simply normal, wouldn't you say?" Guifeng smiled.

"Engaged? Who are you talking about, when did our houses become engaged? Kang Guifeng, is there something wrong with your memory? You remembered wrong, right?" Xiao Ji said, smiling coldly in his heart. So now they were in a marriage alliance again? Didn't this guy say he had a bad memory? Well that was just fine!

"Big Bro Xiao, don't be mad... Yes, my memory is a little flaky, that time you came to my house, I couldn't remember, I forgot! Only when we went back did I remember after Zhaolong told me- our houses are really engaged in a marriage!" Guifeng said awkwardly, but fortunately for him he said he had a bad memory last time, so he could try and use that.

"Kang Guifeng, I really don't know what you're saying right now!" Xiaoji smiled coldly, "After all, we have too many relationships with other houses right now- who knows whether or not you're telling the truth? Who are you engaged to, anyway? I still don't understand- we're all men in House Xiao, and you keep talking about marriage engagements- my name may be Xiao Ji, but I'm not gay!"

"Wha??" Guifeng didn't know what he should say to that- the guy was clearly saying that he didn't know who they were, and that they should scram!

"Alright, stop dilly dallying- if you have evidence, take it out, if not, then scram- I have no time to deal with you, we have guests already, a Mystic late phase peak being one of them. If you come cause trouble again don't blame me for what I'll do!" Xiaoji threatened impatiently.

With that, he turned and walked back into the house, slamming the door.

"Um..." Guifeng looked at the solid door, sighing and shaking his head, "It seems like this isn't possible- they don't want to talk to us at all!"

"Father, maybe we should try again? After all, we've decided to suffer losses and give them the benefits- maybe they'll have a change of heart?" Zhaolong didn't want to give up.

“Didn’t you hear? He said that he has two masters in the house, one of them a Mystic late phase peak- among the noble houses, only House Yu has that kind of power! Why would they want to work with us when they’re this strong now? Many are trying to work with them, we can’t even get in the queue!” Guifeng smiled bitterly, “They’re not the old House Xiao anymore, they have no use for us anymore!”

“But just giving up like this...” Zhaolong held a fist.

“But what can we do? If they were interested, they wouldn’t have behaved like that! Nothing we say will change this! Come, let’s go home,” Guifeng was quite accepting- fact was, he didn’t want to suffer humiliation again!

Zhaolong nodded and got on the car with his father, leaving quietly.

Zhaolong was very unwilling, but he had no choice- those guys weren’t giving him a chance at all!

Xiao Ji ran back to the villa and told everything to his younger brother, who felt that it was a bit of a waste, “We could’ve had them pay up big time and give us a lot of compensation... After all we’re lacking in funds right now...”

“Heh, brother, we now have two masters on our side- money isn’t a problem at all! There’ll be plenty of partnerships forming soon, so why spend time on traitorous and honorless Kangs?” Xiao Ji didn’t mind, “I said before, it’s their fault for what they did! They could lick my toes, and I’d still kick them away!”

“Alright, it’s true that we’ve had our revenge! You’re right- with the strength we have now, money wouldn’t be a problem at all!” Xiao Ben nodded, putting the issue to the back of his head.

The news of House Xiao had also passed onto Lin Yi, and while he wasn’t aware of the situation regarding noble houses, Uncle Fu was- the fact that the hidden house Pi was supporting House Xiao meant only bad news for the Chu’s!

Uncle Fu notified Lin Yi right away upon receiving the news.

Chapter 1108: Er Goudan’s Arrival

“Yi, are you aware that House Xiao has received the support of the hidden House Pi?” Uncle Fu said on the phone- Lin Yi had just taken Xiaoxiao and Tang Yun home, and was heading to the villa.

“Hidden House Pi?” Lin Yi paused, “Are they the same type of house as the hidden House Yu and hidden House Zhao?” Lin Yi wasn’t sure about the world of noble houses and hidden houses.

“Yes, the hidden house Pi is slightly stronger than the hidden house Zhao in terms of fighting power. I hear that the old man of House Pi is Earth class late phase peak, one step away from Sky class. Although, this isn’t proven yet- House Pi’s kungfu is physical practicing, after all, it’s different from spiritual practicing,” Uncle Fu explained succinctly.

“House Pi’s old man is one step away from Sky class?” Lin Yi frowned- he wasn’t expecting such strength from House Pi! After all, the physical practitioners had a really hard time getting higher once they reached late phase! They were different from spiritual practitioners, who used qi and treasures to make themselves stronger- the physical ones had to train their physical body!

In other words, spiritual practitioners could train on their own, but physical ones needed a partner to train with after a certain point, looking for a way to break through! In basic terms, physical kung fu were punches and kicks, so you couldn't just keep kicking the air to level up!

