

Chapter 231: The Scammer Old Master Gong

At the entrance of National Union Supermarket in City Z, a large group of people gathered early in the morning.

National Union Supermarket was the largest supermarket in the city. Usually, there would be many elders waiting at the door to wait for the mall to open. They would spend their energy fighting for promoted items.

However, for these two days, the people waiting outside the entrance were all young people.

At this moment, a group of men and women were whispering to each other. "I failed to get the strawberries yesterday. I have to get them today!"

The strawberries sold out too easily. They had to fight to get them.

The people of various age groups crowded together. If it weren't for the good security at National Union Supermarket, there might have been a fight already.

"Why do you think these strawberries are so delicious? "A young girl who was only eighteen or nineteen years old tilted her head and held her chin as she asked in puzzlement. "I've never eaten such delicious strawberries before."

"Same here." The girl beside her said, "They look green, but they're so juicy, flavorful, and very fragrant. It's a pity that I only managed to get two of them yesterday."

"However, it's crazy that one strawberry costs 15 RMB." Someone objected about the price.

"It's expensive, but people still fight over them." Someone said. "If I'm the boss, I'd do the same."

"The door is open! We need to hurry!" The youngsters ran as fast as they could. However, they were surprised that the elderly were close behind them. They were very agile.

"Dafei, you're fast. Grab five strawberries for me!"

"Five for me too!"

Dafei flew towards the fruit section. When he got there, there were already people fighting over the strawberries. To prevent damage, National Union Supermarket had packed the strawberries nicely. The strawberry was packed in cardboard boxes. There was one strawberry in each box.

The strawberries were so delicious that even the normally frugal elderly were fighting over them. Their grandchildren loved the berries so much. They would skimp on themselves, but they'd do anything for their grandchildren!

Yan Ruyu, who was leaning against the railing on the second floor, saw the crazy situation on the first floor. The expression on her face was happy.

She said to the middle-aged man beside her, "Dad, I told you that you should listen to me. Even when the individual strawberry is sold in boxes, people are still fighting over them."

Yan Yihai smiled and said, "Daughter, I really need to thank you. The loss of customers has been a huge headache for me." Then, he said seriously, "Daughter, you mustn't leak the location where you brought the strawberries!" Otherwise, it would be stolen by their competition.

Yan Ruyu smiled and said, "Dad, of course, I know about this."

Yan Yihai nodded.

At this moment, Yan Ruyu said, "Dad, in order to consolidate the connection with the suppliers, I've decided to go to the strawberry farm today."

Yan Yihai frowned and asked, "You're going there today?"

"Yes." Yan Ruyu nodded. "It's still early, and that place is not far from City Z. I want to go there and take a look."

Yan Yihai nodded. "Okay. But you must pay attention to your safety. Drive carefully on the road, understand?"

"Dad, I'm not a child anymore. Of course, I know about safety!" Yan Ruyu said, "Alright, Dad, I'm going to set off now."

Yan Ruyu was on the highway when she received a phone call. When she saw the caller ID, her heart suddenly thumped.

If it was possible, she really didn't want to pick up this call.

Maybe she could pretend not to hear the phone ring?

Yan Ruyu stopped the car and answered the call with a serious and fearful expression.

"Big Brother," Yan Ruyu said with fear and trepidation, "Why are you looking for me?"

The male voice uttered, "Those strawberries. They are from Taoyuan Village at Xing Yin County, right?"

"Erm... Yes." The man on the phone said something, and then Yan Ruyu stammered, "What, you want to go to Taoyuan Village too? When?"

"Now."

"What?" When Yan Ruyu heard that, her heart raised. "Okay, I'm going there too. I'll meet you there."

After hanging up the phone, Yan Ruyu let out a deep breath. She couldn't imagine that her eldest cousin, who was the CEO of a big company, would have time to visit the countryside.

She wanted to go to Taoyuan Village to relax and talk with the strawberry farm boss, but now she'd be on tenterhooks.

She was afraid.

Her eldest cousin was a monster. Not only was he prettier than women, but he was also the scheming and ruthless president of the Yan Corporation.

