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Youyou glanced at Hua Jin, and then shifted his eyes onto Gong Jie, muttering under his breath. *What a pair of jokers!* Especially when he saw Hua Jin's livid and forbearing expression, his heart ached for a few seconds.

At night, Natalia, like before, demanded to sleep with Gong Jie. Initially, Gong Jie had wanted Hua Jin to put Natalia to bed, but Natalia was particular about beds and people. She only wanted Gong Jie and not Hua Jin.

Left with no choice, the actor made his way to Gong Jie's room and knocked on the door.

Gong Jie happened to be awake. He opened the door and was surprised to see it was the actor. "What's the matter?"

"Natalia misses you." Hua Jin sighed and said helplessly, "The child doesn't really want me. She only wants you. And... she can't get to sleep without you."

Gong Jie was stunned for a long moment. He said, sounding rather exasperated, "If you can't handle her, what are you going to do after I'm gone?"

"One step at a time. There's nothing I can do."

"..."

Gong Jie laughed. He walked over to Hua Jin's room. The wall lamp was on. Natalia sat up in bed as soon as she heard Gong Jie's footsteps. When she saw him, her eyes crinkled and she smiled. "Daddy!"

She opened her outstretched arms to the man. Gong Jie walked slowly towards the bed and sat down sideways, but he did not immediately return her embrace. Surprised, Natalia tilted her head and stared at him in confusion. She wondered why he didn't respond at all.

Gong Jie asked her grimly, "Why aren't you asleep?"

It was the first time the girl had seen Gong Jie looking this serious, and for a moment she felt strangely guilty.

She actually did try going to sleep. However, the bed was too unfamiliar. Besides, she was not used to Hua Jin. After all, it was the first time they had met. She tossed and turned in bed and could not fall asleep.

Aggrieved, Natalia stammered, "I... I couldn't fall asleep..."

"Not used to the bed?"

"Uh huh!" Natalia nodded vehemently. "I did try to go to sleep, but the mattress is too soft and I'm not used to it."

The mattress beneath him was the best zero-pressure mattress in the market. Not that it was soft, but at least it was more comfortable to sleep on than the hard metal beds in hospitals.

Natalia had been sleeping on a metal frame bed, so it was difficult for her to adapt to such a soft mattress that molded to her body.

“Close your eyes. Don’t let your imagination run wild. You’ll be asleep in a minute, eh?” Gong Jie coaxed her gently.

Natalia bit her lip with a frown and nodded. But as she lay down and Gong Jie was just tucking her in, he suddenly heard a sob. Alarmed, he immediately leaned over. The sobbing was now more pronounced.

Hua Jin heard it too, and asked, “Is she crying?”

Gong Jie frowned. The girl couldn’t be that fragile, could she?

The actor frowned, his head throbbing. “It’s the first time she’s set foot in such a strange country. Perhaps she hasn’t recovered from the jet lag. Besides, she’s surrounded by strangers and sleeping in an unfamiliar bed. Naturally, she feels unfamiliar and afraid. Why don’t you stay with her tonight? I’ll sleep in your room.” With that, Hua Jin tried to find an excuse to slip away.

Gong Jie barked, “Don’t you dare leave!”

The actor halted like someone slamming hard on the car brakes. His eyelids twitched violently. He had a bad feeling that he’d not be able to escape the Demon King tonight!

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The actor halted like someone slamming hard on the car brakes.

“Sit over here.” Gong Jie barked another command.

With an air of great resignation, Hua Jin moved stiffly back to the bed like a robot.

“Lie down!” The actor lay down stiffly on the bed.

“Give her a cuddle.” The actor was about to protest when he felt a piercing glance through the darkness. Startled, he opened his arms and immediately took Natalia in his embrace.

The Demon King was satisfied. He leaned towards Natalia and whispered in her ear, “Daddy will sing to you, okay?”

“Eh?” Natalia smiled in surprise. “Alright!”

