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The actor and Natalia left the house shortly after 10am. The actor had arranged for a ride ahead of time. The car was already waiting at the gate.

The driver and his assistant immediately got out and loaded their bags into the trunk. The actor carried Natalia and placed her in the backseat before getting in after her.

He had arranged with Yun Shishi to meet at the airport. The 1pm flight had been brought forward two hours. It looked like lunch would have to be a quick affair at the airport.

When Hua Jin arrived at the airport, he received a call from Yun Shishi saying that she was still on the way.

When the actor asked, she explained that it was because Yueyao had overslept in the morning and they were only just leaving, hence they were running late. She also reminded Hua Jin to take Natalia to lunch in the meantime.

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It's usual for meals to be taken in a hurry when traveling, because there are flights to catch.

But there were many restaurants housed within the capital's international airport. The vast majority of them served simple meals targeted at a range of international travelers. There were American restaurants, Chinese restaurants, Italian restaurants, among others.

Natalia wanted to eat roast duck, but that put Hua Jin in a difficult position.

Roast duck? Where would they find authentic roast duck in this airport?

Natalia had recently become obsessed with roast duck; she had also been showing great enthusiasm for Chinese food. Perhaps it was because she had grown up in the USA. In that environment, the vast majority of American food was high in calories. Like hot dogs, burgers, cheese, and localized American Chinese food.

Taste-wise, they weren't great. Having been adjusted to the taste of the locals in the USA, the original flavors of Chinese cuisine were lost. Ever since Hua Jin took Natalia to eat roasted duck following their return to the country, she had shown great enthusiasm for Chinese food! It was delicious!

However, most of the food at the airport was simple and fast. Where would they find an authentic Peking duck? It wasn't easy but Hua Jin finally found a Chinese-style restaurant. He looked through the menu and picked a roast duck set. It probably wasn't authentic, but at least it was roast duck!

He tried a bite of it and true enough, it was average although not awful. Just that it was a far cry from authentic roast duck.

He was a little uneasy, afraid that Natalia wouldn't be used to the taste. Unexpectedly, the girl was easily satisfied. With food placed before her, she ate without a care.

Little glutton!

So easily satisfied, just like that?

Hua Jin remarked under his breath at how unpalatable American food must be, that the little lass would be so easily satisfied with such a mediocre roast duck combo.

Natalia ate and chewed slowly. Because they had some time to spare, the actor took Natalia around the shops in the airport after lunch. There were many duty-free shops in the airport. It just so happened that he had run out of skincare products at home, so Hua Jin bought some.

Natalia grew bored. She didn't understand the purpose of these delicate-looking bottles on the shelves. They were neither pretty nor edible. So she pestered the actor to leave.

Hua Jin was queuing to pay and it was almost his turn. "Just a minute, okay?" he coaxed. "Just a minute. I'll be done in a minute!"

"But it's so boring here."

The duty-free shop was crowded with people. The crowd was dense and the air stale. Natalia wasn't used to this and wanted to get out quickly.

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Natalia was extremely uncomfortable with the stuffiness, so she said to Hua Jin, "I'll wait for you just outside, okay?"

"Just outside..." The actor looked at the shop entrance hesitantly and felt uneasy.

Natalia said, "Don't worry. I won't wander off. Besides, you said it won't take long."

The actor contemplated for a moment, then nodded. "You promise me you won't wander off. Huh?" If she were to wander off and get lost, he would lose his head to Gong Jie.

Thus Natalia walked out. The actor watched her as she went to sit on the bench outside the shop and then continued to wait in the queue.

Natalia waited outside the shop, feeling bored. The wait was particularly long and equally boring. She thought she had been waiting for more than ten minutes and walked to the digital clock in the hall to check. She realized it had really only been five minutes.

Ding dong.

"Attention, passengers bound for the Maldives. Flight DH965 is now boarding. Please ensure you have your..."

"Dang, too late. There's no time!"

Natalia heard panicky voices coming from not too far off. Before the girl could react, she was knocked to the ground by a tremendous impact. The knitted hat she was wearing flew off.

Natalia fell to the floor, her back slamming painfully onto the marble. Pain shot through her.

The person who hit her was a middle-aged woman. She was obviously about to miss her flight. Even after she had knocked the child over, she only took a glance and did not stop to help. Without taking a second look, she hurried away.

