

## Chapter 1061:

### She's Here

Xia Xibei hurried back to G City, not in the mood to wear any disguises.

When she returned to G City, she went straight to the hospital.

On the phone, Qiao Yanjue's words had made her worried.

How could Sister Hong suddenly have an accident?

Just two days ago she was still laughing and joking with her, and now something had happened?

When she arrived at the hospital, Xia Xibei's expression instantly went cold.

On the hospital bed, Liu Manhong was lying down with a pitiful appearance.

Her hands and feet were badly bruised, and one leg was in a cast. She was also on a ventilator.

It must be serious if the ventilator was needed!

Qiao Yanjue was waiting outside with a serious expression.

"I'll go in first." Xia Xibei took a deep breath and took out the silver needles she had brought over.

"Don't let them disturb us."

"Okay," Qiao Yanjue and Huo Zijun both nodded their heads.

With Xia Xibei back, they weren't worried anymore.

With Xia Xibei's strength, they would definitely be able to bring Liu Manhong back.

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The two of them waited outside with their assistants and bodyguards, keeping the doctors and nurses away.

With their status, the doctors didn't dare to approach them before they gave the word.

People were muttering to themselves that they wouldn't just give up, right? Although the situation was a bit serious, they couldn't just give up!

Besides, they also gave the patient a high-class room, so they wouldn't give up after just one day.

Qiao Yanjue ignored the mutterings of others and simply stared inside with a serious expression.

In the room, Xia Xibei examined Liu Manhong, her face expressionless.

Liu Manhong's condition was serious, with abrasions on all parts of her body. Some of the flesh was ripped, and it was likely to leave scars afterward. Her foot was badly injured too. The most troublesome injury, however, was the internal impact.

Thankfully, her arms and legs were still intact.

From the looks of it, Xia Xibei knew that Liu Manhong had been in a car accident.

Just how the accident came about was something to be found out later.

Xia Xibei took a deep breath, cleared the air, adjusted her expression, then took out the silver needles and began to work.

Liu Manhong was seriously injured, so when Xia Xibei stopped, her face was a bit white, which was the result of excessive energy consumption.

After removing all the silver needles from Liu Manhong's body, she removed the ventilator as well.

Watching Liu Manhong's sleeping expression become much more relaxed, she breathed a sigh of relief.

If the doctor was here, he would have been terrified.

Liu Manhong's situation was very troublesome, and if she wasn't careful, she could easily be jeopardized.

After this round of treatment, her condition was surprisingly so much better!

At least it was not life-threatening anymore. Although there were still a series of problems, those were not big problems.

After this, Liu Manhong was definitely going to be scarred. However, it was okay. Xia Xibei could give her some medicine and ensure that she regained her perfect appearance.

The problems with her bones would require other medication.

Outside, Qiao Yanjue saw Xia Xibei's expression and let out a sigh of relief.

He knew that when Xia Xibei came back, Sister Hong would be fine!

When Xia Xibei came out from inside, he hurried up and held her.

"Is everything okay?"

Xia Xibei let herself lean on Qiao Yanjue and shook her head, "Yes, not a big problem."

For her, as long as there was still a breath left, the person could be saved.

Liu Manhong's situation looked serious, but it wasn't too terrible.

"I'll write a list for you, Go get the medicine," she said to Huo Zijun.

"Okay!" Huo Zijun immediately nodded his head.

"What happened?" Xia Xibei asked.

## Chapter 1062: Wrong Medicine

Once Xia Xibei asked her question, Huo Zijun looked upset.

"I had an appointment with Sister Hong earlier to discuss the company's affairs. After that, we each started to go home. However, a car suddenly rushed out and hit Sister Hong!"

Thinking of the scene, Huo Zijun's breathing changed. His face was pale and his expression terrified.

"The car came very fast. It was going wild, and there was no control at all! Sister Hong could not dodge it. I was a bit far from her, so there was no way to stop the car! After we stopped the car, we saw that the driver had drunk a lot!"

The man's situation looked like a DUI, but Huo Zijun didn't believe things were really that simple.

"Drunk driving?"

The same thought occurred to Huo Zijun, Qiao Yanjue, and Xia Xibei, their expressions equally hard.

Drunk driving was not so bad as to hit someone so hard that their state was like this!

"What about now?" Xia Xibei asked again.

Qiao Yanjue's expression was cold, his voice even colder. "The driver sobered up and explained that he drank too much and took Sister Hong as his cheating wife. That was why he wanted to kill her."

"It's that simple?" Xia Xibei sneered.

"Of course it can't be that simple," Qiao Yanjue shook his head. "I've already asked someone to investigate. There should be results soon."

Although that driver confessed to all the incriminating evidence, this matter was not something he could just get past if he wanted to.

Although he was definitely responsible for all of it, things were not that simple.

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The place where Liu Manhong and Huo Zijun met was not on the street. Who would go there specifically to make a move on her? And try to hit her to death?

If there wasn't a speed buffer there, Sister Hong would have died.

Qiao Yanjue couldn't give up until this matter was clearly investigated.

"Yes, we need to investigate it properly!" Xia Xibei nodded.

"Okay, leave things to me. You can go get some rest."

"Well, I'll write the prescription first."

Xia Xibei braced herself to send the prescription to Huo Zijun.

Looking at Xia Xibei's pale little face, Qiao Yanjue was heartbroken and picked her up.

"I'll take you back to rest."

Huo Zijun nodded, "Yes, you guys go back first, I'll keep watch here. If anything happens, I'll call you."

Xia Xibei nodded and leaned wearily into Qiao Yanjue's arms.

"Okay, I'll trouble you then."

"Don't say that," Huo Zijun shook his head. "If I hadn't asked Sister Hong to meet, she wouldn't have met this kind of disaster."

"Don't say that either," Xia Xibei shook her head. "There's nothing you could have done about it."

"All right, let's not talk about that," Qiao Yanjue interrupted them. "I'll take her back to rest first."

"Okay, go."

When they left, Huo Zijun asked someone to get the medicine.

Xia Xibei wrote this list clearly, and it was obvious what to do.

Only, when the herbs were grabbed, he suddenly frowned.

"Wait a minute."

The person who brought the herbs over was a little confused, "What's wrong?"

"Show me the herbs again."

Huo Zijun examined the herbs once, and his expression was very ugly.

There were two herbs that were wrong, but if you didn't look carefully, you would get mixed up.

Although they looked similar, the medicinal effects were very different!

If they made the medicinal concoction as is, they could only imagine the result!

Huo Zijun's heart was beating wildly, and his face turned white.

He gritted his teeth, "Get me the person who collected the herbs before! I need to figure it out!"

Because of this matter, he was now suspicious of the IV drip that Liu Manhong was going to take later.

Who wanted to kill her this bad?

### **Chapter 1063: Time to Pay the Price**

Huo Zijun's face was very gloomy after he checked out the situation.

He found out that the person who went through with the ingredient change was actually related to Huo Zhan and the others!

What did Huo Zhan and the others want?

Why did they want to do something to Liu Manhong?

If Huo Zijun had left the medicine-concocting task to others and did not notice the problem here, Liu Manhong would be in danger now.

The accuracy of a single ingredient in medicine could affect the big picture.

Huo Zijun's face darkened when he thought of the possible outcome.

Xia Xibei's and Qiao Yanjue's faces after receiving the news were not pleasant either.

"Did your eldest uncle and the others do this?"

"Why would they do this to Sister Hong?"

Huo Zijun shook his head, "The person I caught is related to them, but I think... They should have nothing to do with the driver."

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue looked at each other and agreed with this statement.

If Huo Zhan and the others wanted to make a move because of what happened before, they would do it to Huo Zijun or Xia Xibei, not Liu Manhong.

Although Liu Manhong was also one of the shareholders, her shares were the smallest.

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Even if Liu Manhong was harmed, it would not affect them. Instead, it would only anger them.

So, Huo Zhan and the others probably just wanted to follow along and take advantage of the situation.

"It seems that many people don't like us!" Xia Xibei's expression was grim.

No matter who it was, if they dared to do such things, they had to bear the consequences!