The actor was horrified to hear that Gong Jie was going to sing. Good heavens. Gong Jie singing... wouldn’t that be... a disaster?

He vaguely recalled that Youyou did not seem to have much talent for singing! Along this line of reasoning, Gong Jie, as his uncle, would probably not have the musical genes in him too...

As he made these wild deductions, Gong Jie parted his thin lips slightly and his extremely magnetic and deep voice filled the air...

“Raindrops outside the window, pitter patter,
It falls into the heart and freezes to become ice,
Remembering the past, the seasons of time

Two in a room, rose champagne.

You left and all I could do was embrace the cold air...”

Hua Jin was stunned by Gong Jie’s deep voice as the man sang!

Perhaps he had not expected much from him. He had always thought that Gong Jie must be as tone-deaf as Youyou, forgetting that the boy could have inherited his tone-deafness from his father.

He recalled again that Gong Jie’s mother was Mu Qingcheng. Her voice had once taken the capital city by storm. Then, with a mother who sang like that, Yun Shishi sang well, too. And how could Gong Jie’s singing be bad?

It was great... Even comparable to Gu Xingze’s voice.

In the world of singers, Gu Xingze’s voice was generally embraced by the public. His voice was soulful, magnetic, and had a penetrating quality to it. It wasn’t so much the voice, but its ability to stir the listener’s emotions. It was easy to infect everyone.

To be fair, Gu Xingze’s singing skills were definitely not the best. But... The infectious quality of his voice, however, was the strongest.

Gong Jie outshone him. So much so that listening to the song made Hua Jin want to weep

“About your memories

there are too many to count

Gently. Gently.

Loneliness sings to me

I don’t want to forget

Traces of your visit.

How else would I prove it

The dawn that we waited to see together

Even if I lose you,

I’ll keep loving you

Even if the world withers away

I gave myself an ending...

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Gong Jie sang only on rare occasions. He didn't like listening to songs and hardly sang. In the past, when Yun Shishi had pestered him to sing, he had been too shy to do so. Facing Natalia, however, he could shrug off all that baggage.

After two songs, Gong saw that Hua Jin was breathing steadily and knew that he was asleep. Natalia's eyelids were growing heavy and she was drowsy.

He stood up and was about to leave when a tiny hand grabbed him.

Gong Jie turned and saw that Natalia had taken his hand. Her voice almost breaking, she said, "Don't go...". Her weak and gentle voice sounded reluctant. "Please stay with me! Otherwise... I can't sleep... okay?..."

Upon hearing this, Gong Jie found himself not being able to walk away.

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Gong Jie sat down and gently stroked her forehead.

"Good girl! You should go to sleep!"

"I want you to accompany me..." Natalia's wheedling tone left him defenseless. There was nothing he could do about it, so he lay down beside her and straightened her blanket. He nuzzled her forehead with the tip of his nose.

"Go to sleep! Good night..."

Natalia smiled, and her eyelids gradually closed. Soon she was asleep.

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Before nightfall, Youyou was sent back to the Mu family residence. When he told Yun Shishi that Gong Jie had adopted a daughter, she was so shocked that her eyes almost popped out!

How was that possible?! This brother of hers was known to be a cold person, and now he had actually adopted a child out of the kindness of his heart?!

She couldn't wait to meet this girl who had caused her brother to act in a way so atypical of him!

Youyou had a key to the villa. There were three keys in total. Hua Jin had one, Gong Jie had the other, and the last was held by Youyou.

However, the next day, when Yun Shishi unlocked the door to the villa and entered the bedroom with Youyou, she saw the three of them sleeping in each other's arms...

She was beside herself!

When Youyou saw her frozen on the spot, he poked his head in curiously as well, only to gasp in horror at the sight of Gong Jie holding Natalia while she slept with her arms wrapped around Hua Jin.

“Uh... cough... cough!” Youyou cleared his throat sternly.