There were whispers around them. Witnesses of the accident were secretly angry at this woman for being so uncouth. Even if she had knocked an adult over, she should have stopped to ask if the other party was fine, let alone a child.

How uncouth!

Natalia realized that the “culprit” was already far away and felt rather indignant at being run over this way. She felt as if the bones in her back were about to shatter from the force of the collision.

She stood up and looked at the knitted hat that had fallen to the ground some distance away. She was about to walk over and pick it up when a youth beat her to it.

Natalia stood frozen, silently studying the gentle youth before her. The youth was wearing a snow-white shirt that accentuated his fair skin. He was slender and looked to be in his teens. His fine, neat black hair framed the outline of his thin face.

He turned to face Natalia, who was standing on the spot. He smiled as he approached her, and was about to speak when he saw her purple eyes. He was stunned!

He’d seen many children of mixed descent, they had blue eyes, green eyes, amber eyes, even jet black eyes, but he’d never seen such beautiful purple eyes. Purple eyes, pure, like beautiful gems.

Natalia’s eyes flashed as they looked at the knitted hat that he was now holding. She immediately reminded him, “Little Big Brother, this is my hat ...”

The youth immediately snapped out of his daze, but still he could not take his eyes off her. Until Natalia looked annoyed and snatched her hat from his hand.

“Why do you keep staring at me?” His stare made her a little uncomfortable. He was looking at her as if she was an alien!

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“Nothing!” The young man reacted and asked cautiously, “You’re not hurt, are you?”

“Uh...” Sensing his concern, Natalia’s simmered down a little. She nodded lightly and mumbled, “I’m okay...”

At this point, a woman behind her spoke, sounding slightly worried. "Linxi? Why did you run off so quickly?"

Chu He looked anxious as she approached through the heavy crowd until she came up to him. When she saw the girl standing before him, she was momentarily stunned. She had also noticed Natalia's purple eyes.

The first reaction of a normal person would be one of surprise! After all, purple eyes were not common. Chu He was well-informed and had seen much of the world and its people, but purple eyes were a first even for her.

Looking at the beautiful little girl before her, she was momentarily stunned! That too, was a normal reaction.

Behind them, the main group arrived.

Gu Jinglian was holding Baby Chu's hand, and there was a large entourage from the Gu family who had come to see them off, as if worried that their Old Master's enemies would plant bombs in the airport!

Chu He had been breastfeeding again after giving birth to their pair of twins. The honeymoon that Gu Jinglian had promised her had been delayed again and again.

Initially, Chu He had not been looking forward to the honeymoon. She had never traveled too widely although she had been to a few places for work. However, over time, the friends around her had started to post photographs of their vacation trips on WeChaMoments... Places with blue skies and endless expanse of ocean stretching as far as the eye could see.

Chu He, who lived in Shanghai, seemed to have not seen a blue sky for a long time. Therefore, the idea of a honeymoon was brought up again.

During this time, Gu Jinglian finally made proper arrangements for his work and entrusted the two little babies to be taken care of. Hence, he made plans to set off for Saipan for a vacation.

Gu Jinglian felt guilty at first. After all, the honeymoon was long overdue. But Chu He didn't mind. At least it was on the agenda, wasn't it?

Gu Jinglian and Baby Chu came up to them. The boy quickly spotted Linxi and then in the next instant was attracted by the little girl before him. He narrowed his eyes until he saw clearly that Natalia's eyes were indeed purple and he looked stunned.

"Wow... what pretty eyes..." He was moved by them.

However, he did not expect that the words meant to be a compliment sounded a little uncomfortable to Natalia.

She had learned as a child that she was different from other children. In terms of background, she was an orphan. She'd grown up without a father or mother, let alone fatherly or motherly love.

She had grown up in China, but she looked different from many Chinese children, especially her eyes, they seemed to draw too many criticisms.

She had always been regarded as an anomaly by other children, so she felt very uneasy when others sized her up.

Coincidentally, Hua Jin walked out of the shop at this point. Natalia saw him and immediately threw herself into his arms, aggrieved.

The actor hugged her tightly. Before he could make sense of what was going on, he looked up and was startled.

Uh...

"CEO... CEO Gu?!" He was shocked. He had not expected to run into Gu Jinglian here.