Even when he was just standing there, he would make people feel terrified.

Ever since she was young, whenever she saw her eldest cousin, she would tremble from the tip of her toes to the ends of her hair.

But since her eldest cousin had stated he was going to Taoyuan Village and she had told him she was also going there, there was no backing out.

Perhaps she was too nervous, the car stalled! She had been driving for decades. This was the first time this had happened.

Yan Ruyu hammered the steering wheel a little impatiently and started the car again.

This time, the car started.

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“What? Old Master, you want to buy the rest of our strawberries at 200 RMB per catty?” Xiao Zhengyang looked at Old Master Gong in shock. Old Master Gong was munching on the fruit salad like a child.

This fruit salad was made by Xiao Lingyu. Other than strawberries, there were other fruits as well.

Old Master Gong used a spoon to scoop out one piece after another. “This fruit salad is too delicious. Who made it. Was it you, Qiuying?”

Chen Qiuying smiled and said, “No, it’s Yu ‘Er. I don’t know how to make a fruit salad.”

Old Master Gong nodded and said, “I knew that Lingyu is a capable girl.”

Xiao Lingyu, “...” It’s just a fruit salad.

Xiao Lingyu said, “Elder Gong, it’s best that you eat less of the sweet fruits. Plus, the salad is cold. It’s not good for your stomach if you eat too much of them.”

Old Master Gong immediately said, “It’s fine. I feel that my body is getting better and better. I eat well and sleep well. I’m full of vigor and vitality.”

Everyone, “...”

‘But old man, you’re 80 years old already. You have to watch yourself.’

At this moment, Xiao Wang braced himself and said, “Old Master, you really can’t eat anymore. If eldest young master finds out, he’ll deduct my bonus.”

Old Master Gong said unhappily, “Your bonus has nothing to do with me.”

Everyone, “...”

Regardless, Old Master Gong eventually put down the bowl. He gracefully wiped his mouth with a napkin.

Following that, he said, "Your family's strawberries are wonderful. Plus, my grandson isn't short of money. He can afford the strawberries."

Everyone, "..."

'But your grandson must have worked hard for the money too, right? How can you splurge on his behalf like that? And did your grandson know about this?'

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other. 'The chief is really trying to scam the eldest young master. Instead of bargaining, he came in and gave the Xiao Family a very high price directly! He purposely offers extra money for the strawberries. If the eldest young master knew about this, he'd probably cry.'

Old Master Gong continued, "Zhengyang, how many strawberries do you have left? That grandson of mine said that no matter how many there are left, he will buy all of them. You will not lose any profit. I guarantee you."

Everyone, "..."

Old Master Gong had already offered them 200 RMB per catty. How could they suffer any losses?

Xiao Zhengyang looked at Xiao Lingyu and asked, "Lingyu, how many strawberries are left in the field?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "We've sold around 23,000 catties over these past few days. The production of six Mu is around 40,000 catties. So we should have around 20,000 catties left."

The normal production of strawberries per Mu could reach up to 5,000 to 6,000 catties. However, her strawberries were cultivated with spring water. The fruits were big, and the plant had a high production.

Old Master Gong commented with interest. "Girl, your strawberries grow so well!"

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "It's all thanks to you, Old Master."

Old Master Gong, "..."

Everyone, "..."

Why was that?

"If you hadn't become good friends with Little Light and fed him so many fruits and vegetables, Little Light wouldn't have produced so many natural fertilizers for us." Xiao Lingyu explained.

Everyone, "..."

"..." Old Master Gong smiled and said, "Oh, I didn't know I was involved! In that case, I have to purchase the strawberries at 250 RMB per catty. After all, I was involved in the production."

Everyone, "..."

250? Sir, are you doing this on purpose?

Xiao Zhengyang's jaw dropped in shock when he heard Old Master Gong's offer.

Then, he reacted and said, "Old Master, you don't have to do this. Old Master, since Young Master Gong wants to buy the strawberries. We'll sell them at a normal price."

