

Chapter 861: Sister-in-law Has Gained Weight

Ah Lu greeted Lu Haixing and his daughter. Lu Xiaoxiao forced a smile when she looked at him. Then, she hid beside Jiang Yao and whispered, "Sister-in-law, do all my brother's comrades look like him? Like a tiger?"

"You have studied for so many years, and yet you talk about people like that?" Lu Haixing smacked Lu Xiaoxiao's head. He glanced at Ah Lu; he wanted to say something to make up for his daughter's mistake. However, he could not find any.

His daughter did not enjoy studying, and he did not study well when he was young. So the father and daughter duo did not know enough vocabulary to praise Ah Lu properly.

Lu Haixing could only chuckle as he led Ah Lu and Jiang Yao to the car. Ah Lu had already arranged transportation to take him to his living space. It was also in the town area and quite close to the Lu family's residence. So, he greeted Lu Xingzhi's parents when they arrived before he left again.

Lu Xingzhi's parents' school was not on vacation yet, but they knew that Jiang Yao would be home that day, so they waited for her. They smiled when they saw her.

"Dad! Mom!" Jiang Yao got out of the car and greeted them. Then, she went to the back of the car to get her luggage. They spend a lot of time trying to fit all the bags into the trunk; they had to put one in the back seat.

When Lu Haitian saw that Jiang Yao had so much luggage, he rushed forward to help her carry them. He had not said anything to Jiang Yao, and he was happy that she could be back for the holidays.

"Mom, Dad, I brought gifts for you from Nanjiang City. I have one for you too, Second Uncle!" Jiang Yao was embarrassed. "I accidentally bought too much!"

"Well, it's quite natural for girls to like buying things." Mrs Lu smiled and took Jiang Yao's hands as they entered the house. She was afraid that Jiang Yao would overthink it, so she quickly answered her. Then she asked, "Are you used to Nanjiang City?"

"Auntie! Sister-in-law must be doing well in Nanjiang City. Haven't you noticed that she gained weight?" Lu Xiaoxiao was a straight-forward girl. She did not know anything about euphemism; she thought that Jiang Yao must have been quite well in Nanjiang City as she had put on weight. "Brother often goes to Nanjiang City, and even Sister is in Nanjiang city now. I'm so envious."

"I told you to study hard!" Lu Haixing reprimanded Lu Xiaoxiao. "If you had studied hard and got into a university in Nanjiang City, then you won't have to be envious now."

"How can you fault me for that? It's not my fault that you are bad at studying too. I was born without that talent. I can only blame you for not giving me good genes. Look at how Uncle and Auntie excel at academics! That's why Brother and Sister are so studious as well!"

"You only know how to fool around. You're only stupid because of that!"

The father and daughter bickered behind them; they argued whether Lu Xiaoxiao's studies were terrible because she was born with bad genes or did not work hard.

Mr and Mrs Lu and Jiang Yao laughed so hard that they almost could not breathe. They did not have to worry about quiet time whenever those two were around.

“Xingzhi said that you’d only be staying for a short period. He said that you’d go to Jin City to celebrate the new year with him.” Mrs Lu said as she went to the kitchen to get some cut fruits. “You don’t have to stay at home either. Your brother is getting married in a few days, so you should go home tomorrow and see if they needed any help there. You can stay there for two days and then come home after the wedding. Your father and I will also attend the wedding banquet.”

Chapter 862: Who Didn’t Want to Get Married Back Then?

Lu Xingzhi had called his parents and told them to attend Jiang Jie’s wedding banquet on his behalf as he could not accompany his wife on that occasion.

He also knew that Jiang Yao would miss her family, so he told his mother to let her go back to her family to stay for a few days.

When Mrs Lu received that call, she was furious. It seemed like her son was worried that they might bully his wife.

Fortunately, she was not a narrow-minded mother-in-law; she was kind and generous. She would agree to anything as long as her son and his wife maintained a good relationship.