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He was shocked. He had not expected to run into Gu Jinglian here. Gu Jinglian looked at him, then at Natalia in his arms. He too, looked faintly surprised.

"Is this ... your daughter?"

The actor was stumped. Should he admit it?

The actor studied Natalia's aggrieved expression. He wasn't sure what was going on, or if she was being bullied, so he nodded. "Yes."

Gu Jinglian did not seem surprised to learn that she was his daughter.

The actor knelt down. "What's the matter?" he asked the girl gently. "You seem upset. Did someone bully you?"

Gu Linxi, who was standing behind the girl now, immediately explained, "A woman was in a hurry just now and knocked her over. She left without a word after that."

"Ahhhhh..." So that was the reason? Hua Jin was anxious immediately. "Does it hurt?"

Natalia pursed her lips and gave a small nod. "Well ... a little ..."

"Where does it hurt?"

"Here ... here ..." Natalia was too embarrassed to mention that she had fallen and cracked her little butt, so she rubbed her elbow. When she had fallen, she had subconsciously tried to break her fall, so now her elbow was bruised.

He rolled up her sleeve and examined her carefully. She was bruised from the fall. Distressed over what had happened, the actor tenderly blew on the bruises but didn't massage them. He only felt around to make sure there were no broken bones. This was not the time to massage the bruises. Otherwise, the small bruise would expand after being rubbed.

Hua Jin picked up Natalia and sighed. "You're so strong. You didn't even cry. That's amazing."

The girl pouted, clearly unhappy. She put her arm around his shoulders and said to him, "I don't want to be here anymore ..."

"Uh... okay... well, let's wait over there, okay?"

Natalia nodded.

The actor nodded at Gu Jinglian and Chu He as well, as a gesture of acknowledgment, then headed towards the departure lounge carrying Natalia.

Baby Chu exclaimed excitedly, "Wow! That Little Big Sister is so pretty!"

Linxi snorted. "She's probably younger than you!"

"But she's pretty! I saw you staring at her as if you were fascinated..."

Gu Linxi blushed and immediately retorted, "Don't talk nonsense!"

"Why are you blushing?" Baby Chu circled him curiously and muttered, "Why are you so easily embarrassed?"

"Hahaha!" Unable to suppress herself, Chu He burst out laughing.

Linxi turned to Chu He with a pout. "Mommy, can you be a little more reserved and stop laughing in such an uninhibited manner?"

"Uninhibited? How so?" Chu He glanced at him. "Baby Chu is right. You did stare at the little girl just now! Have you fallen for her?"

"..."

Even Chu He was teasing him now. Gu Linxi turned away and pretended to ignore her.

"Stop pretending." Chu He encouraged him, "If there's a girl you like, don't let go of the opportunity! Coincidentally, your father seems to know that uncle?"

Gu Linxi's face turned even redder. "Don't be ridiculous! I was just—surprised. Her eyes—they were purple. I've never seen such beautiful eyes."

Chu He agreed. "Indeed, that girl had truly beautiful eyes!"

Baby Chu pestered her, asking, "Normal people do not have purple eyes, do they?"

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"Purple eyes are indeed rare. At least I've never seen anything like that," Gu Jinglian said. "When I saw the scene, I thought you bullied her and made her cry."

Gu Linxi was not in the least impressed by his words. "Why should I bully girls?"

Even though Linxi was young, he had many ideologies on how one should live. One of them was that boys should never bully girls. Therefore, it was absolutely impossible that he would go around bullying girls.

Gu Jinglian said to Chu He, "You guys wait here for me while I go sort out the boarding passes."

"Okay." Chu He smiled to herself. Nowadays, Gu Jinglian took the initiative to do most things himself.

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Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi finally arrived with the family in tow at the last minute, and managed to check in just before the airline counter closed.

When they finally boarded the plane and entered the first-class cabin, the man was surprised to find it filled with familiar faces.

The first class cabin comprised two sections. On the left were the seats reserved for Mu Yazhe, Yun Shishi, Youyou, Yueyao, Little Yichen, and Lisa. Meanwhile, the other section on the right was taken by Gu Jinglian's family of four.

The two families were separated by an aisle.

As Mu Yazhe entered the cabin, he saw Gu Jinglian and Chu He staring at them.

"It's you!"

"It's you?!"

"..."