The fact that House Pi was one step away from Sky class meant that there was someone almost as strong as him to train with. In other words, House Pi is extremely strong!

"Yes, but from what we can see now they're only in a business relationship with House Xiao. The Xiaos wouldn't use House Pi to take revenge on us yet!" Uncle Fu said.

"Right, what's the strength of the practitioners House Pi sent to the Xiaos?" Lin Yi asked.

"One is a Mystic late phase peak, the other is a Mystic early phase, both are physical practitioners." Uncle Fu said.

"The early phase one is fine, but the late phase peak one... Hm, this is a little troublesome." Lin Yi knotted his eyebrows together. He was a Mystic mid phase spiritual practitioner now, and he had confidence when it came to dealing with Mystic mid phase peak physical practitioners, but when it came to Mystic late phase peak... Lin Yi wasn't sure anymore! Unless he used the energy bomb tactic again. That was, however, a self-destructing ability, and it should only be used in the most dire of emergencies. The after effects were too much.

"That's right... If only I can regain my strength at my peak!" Uncle Fu sighed, feeling helpless, "If I can break through into Mystic now, even if it's early phase- I'd be able to help, and with our combined strength we still would be able to take on the Mystic late phase peak! But now, even though I'm only a step away from Mystic, it's still quite a big step..."

Lin Yi couldn't help but nod at the words. It was true- he may be able to fight someone at a stronger strength level, but Uncle Fu couldn't! He had many cards that Uncle Fu didn't have!

If only he could let Uncle Fu use the jade space... But it wasn't as simple as it seemed. Energy was simply different from anything else, and although Lin Yi had once wished he could just bottle it up, it wasn't practical!

"It's alright- there are countermeasures that can be taken." Lin Yi wasn't sure, but he wanted to let Uncle Fu have some confidence.

"I'll pay attention to their movements. As long as they don't come to us, we'll leave them alone," Uncle Fu said.

In actuality, the Xiaos really were looking to come cause trouble- they were drooling for House Chu's wealth! They were planning to wait until House Pi's men arrived to avenge Uncle Pi and trace it back to House Chu, but now it seemed like House Pi didn't even care if Uncle Pi died or not! Pi Zhishan, Pi Zhihai, or the two masters that came after them- none of them even wanted to visit him!

So, even though Xiao Ji and Xiao Ben wanted to get revenge, they didn't dare make their own agendas unless House Pi said so. Pi Zhishan made it clear- these masters would only help when there was trouble, and that they were not House Xiao's fighters. They couldn't just order them to strike House Chu.

“Brother, maybe we could discuss with Master Pi and Pi Bro, get them to go to House Chu and take their wealth?” Xiao Ji said to Xiao Ben secretly after settling the Pi’s in.

“No- the masters House Pi sent are different from Uncle Pi. Great Master Pi said it very clearly- they are to only step in to help when House Xiao is in trouble. We can’t just order them to do stuff,” Xiao Ben said.

“But, getting money from House Chu is business for House PI too- after all, our profits go to them!” Xiao Ji said.

“That’s true, but we’re not close with these two Pi’s yet. Unless we know about their temper and personality- which, even at that point, we still need to get close with them first! It’d be easier after all that,” Xiao Ben said, “We don’t have to worry about funds at all- those who want to have a partnership with us would provide the money!”

“You’re right- after we become close will it be easier!” Xiaoji nodded, “You’re quite smart after all, brother!”

It was Er Goudan’s first time leaving his house. On the train, he remembered what Uncle Lin said- telling him to mind his own business and not get involved with strangers.

There were a couple of scammers looking at Er Goudan and thinking of scamming him, but seeing the guy not care about anything made them give up. After all, this sort of person was the hardest target for them- the guy wouldn’t talk and wouldn’t sleep, there were no openings.

And so, Er Goudan had no trouble as he arrived safely at Songshan.

You Xiaoke was quite troubled these days, very troubled- she thought that the move against the thieves led by the police would end in a few days, but it had been half a month already and had no signs of reaching a conclusion!

Chapter 1109: The Orphanage’s Emergency

But, as long as the operation was still in place, Xiaoke wouldn’t be able to steal anything for income. Although she did get quite a bit of money earlier, it wasn’t enough for such a huge orphanage! The prices nowadays were steep, and with so many mouths to feed, the money they had simply wasn’t enough!

Seeing the funds of the orphanage running out was painful, but there was nothing she could do!

The mission posted on the ‘Thieves Door’ website had yet to be accepted, and even if Xiaoke wanted to get some quick money, there weren’t any routes! She could only sigh on her bed.

“Xiaoke, why the long face? The food’s ready in the kitchen, why aren’t you eating? The kids are waiting for you!” The head of the orphanage walked in her room.

“Headmaster, I’m not hungry- you guys eat first,” Xiaoke shook her head.