That night, Lu Xiaoxiao and Lu Haixing stayed in town. Lu Xiaoxiao hugged the gift that Jiang Yao had bought for her. She was so excited that she did not sleep the whole night.

Jiang Yao’s gifts for Lu Xiaoxiao include cosmetics, perfumes, clothes, and accessories that young girls would like. She had also prepared winter clothing and some practical things for the elders in the family.

The next day, before Lu Haixing left, he sent Jiang Yao and her two suitcases to her home. He stayed at Jiang Yao’s home for tea before he continued with his journey.

Jiang Yao called her family the day before that, so Jiang Jie and Jiang Lei waited for her arrival. Wang Xian was also there.

After Lu Haixing left, Jiang Yao’s mother took her aside to lecture her. She thought that it was outrageous that her daughter had come home with two suitcases.

Jiang Yao was almost deaf from the lecture. She covered her ears with both hands as she stared at her mother. “This is what your son-in-law ordered me to do! If you think it’s inappropriate, you should lecture him instead. Don’t lecture me!”

Mrs Jian might seem angry by Jiang Yao’s rebuke, but she was delighted. She reached out and poked her daughter’s head gently. “Only Lu Xingzhi would pamper you this much!”

“I’m his wife. If he doesn’t pamper me, who will?” Jiang Yao agreed with her mother rather shamelessly.

“Who was the one who refused to get married back then?” Jiang Lei sat on a chair to watch the show. “I still remember the look on someone’s face on the day of their wedding. I almost stopped her from going out when I saw that.”

Jiang Lei almost did it that day, but he did not go through with it. It was their wedding day, so it would be inappropriate to do that.

“Now you know what to do, right?” Mrs Jiang nodded. “You always make people worry about you.”

“Just let Brother-in-law worry about her in the future.” Jiang Jie smiled gently and reached out to pat Jiang Yao’s head. “Did you grow taller?”

“Did she?” Jiang Lei stood up and went to Jiang Yao to compare their height. “She seems to be a little taller. She didn’t even reach my chin when school started. Now, she seems to have reached my chin.”

“Go away! So annoying!” Jiang Yao pushed Jiang Lei from her. He had always called her a short ghost since she was the shortest of three children.

Jiang Lei looked hurt. “Well, it seems like Eldest Brother is her only biological brother; I might be adopted. She’s happy when Eldest Brother praised her for growing taller. But when I did it, she’s unhappy with me.”

The two siblings’ words made everyone laugh. Even though Jiang Lei said that he was hurt, it did not affect his mood when he received Jiang Yao’s gift.

Jiang Yao might have always said that Jiang Lei was only her second brother, but she did not hold back with the gifts she had prepared for him. When she saw something suitable for him, she would purchase it immediately.

Chapter 863: Second Brother’s Girlfriend

When she was done shopping in Nanjiang City, she realized that she had purchased many items for Jiang Lei. She soothed herself—her eldest brother had been spoken for, but her second brother had not found anyone yet. Therefore, she should feel sorry for him and treat him better.

Jiang Lei had thicker skin than Jiang Jie; he immediately went into his room to change into the new clothes and shoes that Jiang Yao had bought for him. He was reluctant to change out of them even after he had shown his family.

They lived in a small village. If something were to happen to a family, everyone would know about it. It was the same for Jiang Jie’s upcoming wedding. Most villagers paid full attention to the family, so when Jiang Yao brought two big boxes of gifts for her family, the news had spread overnight.

Many villagers said that Jiang Yao had hit the jackpot. Her parents and brothers doted on her. She had a good upbringing, was well-learned and well-behaved. She even married into a good family.

Her husband’s second uncle was also the one who sent her back to her parent’s home during the holidays. He even helped her with the two big boxes, and he smiled at Jiang Yao the entire time. One might think that he treated her like his own daughter.

The next day, Jiang Yao went to town with her two brothers. Jiang Jie wanted to buy some things for the wedding. Jiang Lei was there to help his brother, and Jiang Yao went to buy some local products. Then, she went to the post office to mail them to Lu Xingzhi’s former comrade.