"..."

Unexpectedly, they met here.

Gu Jinglian raised an eyebrow at Mu Yazhe and snorted. "Where are you going?"

Mu Yazhe replied, "Saipan."

Gu Jinglian was flabbergasted.

Mu Yazhe was rather amused. "Which hotel are you staying at?"

"What about you? Where are you staying?"

"The Sirens Hotel."

They spoke almost in unison.

Gu Jinglian clearly looked uncomfortable. His mouth twitched slightly and he snorted. "What a coincidence!"

"Are you on a honeymoon?"

"Uh huh."

Mu Yazhe nodded and stopped paying attention to the other man. He carried Yueyao to her seat and urged the kids to buckle up. As a parent with four little brats, Mu Yazhe was kept very busy. Meanwhile, Yun Shishi sat in her seat, enjoying the fruit salad that her husband had bought her at the airport.

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The Sirens was the most exclusive hotel in Saipan. The hotel offered holiday villas along the coast. Each villa faced the sea and had a large private area of water. Staying in a villa like this, one could look forward to a perfect holiday.

However, a perfect vacation does not come without a high cost. The cost of this villa was about five hundred thousand a night.

Mu Yazhe had booked the seaside villa for a quiet holiday. What he did not expect was that Gu Jinglian had also booked a villa beside him. It was also a villa by the sea. He did not expect them to be neighbors while on vacation.

Mu Yazhe lifted the curtains of the floor-to-ceiling window of the main suite, opened it and stepped out onto the balcony, and at once saw Gu Jinglian leaning against the railing, smoking.

The two men looked at each other again in silence.

They obviously did not expect things to be so coincidental that they had booked the same hotel for their vacation, and even ended up being neighbors!

It was simply...

“Like a bad rash that doesn’t go away.”

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The two men spoke almost in unison. Then, as soon as the words were out, they glared at each other in disgust.

Gu Jinglian extinguished his cigarette and turned to head back into his room.

Mu Yazhe laughed.

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This guy was really extraordinarily awkward.

Having just got off the flight, everyone was tired. Coupled with the fact that they were still jet-lagged, the four brats were exhausted as soon as they checked into the hotel.

After putting them all to bed, Yun Shishi finally had some alone time with Mu Yazhe. After spending the last of his energy in sweet intimacy with her for the rest of the evening, the two of them fell contentedly asleep in each other’s arms.

In the villa next door, on the other hand, Chu He and Gu Jinglian had extraordinary vitality.

As soon as they arrived at the hotel, Baby Chu lamented to Chu He that he was tired. After all, there was a time difference and it was already late night back home in their own country. Chu He coaxed the boy to sleep. Linxi, on the other hand, was able to adapt to the time difference, so Chu He and Gu Jinglian took him for a walk on the beach.

With the fine sand under their feet and kicking the waves, Chu He took Gu Jinglian's hand and enjoyed a rare moment of peace.

After the birth of the twins, Chu He, who was now in her lactation period, felt that she was almost sucked dry by the two brats. Ordinary people would not understand the sufferings brought on by breastfeeding. Even after the lactation phase, the children needed company. They woke up crying every day. It was a real torture.

These two brats, should one love them or hate them?! But after all, they were her children. How could a mother not love her children? Only, she hated being tortured by these two crybabies. Therefore, she had to make a quick escape for a while!

Now, there was finally some peace and quiet. Although it would be a lie to say that she didn't miss them, the point was that she felt more relaxed than ever!

Gu Jinglian felt sorry for her, too. He knew that long after her lactation, she'd continue to be busy with the four children. He was aware, and his heart ached for her. Hence he had put the honeymoon on the agenda, in hope that she could relax for a while. Surely it wouldn't be right to reverse the order and focus on the children after getting married? That would be getting the meaning of marriage all wrong.

Apart from family, marriage is primarily about the relationship between husband and wife.

During that period, he'd been busy at work and rarely spent time with her. So he'd thought to take advantage of their honeymoon to add some sparks to their relationship.

He had thought she would feel tired upon arrival. Apparently, he was wrong.

What sort of person was Chu He? In her previous life, she was an Interpol anti-vice inspector. She was physically much fitter than many men.

It happened that Gu Jinglian was not tired as well. Chu He even teased him about being a man of his age and still able to endure jet lag so well.