Qiao Yanjue's expression was as cold as ever, "There is some development on my end. I should have more information soon."

They waited for a while and soon received a message.

After reading the information, Xia Xibei was surprised.

"Who is this Lu Jinghong?"

"Lu Jinghong... The Lu family." Qiao Yanjue's expression was a bit serious. "If I'm not wrong, it should be the Lu family among the ancient martial arts families. Their home base is in H province."

“Another ancient martial arts family?” Xia Xibei was surprised. “Even if it is a family of ancient martial arts, why would they lay hands on Sister Hong?! They do not hold a grudge against her!”

Only after looking at the relationship did Xia Xibei come to understand.

Lu Jinghong was the current wife of Zou Zheng!

Could it be that she was after Liu Manhong because of her relationship with Zou Zheng?

But that was insane!

The two of them had been divorced for so long and they haven't been in contact since then. When they met, Liu Manhong had even specifically insulted Zou Zheng.

In such a bad situation, Lu Jinghong was still worried about the two of them getting back together?

Please! She really underestimated Liu Manhong's taste in men!

Liu Manhong was all about looks. She was not even interested in anyone ugly, not to mention a scummy ex like Zou Zheng, who would only be kicked aside.

“Lu Jinghong is crazy, right?” Xia Xibei had a face of incomprehension.

“Whether she's crazy or not, this matter can't pass like this!” Qiao Yanjue's expression was frozen to the extreme. “Even if it's the Lu family, they can't just bully people like this!”

Even if the Lu family was an ancient martial arts family, the influence of ancient martial families was dropping.

What was more important now was economic strength. A fist with money was stronger.

Moreover, this Lu Jinghong was not an important person in the Lu family, and it was unlikely that she could afford to be reckless.

Liu Manhong didn't offend them, so why should they hurt her like this!

Qiao Yanjue was ready to have someone keep an eye on Lu Jinghong, but Xia Xibei spoke up.

“I have a new idea,” Xia Xibei declared coldly. “I think it's time for them to pay for what they've done!”

### **Chapter 1064: Retaliation (1)**

Ever since Zou Zheng saw Liu Manhong last time, he had been very depressed.

In fact, he still liked Liu Manhong very much. It was only that he had no choice back then and had to separate from her.

When they met again this time, he saw that Liu Manhong had never remarried, which made him very happy.

It would be great if they could renew their previous relationship!

He didn't expect that Liu Manhong would treat him like an enemy. That before he could speak, she would insult him endlessly and almost destroy him.

Under such circumstances, how could he still make up with Liu Manhong?

What was even more hateful was that Lu Xiaohang liked Liu Manhong!

That kid was too hateful!

Obviously, he was young and good-looking, and he could find many pretty girls. Why should he like Liu Manhong?

Liu Manhong was a fiery woman. People who were afraid wanted to stay away from her, but those who liked her style couldn't get enough.

Zou Zheng also liked her kind of character. Therefore, all these years later, he did not forget Liu Manhong.

He just didn't think they couldn't go back to the old days.

Moreover, Liu Manhong could end up with Lu Xiaohang now!

Lu Xiaohang had been hard-tempered since childhood. If he had an idea, he would absolutely not be influenced by others.

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He liked women who were more mature than him, and his family couldn't change his mind.

If it weren't for this, he would have become the head of the Lu family a long time ago.

After all, there were not many people as good as him, even in the Lu family.

However, with his preference, if he was looking for a mature woman, how could he have children? Those women were at least 40 years old. Could there ever be children?

If he couldn't have children, how could the Lu family continue to pass on?

The Lu family had many quarrels over this issue.

However, no one could be more stubborn than Lu Xiaohang, and they could only let him be.

So, with Lu Xiaohang's temper, he might really end up marrying Liu Manhong!

Such an incompatible pairing in the eyes of others would not have any impact on Lu Xiaohang.

As for Liu Manhong, it was no problem for her either.

She had always been a reckless woman who never cared about others' opinions, as Zou Zheng always knew.

What would he do if the two of them got together?

So, seeing that things were about to go in a terrible direction, even though he knew Lu Jinghong wanted to do something about it, he didn't stop it.

What he couldn't have, no one else could have either!

Zou Zheng had mixed feelings when he heard the news that Liu Manhong had been hit by a drunk driver and was almost dead.

In the end, however, it was a sigh of relief.

Since Liu Manhong had become like this, there shouldn't be any problem now.

So, after he helped Lu Jinghong to cover up any traces of the crime, he went on with his business.

He didn't expect the police to rush in just as he was ready to make a deal!

Looking at the police, who suddenly charged in, everyone was stunned.

Who had leaked the news?

Their dealings had always been a secret. After all, if such things leaked out, it would be over for all of them!

They were trading artifacts that were forbidden by the country, and the news absolutely could not be leaked.

Looking at the police, who came out of nowhere, both sides were caught off guard.

Moreover, didn't they have eyes and ears in the police station? How come there was no news all of a sudden?

No matter how shocked they were in their hearts, they could only be brought back obediently to the precinct.

Zou Zheng was still looking for a lawyer to handle the matter and try to exonerate him when another piece of news came through, one that almost made him faint!

The crystals that were in the safe were gone!

## **Chapter 1065: Retaliation (2)**

When this news came, Zou Zheng was still in the police station discussing strategies with his lawyer.

Upon hearing the news, he stiffened, drew in a breath, and passed out straight away.

The crystals went missing?

Zou Zheng was nervous but not desperate when he was caught while trading artifacts.

However, the crystals going missing was an enormous problem!



Although he didn't know exactly what the crystals were for and how they should be used, he knew that they were all treasures.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have to be so torn.

One piece of crystal could bring him plenty of benefits.

It could be said that the reason why he had his current status and wealth was because of these crystals.

These crystals... They were stolen from the Lu family.

These crystals were very precious and closely guarded by the Lu family.

It was through his relationship with Lu Jinghong that he made connections with others, got through many channels, and then got these crystals.

When these crystals were sold, the price was enough to drive anyone crazy!

However, he had never seen this kind of crystal on the market, and no one had made it into an accessory or jewelry.

Although curious about the usage of such crystals, he would not use them and did not bother to pursue the information in depth.

He just needed to know that there was enough money on the line.

His actions were very secretive. He only started last year, and he only did deals once or twice a year.

A few days ago, he hooked up with a foreign buyer.

The buyer was very generous with his offer and offered a price higher than any auctioned gemstones on the market!

So, after selling one crystal and seeing the great price, he decided to sell three crystals at once, to make more money.

He also decided that after selling the three crystals, he would call it a day and figure out what to do after things had calmed down.

After all, he was afraid that the Lu family would find out about the problem.

Who would have thought that the three crystals would be missing?!

When Zou Zheng woke up, he broke down and immediately called Qiao Weiyue.

In order to cover up, they had put the three crystals inside the safe at Qiao Weiyue's house.

The house was quite simple in its facilities, and to outsiders, it was just a place for them to occasionally hang out.

Moreover, there was nothing special here. Others would not think that there were any valuable items here.

No one knew that there was an inconspicuous utility room with a hidden safe where precious things were kept.

In order to keep people from suspecting anything, they did not pay much attention to this area and only monitored the space through a very hidden monitor.

For so long, there was no problem at all.

After all, in everyone's perception, if there were treasures here, they must be closely watched.

It would only be casual if there was nothing here.

However, where was the stuff?

When Zou Zheng called Qiao Weiyue, his voice was calm, but if you listened carefully, you could hear a hint of trembling.

"Don't joke with me, you can't joke about such things."

Qiao Weiyue, on the other end, was also anxious.

"I'm not kidding! The things are really gone!"

"Gone?! But how?!" Zou Zheng couldn't help but roar. "Things were fine right?! Where's the stuff? Go check the surveillance!"

Their surveillance was state-of-the-art and well-hidden, so thieves wouldn't find it.

If you looked at the surveillance, you would know who stole the stuff.

Qiao Weiyue was about to cry as he spoke, "I checked, but the surveillance was blocked!"

### **Chapter 1066: Retaliation (3)**

"Blocked?!" Zou Zheng thought he had heard wrong. "How is that possible!"