They did not expect such a coincidence; they met Jiang Lei's girlfriend, Yang Gaoshu, as soon as they arrived in the town. Jiang Lei was the one who spotted her.

It was a cold day, and Yang Gaoshu wore a skirt, a thick woolen coat, a pair of high-heeled boots, and a hat. It was rare to see such a fashionable outfit in town.

Yang Gaoshu was a beautiful woman. She had a gorgeous face, and she knew how to dress. Wherever she went, people would turn to look at her.

"This is my sister, Jiang Yao. You've seen her before; do you recognize her?" Jiang Lei saw Yang Gaoshu and went to hold her hand. Then, he began to show off. "Do you see this outfit on me? My sister bought it for me from Nanjiang City! Everyone said that I'm handsome when they saw me today. She bought me more, and I will wear one for my brother's wedding, and one for the new year. I'll wear them when I visit you at your house. It'll make you look good!"

Then, Jiang Lei remembered and asked, "Didn't you say that you're working today? What are you doing here? You're dressed so beautifully. Are you here to give me a surprise?"

Jiang Yao rolled her eyes when she heard her brother's words. Why were people in love so stupid?

She did not think that her second brother was that retarded. How could he ask such a question when he was with Yang Gaoshu?

"What's wrong?" Jiang Jie noticed Jiang Yao's expression; he looked at her with suspicion. He lowered his voice and asked, "You don't like your second brother's girlfriend?"

"I don't like her. I hate her!" Jiang Yao did not conceal her hatred for Yang Gaoshu. When her second brother did not stop talking to his girlfriend, she shouted at him. "Second Brother, let's go! Don't waste time!"

"You and Eldest Brother can go first. I'll catch up with you later!" Jiang Lei waved his hand at Jiang Yao and Jiang Jie; he did not even turn to look at them.

Jiang Yao was annoyed; she cursed Jiang Lei. Then, she held her eldest brother's hand and said, "Eldest Brother, let's go. Ignore that fool!"

Chapter 864: These Clothes Aren't Cheap

Then, Jiang Yao pulled Jiang Jie and left.

Yang Gaoshu saw that Jiang Yao and Jiang Jie had left before she snapped back to her senses. She looked at Jiang Lei and smiled. "I know that your sister is back today, so I changed shifts with my colleagues. I've just finished dressing up and was preparing to go to the station to take a bus to your village to look for you."

Jiang Lei did not suspect anything because that was the direction to the station. She smiled when she heard that.

“Let me see your new clothes.” When she noticed that Jiang Lei did not suspect her, Yang Gaoshu reached out to touch Jiang Lei’s clothes. She sighed. “This material feels different from the ones here. It shouldn’t be cheap.”

“It’s not cheap! This coat costs more than a hundred bucks. When Yaoyao took it out yesterday, I was shocked when I saw the logo.” Jiang Lei nodded as he took off his coat and handed it to Yang Gaoshu. “Try it on. How does it feel to wear a coat that costs more than 100 bucks! That’s one and a half months of my salary. This is like wearing one and a half months of my salary. This is not even the most expensive item that Yaoyao brought with her. I plan to keep the more expensive one for the new year.”

Jiang Lei was the type of person who, when he had you in his heart, wished that he could give you the best. It was like how he doted on his younger sister, Jiang Yao. When Jiang Yao was young, she was a greedy girl. Even though he did not like it, he would skip classes to pick up trash that he could sell for money, and when he had enough, he would buy her some delicious food.

His classmates used to laugh at him for doting on his younger sister. They said that she would get married eventually, and by then, she would belong to another family. He would have pampered another family’s daughter-in-law for nothing.

Jiang Lei felt very proud then. His sister had managed to get into university, and she had bought him so many things when she was back for a vacation. He wished he could show off every time he saw another person.

However, he also wanted to share the happy news with his girlfriend. He wanted Yang Gaoshu to be pleased for him. He would be happier if she would praise him or his sister a little more.