Gu Jinglian was not happy to hear this of course. What did she mean by "a man of his age"?! He was obviously a young man!

Being somewhat displeased, he whispered in her ear, "Doubting my physical condition are you? Watch how I deal with you tonight!"

Chu He turned scarlet when she heard this, but she smiled helplessly. "I was only joking. How can you take it seriously? Are you a child?"

"Yes, I'm childish. I'm hopeless."

Chu He could do nothing about this man. As she laughed, Gu Jinglian walked over and gently took her hand.

“Do you like it here?” Gu Jinglian’s voice softened.

Chu He said sincerely, “I do. It’s very peaceful. I can feel myself calming down as I enjoy the sea breeze.”

“Then, we can come more often in the future.”

“Isn’t that too extravagant?”

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“Of course not!” Gu Jinglian said, “I’m thinking of buying a villa here. In the future, we can then come whenever we want and stay for however long we wish. As long as you like the idea!”

Inevitably, Chu He felt extremely pampered. Of course, Gu Jinglian doted on her after they got married. However, proclaiming that he’d buy a villa here just because she said that she liked this place was just a little too...

Chu He asked tentatively, “The villas here must be expensive!?”

“I’ve heard that some of the private islands are up for sale.”

Chu He was stumped when she heard this. “I’ve heard that villas here sell at sky-high prices. Private islands must cost a fortune.”

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Gu Jinglian smiled. “If you like it, it has its value!”

The woman couldn’t help but laugh at his remark. “Actually, there’s no need for this! It’s good enough that you have this intention! If you wish to come here again in the future to have some fun, we’ll find the opportunity to do so! After all, how many times can you come here? Spending that sort of money is too extravagant and wasteful.”

Gu Jinglian found her thinking objectionable, however he did not take her too seriously. Ultimately, Chu He and he were different individuals, and there was a huge difference between them when it came to spending habits.

Chu He had been through tough times, during which she only had a base salary of two thousand a month and overtime work brought her a few hundred more. On top of that, she had to raise Baby Chu single handedly. One could only imagine how difficult that period of time had been.

And as a child, Chu He had experienced a life of displacement. She stayed in a refugee camp where people had to fight over a small piece of bread. Sometimes, she ended up with only scraps and had to endure a night of painful hunger.

So money had always been precious to her.

After marrying Gu Jinglian, to put it in a tacky manner, one could say she had achieved instant success. If one wanted a definition of getting rich overnight, this was it.

Gu Jinglian was so rich that he had no idea what his own net worth was. However, Chu He simply could not get used to a life of luxury. She was an optimistic person by nature, and enjoyed hard work. And being used to hardship, she always felt as though she was living in poverty. Living her life honestly made her feel at ease.

Chu He was a very independent woman. She never liked to depend on others. Gu Jinglian did not allow her to hold a job, as he felt that the Gu family was able to support all of them. However, Chu He was not used to living off a man, and it took a while to convince her.

But Gu Jinglian was different.

He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Back then, when having 10,000 yuan was considered an upper-class household, the same amount was probably his pocket money for a week as a primary school kid. Old Master Gu was willing to give him more than ten 100-yuan bills a day. This was a treatment that no one else had.

At that time, the other children in the class would at most be given a few cents of spending money a day, 50 cents was considered a luxury.

The difference was obvious.

Therefore, Gu Jinglian, who had grown up in such an advantageous environment, naturally had no concept of the value of money. To him, a Gucci bag worth tens of thousands of yuan was equivalent to the price of a meal for ordinary folks.

Ever since she married Gu Jinglian, Chu He's every word and action gave him a throbbing headache.

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Gu Jinglian had gone to the mall to buy her some clothes, bags, and shoes, luxury goods from brands like Gucci and Christina. However, Chu He abandoned them after having worn them a few times. She could not be bothered to dress up. These designer clothes and bags were often the least practical things. Especially one particular Chanel dress that was made of real silk. The thread ran with a slight movement of her arm.

Chu He despised it terribly. How could such expensive clothes be so flimsy? Even though she knew that people who could afford such expensive clothes would never fuss over such matters, she still despised the idea.

The woman actually complained to Gu Jinglian, being infuriated that she had spent so much time and energy shopping but ended up with a few pieces of garments that she could wear only a few times. After that, Gu Jinglian stopped insisting. Since they were man and wife, they should respect each other.