Gong Jie, a light sleeper, opened his eyes with a start at the sound of movement in the room and turned towards the source of the noise. He was at once greeted by the sight of Yun Shishi and Youyou standing in the doorway. Alarmed, he immediately sat up in bed, ruffling his tousled hair before following her gaze to his side...

Hua Jin... Ugh. He recalled. Last night, it seemed that the three of them had slept together.

But wasn't it normal for a man to sleep with a man? Why was his sister giving him such a look?

Gong Jie's lips twitched.

Could she have misunderstood something?!

But...

It wasn't as if she'd said anything explicitly. And if she didn't, it meant he wouldn't even have a chance to explain. But if he tried too desperately to explain, it would inevitably make things worse. He'd be making a fool of himself!

However, the way Yun Shishi was sizing him up made it seem like she was saying, “I understand. There's no need for you to explain...”

Feeling more and more frustrated, Gong Jie stretched out his lanky leg and immediately kicked Hua Jin to wake him.

The actor woke up at once, too, and sat bolt upright. He thought he was dreaming when he saw Yun Shishi, and laughed foolishly. When he turned around and saw that Gong Jie was there, as well, he was instantly wide awake! “This...”

Why was he sleeping in this room?!

The actor thought back carefully and finally found the answer.

He remembered now.

Last night, Gong Jie had sung to Natalia, but as he listened, he fell asleep. The night had been peaceful and dreamless. He knew nothing after that.

From the looks of it, could Gong Jie have stayed in this room all night? He was sure that was the case. Natalia must have been reluctant to let him go, and pestered him to stay. His eyelid twitched even more violently when he saw Yun Shishi's strange expression. He was reduced to the same awkward situation as Gong Jie. He also sensed that she had obviously misunderstood something, but there was no way he could explain it if she would not broach the subject!

What to do now...

He couldn't let her misunderstand! After much thought, the actor decided to offer an explanation.

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“Why are you sleeping here?”

Hua Jin paused, then suddenly slapped his head.

“What?”

He immediately pretended to be calm. “I remember now. Yesterday, Natalia couldn’t sleep and wanted to pester you. You sang to her. Then, I fell asleep listening. But why are you sleeping here too? Didn’t you tell me to bond with Natalia?”

Gong Jie understood that Hua Jin was deliberately trying to come up with an elaborate explanation for Yun Shishi so that her imagination wouldn’t run wild.

The man played along. “She wouldn’t let me go, so I lay down. I was exhausted and wasn’t thinking. Why, do you mind?”

“It’s not that I mind... No wonder it felt like such a squeeze all night.” He quickly continued, “But what was the name of the song you sang yesterday? It was so good. I’ll download it and listen to it.”

Gong Jie replied gravely, “Did I sing?”

Yun Shishi’s attention was immediately and successfully diverted. “Xiao Jie, you sang?”

Her stunned expression surprised the actor even more.

“Eh? You make it sound as though he never used to sing?”

Yun Shishi nodded. “Xiao Jie doesn’t like listening to music, so he doesn’t like to sing, but I think he will sing well.”

Gong Jie’s face darkened with embarrassment. “No such thing!”

“No way! I thought it sounded great!” Hua Jin turned to Yun Shishi and said, “I was amazed to hear him sing yesterday! But I’ve never heard that song before. Is it an old song?”

Gong Jie ignored him. He actually wrote the song when he was bored. He didn’t like to sing. But one day, sitting by the sea, for some reason, a melody came to him. The lyrics were formed naturally with the melody. There was no one beside him, so he sang it to himself, and it stuck in his memory. To be precise, he created the melody and lyrics at random.

The actor was at first surprised to hear the song. He was surprised by his charming voice and even more surprised that he had never heard this beautiful song before. Presumably, an arrangement of this standard should have shot to popularity overnight! Why had he never heard the song before?

The actor had no idea that this was Gong Jie’s random composition. He would have been shocked.

