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Chapter 60.1

Storm (Part 1)

Shang Jun stayed on the boat for five days, and although he would occasionally stand on the deck for a while, he did not take one step off of the merchant ship. Firstly, after being on a boat for more than a dozen days, his body felt very uncomfortable and he just wanted to rest properly. Secondly, Meng Yi Ru would frequently dispatch people and invite him over, but he would turn it down due to his physical discomfort, as he did not feel up to any social interaction. He instructed Lao You to give Meng Yi Ru some money and goods, so that she could make a small profit. She did not make things difficult either, as the goods were shipped back very quickly, and they were just waiting for the clearance letter now.

Shang Jun was bored as he casually flipped through a book to waste time. Today should be the day that they would get the clearance letter. But up until now, there had been no news at all. Could it be that Meng Yi Ru still had some more tricks?!

Shang Jun was still pondering for a moment, when a young sailor shouted from outside the cabin in a loud voice, "Gentleman Shang, there is a young lady who is looking for you outside."

"Alright, I got it." Shang Jun agilely got up and walked out of the cabin. As expected, it was Lan Yi. Shang Jun nodded, then smiled and said, "Miss Lan."

Lan Yi had a business-like manner as she coldly answered, "The clearance letter has been completed and the Official invites the Gentleman to the manor to have a chat."

It seemed that he could not escape this time and since it was also good, he would just go meet with that Official Meng, so Shang Jun calmly said, "I am troubling Miss Lan."

The two people did not chat during the whole trip; one person walked in front while the other walked behind and very quickly, they arrived in front of the Department of Commerce office. Lan Yi suddenly stopped and when she turned around, she was holding a light blue envelope in her hand. As she gave it to Shang Jun, Lan Yi quietly said, "Give this to Bi Xian. Thank you."

Shang Jun took the envelope; it was as light as a cicada's wing. Maybe there were only a few words in it, but Shang Jun could feel that the sentence was rather heavy, so the letter was carefully placed inside his sleeve. Shang Jun then indifferently answered, "Miss Lan does not need to be too polite."

Lan Yi turned around and walked two steps before she stopped again and Shang Jun heard her say in a low voice, "Even though Official Meng likes beauty, she loves wealth even more, so you need to be careful." After she finished speaking, she did not wait for an answer as she hurriedly went inside the Department of Commerce office.

Shang Jun lightly raised his eyebrows 'loves wealth'? How could Meng Yi Ru only love wealth? She was simply greedy. Showing an indifferent and sarcastic smile, Shang Jun slowly walked inside the Department of Commerce office. This time, Meng Yi Ru might have already explained

because the female general did not ask too many questions and Shang Jun smoothly walked towards the study room. When he was standing in the front door, Shang Jun gently coughed, smiled and said, "Official Meng."

"Shang Jun is here, quickly sit down." Meng Yi Ru immediately got up to welcome him. Her manner was different than last time, as Shang Jun had spent an extravagant amount of money on her and she liked this very much. Moreover, she had already reported the matter about Shang Jun's shipment expansion to the Imperial Court, and naturally, she did not forget to brag that it was the result of her vigorous efforts. Official Fei had rejoiced and had given her a lot of compliments. Shang Jun's current natural appearance was different than when she saw him the first time, so Meng Yi Ru looked Shang Jun up and down for a moment, before she smiled and said, "For the past few days I heard that you were sick, but today, your complexion is not bad ah!"

Shang Jun humbly cupped his hands as he smiled and said, "After nursing my health for a few days, I feel a little better."

"Then it is good, then it is good." Taking the clearance letter on the desk and holding it, Meng Yi Ru proudly said, "I was able to complete this clearance letter as promised."

She also ate up a lot of his money, Shang Jun secretly reprimanded in his heart, but his face remained business-like as he answered, "Official Meng handled her work swiftly and decisively; I quite admire it."

As she sat next to him, Meng Yi Ru generously praised, "Shang Jun's strength also made this person able to broaden her horizons." After looking at the list of goods on the clearance letter, she could not help but be a little startled as she let out a sigh. Shang Jun had unexpectedly entered with a lot of goods this time. Moreover, the goods that he had chosen were completely different than Bi Xian's, as most of them were Hai Yu's treasures and these objects were not cheap at all.

"How can that be, the Official is overpraising." Shang Jun indifferently smiled.

Meng Yi Ru put the clearance letter on the desk and then pushed it to the front of Shang Jun. She gently patted the back of Shang Jun's hand as she said with ambiguous and unclear intentions, "Actually if the two of us can communicate more and have more frequent contact, this relationship will naturally be incomparable to others. I can help you undertake a lot of stuff, so you can be at ease." After all, these were Hai Yu's items that were not allowed to board the ship and leave the port. If he were willing to submit, she would naturally give him a lot of benefits. However, these words were not easy to state clearly, so if he were an intelligent person, he would naturally be able to understand this.

Shang Jun naturally understood it, especially when a plump hand lightly caressed his own hand for a moment. He could not understand enough, so much that his anger faintly bubbled up from the bottom of his heart! However, Shang Jun pressed down that sickening feeling and lightly withdrew his hand. Deliberately turning his face away, he answered, "Then I will need to thank the Official. In the future, when the ship frequently enters and exits Hai Yu, I will have to trouble the Official."

Shang Jun's complexion slightly changed to as if he did not understand the current situation and this offended Meng Yi Ru somewhat as she awkwardly retracted her hand. With a gentle but

raised tone, she pretended to feel awkward when she said, "Naturally it will be like this. There are a lot of ships in the harbor, so I am afraid there will not be enough attention."

Was this considered threatening him? Shang Jun sneered; she thought that she could get his money easily! Putting both of his hands on his chest, Shang Jun coldly answered, "As far as I know, the only merchants that travel every year to Hai Yu are those from Dong Yu and those from Yan Rui in the West Sea, otherwise there are no other merchants that come in. There should not be any other merchants and in that case, I can also say that there are a lot of goods we bring in every year, so then we do not need to come here four times a year." You are busy, right? Then I will just make you less busy!!

She thought that Shang Jun was just a businessman who was certainly seeking profit, so if he obeyed her, he should know the benefits that he would get. Who would have thought that Shang Jun would actually react like this? Upon seeing his angry expression, Meng Yi Ru immediately compromised, "No, no, no, I did not mean it that way! I meant there are many fishing boats in Hai Yu and the official business is usually very busy every day, so we may be lacking in attention to take care your business."

She already reported it to the Imperial Court so she could not just say that he would come and then say that he would not come. This was not a joke! Moreover, he came this time and she already could get many benefits. Even though she was drooling over Shang Jun's charm, she was not an idiot to lose something even bigger!