Respect for one's pattern of spending was a basic respect. Therefore, after Gu Jinglian and Chu He got married, he gave way to her consumer attitude, and was even gradually influenced by her consumption philosophies.

Generally, Master Gu had become much more down-to-earth. In the past, he would never touch anything that was not a luxury item. Now, he would occasionally wear clothes that Chu He had bought online for him. If they wore well, he would even return for more. After a while, Gu Jinglian got used to wearing clothes that cost a few hundred yuan.

It has to be said that clothes that cost a few hundred yuan, from his perspective, were no different from clothes that cost a few cents, from the perspective of ordinary folks! Anyway... Both of them managed to quite easily adapt to the huge disparity in this aspect.

Gu Jinglian took Chu He's hand and they walked quietly along the edge of the beach. Gu Linxi initially followed behind them, but when he discovered something new and pestered them to look, he bitterly realized that he had been abandoned.

Whether he called out to Gu Jinglian or Chu He, neither of them acted as if they heard him. They only had eyes for each other and had conveniently forgotten about him.

The boy gave up.

Ah... never mind. Let the two of them be all over each other. After all, it seemed that his father wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to revive the sweetness of their marriage during this honeymoon period.

He decided not to get involved. Gu Linxi was an astute boy, so he left a message for his parents on the cell phone and returned to the hotel by himself.

He was a sensible boy, leaving quietly and sending a message so that they wouldn't worry about him.

Chu He and Gu Jinglian walked for a long time without noticing he was gone. After strolling for a while, Chu He realized that the person trailing after them was gone. She took out her phone and was about to make a call when she saw the message from Gu Linxi.

Seeing that he had returned to the hotel, Chu He was filled with guilt! She had been so focused on strolling and chatting with Gu Jinglian that she had forgotten about this fellow!

Exasperated, Gu Jinglian said, "It's okay. Linxi is all grown up. He has his own mind. He probably wants to give us some space."

Although he said that outwardly, he was secretly gleeful that at least, the kid was astute!

He had heard Linxi calling out to him, but he had deliberately ignored the child. He thought that if this kid had some intelligence, he would leave them alone!

Obviously the child had the sense to know!

That was rather impressive!

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Chu He said to Gu Jinglian, "Why don't we go back early too? Let's not stay out too late. We ought to be up by the time the kids are awake, so that we don't appear lackluster if they want to play."

Gu Jinglian did not agree, and instead said, "Linxi is old enough to take Baby Chu out to play. We may not enjoy the games that the kids enjoy. We might as well let them play among themselves and we focus on our honeymoon."

Chu He was at a lost for words. So they were really here to make up for their honeymoon?

She muttered, "Does this mean... you never really had the intention of bringing them along?"

"Hmph." The mention of this displeased Gu Jinglian. He had never mentioned this trip to Gu Linxi and Baby Chu at all! Chu He was the one who had told Linxi about it. Linxi then assumed that Gu Jinglian wanted them to go on a holiday together, so he had enthusiastically passed the word on to Baby Chu.

Eventually, by chance, Gu Jinglian discovered that the two of them were already getting into full swing packing for the trip!

What else could he say? He could only swallow his anger and take them along.

However, Linxi was astute. On the plane, he took the initiative to take care of Baby Chu, attending to all matters great and small. That alone rather pleased Gu Jinglian.

By the time they returned to the hotel, Linxi was already asleep, and so was Baby Chu. Gu Jinglian and Chu He were intimate for a while, but finally gave in to their exhaustion and fell asleep.

Upon waking up the next day, Gu Jinglian and Chu He went to the other bedroom and saw that Linxi and Baby Chu were no longer there.

It was only when he asked the cleaners at the Room Cleaning department that he found out, the kids had run off to the beach to play as soon as they had woken up. However, the janitor mentioned, four kids from another row of villas were there too.

The group had split themselves into two teams and were playing beach volleyball. Gu Jinglian found that rather amusing.

It had to be said that these two kids really knew how to keep themselves entertained. Seeing that his parents were still asleep, Linxi had taken Baby Chu out to play.

After Gu Jinglian and Chu He had eaten something to fill their stomachs, they headed to the beach. There, they were surprised to see Gu Linxi and Baby Chu standing on an empty beach. Opposite them were Youyou and Lisa.