The days at the orphanage were getting tighter and tighter now that she didn't have an income to support them- the quality of food was getting lower as well, with each meal only consisting of potatoes and veggies. The amount was a lot smaller, too!

The final few thousands of the funds were used to get cheaper potatoes and white celery as well as noodles- these were all easier to store, and you got a better price if you bought them in big quantities.

They were also all leftover food from last spring, and the vendors were mass-selling the crops since the new ones were coming in soon.

Veggies were cheap, but the noodles weren't. Xiaoke even tried to eat veggies and no carbs, but she today she just really didn't want to only veggies today. Might as well not eat altogether, it'd save some money!

"Xiaoke, look at how skinny you are now- of course you're hungry! What will the children do if your body fails?" The headmaster knew what Xiaoke was thinking, but she was the same as well- the noodles were getting less and less, and as troubled as she was, she couldn't let Xiaoke starve!"

"Alright, I'll eat a bit..." Xiaoke nodded.

But the more they were in this situation, the more trouble appeared- after all, trouble doesn't come by itself. The orphanage had no money, yet they needed it right at this moment!

A while after eating, a kid was rushed to the hospital for appendicitis while he was playing ball!

Xiaoke brought Xiao Ken to the hospital, but only after reaching it did she realize that they didn't have money!

They had already spent all the money in the safe fund of the orphanage, and she wasn't holding any cash at all.

Hospitals these days weren't charities- they needed money for operations, she knew this very well!

Luckily, Xiaoke knew some people in this hospital, like the nurse Wang sis, but it wasn't like the operation would become free just because she knew people in here! The most she could do was ask Nurse Wang to tell the doctor to do the operation first while she tried to get money to pay it back!

Even if that was all that could be done, she'd be grateful! She sighed in relief as the kid got pushed into the operation room. She looked at the nurse, "Thank you so much, Nurse Wang!

"It's nothing- but Ke, you should try to get the money as soon as possible- after all, if the hospital leader looks for someone to blame, I wouldn't be able to shoulder it!" Nurse Wang said.

"I know, Nurse Wang- I just forgot the money in my rush, I'll go get it now!" Xiaoke didn't voice her situation- the nurse was already busy as is and she didn't want to add trouble to her plate.

She was just a nurse, after all, and her salary wasn't high- she couldn't just ask her for money.

"Alright, I'll leave first then- I still have something to do, I'm the only nurse on duty today," Nurse Wang didn't think much- she knew about her job, and so she didn't think that Xiaoke would lack money.

"Okay, see you then!" Xiaoke nodded.

She only sighed after the nurse left. She turned to Xiao Ken, "Xiao Ken, you stay here- I'll go get some money from the orphanage."

"Xiao Ke sis, you don't have to lie to me. Actually, I know that there's no money left, right?" Xiao Ken said after some hesitation.

"Xiao Ken, you know already?" Xiao Ke nodded her head slightly, not denying. He was the eldest of the kids, and was already more mature- he could feel that there was something wrong.

"Yeah. Is there anything I could do?" Xiao Ken raised his head bravely.

In his heart, he'd always admired Xiao Ke- but he knew that he wasn't a good match for her. She was the goddess of all the kids in the orphanage since they were small, and he knew that this was an impossible dream. He only wanted to share some of the burden Xiao Ke had.

"It's fine- you stay here and take care, I'll go get some money," Xiao Ke shook her head. Xiao Ken would always be a kid in her eyes.

He nodded, a little disappointed. As expected, Xiao Ke still treated him like a child.

"Alright, I'll wait here- you be safe, Xiao Ke sis!" He nodded.

Xiao Ke quickly ran out of the hospital, and felt despair as she looked at the policemen patrolling. It seemed like it was impossible to steal any wallets!

In actuality, she didn't have to go to the streets to steal wallet- there was a great place right behind her, the hospital, filled with people with a lot of money. Xiao Ke, however, wasn't an evil person- she had her codes of honor, and she didn't want to steal the money in the hospital. The money there was for the treatment of their loved ones- what would they do if it went missing? They needed it to save their loved ones!

And so, she left the hospital without hesitation, looking around on the streets.

Slowly, she reached the train station where there was a lot of people- this used to be her paradise, since there were a bunch of tyrants walking around here, bullying the vendors and scamming tourists. There were plenty targets here!

Stealing their money had no burden on her conscience- the money they earned wasn't clean, and so she didn't mind the theft.

But now, all of those people were gone? With all the police here, there wouldn't be any of the bad guys she was used to! The things they were doing were illegal, after all- of course they'd be hiding!

Chapter 1110: Medical Fees

Looking at the tourists passing by, as well the cops on the streets... Xiao Ke had quite the headache. She needed this money for medical fees, she couldn't let Nurse Wang get blamed!