Natalia woke to the sound of their voices. She happened to have had enough sleep as well, so she opened her eyes and blinked. When Gong Jie realized she was awake, he gently pinched her cheek. "You awake?"

"Uh huh..." Like a kitten, Natalia snuggled into his arms and put her arms around his waist.

"Daddy..." Gong Jie put an arm around her too, and gently smoothed her hair.

Their intimate postures made Youyou especially uncomfortable. Why was she clinging to Gong Jie so much but unwilling to play with him? He wondered what sort of capability his uncle had. Could he have secretly bewitched Natalia?!

Gong Jie suddenly realized that the boy was staring at him with an inexplicable expression of hatred.

Hua Jin wanted to laugh when he noticed that. This uncle and nephew pair was too cute! It was the first time he'd seen the boy jealous!

Yun Shishi noticed this, too, and tried not to laugh. She had never seen the boy jealous before, either, and for a moment, she found it novel!

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Yun Shishi noticed this, too, and tried not to laugh. She had never seen the boy jealous before either, and for a moment, she found it novel! It wasn't as if the boy had never been jealous, but it had only been where she was concerned. She had never seen him jealous where anyone else, apart from her, was concerned.

Yun Shishi studied Natalia seriously. Anyone who saw the girl for the first time would be deeply attracted to her mesmerizing purple eyes!

She was taken aback. Throughout the world's population, a person with a pair of purple eyes was extremely rare. There were many people with unusual colored eyes, but pure purple eyes were extremely rare.

In the era of black-and-white photographs, there was a British-American actress named Elizabeth Taylor who had purple eyes. Those eyes had been a rare treasure of that century.

However, there was an existing controversy about her purple eyes. Some people said that she did not have pure purple eyes. It was just that under certain lighting conditions, they appeared purple. Now that the beauty had passed away and the remaining photos were all in black and white. There was no way to find out.

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However, reality was that the girl before them now had real purple eyes! They were really pretty! Yun Shishi could not help but marvel at her son's exquisite taste! Her purple eyes aside, this girl's facial features were also very delicate and cute.

She picked up Youyou and soothed him, saying, "Shall we wait outside? Natalia needs to get changed."

"Uh huh!" The boy gave a gentlemanly nod.

Carrying the boy, she started to walk out of the room. Gong Jie got onto his feet and told Hua Jin, "Help her get changed. I'll wait outside."

With that, he walked out of the room, ignoring Hua Jin's pleading expression for him to stay.

The actor and Natalia were thus left in the room, staring at each other. They had packed quite a few of Natalia's clothes on this trip, many of them new ones that Gong Jie had bought for her. Natalia couldn't help looking disappointed as she watched her daddy walk away.

Hua Jin noticed this and rubbed her head gently. He smiled and said to the girl, "Shall I help you get dressed?"

"No!" Natalia pouted. "I can dress myself!"

"Eh? Can you dress yourself?"

"Uh huh!" Natalia went to the closet and grabbed a dress.

She seemed to like dresses. However, it was normal for girls to like wearing dresses. Hua Jin sat quietly by the side, but deliberately looked away.

Although Natalia was still a little girl and had not yet begun to grow and develop, the actor deliberately avoided looking at her. Out of the corner of his eye, he saw the girl unbuttoning her negligee. Seeing that she was dressing herself methodically, he was relieved. He stood up and retreated, telling the girl, "I'll... wait for you outside!"

Natalia was somewhat surprised, and nodded dumbly. Despite her youth, she understood the differences between men and women. Even as young as she was, the actor respected her as a woman, and Natalia found his gentlemanly attitude heartwarming.

The truth was, she had long understood the difference between men and women. She'd also learned that there were some aspects that were taboo. But in the hospital, Professor Romanka didn't seem to be the least bit mindful, which disgusted her.

But seeing how principled Hua Jin was, the girl warmed towards him! She felt respected by the actor in that way!