"It's true!" Qiao Weiyue cried out. "Old Wan and I have checked, the surveillance is blocked! Although we can hear a little sound, we can't see anything, we don't have a clue!"

Zou Zheng felt confused, "How is it possible? The surveillance we put up is so secretive! How could it be discovered?"

Qiao Weiyue had a splitting headache. The crises, one after another, really messed him up.

"I don't know what's going on, but it's certain that the crystals are gone!"

Zou Zheng almost had a breakdown but forced himself to calm down.

"Old Qiao, are we on good terms?"

“Of course we’re good!” Qiao Weiyue nodded. “We are all good brothers, we have money to earn together!”

Difficulties to overcome together too.

“So, shouldn’t you take the stuff out?”

Qiao Weiyue, on the other end, froze for a moment before flipping out, “Are you suspecting me?!”

Zou Zheng’s voice was cold, “I’m not doubting you. I just want to say that since we are in the same boat, we should act like it and share the difficulties. Otherwise, if something goes wrong, we’d all be finished!”

Qiao Weiyue became even angrier and jumped to his feet.

“I didn’t steal them! I don’t know anything at all!”

Zou Zheng took a deep breath. “Old Qiao, don’t joke about it now.”

“I’m not joking! If I joked about this kind of thing, let a bolt of lightning strike me dead!”

Qiao Weiyue was so angry that he swore.

However, even when he swore like this, Zou Zheng did not fully believe his words.

Zou Zheng was now in the police station and facing various charges.

In this case, it was possible that Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao had moved the crystals and found another buyer.

Moreover, only the three of them knew about the monitoring and stuff. The others did not know anything about it.

Now, suddenly, there was a thief who covered up the monitor, silently opened the safe, and took things away...

Oh! It couldn’t be that simple!

He was now trapped in the police station, so if they did do this, he could not do anything to them for a while.

If they thought he couldn’t do anything and wanted to bully him, that was too naive!

Even if he couldn’t get out, he would definitely share the pain with them!

Of course, he did not want to do so before things reached the final moment. He was not that desperate yet.

Maybe the two men would think it through and bring back the crystals?

His slim hope was soon shattered.

Lu Jinghong suddenly told him that they were found out!

Yes, what he did before was discovered by the Lu family! The Lu family knew that he had taken the Lu family's crystals!

This news was like a bolt from the blue, which immediately knocked Zou Zheng out of his mind!

How could the Lu family have found out? It was fine before!

Lu Jinghong was devastated when she received a call from her big brother, asking her and Zou Zheng to return the spirit stones.

If the spirit stones were not handed over, they would be finished!

If the spirit stones were returned, things could still be negotiable. Even if there was a punishment, it wouldn't ruin their lives.

These words scared Lu Jinghong into immediately going to Zou Zheng to talk things over.

To her surprise, the spirit stones had already disappeared!

For a moment, Lu Jinghong was struck by a thunderbolt from a clear sky and she was about to faint.

The spirit stones were gone?! Then how could they return them?!

They couldn't!

Then they were finished!

Instantly, they were in a terrible state.

#### **Chapter 1067: Retaliation (4)**

Due to the matter of the missing crystal stones, Lu Jingxiong, the head of the Lu family and Lu Jinghong's elder brother, was furious.

Lu Jinghong had not awakened her power, so she did not know how important the spirit stones were.

Although they hadn't found a way to fully and effectively use the spirit stones, they represented an increase in their abilities, so they were important!

However, who would have thought that Zou Zheng, an outsider, would be able to steal the spirit stones?

Moreover, he stole several of them!

Even they, the Lu family, didn't have that many spirit stones!

When the matter was exposed, everyone was stunned.

Lu Jingxiong was so angry that he ordered Zou Zheng and Lu Jinghong to bring back the spirit stones. If they couldn't, they would be severely punished and kicked out of the Lu family!

When this statement came out, the couple immediately went crazy.

Zou Zheng clearly knew what the Lu family was capable of and began to frantically urge Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao to bring back the spirit stones.

If they couldn't get them back, it was really over for all of them!

However, no matter how much he fretted, he couldn't find a single clue.

No one knew where the thief came from, but they didn't leave a single clue!

They had only put monitors in the utility room, but the monitors were blocked, so there was really nothing they could do.

They were hopeless.

Zou Zheng was so angry that he wanted to turn in the two of them so that they could be in jail together.

However, he was still a bit sensible.

If they both came in, then there would really be no one to help him.

So, he held back.

However, just because he held back did not mean others did as well!

Soon, certain officials received reports that Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao were also involved in the selling of cultural relics and had profited a lot from it.

In order to make the people above look at this matter, the whistleblower prepared a lot of evidence.

Once the evidence was laid out, they had no room to defend themselves.

So, Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao were also jailed.

Zou Zheng was stunned when he found out that they were also there!

Who had reported them?

However, they couldn't find out who was behind it no matter how much they investigated.

They had all kinds of guesses, but none of them helped.

They felt chilled that a pair of eyes had been watching them for so long, recording everything they did!

Whether they were scared or angry, they had to accept it.

With this evidence, they would have to stay in jail for years.

If someone tried to help them, they could get the charges reduced. Unfortunately, they had offended so many people.

Zou Zheng had offended the Lu family, as the spirit stones could not be recovered.

Help him? Not getting him killed was already lenient.

On the Qiao family's side, when the old man knew that Qiao Weiyue had done such a thing, he almost passed out.

Their family had always been very morally upstanding, so how did Qiao Weiyue dare do such a thing?!

This was illegal!

After the anger and sadness, the old man was also a bit thankful.

Fortunately, Qiao Weiyue was already thrown out of the Qiao group.

Otherwise, his mess would also drag down the Qiao group! The company stock would suffer.

The old man hated how weak Qiao Weiyue was and immediately said that he was not going to help!

When the time came, whatever the judge sentenced him would be how it was!

Knowing that her husband and her big brother were arrested, Wan Yunfei almost cried herself to death.

However, it was useless for her to cry because she couldn't find anyone to help. The old man almost pointed his finger at her and scolded her for her uselessness.

As for the Wan family, they couldn't be counted on either.

So, they could only leave it to fate.

### **Chapter 1068: Asking for Help**

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue's moods were much better when these families had a lot of headaches.

These days, Xia Xibei had been at Liu Manhong's side, taking a few days off from the show.

The show was very nice and told her to stay as long as she needed until things were resolved.

After her treatment, Liu Manhong woke up. Although there were still some injuries, there was no longer a major problem.

However, her leg did not heal that quickly.

This leg injury was a bit serious and needed different medicinal herbs if they wanted to keep it intact.

In order to help Liu Manhong, Xia Xibei decided to ask Qi Zhi'an for help.

Actually, Xia Xibei could use other methods, but it would take too long and the result would not be perfect.

However, bone lotus could achieve perfect results, and it was only available on Qi Zhi'an's side.

After some hesitation and consideration, Xia Xibei decided to seek help from Qi Zhi'an.

Of course, this was not gratuitous. She would help Qi Zhi'an later if he needed it.

If others heard this tone of voice from her, they would definitely not be able to resist mocking.

She was an ordinary person. How could she help Qi Zhi'an?

Only a few people knew that Xia Xibei was far more powerful than others thought.

So, after receiving Xia Xibei's call, Qi Zhi'an was a bit surprised and immediately brought over the bone lotus.

He did not use the pistil and petals he picked before. After all, there was no one around with bone problems, so naturally, they could not be used.

Bone lotus was so rare that it could not be used casually.

Therefore, Qi Zhi'an put the bone lotus aside, and even Qi Xin could not touch it.

This time, when he received a call from Xia Xibei asking for help, he immediately flew over.

After their last meeting, the more he thought about it, the more he thought Xia Xibei was incredible.

How could such an outstanding person not be his friend?

Before, Huo Zijun had said he would try connecting him to Xia Xibei.

However, he did not hear from Xia Xibei, so he was a little disappointed.

Now it was good that Xia Xibei finally contacted him!

So, the two of them soon met in a restaurant.

The restaurant was owned by the Qi family and offered nice privacy features.