Jiang Lei’s salary was not considered low when compared with the other young people in the county. However, the Jiang family was not wealthy. He had gotten used to casual clothes, food, and accommodation since he was young. After he started to earn money, he did not even know how to dress. If he needed clothes, then he would simply buy two sets. Since he could not save most of his money, he would rather spend it on his family and girlfriend.

After Jiang Lei took his coat off, Yang Gaoshu saw the brand at a glance. Her eyes jumped when she saw it. She recognized that brand; she even said that it was very familiar.

Indeed, even a shirt from that brand would cost at least 100 bucks. She knew that Jiang Lei’s sister was married to the wealthy Lu family in town, but she did not expect that she would be so generous to her brother even after she had climbed up the social ladder.

Yang Gaoshu recalled the news that she had heard from her friends the previous night. People said that the Jiang family’s daughter had brought two big boxes home. She had also bought many things for her sister-in-law, who was about to marry into the family. Apart from clothes and shoes, she had also bought cosmetics, perfume, and even a set of gold jewelry for Wang Xian!

Yang Gaoshu’s friend told her that Wang Xian did get a set of gold jewelry, indeed. When Yang Gaoshu heard that, she thought that it was only a rumor.

A set of gold jewelry—how much would that cost? Just because the Lu family was wealthy, would they let their daughter-in-law spend so much? She had bought expensive clothes and jewelry—did she want to move all the money from the Lu family to the Jiang family?

Chapter 865: Gold Jewelry

Furthermore, Yang Gaoshu knew that Jiang Yao was married to a soldier, and Yang Gaoshu had many relatives who were soldiers. They had a fixed monthly salary, and it might not even be more than what Jiang Lei made in a month. Therefore, Yang Gaoshu felt that Jiang Yao would not be so generous with her husband's family's money.

When she heard Jiang Lei said that the coat cost more than 100 bucks, she thought that Jiang Yao must have lied about the brand.

However, when she saw the brand, Yang Gaoshu finally believed that Jiang Yao had really bought many things for her family.

"I heard that your sister also bought gifts for Wang Xian, right?" Yang Gaoshu asked tentatively.

"Yes, Yaoyao bought a lot of gifts for my sister-in-law." Jiang Lei nodded. "Clothes, skirts, shoes, cosmetics, perfumes, and other items."

"Is there another set of gold jewelry?" Yang Gaoshu asked.

"Oh, yes." Jiang Lei did not feel like there was something wrong with Yang Gaoshu's question, so he nodded and admitted without any hesitation. "A whole set. Sister-in-law looks very beautiful in it!"

After Yang Gaoshu heard that, she shook Jiang Lei's hand off. Jiang Lei was stunned when he saw Yang Gaoshu's sudden change in expression.

"Why are you throwing a tantrum again?" Jiang Lei was confused by Yang Gaoshu's behavior.

"It's all because of your sister!" Yang Gaoshu turned her back toward him. "What does your sister mean by this? It is obvious that she doesn't like me. Why does everyone have gifts? Even Wang Xian has them, and she has so many too. She even got something as valuable as gold jewelry. I'm the only one who doesn't have any gift! I'm the only one who doesn't have anything! Is it because she looks down on me? Or does she not acknowledge me as her second brother's girlfriend?"

"Aren't you being ridiculous?" Jiang Lei yelled at Yang Gaoshu. "Eldest Sister-in-law has already registered with Eldest Brother. And they are holding their wedding banquet tomorrow! She is my brother's wife, so what's wrong with Yaoyao treating her well? How can you compare our relationship with theirs? Besides, Yaoyao said that the gift was from her husband; it was a wedding gift for my brother and his wife. When we get married, do you really think that she won't give a set to her second brother's wife?"

Jiang Lei was furious. "Besides, the money belongs to Yaoyao and her husband. It's her freedom to buy anything for anyone. Even if I get married in the future, and Yaoyao doesn't prepare any gold jewelry for my wife, I won't say anything! Yaoyao is my sister, and I treat her well because we are family. I didn't do it so that she would give me something when she grows up!"