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Natalia's impression of Hua Jin had thus skyrocketed as well.

The actor walked out of the room just as Gong Jie himself got changed. He looked displeased when he saw Hua Jin.

"Aren't you going to help her get changed?"

The actor frowned and appeared troubled. "She's a girl. She's still young, but it's best if she's raised to be aware of the differences between men and women! I'm a grown man. I don't think that's appropriate."

Gong Jie immediately recognized the problem and was impressed. "I didn't know you're such a principled person!"

The actor snorted. "Of course! Do you think everyone's as stupid as you?"

Gong Jie's expression changed at that. "What did you say!?"

"Nothing... nothing." He turned his head quickly and mumbled quietly, obviously terrified.

Yun Shishi suppressed a smile. Suddenly, a thought struck her, "Does she know how to dress herself? She's very young. Why don't I go in and help her?"

"She knows how to dress herself!" Hua Jin exclaimed. "And even if she doesn't, let her figure it out for herself. Independence is all about training from a young age!"

Yun Shishi nodded, then asked, "What exactly is going on with this child?"

Gong Jie replied, "Didn't Youyou mention it to you?"

"He didn't say too much." The woman lowered her voice. "Does she have a split personality, too? Really?"

"Uh huh!"

"I couldn't tell."

Gong Jie raised an eyebrow and laughed. "Does Youyou have a split personality?"

"Yes."

"You can't tell either, can you?"

Now that he'd pointed it out, she realized.

"But why did you adopt her?" She paused and continued, "I thought our Xiao Jie doesn't like children?"

Gong Jie said nothing at that, but looked at Youyou in a lingering and meaningful way. She followed his gaze to her son, and figured things out somewhat.

This... Could this boy have fallen in love so early on in life?! Her thoughts were in turmoil.

The actor let out a long sigh. "He's her guardian, so I've become the acting parent!"

Yun Shishi was confused. "Huh? What do you mean?"

The actor didn't dare say anything further. He shot Gong Jie a meaningful glance that bore a sense of resignation.

It baffled Yun Shishi. However, after only a moment, she understood. Probably Gong Jie had entrusted Natalia to Hua Jin's care. After all, Gong Jie's job involved flying around the world all year round, and it

was so dangerous. It was definitely not convenient to have Natalia by his side. So, as a matter of course, he handed Natalia over to Hua Jin to raise. However, according to the boy, Gong Jie had bought a villa and registered it under Hua Jin's name. He had also given him a blank check as child support.

It had to be said... That was very generous of Xiao Jie. It seemed that he liked Natalia, too. Otherwise, he wouldn't have gone to so much trouble.

The actor, however, hesitated. "What if Natalia doesn't warm up to me after Gong Jie leaves?"

"You need to bond with her," Yun Shishi said. "Relationships have to be cultivated!"

"How do we do that?" The actor was clearly at his wits' end in this regard. "I have no experience in such matters."

"That's easy. Like..." She pondered for a moment, then brightened. "Amusement parks!"

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Natalia had changed into a fresh set of clothes. Walking out of the room, she saw Gong Jie, Yun Shishi, and Hua Jin standing outside the door, together with Youyou. They smiled charmingly at her.

Almost in unison, the four of them asked her, "Would you like to go to the amusement park?"

Natalia was stunned for a moment, and asked with some confusion, "What's an amusement park?"

"It's..." Gong Jie realized that perhaps she did not understand the meaning of amusement parks when it was spoken in Chinese, so he translated it into English for the girl. "Amusement park!"

"Amusement park?" Natalia immediately realized that the amusement park was that place with balloons, rides, and many cartoon characters. For a moment, her expression was filled with anticipation!

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"Alright!" Her eyes sparkled with excitement.

The girl was especially attractive when she smiled. Those violet eyes made Gong Jie feel as if there were endless tender emotions in his heart that could not be contained, that were on the verge of overflowing! The man found himself walking over to her. He was about to reach out to embrace the girl when Yun Shishi stopped him just in time!