So, Xia Xibei didn't put much effort into her disguise, and after coming in, she took off her hat and scarf.

Previously, it was because of the Huo family that she put on the mask.

However, since Qi Zhi'an knew that face was fake and had personally brought the bone lotus over, she naturally didn't need to continue hiding her face.

Both sides had to be honest in order to continue to deal with each other.

After seeing Xia Xibei's face, Qi Zhi'an was stunned.

She was really beautiful! And a young woman!

She looked to be his daughter's age!

But... Why did she look a bit familiar?

He could not help but ask this question.

Xia Xibei laughed, "I look familiar because you've seen me on TV! I'm a celebrity!"

Qi Zhi'an understood, "That's likely!"

Although he seldom watched TV, he would still watch the news to get a sense of what was going on.

Maybe in the process of watching TV, he happened to see Xia Xibei, and that was why he thought she looked a bit familiar.

After Qi Zhi'an figured it out, he didn't continue to dwell on this issue, but handed the bone lotus over.

"Please see how it is."

Xia Xibei was not overly polite to him. She took the bag and opened the jade box inside for a look, her expression changing.

"What? Is there a problem?" Qi Zhi'an immediately asked.

### **Chapter 1069: Learning Humbly (1)**

Xia Xibei looked at him and nodded, "The concoction is not perfect."

Qi Zhi'an's smile froze, and his mood was very complicated.

This was the first time someone had spoken to him like this, and in a critical tone too!

With his position, no one had ever dared to say such things to him.

Even his father had always been considerate when speaking to him.

He had only heard such a tone before he was married, and very rarely.

He had to say, it made him feel a bit complicated.

However, thinking of Xia Xibei's strength, he quickly suppressed his conflicted thoughts and asked with an open mind, "I concocted it according to the method handed down from our family. What do you think? How should I improve?"

Xia Xibei looked at Qi Zhi'an and could not help but feel satisfied.

It was rare that an important person like Qi Zhi'an, who was so high up in the world and used to everyone's praise, could still maintain such a mentality!

If other people had heard her words, they would have turned their heads and left, or they wouldn't have been able to resist being upset.

It was no wonder Qi Zhi'an had such status and strength! He was born with his status, but his strength was earned by his own efforts.

Only with such a humble attitude could he go so far.

Xia Xibei was satisfied, and naturally, she would not withhold any information.



“In fact, the processing of the bone lotus’ pistils is not difficult. It can be very simple.”

“Simple?” Qi Zhi’an was even more surprised. “When I handled it before, I used a lot of effort!”

In order to deal with this bit of pistil, he guarded it, afraid that it would be damaged if it was exposed to the sun for too long.

“There is a very simple way,” Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows.

Qi Zhi’an made a gesture to show he was listening.

“Put it into liquor with ABV 60% and soak it for four hours. After that, take it out and dry it, grinding it into a powder.”

“Huh?” Qi Zhi’an was shocked. “Put it into liquor and soak it?”

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded. “It’s that simple, and you can be sure that the medicinal effects inside will not be lost.”

Qi Zhi’an was even more shocked.

“Is that so?”

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded, then sniffed the pistils. “You added a little sulfur to it, right?”

“Yes...”

Xia Xibei fiddled a bit more and came up with another statement.

“It was dried for two days at noon?”

“Right!”

Qi Zhi’an was convinced.

She really knew how to handle the pistils of the bone lotus! She knew all of this at a glance!

How in the world did this girl grow up? Why did she know so much?

Even people like them, with family roots, who had worked hard for so many years, may not be able to master much of the content.

The concoction of these spiritual plants was very much about the temperature used in preparing it.

It was like cooking in the country of Hua, where the right amount of salt and the right amount of sugar was essential.

Without professional and precise data, it was difficult for them to master the techniques.

If the handling was not right, the materials could be ruined.

There were so few spiritual plants, they did not dare to recklessly research and study, so how could they still master these skills?

Xia Xibei's effortless sharing really impressed Qi Zhi'an.

"That approach is too troublesome, just do what I say next time. The effect will definitely be better than what you had before," Xia Xibei said lightly.

She raised her eyebrows at these pistils.

"However, this is enough to use."

Once these words came out, Qi Zhi'an let out a sigh of relief.

Enough was good!

In the next second, however, he could not help but laugh bitterly.

When did he become a student listening to the teacher's evaluation, feeling lucky that he had finally passed?!

### **Chapter 1070: Learning Humbly (2)**

Qi Zhi'an was happy to have learned something new, although he felt a little strange about it.

He didn't know when they would be able to come up with the solution themselves.

After all, there weren't many bone lilies, and they couldn't perform research with abandon.

So, this solution given by Xia Xibei could shorten their research by a very long time, which was a great help.

This was also good for the Qi family!

For this, Qi Zhi'an was very grateful.

Then, he talked about other situations.

"I gave my daughter a treated green crystal bamboo fruit earlier, and the effect was indeed very good!" Qi Zhi'an said happily. "Can she eat more if I want her to have an even greater improvement?"

This kind of question sounded rather silly, but it was an area they hadn't been exposed to before.

After all, they had never possessed so many green crystal bamboo fruits before!

It could be said that at most, the Qi family only had two or three fruits.

Two or three fruits would be easily used up if shared among a few people, so how could there be more?

Now that there were more fruits, it was time to have other ideas.

Qi Zhi'an wanted his daughter to improve, but how would he do it?

After all, no one had ever eaten a second fruit before, so no one could be sure what would come of doing so.

Nor could he experiment with his own daughter.

Now that he had met Xia Xibei, he had to ask about it.

She was so powerful, she should have a different insight.

“You want her to eat another one?”

“Yes.”

“That’s not impossible...” Xia Xibei rubbed her chin. “However, to achieve the best results, you have to take the second one after three months.”

“What if you take it earlier?” Qi Zhi’an asked.

“If you eat the second one early... It can easily cause damage,” Xia Xibei downplayed it. “If it is serious, the person is likely to become... Stupid.”

These words made Qi Zhi’an’s heart jump and his face change.

“Serious?”

“Yeah,” Xia Xibei nodded, but then reassured him, “Don’t worry, it’s not a certainty. If you can pull through, you’ll be stronger than before instead.”

Qi Zhi’an was not placated by her anymore and asked, “What are the chances of making it through?”

“Well... Twenty percent.”

This possibility made the corners of Qi Zhi’an’s mouth twitch, and at the same time, he was glad that he did not act rashly.

Otherwise, there was no telling what terrible result would have happened now.

After talking about this matter, Qi Zhi’an asked about several more situations, and got many answers.

There were one or two problems here that others had encountered.

Those people came to him to discuss and to get answers, but he didn’t understand it either, and it took time to research.

The things that took them a lot of time to study were quickly solved by Xia Xibei, and each solution was very unique and decisive.

If it wasn’t for the previous situation, Qi Zhi’an would have thought that Xia Xibei was fooling with him. Otherwise, why would her techniques be so different from their previous ones?

After being coached by Xia Xibei, however, he had opened the door to a new world and felt he had learned a lot.

There are really too few people like Xia Xibei, who are so devoted to teaching!

He couldn't help but ask, "Who is your teacher?"

"My teacher?" Xia Xibei froze for a moment.

"Yes! I'm curious who can teach a genius like you!"

### **Chapter 1071: Teacher and Junior Apprentice**

Xia Xibei couldn't help but think back to the beginning.

She was found by her teacher, who was a roughneck and didn't know how to take care of a child.

It could be said that if she had not been clear-headed and knew how to take care of herself, she would probably have died young, let alone grown up at all.

After that, many things were learned on her own initiative, because she knew that only by mastering more power could she make herself stronger and secure her freedom.

However, at the age of ten, she had a fellow apprentice.

Although he was a junior apprentice, he was a few years older than her, and from what the teacher said, he was the child of an old friend.

Her mental age was different, so even if the junior apprentice was a few years older than her, she could still play up being an older sister with confidence.

This apprentice did not know anything at the beginning, and she taught him everything.

In the process of teaching him, she also gained a lot of knowledge that she didn't have before.

It could be said that she was able to have such proficient skills and a variety of rich knowledge due to her efforts back then.

