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#### Chapter 80.1

##### Anxious Heart for Shu Qing (Part 1)

"I lost again!!" Inside the study, the sound of a girl's frustrated anger sounded out as Shang Xiao angrily stared at the chessboard. It was obvious that there were more black pieces than white pieces, but she still lost! Especially to the person opposite of her who was reading a book while playing with her; how could she not be angry?! While pouting, Shang Xiao angrily said, "I will not continue playing with you! You go to the side and read your book; I will continue playing with older sister Lang Yue."

Shang Jun did not know whether to laugh or cry! Who forced him to play chess first thing in the morning and now she was actually pushing him away! Shang Jun shook his head and smiled to say, "If you continue playing like this, Lang Yue will also win the game." It was not that the more pieces the better, but even if she had more pieces, they were all useless, so how could she win?!

After losing the whole morning, how could Shang Xiao want to continue playing with him? "Humph! At least I still have a chance to win."

"Alright, you guys continue playing." Shang Jun helplessly got up and freely laid down on the soft couch over to the side; at least now he could finally read a book properly.

Shang Xiao's mood got a lot better and greeted Lang Yue enthusiastically, "Older sister Lang Yue, I will let you go first."

Lang Yue nodded and chuckled lightly, "Alright." She gently grabbed the black piece and put it down slowly.

It was quiet and peaceful inside the study and one could only hear the quiet sounds of chess pieces being put down. The warm winter sun filtered through from the window lattice and as it shone down on the soft couch it felt warm. Shang Jun was holding a book but could not continue reading; it had been half a month and You Xiao and Xuanyuan Yi were still probing each other. What were they waiting for?! If the enemy did not move, then I would not make a move and so he had to wait also!

"How did I lose again ah?!" Shang Xiao's unwilling and peculiar yell sounded again.

Shang Jun looked up and saw Shang Xiao propping her cheeks up with a depressed face. Lang Yue gathered up the chess pieces while softly persuading her, "It is only half of the pieces, so it can't be regarded as a loss."

Shang Xiao waved her hand and without any shame muttered, "A loss is just a loss; the other half will lose too!"

Seeing her looking so upset, Lang Yue looked at Shang Jun for help, but Shang Jun gently shook his head as a signal for her to not persuade Shang Xiao anymore. If she lost, then she lost! Lang Yue was distressed and even though the gentleman was at ease, she could not endure Miss's desolate appearance. While she was feeling anxious, Yang Zhong's voice sounded from outside the door, "Master."

Shang Jun closed the book, got up and asked, "Uncle Zhong, what is the matter?"

"Gentleman Qin is requesting to meet outside the manor."

Gentleman Qin? Shang Jun wondered, "Qin Xiu Zhi?"

Yang Zhong hesitated for a while before he replied, "Yes." His face was very different from last time, but his elegant temperament could be recognized from just a glance.

"Please send him in." Did he not return to Hai Yu? Why did he appear at Lin Feng Guan border again after only half a year?!

After a while, Yang Zhong slowly walked back with a young man. The man's face was like a bright moon; his eyebrows were like bright stars, while his simple plain clothes and black hair made him look magnificent. He did not wear a skin mask now, so even though Shang Jun had seen Qin Xiu Zhi's beautiful and handsome face, he was still stunned to see him like this. It was not until Qin Xiu Zhi walked in front of him that Shang Jun came back to his senses and said with a smile, "Xiu Zhi. I trust you have been well since we last met."

Qin Xiu Zhi smiled and nodded as he answered, "Long time no see. Shang Jun has become livelier." It has only been half a year, but it seems that he had lost a lot of weight; especially during this winter, his white clothes made him look thinner and weaker. The two people looked at each other like this and were somewhat absentminded for a period of time.

"Are you older brother Qin?" Shang Xiao came up to meet them and moved around Qin Xiu Zhi to look at him up and down, because she did not believe her own eyes!

Qin Xiu Zhi smiled at her and said, "Xiao Xiao." His ordinary voice and gentle smile gave a feeling of déjà vu; he really was Qin Xiu Zhi! It seemed extremely magical, so Shang Xiao could not help but extend her hand to caress his handsome cheek.

Shang Xiao's sudden movement caused Qin Xiu Zhi to stare blankly, but Shang Jun immediately grabbed Shang Xiao's hand and yelled, "Xiao Er! Apologize!" How could a family's young lady just grope a man's cheek like this?!

She was only curious! Shang Xiao lowered her head and said in grievance, "I am sorry older brother Qin."

Qin Xiu Zhi answered with a gentle smile, "It's alright. Xiao Xiao doesn't need to take it seriously." What happened to him just now, when Shang Xiao's warm little hand touched his cheek, he did not feel anything special. But when Shang Jun grabbed her hand, his cold fingers accidentally touched his cheek and he felt a tremor in his heart. Why did he feel strange when he saw Shang Jun?!

Shang Jun and Shang Xiao naturally

did not know what he was thinking. As Shang Xiao stared at Qin Xiu Zhi's face she curiously asked, "Older brother Qin, you are a lot more handsome than my older brother! Did you use that legendary thing called change appearance technique when I saw you last time?! Can you teach it to me or not?" She had heard about the change appearance technique and did not expect to have the opportunity to see it for herself. Older brother grew up (having a very handsome face) like this, so he definitely needed to conceal his real face. If it were not because she was already used to looking at a handsome person like Shang Jun her whole life, she would definitely be shocked by older brother Qin's appearance.

Sian's notes:

Can these two words "beautiful" and "handsome" be used to describe a man's face??? Lol...

Oh my gosh! I love this bratty Xiao Xiao! She's so spontaneous. I can picture her touching QXZ's cheek in my head as I translated this paragraph. 😊

I wonder how QXZ learned that legendary change appearance technique? In MSQ's book, one of the support girls, Tang Xiao Xiao (different person than Shang Xiao) also knew how to do this. I wonder if they have the same teacher??