"Don't forget, today's trip to the amusement park is for Hua Jin and Natalia to bond!"

Gong Jie immediately looked disappointed! This was indeed what was discussed and agreed upon. After all, the actor was Natalia's true guardian and she would spend most of her time with him.

Now, however, Natalia was clinging to Gong Jie and not Hua Jin, so it occurred to Yun Shishi and Youyou to use this "father-and-daughter trip" to the amusement park, as an opportunity to cultivate their bond.

That had been decided with Hua Jin as well. The actor had vowed to use the trip to nurture his relationship with Natalia. Gong Jie had also promised to do everything he could to create a chance for the two of them to get along harmoniously. He must not spoil it.

So he fought the urge to carry Natalia. Instead, he allowed Hua Jin to walk over, crouch down in front of Natalia, and say gently, "Uncle will carry you, okay?"

Natalia glanced at Gong Jie first, with a hint of longing in her eyes.

The man noticed it but feigned indifference. He went to Youyou instead and gently picked him up. Natalia was inevitably disappointed when she saw him carrying the boy.

Again, Hua Jin reached out tentatively and said, "Daddy will carry you, okay?"

Natalia looked at him again and finally nodded. "Uh huh! Okay." She opened her arms, put them around his shoulders, and snuggled up against him.

The actor picked her up, and they set off.

The destination was the usual Fairy Tale Valley, which was developed by Lezhi Holdings. However, after two years of steady operation and the construction of a new project, the venue had become a first-tier theme park. In addition to a broader range of rides, the theme had been made comprehensive.

Fairy Tale Valley was developing a series of themed animated films, with the intention of producing a series of fairy-tale films set in the valley.

The share of Fairy Tale Valley's profits in the new quarter was significant, which only served to indirectly confirm that the boy's ability to spot talent was unparalleled.

Li Hanlin's methods and ambition were obvious to everyone. His goal was to turn Fairy Tale Valley into a world-class fairy-tale theme park.

In addition to the capital city in Asia, Fairy Tale Valley also had presence in Tokyo, Japan, and Las Vegas, USA. Construction of more theme parks was under way.

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The villa was not very far from the amusement park. Coupled with the fact that the traffic was not very congested when they set off, they arrived at Fairy Tale Valley in less than half an hour.

With Li Hanlin's meticulous organizing, the five of them successfully obtained their VIP passes. This pass allowed them to go on any of the rides without queuing up.

As soon as they entered the park, Natalia was deeply attracted by the iconic statues placed at the entrance of Fairy Tale Valley!

The icon of the Fairy Tale Valley was the Rainbow Unicorn. It was designed by Youyou. The unicorn had snow-white sideburns, dark eyes, a golden horn, and a rainbow tail and mane. It was such a lovely and

charming image that it became one of the hottest cartoon images globally. The Rainbow Unicorn produced by Lezhi Holdings had even become the beloved plaything of children all over the world. As Lezhi's signature mascot, the sale of the plush toy also generated a significant part of the total revenue.

Many people might not know where this image came from, but they would have seen it before, for sure. Obviously, the image design was successful!

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"What a beautiful unicorn!" Natalia ran over, smiling. It was evident how fond she was of the unicorn.

When Youyou saw how much Natalia liked the Rainbow Unicorn, his ego swelled at once!

"She likes the Rainbow Unicorn!"

Yun Shishi shot him a cool glance, as if she could see her son waving his tail high in the air.

"Are you very pleased with yourself?"

Gong Jie didn't hesitate to play wet blanket. "What's so great about knowing how to design?"

"Hmph! Unlike some people who only know how to make sarcastic remarks!"

The man was speechless.

Hua Jin took Natalia's hand and led her to the statue. He was put in a good mood just looking at how much the girl liked it. In a way, he envied her. The younger the child, the more easily satisfied. Often, they can be kept happy with a lollipop and a doll.