In her learning career, it seemed that her junior apprentice was a little more instrumental than her teacher.

After that, she had an accident during a pill-refining session, died, and came back to the present.

Her sudden death should have made them a little sad.

However, both her junior apprentice and teacher were strong; they should both have been able to live a good life despite losing her.

The junior apprentice should have gotten married now, and someone like her teacher could live anywhere and wouldn't need her to worry about him.

Qi Zhi'an noticed that Xia Xibei's expression was in a bit of a trance, not knowing that his words had caused her to reminisce.

“Little Xia?” he couldn’t help but call out.

Xia Xibei was awakened by his shout and smiled, “My teacher is not in this world anymore.”

Qi Zhi’an showed an apologetic expression.

His understanding was that Xia Xibei’s teacher had passed away, so he was not in this world anymore.

Even though he wanted to know the identity of Xia Xibei’s teacher, after what she had said, how could he ask more questions?

He hurriedly changed the subject.

“By the way, how do you plan to use these flower pistils?”

“One of my relatives hurt her leg, so I want to use these pistils in the medicine.”

Xia Xibei did not hide it from him. Anyway, her identity was already exposed.

“I’m going to use some herbs to grind together...”

Xia Xibei said the names of a few herbs, making Qi Zhi’an feel even more rewarded.

“When you are done, can you let me take a look?”

Qi Zhi’an was intrigued.

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded her head. Qi Zhi’an was so eager to help, how could she refuse?

Besides, it wasn’t a secret.

Actually, in this world, this was a secret. After all, not many people had this knowledge.

However, this kind of primary skill was very common in the Land of Fantasy, and the formula was known to everyone.

After getting Xia Xibei’s permission, Qi Zhi’an immediately got excited.

“Okay then, call me when you’re done!”

He couldn’t wait to see the finished product.

“Okay,” Xia Xibei nodded, then stood up. “Thank you for the bone lotus, I have to go back.”

“Alright,” Qi Zhi’an nodded, then walked her out.

Just after sending her away, Qi Zhi’an turned around to go back when he suddenly stopped, his brow furrowed.

“Come on out.”

His voice was cold and hard, and his expression was serious, carrying a heart-stopping aura.

After all, he was a superior person, with an aura that others could not resist.

Soon, a woman walked out from the side with a sheepish expression.

“Uncle An.”

### **Chapter 1072: Misunderstanding**

“Little Ran? What are you doing here?”

Qi Zhi’an looked at Qi Xuanran in confusion.

Qi Xuanran was the daughter of his other brother, so she called him uncle.

However, she usually stayed in the imperial capital, so why was she here? It was such a coincidence to run into each other.

Just now, he turned around and sensed a different aura around him, so he hollered, not expecting it to be Qi Xuanran.

“Uncle An, I have friends here, so I came over to see them,” Qi Xuanran replied cautiously.

Although Qi Zhi’an was considered her uncle, the two of them were not close.

Moreover, Qi Zhi’an was the next head of the family. He had outstanding strength and ability, and was not someone she dared to approach.

Although Qi Zhi’an was usually gentle, his identity meant he could not really be that gentle all the time.

Qi Xuanran naturally wouldn’t dare to be so reckless.

Moreover, she had never seen such a friendly side to Qi Zhi’an before.

Thinking about the scene she saw just now, Qi Xuanran’s mood was a bit complicated.

“Came over to see friends?” Qi Zhi’an gave her a look. “That’s it?”

“Of course!” Qi Xuanran’s heart jumped and she immediately assured him, “I just came here to see friends! I didn’t see anything!”

Qi Zhi’an looked puzzled, “What did you want to say?”

Qi Xuanran hurriedly shook her head, “I didn’t say anything!”

Looking at her inexplicable reaction, Qi Zhi’an was speechless, but did not continue to press her.

“All right, then go ahead.”

“Ok! Bye Uncle An!”

Qi Xuanran hurriedly nodded, quickly leaving.

After she left, a strange feeling of “so this is really true” came over her.

In fact, she came over today to confirm her suspicions.

After coming here and seeing how Qi Zhi'an and Xia Xibei were getting along, she finally confirmed that horrible suspicion she had before!

In fact, a few days ago, she had already arrived in G City.

She came over for Hongyan Company.

Previously, Huo Zifeng had told her that Hongyan was owned by their family, and he could take over it and give it to her to run when the time came.

When she heard this news, Qi Xuanran was very happy.

She had heard the name of Hongyan Youth before and had used its products.

After using them, she was amazed.

Their Qi family also had a pharmaceutical company with a lot of products.

However, the effect of their products didn't seem to be as good as Hongyan Youth.

The most important thing, however, was that the family company had nothing to do with her. After all, she was just a minor daughter of the Qi family.

Those important assets had nothing to do with her.

When she heard Huo Zifeng say that Hongyan was their Huo family's property, she was surprised.

Unexpectedly, after only two days, Huo Zifeng told her that the deal was off.

This time, she was angry.

How could they suddenly change their mind when it seemed so certain before?

So, she flew to G City in a rage to see what was going on.

Although she was a daughter from the Qi family's side line, in the eyes of outsiders, her status was also very powerful.

It was just a small company. How difficult would it be to get it?

When she arrived, she didn't act immediately, observing carefully.

Then she found that a woman named Liu Manhong was using a black gold card!

That was their Qi family's black gold card! She recognized it!

At that moment, her heart shook violently.

Liu Manhong could not be related to someone in the Qi family, right?

After that, she realized that the card was not Liu Manhong's, but had been given to her by her daughter.

As for Liu Manhong's daughter, she was the spokesperson of Hongyan Youth, Xia Xibei.

Then Qi Xuanran found out that Qi Zhi'an had actually arrived in G City and met Xia Xibei in private!

Now, the whole thing was very clear!

### **Chapter 1073: Inappropriate Relationship**

Qi Xuanran had heard earlier that the patriarch of the Huo family, who had been ill before, had suddenly gotten well.

Since old man Huo had suddenly healed and was as capable as before, the Huo family business soon returned to his hands.

With the old man in power, the Hongyan company naturally could not be theirs.

Qi Xuanran was puzzled.

Didn't the old man have dementia?

This disease was almost a terminal illness! She hadn't heard of any elderly person who had been cured of the disease.

However, the old man was cured!

How powerful must a doctor be to cure him?!

She wasn't sure what was wrong here before, but now she realized: it must be because Qi Zhi'an had done something!

Qi Xuanran quickly sorted out the connection.

Liu Manhong and Huo Zijun were shareholders of the Hongyan company, while Xia Xibei was Liu Manhong's goddaughter and the spokesperson for Hongyan Youth.

Xia Xibei and Qi Zhi'an had an inappropriate relationship, so when she found out that the Hongyan company was in trouble, she asked Qi Zhi'an to step in.

Qi Zhi'an was an important person in the Qi family, and he had a lot of very special medicines.

Moreover, he was also the director of the rehab center, and was very close to old man Huo.

As a member of the Qi family, Qi Xuanran knew very well that their family had a lot of medicines and skills that were amazing!

Qi Zhi'an must have possessed a lot of very powerful things.

Even troublesome diseases like cancer could be resolved as long as the Qi family was willing to act, not to mention that the old man was only suffering from dementia.

Qi Zhi'an had stepped in!



The old man got well, and it was all because of Xia Xibei!

When she thought of how Xia Xibei and Qi Zhi'an looked walking out side by side, smiling and laughing, Qi Xuanran felt especially terrible.

If this thing was true, it would be devastating news!

Qi Zhi'an and Ling Xiao's love story was praised by all of their Qi family.

With Qi Zhi'an's status, it was very easy for him to find as many lovers as he wanted, but he didn't!

On the contrary, he was very devoted.

He only had Ling Xiao as his wife and Qi Xin as his daughter.

When Ling Xiao gave birth to their daughter, she suffered an unknown attack. Afterwards, her body was depleted.

Even after meditation and recuperation, she could not completely recover.

Therefore, after giving birth to Qi Xin, she was not able to have any more children.

The two of them treasured Qi Xin.

To outsiders, the family of three was very happy and content.

Even Qi Xuanran was very envious of Qi Xin.

