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Chapter 80.2

Anxious Heart for Shu Qing (Part 1)

Seeing that her eyes were wide open, Qin Xiu Zhi broke into laugher and replied, "Actually the change appearance technique is not that difficult; if Xiao Xiao likes it, I will teach you." He did not have any experience in dealing with a younger sister and did not have an adorable younger sister like this either. Having her to keep him company, Shang Jun must not have been lonely.

"Really?" Shang Xiao was pleasantly surprised as she called out, "That's great! When can we begin?!" It would be best to start now!

"Xiao Er." Shang Jun faintly said, "This is really your way of extending hospitality to our guest?!"

Shang Xiao stuck her tongue out and then raised her flattering smile towards Qin Xiu Zhi, "Older brother Qin, let's go inside so we can sit and slowly chat." Grabbing Qin Xiu Zhi's sleeve, Shang Xiao pulled him inside the room. Qin Xiu Zhi was rather awkwardly looking at Shang Jun, but Shang Jun answered him with a helpless smile; he really did not teach his younger sister properly so he could only comfort himself that the children from Jiang Hu did not bother about such trifles.

Once they entered the room, Lang Yue had already considerately prepared the hot tea. Shang Jun took the tea and then looked towards Qin Xiu Zhi and asked, "Do you have any matter that brings you to Lin Feng Guan border at this time?" He would not just come to Lin Feng Guan border for no reason, right?!

Qin Xiu Zhi shook his head and answered, "I am escorting Shu Qing to Lin Feng Guan border this time. She was injured by an arrow during her journey and her condition was very serious."

"What?!" Hearing the news of Shu Qing's injury, Shang Xiao was the first to ask the question, "Older sister Shu Qing was injured? Then where is she now? Has she healed from her injury? Who injured her?!"

"Xiao Er!"

"I feel anxious!" Shang Xiao stared at Qin Xiu Zhi while she continued to say, "Older brother Qin, hurry say it."

"I only met her halfway in the journey; she was surrounded by a group of vicious martial arts experts with a blue clothed man as their leader. Her shoulder was pierced by an arrow, but she refused to rest properly and was determined to immediately go to Lin Feng Guan border. Once we got there, we went straight to the army camp and she met up with Xuanyuan Yi, so he should be taking proper care of her now. I did not have the authority to go into the army camp, so I just came to visit you guys." Qin Xiu Zhi secretly observed Shang Jun; he was not as anxious as Shang Xiao, but ever since he heard the news about Shu Qing's injury, his brows

were tightly locked together. He did not even notice that he had sprinkled hot tea on his hand that was holding the teacup.

"How is Qing's injury?" Qin Xiu Zhi was relaxed like this and chatting with them, so Qing's injury should not be life threatening, right?!

As expected, Qin Xiu Zhi answered, "Shu Qing was injured by an arrow in her shoulder and that long arrow pierced through her shoulder. The wound was bone deep and the injury was extremely serious. If she does not rest well, she will be exhausted, and her body is extremely weak now." Qin Xiu Zhi looked at Shang Jun's scalded red hand; he did not know whether or not he should warn him as his current thoughts were completely on Shu Qing's injury.

Qin Xiu Zhi was not the only person who had this particular thought, as a pair of white hands took the hot tea from Shang Jun's hand before taking a silk handkerchief from her sleeve to gently wipe the hot tea off his hand. Shang Jun naturally let her do this and continued to ask, "Do you know the person who injured her?"

Qin Xiu Zhi withdrew his line of sight and answered, "I don't know. The leader was a magnificent man who also had a demonic charming dark purple clothed man by his side and their martial arts were deep and unmeasurable. Shu Qing must have known the identity of those people." He did not know why he was unbelievably excited before he came to Piao Miao Manor, but now, he suddenly could not find his energy; maybe he was too tired.

Noticing that he looked exhausted, Shang Jun did not ask questions anymore and said, "Xiu Zhi came from afar, so you must be tired. You should rest properly first."

"Alright." Qin Xiu Zhi was in agreement; he still had to think about what the heck was going on with him?

"Lang Yue, take Gentleman Qin to stay at Mu Chen pavilion."

"Yes." Slightly bowing to salute Qin Xiu Zhi, Lang Yue led the way. Qin Xiu Zhi thoughtfully followed her to leave Mu Yun Jun courtyard.

Inside the study only the siblings remained, so Shang Xiao gently said, "Older brother, what to do? We should go and look for older sister Shu Qing, alright?!" Older brother Qin said that her injury was serious, so she did not know how older sister Shu Qing was now!

"Out of the question." Shang Jun shook his head and warned, "You really think of going into Xuanyuan Yi's army camp?!" Xuanyuan Yi was the god of war; he had very strict military discipline and his generals were also extraordinary. If she could enter the army camp at will, then anyone could step on Xuanyuan Yi's god of war identity. Xiao Er was very naïve; not to mention her, but even he might not be able to do this successfully.

Staring at Shang Jun, Shang Xiao exclaimed, "But older sister Shu Qing is injured!" Did he not care about older sister Shu Qing's life or death?! Could she be well taken care of in the army camp where they were marching for the war?!

"After entering the army camp, she should not be in danger anymore." At least nobody could plot against her anymore. Once Shu Qing arrived at Lin Feng Guan border, she immediately went into the army camp, so she must have a reason for this.

"Older brother ... "

"I said not allowed to go." Shang Jun seriously warned, because if she \underline{was} captured by the soldiers, she could be considered a spy, and no one would be able to help her!

Shang Xiao nibbled her lip and angrily rushed out.

Shang Jun was rather anxious at this time; he wanted to know more about how Shu Qing's injury more than any other person, so why did she come during this time? Who injured her? Why did they injure her? He had a hunch that Shu Qing's arrival here must be related to the war!

Shu Qing, how are you doing?

Sian's notes:

I can see the obvious difference between Xiao Zong Qing and Qin Xiu Zhi in this chapter. XZQ would have helped SJ to wipe his scalded hand on the spot instead of 'thinking' like what QXZ was doing here. I understand that QXZ is an elegant person so he can't be like XZQ who will always act first and think later. But it's really refreshing to think that XZQ never cared about the fact that SJ was a 'man' from the beginning. It makes me appreciate XZQ even more that he would always put SJ first when he was a man and even more now that he knew SJ is a woman!! I'm not saying that I'm on XZQ's band wagon, but I can't help to think this way... I just love the type of persistence man like XZQ. $\textcircled{\bullet}$

I made an explanation in the previous chapters that there were ranks in society so within this rank, a certain person is expected to act as such. For example, the Wu family was technically an upper rank family since they served the Imperial Court (father was the country's general who was married to a princess) so the Wu's family children should behave like noble people, sort of like Qin Xiu Zhi's elegant temperament that is ALWAYS being mentioned. Also, the difference between men and women were really put in order as even an older brother couldn't touch or hug his younger sister & vise versa. So SX was acting so "casual" with Qin Xiu Zhi which was technically a "stranger' was a no no for a child from the noble family. SJ mentioned that he didn't raise or teach SX properly and since he didn't see himself as a noble person anymore (he's "only" a businessman) so he was trying to make himself accept the fact that SX would never behave like a young lady from a noble family. Thus, his comment about the children who grew up in Jiang Hu, didn't really care about the so-called difference between men & women and they could act more casually to each other.