When one is around children often enough, one would also find happiness and bliss in the simplest things in life!

Despite himself, Hua Jin's mood lightened a little. He looked down at his phone and asked, "Do you want me to take a picture of you?"

"Alright!" Natalia pointed to the Rainbow Unicorn. "I want a picture with the Rainbow Unicorn!"

"Alright!" He thanked his lucky stars that he'd been smart enough to bring his selfie stick. Setting his phone on it, he walked towards Natalia.

But Natalia pushed him away with some disgust. "I want to take a picture with Rainbow Unicorn alone."

The actor was dumbfounded. He pouted in protest, "Wouldn't it be nice if we took a picture together?"

"I want to take a photo with the Rainbow Unicorn alone!"

Natalia was adamant, and it wasn't his place to comment, so he led her into position and held up his phone. "Smile!"

"Uh huh!" Natalia cooperated, showing her pearly white teeth.

Click!

The actor took ten shots.

People who look good would look good in a snapshot no matter what.

The actor became engrossed in photographing the girl and ended up taking more than twenty shots.

The girl's pose gradually became rigid as she stood there with her arms around the Rainbow Unicorn.
"Are you done shooting?"

Natalia saw that the actor was still snapping away, and thought that he had not been able to get a good shot.

Gong Jie walked over to the actor and was surprised to see that the actor kept snapping pictures of Natalia even though the pictures had turned out well.

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The actor stood up. Gong Jie immediately snatched the phone out of his hand and began scrolling through the album.

As he scrolled through the pictures, Natalia's brilliant smile seemed to brighten the already sunny day.

Hua Jin said smugly, "What do you think of my photography skills?"

Gong Jie ignored the actor as he stared at the photographs, admiring them. With a smile, he finally said, "Not bad!"

"... Can't you give me a little more credit?"

Gong Jie turned to Hua Jin, unruffled by his complaints. "Why? Do you get a cash bonus if I give you more credit?"

The actor fell silent.

Natalia cocked her head and looked at Hua Jin, then shifted her gaze to Gong Jie. "Would both of you like to take a picture with me?" she asked quietly.

"Of course!" The actor was immediately acting like a "little fangirl", waving at Natalia as he called out, "Wait for me!"

He snatched his phone from Gong Jie and was about to rush towards the girl when Gong Jie grabbed him by the collar and yanked him back.

"What's the matter?"

"Stand right here."

The actor was dumbfounded.

Gong Jie glared at him and ordered, "Stand still!"

Hua Jin straightened his posture instinctively, but he had no idea what the other man meant by telling him to stand still.

It wasn't until Gong Jie went over to Natalia, picked her up and signaled "Shoot!", that the actor felt completely humiliated!

Did he think he was their personal photographer! Hua Jin felt like smashing his phone onto the ground! Did they really think he would not get mad?!

That rascal Gong Jie!

Hua Jin was determined to show him what he was made of!

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"Here, smile!" Hua Jin raised his phone and began snapping pictures of Gong Jie and Natalia.

"Lean your head on his shoulders. Yes... very good!"

His solicitous manner made him look like a bumpkin. Youyou observed this with disdain. Just a moment ago the man was clenching his fists as if he was about to explode. Youyou did not expect him to be so cowardly.

A cowardly flower!

When Gong Jie was done, Hua Jin wanted to take a selfie with Natalia. However, at this point Youyou had already sauntered over and put his arm around Natalia's shoulders in a relaxed manner. "Take one for us too!" he said, flashing a smile at Hua Jin.

Then he affectionately leaned his head against Natalia's.

"You think you're taking a wedding shot?"

The boy said, "Your job is just to take the shots."

The actor was dumbfounded. Such a young lad but so arrogant! Swallowing his frustration, the actor took a few more shots of Youyou and Natalia. When it was finally his turn, Natalia refused to pose for any more pictures. She was distracted by a distant hot-air balloon.