“Are you stupid, Jiang Lei?!” Yang Gaoshu’s eyes were red because Jiang Lei had yelled at her. She was angry. “I am doing this for you. Do you think that I really want her things? You’re both her brothers. Your elder brother treats her well, but you are always good to her too. Jiang Yao treats your sister-in-law so well, but she treats me as nothing. She looks down on me, which means that she looks down on you too!”

Jiang Lei stood there; he was speechless.

His sister had told him that she did not like his girlfriend. Not only did Jiang Yao not like Yang Gaoshu, but she even suspected that Yang Gaoshu was like what Lu Xiaoxiao had said—she had another man. However, Jiang Lei never told Yang Gaoshu that.

Chapter 866: Let’s Get Straight to the Point

Besides, he and Yang Gaoshu were only dating, and Yang Gaoshu had only seen Jiang Yao a few times. His eldest brother and sister-in-law had cared about Jiang Yao when they were dating, but Yang Gaoshu had never paid attention to Jiang Yao.

Jiang Yao must have thought of Wang Xian as someone who was on good terms with her, so it was normal for her to give more gifts to Wang Xian.

Their family did not consider Yang Gaoshu as part of their family because they were not engaged yet. If Jiang Yao did not have any personal connection with Yang Gaoshu, it was normal not to prepare any gift.

It was different if Jiang Lei and Yang Gaoshu were already engaged. It would be normal for Yang Gaoshu to be upset if Jiang Yao did not get her any gift.

Therefore, Jiang Lei felt that Yang Gaoshu was ridiculous. She even dared to say that she did it for him. As an elder brother, how could he not know his sister’s temper?

Jiang Yao would always talk back to him, but he knew that she loved him. She had bought more clothes for him than their eldest brother, and she had told him not to say anything to Jiang Jie. Otherwise, she would be embarrassed to face her eldest brother.

He had such a cute younger sister; why would she look down on him, her second eldest brother?

“Yang Gaoshu, if you keep bugging me like this, I will not stand for it. I am not someone who would depend on her sister for a good life. Yaoyao married well, and her husband’s family treats her very well. I will rely on myself to earn a good life. If I only earn ten bucks, then I’ll live with that. My sister is my family, not a way for me to seek benefits. If you say something like that again, don’t blame me for being rude then!”

After Jiang Lei scolded her, Yang Gaoshu was so angry that she wanted to turn around and leave. However, when she saw that Jiang Lei walked faster away, she chased after him. Then she saw Jiang Yao’s white and pink figure from afar. She gritted her teeth and continued to chase after her boyfriend.

However, she was in high heels. Jiang Lei’s steps were so huge that it was hard for her to chase after him. When she almost reached him, she shouted, “Jiang Lei, wait for me!”

Jiang Jie and Jiang Yao heard her shouts. Jiang Jie pulled his sister to a stop and said, “Let’s wait for your second brother and his girlfriend.”

Jiang Yao curled her lips. She was not very happy, but there was nothing she could do. Her eldest brother had already told her to stop. Could she tell him that she was not willing to wait because she saw Yang Gaoshu behind them?

She heard everything that Jiang Lei and Yang Gaoshu had said, and she was furious at Yang Gaoshu's words. Fortunately, her second brother was not that kind of person and even knew how to teach Yang Gaoshu a lesson.

Jiang Yao would not be worthy of her name if she would leave Yang Gaoshu's behavior unchecked. She would even be happier if she could break them up.

"Why are you pouting? Aren't you happy to wait for your second brother? If he finds out about this, he will say that you have no conscience again." Jiang Jie noticed Jiang Yao's expression and patted her head in amusement.

Chapter 867: Particularly Well-Dressed

"Who says that I'm not willing to wait for him? I'm just unwilling to wait for that woman." Jiang Yao chuckled. "I'm not happy to see her."