The four of them glared at each other fiercely. Linxi was holding the ball, but Gu Jinglian's eyes were sharp enough to tell that his hand was trembling slightly.

Chu He noticed it, too, and approached with some concern.

"Linxi!"

When Linxi heard her calling out, he turned and looked slightly surprised to see them.

"Dad, Mom..."

As soon as Baby Chu turned around and saw Chu He, he immediately threw himself into her arms.

"Mom! Sob, sob, sob..." The little guy cried pretentiously, they weren't real tears. Although he felt wronged, he was not so fragile that he would shed tears for real. "They bullied me! Sob, sob, sob..."

Bullied him? That was rather hard to believe.

Chu He knew Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi. They had met a few times before. She could tell that the couple was extremely well-mannered. Naturally, they would have brought their children up to be well-mannered too. How could they be bullying other kids?

"Don't listen to his nonsense." Linxi sighed and lowered his voice. "They didn't bully us... It was simply... we couldn't beat them at the game..."

"What's this?" Chu He finally caught on. "Lost a game of volleyball?"

"Er... if it had been purely a defeat, that would've been fine."

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"Er... if it had been purely a defeat, that would've been fine." Linxi said awkwardly, "I was able to catch the ball, but... the force was too strong. If I had insisted on catching it, then... There's a burning pain in my wrist."

"..." Chu He looked puzzled. She looked across again.

Youyou and Lisa were standing there looking back at them. Both children were young, one was a girl. The boy was no older than Linxi. She shifted her gaze over to Lisa. She had never seen the girl before, but the child was thin and frail.

Chu He did not believe him. "No way! You actually lost to them? One is younger than you, and the other is a girl! She's so thin, how would she have such strength?"

Baby Chu grew anxious. "It's true! She's strong. She's so strong. I saw her in the tank top earlier on. Don't be deceived by how thin she looks! She's hiding muscles!"

Linxi was indignant. After all, as a boy, it was embarrassing to be defeated by a girl. But, like it or not, that was the truth.

Lisa didn't like to talk, but any time she jumped to perform a spike, one would inevitably worry that she might accidentally burst the volleyball. Baby Chu caught her ball once and played in fear afterwards. He hadn't dared to catch it again.

Linxi was not one to admit defeat, so whenever Lisa returned the ball, he would bite the bullet and receive it even though he knew she was strong.

Eventually, his wrists were trembling so badly that he couldn't possibly play anymore.

Lisa started to sense that Linxi wouldn't be able to catch her returns. She also found it boring and rather disappointing, so she said she didn't wish to continue with the game. However, they were in the middle of a match and the outcome had not been decided yet. Linxi refused to admit defeat and insisted on continuing.

Lisa was rather amused. She asked in return, "Are you able to keep fighting?"

The boy bit down on his lip in silence. It was at this point that Gu Jinglian and Chu He turned up.

Honestly... He was likely not able to continue the fight. His wrist would swell for sure, if he played on. But he didn't want to lose out to a girl.

He was a boy. Lisa was a girl.

It would have been one thing if he had lost to Youyou, but he simply could not accept being defeated by Lisa!

Standing across from him, Lisa rubbed her hair in frustration. "Honestly," she said in all seriousness, "I admit defeat. We can't continue this fight. You're hurt."

So Lisa tossed the volleyball aside and stretched for a bit. She had only expended about a third of her energy for the game, but apparently, it was too much for these two kids.

Most people with great physical strength find it hard to control their strength even if they were to deliberately hold back. But for Lisa, she had been careful enough. She even had the idea that both Linxi and Baby Chu were like fragile glass dolls, and they would both shatter if she were not careful.

Linxi was somewhat indignant. He pursed his lips and looked unhappy.

Chu He was curious.

How was it that... Exactly how much force had been used that even Linxi was injured?

She stepped forward suddenly and smiled as she looked at Lisa's back view. "Why don't we play against each other?"

Lisa snapped out of her daze and turned to her in surprise. "Why?"

“I would like to see how strong you really are.”

The corners of the girl’s lips faltered upon hearing this.

Chu He said quickly, “Don’t worry. I just want to experience it, I’m not out to take revenge or anything...”

“Alright then...” Lisa had no objection and turned to glance at Youyou.