She pointed to the object and asked, "Is that a hot-air balloon?"

Gong Jie nodded and replied, "Uh huh."

"I want a ride in it!"

"Sure!"

The group fussed around Natalia like stars around a moon and headed off..

Hua Jin stood alone in the wind for a moment, stunned.

Poor forsaken baby...

He finally reacted and ran after them. The group was told that each hot-air balloon could only seat three people at most.

Gong Jie and Youyou immediately clung to Natalia. It was obvious the two of them wanted to ride with her.

Yun Shishi finally lost her patience and cleared her throat. "Don't you forget why you're here!"

Youyou was reminded by her remark, but he was unwilling to give up his position. He glared at Gong Jie, who tried to let go of the girl, but she clung to his shoulder, reluctant to release her grip.

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Yun Shishi glared at Youyou again!

The boy fell silent.

Fine!

He took a step back! The boy stood aside, looking crestfallen.

Yun Shishi then said to Hua Jin, "Why don't the three of you ride together?"

Like a wish granted, the actor got into the hot-air balloon with Natalia. However, the space in the hot air balloon was tiny, and it was too cramped with three of them in it.

Therefore, they had to sit very close to each other. The actor felt his face almost touching Gong Jie's back.

He looked up resentfully...

Was this guy so tall? That's right, he'd almost forgotten that Gong Jie was nearly six feet tall.

But... Was the difference of ten centimeters that great? In the past, when he stood further away, he didn't feel so. Now, up close, he realized that the difference was so obvious. This height difference... was rather painful for him!

It was Natalia's first time riding in a hot-air balloon, so she was nervous. She clung tightly to the hem of Hua Jin's shirt. As the balloon slowly rose, she clung to his collar with increasing unease.

"How does this hot air balloon work?" Her question caught the actor off guard.

Children of Natalia's age were especially curious. The question stumped him. It wasn't that he didn't understand. It was just too much effort to explain.

The actor also understood the principle of hot air rising. It was because the top part of the craft was the balloon and the flight cabin was on the lower part. The inside of the balloon was filled with heated air, which lifted the entire craft into the skies.

However, if he were to explain such a complicated principle to her, she wouldn't understand. She might even ask anxiously, "Will this hot air balloon fall out of the sky?"

He turned his pleading eyes to Gong Jie.

When the girl saw him looking at Gong Jie, she too looked at the man questioningly.

The man, however, muttered, "By magic."

"..."

Hua Jin was stunned!

How would Natalia believe such a perfunctory answer!

"Magic?"

Natalia's eyes lit up. "Really?"

"Yep."

"Oh my god! There is such a thing as magic! It's so interesting!" the girl exclaimed in English.

Hua Jin's standard of English was average, but he could understand what the girl said.

Gong Jie tried to sell her the idea that the hot-air balloon was able to fly because of magic. It was magic that had lifted such a large balloon into the air. And the most surprising thing was that Natalia bought it!

So it was really that easy to get a kid to believe you...

But was it really okay to say something like that?

Would it create an erroneous belief for her?

While the actor was pondering this point, Natalia turned to him and asked expectantly, "Can you do magic?"

"... Emmmmm, no, sorry." As soon as he said that, Natalia looked disappointed.

When Gong Jie saw this, he gently cupped Natalia's face in his hands and winked at her. "Natalia, you are a magician, did you know that?"

"Me?"

"Yep."

Gong Jie gently pinched the tip of her nose. "Yes, you are!"

"But..." Natalia hesitated, carefully reminding him, "I can't do magic..."

"Of course you can." Gong Jie kissed her gently on the forehead and said, "When you smile, the whole world looks wonderful! Isn't that the best magic in the world?"

As soon as he finished speaking, Natalia understood. Her eyes widened in surprise, and she gave him a charming smile!

“Really?”

“Uh huh!”