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Chapter 103.2 (Part 1)

The Falling of Cang Yue

He completely misunderstood! But since Xiu Zhi said it like this, it was not good if he did not eat it, so Shang Jun reluctantly grinned and took a bite. This time, Shang Jun just stared at Xiu Zhi; he did not bite down or swallow it. Something was wrong with Qin Xiu Zhi's brain (as if he was confused)! He ate this a moment ago and it really was not sweet ah!

Qin Xiu Zhi carefully asked, "This is also sweet?!"

After a long time, Shang Jun finally swallowed it and could only reply with one word, "Sour..."

Ah?!

Two big men, each holding a hawthorn candy and eating on the street with distorted and anguished expressions, looked at each other as they both could not help laughing.

After a long and tiring laugh, Qin Xiu Zhi took the hawthorn candy from Shang Jun's hand and softly asked, "Is your mood better now?"

Shang Jun was startled; Xiu Zhi was holding two kinds of hawthorn candies in front of him as he mildly smiled and looked a little funny; was it to make him happy?! Slowly nodding Shang Jun replied, "En." His mind was still somewhat gloomy, but he did taste both sweet and sour just now.

He finally stopped frowning and Qin Xiu Zhi did not ask him why he had been in a bad mood just now and only walked beside him with a smile.

Feeling better, Shang Jun finally paid attention to the surrounding streets and could not help wondering, "How come there are only a few people on the street today? Shops are rarely open."

Dong Yu has Lin Feng Guan border and Cang Yue has You Cheng City. These two places are the most prosperous places for buying and selling goods between the two countries. In the past, when he came here it was full of voices, so what was going on today?!

Qin Xiu Zhi also felt it was weird while they walked earlier. He pointed to a shop in front of him that looked quite majestic and said, "Why don't we go in and take a look, maybe the boss knows."

Shang Jun nodded, and the two walked to the front of the shop. Shang Jun looked up and there were a few big gilded characters on the lintel "Yu Man Tang" jewelry store. It seemed that the store was only a few years old. The two men stepped into the shop and a man in his early forties greeted, saying, "The two gentlemen can take a look casually. We have excellent and antique items. These are the latest items, so please take your time to look and choose."

Shang Jun glanced around and noticed the decoration of the shop was very particular, but the goods (that they displayed) seemed to be less. Looking at them, they were all ordinary goods, except for a green hairpin placed in the center of the shop. Qin Xiu Zhi was also attracted to this verdant and elegant hairpin.

The boss was an astute businessman; he immediately took out the jade hairpin when he saw the direction of Qin Xiu Zhi's gaze and presented it saying, "The gentleman has a good eye; this snowy greenish jade hairpin is the store's treasure. Not only does this hairpin have the best quality materials, but the carving and workmanship are also meticulously done. It also has the effect of improving one's eyesight; a refreshing and healing efficacy. This piece is really a perfect match for this gentleman who is a confident and free man!" He had also seen countless people, and these two young men were definitely not ordinary people.

This hairpin is indeed a fine product, but it was not the best product. Shang Jun listened to the boss's remarks amusedly and said with a smile, "So how much money is the boss willing to part away with for this item?"

The boss's eyes lit up and he pretended to ponder about this before replying, "If the gentleman likes it, it's only five hundred taels, a friendly pricing."

Five hundred taels? This boss cannot be considered a dishonest businessman. Shang Jun picked up the jade hairpin and played with it, while looking at the empty street outside the door, and said, "Boss, I see that the other shops are not open, so did you raise the price up intentionally?!"

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The boss's face changed slightly and he replied, "How could this gentleman say that? Although my shop is not comparable to Dong Yu's Zhen Bao Zhai store or the Xiao Family's Liu Jin Ge pavilion, but it also has been in the antique business for several generations. The other owners closed the shops because they were outsiders who came to Cang Yue's You Cheng city just to make some money. Now that Cang Yue and Dong Yu are fighting, they ran away a long time ago. They were such talents in doing dishonest businesses. If the gentleman doesn't like my hairpin, then just don't buy it." He had put away the fine products anyway and it would not be too late to take them out after the battle was over.

So it turned out to be because of the war ah, but the war did not affect Lin Feng Guan border that much ah?! Shang Jun thought about it, but when the boss wanted to take the jade hairpin back, Shang Jun suddenly held down the boss's hand and smiled, "Since the boss is a straight forward person, I won't be long-winded either, so let's go for five hundred taels, ok?" He took out a few bank notes from his sleeve and pushed them to the boss.

Shang Jun was so straight forward and generous in his actions like this, that it made the boss happy, so he smiled contentedly and said, "I'll wrap it up immediately for the gentleman."

As they were talking, a group of horses galloped away from the store and those who listened to the sound of horseshoes were terrified. The street did not have many passers-by to begin with, and now the people started to run away one by one. They were dressed in official uniforms and were probably from the government office. Shang Jun and Qin Xiu Zhi glanced at each other before they both turned slightly sideways, with their backs facing the door.