She looked at the tourists walking by, and she tried her hardest to look for a target. The police here didn't have too many men, and she had her chances.

Soon after, she found something- a man who was exiting the train station!

He was a tall young man, the type that walked out of the big mountains, wearing really old and rugged clothes, a blue singlet and black shorts. He was as countryside as you got- and these people were the type who entered the city for the first time, were not experienced in social settings. They were easier targets!

Xiaoke had thought of stealing money off of the fat rich bosses, but these were a lot more careful, and, in a place like this, she'd easily attract the police's attention. She had to target this easy looking countryside man!

But she'd never stolen from a good person before, so while this man was an easy target, this didn't adhere to her codes! She followed behind him, hesitating- she didn't know if she should make her move!

No matter what, she needed to get the money today- she'd already caused enough trouble to Nurse Wang, and if she didn't pay up, the hospital would blame the nurse- She didn't want that!

But making a move on this young man really hurt her! He looked like an honest man, a kind man- it was a very guilty thing for her to be doing this!

But yet, without realizing, Xiaoke had been following the man for a long time now, still hesitating!

"Why are you following me?" Xiaoke hadn't made a move yet, but the young man turned around to look at her, confused!

Er Goudan was quite troubled- what was this pretty girl doing, trailing her? He had realized from the start when she started tailing him, but because she was a pretty girl, he assumed that she wasn't a bad guy. He just thought that the person was just walking the same way!

But he intentionally changed his direction, realizing that the girl was still following!

Goudan was a little straightforward, but he was someone who grew up with Lin Yi- he was no normal human. In the forests, there were plenty of beasts that were good at hiding their presence, all failing to conceal themselves from Goudan's senses, let alone a You Xiaoke!

Goudan turning his head back put Xiaoke in a shock! Never would she have imagined that the man would realize she was tailing him, and she didn't know what to say! She was already feeling guilty enough already! "It's nothing... It's nothing..."

Goudan frowned, his eyes a little bright, "Girlie, is there anything you need? If you do, just say it, don't dilly dally like a girl!"

"Pfft-~" Xiaoke almost laughed at the words- she was a girl in the first place, wasn't she?

"What are you laughing about? Just what business do you have with me?" Goudan didn't know why this weird girl was laughing.

For some reason, Xiaoke felt that this guy was a really nice person. She changed her mind- she wouldn't steal from him anymore.

"I was following you... to ask you to lend me some money!" Xiaoke took back her smile and put on a serious face.

Xiaoke was sure that this man was a nice man, and she couldn't steal anymore. Yes, she wanted to borrow the money- and she would return it!

"Borrow money? What do you need it for? Goudan asked.

"There's a kid at my house who got appendicitis, we don't have money for operation, so I wanted to borrow some as an emergency..." Xiaoke didn't lie.

"Appendicitis? Surgery? That's a big deal!" Goudan said- the girl's face didn't look like she was lying. "How much do you need to borrow?"

"How... How much do you have?" Xiaoke didn't think that he'd actually borrow her money- she felt quite surprised!

Goudan was a nice person, and while Old Lin did warn him that there were a lot of scammers out there, Goudan felt that this girlie in front of him wasn't one. She spoke with honesty, so it was probably real! He really wanted to help!

In Weststar Village, lending money to each other in times of emergency was a very normal thing to do- he always lent money to the villagers after all, so he treated Xiaoke the same way.

"I've got a thousand nine hundred something!" Goudan bought some bread on the train- he didn't spend much.

"That's about enough!" Xiaoke said after calculating it. It should be enough for the surgery.

Goudan didn't say anything else- he took out a packet and gave it to Xiaoke. "Here, count it!"

"No need to count it! Thank you, I'll give this back as soon as possible!" Xiaoke said happily as she received the package, waving her hand, "I'll be going then!"

"Yes, hurry! A life is at stake!" Goudan nodded.

Seeing Xiaoke's figure disappear, Goudan suddenly remembered something important!

Boss Lin Yi's address was on that package, with the note Grandpa Lin wrote!

"Huh? Wait up!" Goudan started panicking a little- this was the only way he could find Boss Lin Yi- where else was he supposed to go without the address?

But Xiaoke was long gone!

Goudan slapped his head and sat down on a long bench, feeling helpless.

He'd lost contact with Lin Yi, and so he could only sit here and wait for Xiaoke to return the money and address to him!

Xiaoke may be a thief, but she knew to repay kindness with gratitude- she knew that Goudan was a good man, and so she would make sure to return this money as soon as possible! Yet, just after she reached the hospital did she realize that she didn't even ask for a contact, she didn't even know his name!

How was she supposed to return this money then? She wasn't the type to break a promise, and the guy had trusted her so completely, she really couldn't betray that kindness!