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Chapter 97.1

Disappointment

When Shang Jun opened his eyes again, the room was quiet and dim. Looking up, Qin Xiu Zhi was no longer on the couch and there was only a small candle outside. Shang Jun felt that he was the only person in the room, so he sat up slowly. He had not slept so well like this for a long time, maybe it was because he was too tired.

Lifting the curtain, he saw the door to the room being pushed open at this time. Qin Xiu Zhi was holding a tray with a few small dishes on it and after seeing that Shang Jun had already got up, Qin Xiu Zhi smiled and said, "You are awake, eat something first."

"Alright." Shang Jun sat down at the table. He didn't have any appetite at first, but Xiu Zhi got all of his favorite dishes, so Shang Jun could still eat some with some difficulty. While eating, Shang Jun asked, "What time is it now?"

"It has passed 9-11 pm."

"It's so late?" Shang Jun put down his chopsticks and asked anxiously, "Are they back?"

Sitting down next to Shang Jun, Qin Xiu Zhi picked up Shang Jun's chopsticks and clamped a few pieces of meat and put them in his bowl before he handed the chopsticks back to him and replying, "They are back, and since it is dinner time, I let them eat first. You should also eat more and can talk about matters later." If he always takes care of himself like this, no wonder he is so thin!

"En." Taking the chopsticks, with thoughts of Shu Qing's safety occupying his mind, Shang Jun ate absent-mindedly.

After a while, there was a knock on the door and Shang Jun shouted, "Come in!"

Xi Mu, Ye Yan, Wei Xi, and Qi Ling entered one after another, so Shang Jun put down his chopsticks and immediately asked, "How is it? Is there any news?"

Qi Ling took the first step and after cupping his hand to give a courtesy, he replied in a deep voice, "I checked almost all the forest trails from Lin Feng Guan border to You Cheng city. In the past few days, I had not found a convoy of more than three people passing by and also did not see any strangers coming and going at the nearby villages."

Didn't find it? Shang Jun turned to look at Xi Mu, "Xi Mu, did you find any clues?"

Although Xi Mu still displayed a cold face and did not smile, he was respectful to Shang Jun as he said, "I checked along the border city and there was a carriage with ten people being escorted all the way in the direction of Cang Yue's capital city, Tian Cheng. After following it for a day, I found that they were very cautious. They didn't stay in the inn and were only staying in the wilderness. When I came back, they had reached the outskirts of You Cheng city by that time."

"Do you know who is in the carriage?" They did not take the trails as expected, and the direction was Tian Cheng city. Could it be that Long Qu Mu was the main culprit behind the scenes?!

"The people in the carriage never came out. Their martial arts are extremely high, and I didn't dare to rush in and frighten the enemy. Only when they were delivering food and entering the carriage, could I see a woman inside."

A woman! The person in the carriage was most likely Shu Qing. She had been missing for so long, and they finally had a clue, so Shang Jun's excitement caused his voice to tremble, "Is it Shu Qing?"

After thinking for a while, Xi Mu finally shook his head. "I am not sure." The inside of the carriage was so dim that he couldn't see the woman's face clearly.

Even though he was a little disappointed, Shang Jun continued to ask calmly, "Are there any other discoveries?"

"No."

"Whether it is Shu Qing or not, let's go and check it out before we talk again." That carriage was somewhat strange. As Shang Jun got up, Qin Xiu Zhi glanced at the dinner he had barely eaten. He opened his mouth wanting to say something, but in the end did not say anything. If he did not find Shu Qing for another sunset, he would have trouble sleeping and eating. So, Qin Xiu Zhi softly sighed, followed Shang Jun and hurried out of the inn.

A group of ten people, led by Xi Mu, rushed over to You Cheng City overnight. Inside the carriage, Shang Jun looked so serious and Qin Xiu Zhi did not say anything either. After running for eight hours in the wind and snow, the morning light of dawn finally pierced the clouds, and a new day began.

The carriage reached a slope and stopped before Shang Jun and Qin Xiu Zhi got off the carriage. Xi Mu pointed at a carriage in a forest below the slope and said, "It's right below. They usually have two people every 30 meters away who are patrolling the place and there are two people on watch at night while the others take turns to rest."

Shang Jun slightly squinted his eyes; it was easy to see the situation below in the cold winter and withered trees. They surrounded the carriage quietly, as they were well-

trained and very alert. Dawn was approaching, so the night patrols should be tired, but they did not have a trace of fatigue on their faces at all. Shang Jun thought for a moment and then explained, "Wei Xi, you take one person and get rid of the people patrolling the surrounding area, and the other people, pester them one-on-one. I will get into the carriage to check whether the person inside is Shu Qing or not. If it is Shu Qing, none of these people can be left alive. If not, leave immediately."

"Yes." Just as everyone was preparing to set off, Qin Xiu Zhi, who had been a silent observer in the carriage, suddenly and anxiously said, "Whether or not there is someone guarding the carriage, we have not figured it out yet. You are still injured, so let Xi Mu check it out, he has seen Shu Qing before." His body could no longer stand this torment anymore.

This... what Xiu Zhi said, was reasonable. After running around all night, the pain in his chest reminded him of his current physical condition. So, Shang Jun did not have any objections as he nodded and said, "This plan is good. Xiu Zhi and I will provide support for you in the carriage and if it is Shu Qing, put her in the carriage immediately."

"Yes."

Xiu Zhi secretly breathed a sigh of relief.