While they talked, Jiang Lei and Yang Gaoshu finally caught up to them. Even though they had quarreled, Yang Gaoshu did not leave. She also did not throw a tantrum. Instead, she held Jiang Lei's hand as she greeted Jiang Jie and Jiang Yao.

"Brother Jiang Jie, Jiang Yao." Yang Gaoshu had not been to the Jiang family often, so she only had limited interaction with them. As a result, she was not familiar with them, so she habitually called their names when she greeted them.

Jiang Jie greeted her as well. Jiang Yao had mentioned that she did not want to wait for Yang Gaoshu. He was afraid that his sister would have a sour look on her face when she looked at Yang Gaoshu, but she seemed normal. Jiang Lei would not like it if he were sandwiched between them.

They went to town to buy some trivial things and order more wedding candies. So, all of them went to the candy store in the market first.

They walked in a line—two men and two women. Jiang Yao stood beside Jiang Jie and deliberately avoided Yang Gaoshu when she wanted to approach her. However, Yang Gaoshu kept her eyes on her. Her actions were so apparent that Jiang Lei commented on that. "Why do you keep looking at my sister? Watch where you're going; you're in heels. Don't come crying to me if you fall."

"My steps are steady!" Yang Gaoshu smiled lightly. Then she said, "I haven't seen Jiang Yao in a while, and she has become prettier. If I were to see her on the streets, I would not even recognize her. The girl who went to the big city is indeed very different from us. The big city must have great feng shui!"

"You speak as if all girls who go to a big city will become prettier. Isn't there another girl in our town who also went to a big city for work? She's still so ugly." Jiang Lei snorted. "My sister is a natural beauty. She has been good-looking since she was young. What does it have to do with where she went?"

Jiang Lei smiled proudly. "Everyone in our family is good-looking."

Jiang Lei was confident with his looks. Even though he was not as handsome as his brother-in-law, he was still one of the most good-looking men in town. Many people compliment his good looks.

“Yes, yes, yes, you’re good-looking!” Yang Gaoshu followed that with a perfunctory smile. Then, she turned to Jiang Yao and said, “Your outfit looks perfect today. Is it cotton or a down jacket? It doesn’t look bloated at all. It even makes you look tall and slim. You’re tall, so you’ll look good in this kind of outfit. You don’t even need to wear high heels. I really envy you.”

The winter in the south was freezing, and Jiang Yao was very afraid of the cold. If she did not wear a down jacket, she would not be able to endure it.

Yang Gaoshu said she looked good that day, but she did not dress up for the trip. She had a clean face and wore the pink hat, scarf, and gloves that Lu Xingzhi had bought her. She also wore the cardigan and the white down jacket that Lu Yuqing had bought her because she thought they would look good on her.

Chapter 868: Jealousy

Jiang Lei had been right about one thing—no matter what she wore, it was Jiang Yao’s beautiful face that accentuated the clothes on her body.

She had looked like a young 18-year-old girl because she had worn the pink hat and scarf that Lu Xingzhi had bought her.

“Oh,” Jiang Yao replied faintly as she continued to walk with her head lowered. From time to time, she would whisper to Jiang Jie about the brand and flavor of the candy that was so delicious that she wanted to buy more. She also told him that Lu Xingzhi’s parents would attend his wedding banquet.

When Jiang Jie heard that Jiang Yao wanted to buy more candies, he tried to tease her about her greediness. However, he was stunned when he heard Jiang Yao said that Lu Xingzhi’s parents would be at his wedding.

There was no precedence for a younger sister’s in-laws to attend her brother’s wedding ceremony. The younger sister would usually only bring her husband and children to the family home to participate in the festivities. Therefore, Jiang Jie was surprised to hear that Lu Xingzhi’s parents would go to his wedding.

When he snapped back to his senses, he immediately smiled. “Alright, I’ll arrange seats for them then.” Jiang Jie knew that it was because Lu Xingzhi could not attend the wedding. The Lu family did not want the Jiang family to think that they would treat Jiang Yao’s parents lightly, so they decided to attend the wedding banquet.