She was such a winner in life!

She had a high status, her parents loved each other, and she herself had such strong strength... She simply made people feel so jealous!

Now Qi Xuanran found that such a loving and wonderful family was not perfect?!

Qi Xuanran's mood was very conflicted.

Should she tell Qi Xin about this matter?

Qi Xuanran and Qi Xin had a good relationship.

Although they were several years apart, Qi Xuanran knew how to deal with people and was not afraid to lose face, so she and Qi Xin got along quite well.

Now that she had found out these problems, if she did not let Qi Xin know....

Qi Xuanran frowned and was very hesitant.

What should be done about this?

After some consideration, she still held firm to her previous decision.

She wouldn't say anything before learning more about Xia Xibei!

Maybe, without her saying anything, Xia Xibei would be exposed anyway?

Thinking of this, a bright and confident smile appeared on Qi Xuanran's face.

### **Chapter 1074: Being Replaced**

Xia Xibei didn't know that her meeting with Qi Zhi'an had been discovered.

She was very sensitive to the camera and would have sensed if someone was secretly filming her.

However, Qi Xuanran didn't take pictures, so she didn't feel anything wrong. Plus the place was very private and ordinary paparazzi couldn't go in, so she didn't think too much about it.

Therefore, she didn't know that her relationship with Qi Zhi'an had been misunderstood.

Her focus now was to take care of Liu Manhong's injury.

She had already been delayed here for some time, and if she didn't go back, the show would definitely complain.

As soon as she thought of this, Pan Yan called.

Pan Yan's tone was not too good on the phone.

"The show said they want to cancel our contract."

When these words came out, Xia Xibei froze.

"Termination of contract?"

"Yes," Pan Yan hummed. "They said that you took too much time off work and it affected their filming process. So, after some discussion, they decided to replace you."

Xia Xibei's brows furrowed. Replace her?

Obviously, when she took leave two days ago, the director's attitude was still very good.

Moreover, although she had taken a lot of leave, her acting skills were good and efficient.

She was confident that after she went back, she would be able to catch up with the shoot.

Now the show said they wanted to cancel the contract?

"Who are they going to use?"

Xia Xibei didn't get angry, but asked a question first.

"It seems to be Cheng Yingni."

"Cheng Yingni?" Xia Xibei froze for a moment. "It's her?"

"Yeah."

Pan Yan's tone wasn't too good.

Xia Xibei's popularity was very high now. She was the most popular young starlet nowadays, and her performance was excellent in all aspects.

However, this Cheng Yingni wasn't bad either.

Cheng Yingni was 20 years old, making her two years older than Xia Xibei.

Cheng Yingni used to be a child actress and started to participate in filming when she was three or four years old.

At that time, she was the country's favorite child actress!

When she was a child, she was cute, and when she grew up, she didn't lose her looks, still very beautiful.

With creamy skin and long legs, she was a proper goddess.

The most important thing was that she had a powerful family background.

Her mother was a big star back then, her father was a successful businessman, and her grandparents and great-grandparents were very powerful and low-key.

Her successful life would make people cry with envy!

Cheng Yingni was a good-looking actress and had won many awards.

Two years ago, after her high school entrance exams, she announced that she would temporarily quit the entertainment industry and go abroad for further studies.

This decision made her fans and others feel sad, but still admire her at the same time.

It was said that all roads lead to Rome, but some people were already born in Rome!

The most important thing was that she was already a Roman and still worked so hard to excel!

She got into a top-ranked international university to study music on a full scholarship!

So admirable!

Xia Xibei had heard of Cheng Yingni and knew that she would return to the entertainment industry and make a new career out of it.

However, Xia Xibei didn't expect that Cheng Yingni would come back at this time, and as soon as she did, she would steal her role!

This was not a good development, right?

They didn't have any grudges before, so she didn't have to make enemies as soon as she came back, right?

Xia Xibei lowered her eyes for a moment and nodded, "If they really want to cancel the contract, then let's agree with them."

“Beibei!” Pan Yan was anxious.

“However, they have to compensate us according to the contract.”

Hearing Xia Xibei’s determination, Pan Yan could only nod.

“OK!”

### **Chapter 1075: Already Have a Boyfriend**

Although he felt that they were being treated unkindly, Pan Yan listened to Xia Xibei and went to talk to the show about the termination of their contract.

To be fair, they also felt a bit sheepish.

Since she joined the show, Xia Xibei has taken several leaves of absence, which was really not good for filming.

However, with Xia Xibei’s good acting skills, excellent teamwork, habit of never being a diva, and her high popularity, the show definitely found a treasure with her joining the cast.

When they found out that Xia Xibei had agreed to join the show, they were so happy!

In order to cooperate with their publicity, Xia Xibei also posted several updates before.

Now, Cheng Yingni suddenly appeared, and they had replaced Xia Xibei.

This reality really made Pan Yan furious.

However, it was the same industry, and Xia Xibei was now busy with something else, so they could only terminate the contract peacefully with the other party.

Of course, Pan Yan was also prepared.

If the contract was terminated peacefully, it would be good for both sides. If the other side dared to mess up, he would not be polite either!

While Pan Yan went to deal with the matter of the termination of contract, Xia Xibei started making the medicine.

Before, they had helped send Zou Zheng to prison. Although Lu Jinghong was not in prison, her situation was not great either.

It was considered a sort of revenge for Liu Manhong.

These people were not the focus. The most important thing now was to take care of Liu Manhong’s injuries.

Liu Manhong was so into looks. How could she stand to have these unsightly scars on her body?

Luckily, Liu Manhong knew Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei quickly concocted the medicine and called Qi Zhi'an, informing him that he could come over to see it.

Knowing that she had made the medicine so quickly, Qi Zhi'an was surprised and excited.

He had experienced Xia Xibei's knowledge of spiritual plants before, and now he was curious to know if she was just as strong in medicine-making.

When he arrived, there was a man in addition to Xia Xibei.

Upon seeing the man, Qi Zhi'an froze for a moment, his eyes moving back and forth between Xia Xibei and the man.

"This is..."

"This is my boyfriend, Qiao Yanjue." Xia Xibei introduced the two men. "This is Qi Zhi'an, Uncle Qi."

"Hello, Uncle Qi. I am Qiao Yanjue, Beibei's boyfriend."

Qiao Yanjue extended his hand with a polite smile.

He was not available before, so he let Xia Xibei meet with Qi Zhi'an alone, but today, he could not be absent!

Qi Zhi'an was a little surprised that Xia Xibei had a boyfriend!

Bewildered, he extended his hand to shake Qiao Yanjue's hand, then looked at Xia Xibei.

"How old are you?"

"Eighteen. I'm an adult."

Qi Zhi'an couldn't help but frown.

Only eighteen years old... The same age as his own daughter...

So young! How can she already have a boyfriend?

Wasn't that a little too early?

If Qi Xin had a boyfriend so early, he would be furious!

So young... What did she know about relationships? What if she was cheated on and lied to?

In his heart, he thought so, but when Qi Zhi'an looked at Qiao Yanjue, he had to admit that Qiao Yanjue was really outstanding.

"You are the youngest son of the Qiao family?" he asked.

"Right," Qiao Yanjue nodded politely.

With Qi Zhi'an's status, it was an honor that the man knew who he was.

Qi Zhi'an nodded and said to Qiao Yanjue, "You have to treat Little Xia well, or else..."

He thought about it and immediately had an argument.

"I know a lot of excellent young people who'd be waiting!"

Qiao Yanjue was speechless.

Was this guy okay? The first time they met and he was cursing them to break up?!

### **Chapter 1076: Well-Matched Couple**

Although he felt speechless, Qiao Yanjue smiled.

"Don't worry, I will definitely treat Bei Bei well and will not let her suffer."

Although he was not happy with Qi Zhi'an's attitude, Qiao Yanjue still understood his good intentions.

It was good that Qi Zhi'an treated Xia Xibei as his niece.

With a status like Qi Zhi'an's, he wondered how many people were looking forward to being his junior!

"That's good," Qi Zhi'an nodded his head in satisfaction.