It was not only because they respected the Jiang family but also because they loved Jiang Yao. They did not want her to suffer any injustice.

Jiang Yao had a temper at home before she got married. Jiang Jie had been afraid that she would not be able to get along with her in-laws when she went to live with them. However, he was relieved to know that everything was fine.

Yang Gaoshu did not listen to the rest of the conversation when she heard that Jiang Yao’s in-laws would be attending Jiang Jie’s wedding banquet. Her heart pounded. On the one hand, it was because Jiang

Yao had ignored her, and on the other, it was because she was jealous that Jiang Yao had such great in-laws.

If someone were to ask her what she thought of Jiang Lei and the Jiang family, she could be quite indecisive in her answer. She was unsatisfied with many things about the family, yet she could not say what was particularly bad about them.

Everyone told her that Jiang Lei was a catch. He was a good man that she could rely on and that he had a great family. She would not suffer if she were to marry him. Many of her relatives thought she was lucky to get a Jiang Lei as her boyfriend.

She knew that Jiang Lei was a good boyfriend, and he was also good-looking. He also did not have any vices—he does not drink nor smoke. He also knew her well, but Yang Gaoshu always felt that Jiang Lei lacked something that made her want to marry him.

Initially, Yang Gaoshu thought she would have to make do with Jiang Lei for the rest of her life. However, she realized that many things were different then.

She met a man in the city who would take her to high-end shopping malls. When that man bought things for her, he did not seem to care about money. No matter what she bought at the mall, he never asked about the cost; he just paid for it.

That was not all. That man would also take her to high-end restaurants for western food, to see new movies, and to places that she had never thought of. She finally knew what Jiang Lei had lacked.

In the past, she felt that Jiang Lei was not rich enough for her. However, after she met that man, Yang Gaoshu finally realized that Jiang Lei was relatively poor.

Chapter 869: She Wants Money

Even though Jiang Lei had a salary of 80 bucks per month, he might sometimes get a bonus, which would bring his salary to 100 bucks. It was a good salary when compared to the rest of the young people from the same county. However, Yang Gaoshu was not satisfied. That kind of money was not enough for her to buy beautiful clothes, shoes, bags, or even brand-name cosmetics.

The man she met was great for all those points, but Yang Gaoshu could not find the same emotion that she saw in Jiang Lei's eyes when he looked at her. She knew full well that the man only wanted her for a fling, but Jiang Lei loved her.

Even though she had received many things from that man, she did not want to cross a line. She did not want to lose Jiang Lei as her boyfriend.

She knew that man would never marry her, so she had been wasting her time on both men.

She wanted money and marriage.

In other words, she wanted to be like Jiang Yao—marry into a wealthy family and live a rich person's life. She could travel in a small car like Jiang Yao, and she could spend money without any hesitation.

The Lu family was a big family, and they only had one son, Lu Xingzhi. Yang Gaoshu envied Jiang Yao because she could marry into that family. It looked like everything in the Lu family would eventually be Jiang Yao's.

She wanted to be like Jiang Yao. She wanted people to envy her after her marriage.

"Jiang Yao..." Yang Gaoshu felt even more bitter the more she thought about it. She asked, "How much did you pay for this dress? I like it too. I'm thinking of buying one."

Jiang Lei glanced at Yang Gaoshu as he asked curiously, "It's white. Don't you think it'll be a hassle to wash it? I thought you don't like pink and white clothing, especially in the winter. Besides, Yaoyao is young, and she dresses well. You are already so old; why would you still wear white and pink clothes?"

Jiang Yao wanted to give her second brother the best boyfriend award. Jiang Lei was definitely a male chauvinist. If a woman with a temper were to hear his words, they would break up with him in an instance.

Who would refer to their girlfriend's age so casually? When Jiang Yao heard that, she thought that not even Lu Xingzhi, who was as mentally retarded as Jiang Lei, would say such words to offend his girlfriend.