With his experience and ability to judge people, of course he could see whether Qiao Yanjue was telling the truth or not.

He looked back and forth between the two young people, and then he had to admit it: the two were indeed a perfect match!

The guy was handsome and the girl was beautiful, and their auras looked very harmonious. Their gazes for each other were so sweet that he knew at first glance that they were in a good relationship.

However, when he thought of Xia Xibei's age, Qi Zhi'an couldn't help but think of his daughter.

Qi Xin was about the same age as Xia Xibei, but she was so busy with her studies that she couldn't even think about dating.

As her father, Qi Zhi'an also did not think about his daughter's love life.

The thought of his beautiful, lovely daughter becoming someone's wife one day made Qi Zhi'an feel a little overwhelmed.

He hurriedly put this thought aside.

Xia Xibei was not his daughter, and he had no right to interfere too much.

Moreover, Xia Xibei was not the same as Qi Xin.

Although they were of the same age, they were different in many ways.

Although Qi Xin was outstanding, she couldn't measure up to Xia Xibei.

Qi Xin was not Xia Xibei's rival. It was not only her ability, but also her personality and way of handling things.

Xia Xibei looked young, but her personality was very mature and more stable than most adults. He did not worry that she would be cheated in love.

Of course, Qiao Yanjue was not that kind of person either.

"Do you have the ointment?" Qi Zhi'an hurriedly changed the topic.

"Right," Xia Xibei nodded and handed a small bottle over. "Take a look."

"Great!"

Qi Zhi'an enthusiastically took the bottle and opened it.

As soon as it was opened, its scent instantly made Qi Zhi'an feel refreshed.

The scent was not too strong, very mild with the fragrance of bone lotus.

The ointment was light green and looked crystal clear, very beautiful.

Qi Zhi'an brought the bottle to his nose and sniffed it carefully.

"Can I try it?"

"Yes," Xia Xibei nodded.

Qi Zhi'an carefully picked up a bit of the ointment with his nail and rubbed it on the back of his hand.

After wiping it away, he smelled it for a moment, then nodded in satisfaction.

"Good stuff!"

He had also used the bone lotus pistil to make medicine before, and it ended up being the same green ointment. However, that ointment was dark in color and did not have such a refreshing smell.

Moreover, the effect wasn't as good either.

He looked at Xia Xibei with a complicated gaze and couldn't help but shake his head.

Although there were talented people in every new generation, this new generation was simply too much!

He took a deep breath before suppressing the thoughts that were churning in his mind. He handed the ointment back and casually asked, "How was this made?"

"Oh, it's simple," Xia Xibei casually replied. "First the pistil is soaked, followed by... Then..."

Qi Zhi'an had just casually asked the question. He did not want to know too much detail. After all, it could be considered a secret.

To his surprise, Xia Xibei really answered!

Listening to her answer, he was a little shocked, not knowing whether he should interrupt her.

Her answering him without reservations made him feel a little sheepish.

### **Chapter 1077: Priceless**

Although Qi Zhi'an felt embarrassed, he quickly wrote down what XiaXibei said about the process.

This was priceless!

Before, Xia Xibei had mentioned to him the herbs to be used, but the specific steps were not described.

The specific steps were the most important, and this was a secret worth millions!

Xia Xibei was so generous, she really made him feel a little bit sheepish.

Although he brought the bone lotus pistil, he got more from Xia Xibei. This knowledge was worth much more than the bone lotus pistil.

Thinking of this, he said seriously, "If you have any problems in the future, you can come to me! I will definitely help!"

Xia Xibei laughed. "No need to be so polite. However, if there is something you could help me with, I will not hesitate."

"Good!"

Looking at the two people getting along harmoniously, Qiao Yanjue's mood was complicated.

It wasn't that he thought there was something going on with the two of them; such thoughts would be insulting to Xia Xibei.

He was just lamenting that Xia Xibei's charm was really too much! Even Qi Zhi'an was so nice to her.

However, this was what she deserved.

Although Qiao Yanjue didn't know how rare these secret formulas were, seeing how even Qi Zhi'an was so nervous and concerned, he knew that these formulas were not easy to obtain.

At the same time, he also had a new understanding of these families.

Ancient martial arts families did not have much contact with ordinary families like his own.

Although sometimes there could be a marriage between them, outsiders could not touch any core knowledge.

Even Qiao Yanjue hadn't thought of getting in touch with people like Qi Zhi'an before.

However, Xia Xibei got to know Qi Zhi'an and won him over, which was incredible!



This also gave Qiao Yanjue a sense of crisis.

As Qi Zhi'an said, there were so many excellent men waiting in the Qi family! As long as Xia Xibei was willing, a group of suitors would come over and line up!

Although he had confidence in himself, in front of the Qi family, he felt that he did not have much of a chance of winning.

Thinking of this, his eyes went to the bottle in Xia Xibei's hand.

It seemed that it was time for him to learn something new.

Otherwise, he was afraid that he would soon be left behind by Xia Xibei!

Thinking of this, he also had a sense of urgency.

Xia Xibei had no idea that Qiao Yanjue had these inexplicable thoughts.

After giving Qi Zhi'an the formula for the medicine, she and Qiao Yanjue went to look for Liu Manhong.

Liu Manhong had already moved back home and she was doing quite well now, without even having to stay in the hospital.

The doctors at the hospital were amazed by the speed of her recovery!

They thought that she might not make it through, but to their surprise, she not only made it through, but also recovered very quickly!

If not for Liu Manhong's unusual status, they would have wanted to study her!

In order not to shock the doctors too much, Liu Manhong had returned home.

In her current situation, it would be better to return home instead.

Liu Manhong owned several homes, one of which was set-up with a hospital room with all kinds of features, and Huo Zijun had found a caregiver who could definitely take good care of her.

When Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue arrived, Liu Manhong was lying on the bed, watching TV and laughing.

Her leg was still not well, so naturally she could not move around.

After the initial bewilderment and anger, she soon accepted the reality.

So, she was now living quite comfortably.

When she saw Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue had come over, she immediately smiled.

#### **Chapter 1078: Mr. Lu**

"Sister Hong, here is the ointment I made for you." Xia Xibei sat on the chair next to the bed and opened the ointment. "When you use this ointment, your bones will soon be healed."

"Ok," Liu Manhong nodded her head, not doubting Xia Xibei's claim at all.

Xia Xibei's strength had not only been proven in the beauty clubs, she had also experienced Xia Xibei's strength herself!

Liu Manhong could still remember the pain she felt when she was injured, and how it felt when she was unconscious.

However, with Xia Xibei's help, her recovery was fast.

So, whatever Xia Xibei said, she believed it.

She casually extended her leg toward Xia Xibei. The wound on it was still fresh and looked a bit hideous, but she didn't care.

"By the way, get me some scar removal medicine. I still want to wear a mini skirt!"

"Okay," Xia Xibei nodded while applying the medicine on her.

Liu Manhong looked so relaxed, and Xia Xibei was relieved.

Sister Hong was Sister Hong after all, her ability to accept the situation and recover was not something ordinary people could match!

"Huh... It feels hot!" Liu Manhong said.

"Hmm... It's hot when you apply it, and you will be better soon."

Liu Manhong nodded, "Then can I eat crawfish? Spicy ones."

Xia Xibei looked at her speechlessly.

Was she still a patient?

Spicy crawfish?!

She had never seen her craving spicy crawfish before!

"No," Xia Xibei unceremoniously refused. "It will have to be another few days."

Liu Manhong was instantly disappointed.

She wanted to eat crawfish now!

However, since Xia Xibei had denied her, she could not continue to pester her. She was not a child!

Looking at her pursed mouth and aggrieved look, Xia Xibei speechlessly shook her head.

After this incident, Liu Manhong was much more childish than before.

Maybe it was because she had survived the disaster and her personality had changed a bit.

If not for the fact that Liu Manhong's attitude was the same as before and that her words were as acerbic as before, they would have to wonder if she had crashed her brain!

Speaking of which, Xia Xibei's phone rang.

She picked it up and saw that it was from Huo Zijun.

"Brother Huo, what's up?"

"Beibei, is Sister Hong with you?"