Jiang Lei did not feel as if he had said anything wrong at all. When he saw Yang Gaoshu's expression changed, he scratched his head. He did not know why she was upset again.

Fortunately, Jiang Jie spoke up to help his brother. "Your girlfriend isn't that old. A girl her age can wear light colors. Your sister-in-law also likes to wear light colors."

However, Jiang Jie did not say that his family did not purchase those clothes for Jiang Yao. It was apparent that she had bought them after her marriage. The Lu family was wealthy, so the clothes on Jiang Yao's back were not cheap. Yang Gaoshu and Jiang Lei would not be able to afford it.

Jiang Yao did not want to answer Yang Gaoshu, but she changed her mind when she saw her clothes. She replied wickedly, "My sister-in-law bought these clothes for me when she went shopping in a mall. She thought that they would look great on me. If you like them, you can go to a mall in a big city to buy them. A bigger mall would usually carry this brand."

Chapter 870: Because It's Almost the New Year

She was not done yet; Jiang Yao continued to compliment Yang Gaoshu. "Your clothes are beautiful too, and they suit you very well. I saw the same outfit when I went shopping. My friend tried it on, but it did not look good on her. However, she still liked it very much, but she was shocked when she saw the price. It was too expensive, so she could not buy it. It was nearly 200 bucks. The shop assistant said that it's more expensive because the material is all wool."

As soon as Jiang Yao finished speaking, Yang Gaoshu's expression changed. However, a voice suddenly interrupted her, and her face paled even further.

"Sister-in-law, you can't even detect a good thing even when it's in front of you!" Lu Xiaoxiao held Mrs Lu's arm as they walked out of the nearby store. With a snort, she scanned Yang Gaoshu from head to toe. "This lady's clothes are not the most expensive item on her. The shoes on her feet cost more than

200 bucks. Also, did you see her bag? I saw it at the mall in the city last time, and it's a limited edition. It costs more than 700 bucks. Even if I wanted it, my dad wouldn't buy it for me!"

Lu Xiaoxiao let go of Mrs Lu's arm and ran toward Jiang Yao. "There are only two in the city. After I begged my dad until he relented, I finally went back to that shop, but it was already sold out. A generous man had bought both at once. He gave one to his sister, and the other one was for the woman he was pursuing. In less than two days, I saw my friend using this bag for class. I was so envious!"

If Lu Xiaoxiao did not like a person, she would not mince her words. She did not know what it meant by saving another person's dignity. Even Mrs Lu knew there was a hidden meaning behind her words.

"You like it? Sure, I'll keep the style in mind, and when I'm in Nanjiang City or Jindo, I'll get you something similar. I'll mail it to you when I find one." Jiang Yao replied with a smile. She did not even bat an eyelid when she looked at Yang Gaoshu. Then she turned to Mrs Lu and said, "Mom, what a coincidence! You're also here to buy something?"

"Yeah, since we are attending your brother's wedding, your dad and I wanted to buy new clothes for the occasion. Of course, we wouldn't want to embarrass you." Mrs Lu waved the paper bag in her hand. "Your father didn't have time to accompany me, so I called Xiaoxiao to come with me instead."

"You and Dad are so good-looking; there is no need to dress up specifically. You'll look good in just any outfit." Jiang Yao's heart warmed slightly. She did not think that her in-laws would think much about her brother's wedding.

"When did you become such a sweet-talker?" Jiang Yao's praises amused Mrs Lu.

"It must be because it's the New Year!" Lu Xiaoxiao giggled. "Auntie, then I should praise you and Uncle a little more. Will I get more cash in my red envelope this new year?"

"Mom, don't listen to Xiaoxiao's nonsense. I'll ask Xingzhi for my red envelope. Even if I have to praise someone against my conscience, I'll do that in front of Xingzhi." Then Jiang Yao reached out and poked Lu Xiaoxiao's forehead, "Look, Sister and Xingzhi are both good-looking, so their parents must be good-looking too! Our high school teacher once said that Mom was a famous beauty in town when she was young."