Huo Zijun's voice was a bit embarrassed on the other end.

"Yes, I just finished applying the medicine for her. What's wrong?"

Huo Zijun stammered for a while before speaking, "There's someone over here... Who wants to see her."

"See Sister Hong?" Xia Xibei froze for a moment. "Who is it?"

Who would want to see Sister Hong via Huo Zijun's referral?

"It's a Mr. Lu."

"Mr. Lu?" Xia Xibei couldn't help but repeat.

Liu Manhong had sharp ears and immediately asked, "Mr. Lu? Lu Xiaohang?"

Xia Xibei turned her head and looked at Liu Manhong with a questioning look in her eyes.

She knew Mr. Lu?

Liu Manhong's expression was incomprehensible as she extended her hand towards Xia Xibei, "Give me the phone."

Xia Xibei had doubts but handed over the phone anyway.

Liu Manhong said to the other side, "Little Huo, give the phone to him."

Huo Zijun immediately let out a sigh of relief and handed the phone to Lu Xiaohang.

"Mr. Lu, why are you looking for me?" Liu Manhong's eyes were a little cold.

"I'm sorry, I wanted to apologize to you."

Lu Xiaohang's low voice came from the other end, with a hint of hoarseness and full of apologies.

If it was other people, they would be really impressed by him, but Liu Manhong was not a young woman and not so easily moved.

"Apologize? Did you order the accident?"

"No!" Lu Xiaohang immediately denied. "But... It was indeed me who got you involved."

**Chapter 1079: I Came to Apologize**

Lu Xiaohang had been called back by his family earlier, so he didn't know that these things had happened to Liu Manhong.

After that, because of Lu Jinghong and Zou Zheng stealing the spirit stones, he had more to deal with.

In the process of taking care of things, he found out that Liu Manhong had a car accident!

Then, he quickly connected several things together.

Liu Manhong had just met him, and then she was in a car accident?! No one would believe that it had nothing to do with him!

So, he went back to G City, wanting to apologize to Liu Manhong.

He could have gone directly to her, but he was not a fool. If he rashly came to the door, never mind apologizing, she would probably throw him out!

That was why he found Huo Zijun and asked him to help talk to her.

"Because of you?" Liu Manhong's eyes were slightly cold. "You know how it is?"

"I'm sorry, it's all my fault." Lu Xiaohang was very sincere. "If you can, please give me a chance to apologize!"

"You want to see me?"

"Yes," Lu Xiaohang nodded his head.

"Okay then, come over. Give the phone to Little Huo."

Liu Manhong was very straightforward, which surprised Lu Xiaohang a little.

He thought that after knowing that this matter was related to him, Liu Manhong would be very angry and definitely would not see him!

To his surprise, she was quick to do so!

Sure enough, she was different from ordinary girls!

Huo Zijun got the phone and hung up after talking to the other side a little.

"Since Sister Hong has said so, let me take you there."

Huo Zijun was a little confused when Lu Xiaohang looked for him earlier.

He didn't seem to have much to do with this person... Right?

He knew that Lu Xiaohang was a member of the Lu family and had an unusual status. However, the two sides had no contact at all!

After his confusion, Huo Zijun thought that Lu Xiaohang was here for Xia Xibei, and was a little nervous about it!

In his opinion, it was normal that Xia Xibei was so outstanding that she would attract the eyes of many men.

However, Xia Xibei was already with Qiao Yanjue. He wouldn't try to steal her away, right?! And he was an outsider!

To his surprise, Lu Xiaohang came for Liu Manhong!

This simply stunned him!

Although Liu Manhong still looked young and beautiful, she was not young anymore!

Now, a young man came to her door looking for Liu Manhong?

Did young men nowadays like older women?

It wasn't a joke, right?

It was proven later that it was indeed not a joke, but Huo Zijun was still a bit confused.

Although he was confused, he still took Lu Xiaohang to Liu Manhong's house.

Opening the door and looking at the handsome man outside, Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue were also taken aback.

Xia Xibei had met Liu Manhong's previous boyfriends and knew that she liked younger men.

However, Liu Manhong liked well-behaved and docile younger men, which Lu Xiaohang definitely was not!

As soon as you looked at Lu Xiaohang, you could tell that he was not from an ordinary family, and his aura was different.

What would be the relationship between such a person... And Liu Manhong?

What surprised Xia Xibei was that Lu Xiaohang didn't react too much when he saw her.

This was really strange!

Xia Xibei was not so narcissistic as to think that all the men in the world liked her. However, it was strange that a grown man didn't look at her twice.

"Please come in."

With all kinds of thoughts swirling in her head, Xia Xibei still welcomed him in.

"Thank you."

Lu Xiaohang nodded politely and walked in.

When he entered the room, the first thing he saw was Liu Manhong on the bed.

**Chapter 1080: A Discriminating Eye**

Liu Manhong was wearing thick pajamas and seemed a bit bloated.

Her hair was a bit disheveled, and she looked like she had just woken up.

She didn't have makeup on, and because of her injuries, her face was a bit pale too.

Her legs were exposed, the scars on them were obvious.

Seeing Lu Xiaohang come in, Liu Manhong did not have any special reaction, nor did she try to change clothes or put on makeup.

Makeup for him? Hah!

"Sit down," Liu Manhong said and pointed to the nearby chair, her attitude very casual.

Lu Xiaohang did not disobey. He really sat down on the chair and stared at her.

"What, you've never seen such an ugly woman?"

Liu Manhong swept him a glance, daring him to disagree.

Although she was makeup-free, she was still the first- No, the second most beautiful in the world.

The first beauty was Xia Xibei.

Her words made Lu Xiaohang laugh, "No, you're not ugly."

His attitude was serious.

"You are still very beautiful."

He was not trying to flatter her with that statement.

Liu Manhong was Xia Xibei's godmother. She had eaten and used a lot of good things from Hongyan Beauty Club.

Liu Manhong had as much as she wanted of the medicine and skin care products typically sold for tens of thousands of yuan.

After using and eating so much of these goodies, how could there be no effect?

Additionally, the things that Xia Xibei gave her were the best quality! She had changed from the inside out.

Even with a makeup-free face, she looked at most 30 years old.

If not for her gaze and demeanor, no one would be able to tell her age.

Even some women who were married and not yet thirty, but who ran around every day for their children and families, were not necessarily as young and energetic as she was.

"I know I'm beautiful." Liu Manhong gave him a sideways glance, grabbed the

potato chips next to him and prepared to open them. "Go ahead, hurry up and say what you want to say."

Lu Xiaohang didn't say anything. Instead, he took the chips in her hand first.

"If you want to eat them, you can buy-"

Before she said the word "buy," the potato chips had been opened and returned to her hand. Liu Manhong stiffened for a moment, then nodded in satisfaction.

"Good, you have a discriminating eye. Young man, you'll have a great future!"

After saying that, she grabbed the potato chips and started eating.

Her gesture of bravado deepened Lu Xiaohang's smile.

As she watched the two get along, Xia Xibei couldn't help but look back at Huo Zijun, and the doubts in her heart were about to gush out.

What was the situation with these two?

Huo Zijun shrugged his shoulders, also confused.

How did he know what was going on here?

Qiao Yanjue's gaze was a bit complicated.

Liu Manhong was his aunt! His own aunt!

Now a man had suddenly appeared and looked like he had bad intentions. How could he not be nervous?

This kind of man was different from Liu Manhong's previous boyfriends, who could be dismissed at will. Lu Xiaohang was not the same, as you would know at a glance that he would be difficult to send off.

Liu Manhong noticed the others' expressions and waved her hand, "You guys can go, we'll just talk here."

The three people hesitated for a moment.

"Don't worry, this is still our turf. Nothing can happen." Liu Manhong had a relaxed attitude and continued to eat potato chips. "If something happens, I will shout, and you guys can come back in."

So, they had to leave the room.

Watching their actions, Lu Xiaohang couldn't help but laugh.

"Okay, stop laughing. What do you want to say? Hurry up and say it. I have no time to play with you!"

Liu Manhong cast a glance at him, both anxious yet coquettish.

Lu Xiaohang stiffened violently, then his smile deepened.