Old Master Gong waved his hand and said heroically, "It's alright. That little brat of mine has money, and there's nowhere to spend it. I might as well spend a little for him."

Xiao Zhengyang was really embarrassed.

'Elder Gong, we all know that you have money.

'But no matter how rich you are, you shouldn't spend it like this, right?

'250 per catty is really too much.'

Xiao Zhengyang refused and shook his head, "No, Old Master. We can't take advantage of Young Master Gong like this. Yu 'Er, what do you say?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Since grandfather is willing to offer this price, then I'll accept it."

Everyone, "..."

Grandfather Gong, "..."

What?

250 RMB per catty and 20,000 catties. That was a large sum of money. Although, for someone of Old Master Gong's status, 250 RMB per catty was not that expensive. He had once tried a strawberry from Country R. It cost 5888 RMB each. It was not as delicious as Xiao Lingyu's strawberry.

"Yu 'Er!" Xiao Zhengyang was obviously a little disapproving. He said sternly, "We have to be honest. How can you take advantage of the old master like this?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "Father, in business, one has to put profit first."

"Xiao Lingyu!" Xiao Zhengyang raised his voice, and his tone was very stern. "How can you say something like that? Are you a racketeer? You've only been in a business for a short while. When did you pick up this bad habit?"

Xiao Lingyu did not say anything.

Xiao Zhengyang was a little angry.

Seeing this, Mother Xiao immediately persuaded, "Zhengyang, if you have something to say, say it properly. Don't be angry." Then, her expression changed as she turned to Xiao Lingyu, "Xiao Lingyu, how can you do this? Old Master has been very nice to us. How can you take advantage of Old Master like this?"

Everyone, "..."

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao really belonged together.

However, Xiao Lingyu said, "The old master himself offered 250 RMB per catty. I only accepted it."

Mother Xiao was so angry that she went to grab the feather duster near the television.

When Old Master Gong saw it, he immediately stopped her and said, “Qiuying, you need to calm down. Lingyu is pregnant.”

Mother Xiao put down the feather duster, but her expression was still very stern.

Old Master Gong was embarrassed.

He was the one who had suggested buying the strawberries at 250 RMB per catty, but somehow, he caused the girl to be scolded by her parents.

Then, he said very seriously, “Zhengyang, Qiuying, you shouldn’t scold the child. I was the one who offered the price, and she merely accepted it. This is the nature of business. There’s a huge market for your strawberries, so naturally, they have to be sold at a higher price. In fact, your strawberries are the best in the whole country, perhaps even the whole world. I’d buy them at 2500 RMB per catty, much less 250 RMB per catty.”

Ah?

Chapter 232: You Want to marry Xiao Lingyu?

The final outcome of the negotiation was 200 RMB per catty.

Old Master Gong said with some regret, “These strawberries are really cheap!”

Everyone, “...”

Everyone thought the strawberries had been sold for an astronomical price, but the old master still said he got a good deal. If those who bought the strawberries for 20 to 30 RMB heard this, who knew what they’d say?

After Elder Gong left, Father Xiao and Mother Xiao asked in a serious tone, “Xiao Lingyu, tell me, why did you hike up the price so much for Old Master Gong?”

If it was possible, Xiao Lingyu didn’t want to sell the strawberries to Gong Tianhao at all.

She didn’t want to have any connection with Gong Tianhao. Therefore, when Old Master Gong offered 250 RMB per catty, she agreed. She wanted to let Old Master Gong see her greed clearly. Then, he’d give up on the idea and be disappointed in her.

However, he was incredibly pleased. He even agreed with her.

Xiao Lingyu couldn’t understand Old Master Gong’s thoughts at all. Then again, they were from two very different worlds.

Xiao Lingyu sighed softly and said, “Dad, Mom, I’ll explain this to you in the future. I can’t explain it now because it’s too complicated.” Once Xiao Tong’s identity was revealed, they could talk about it.

Xiao Lingyu didn’t sell all her strawberries to Old Master Gong. She still needed to increase the popularity of her strawberries and establish the brand of Taoyuan Village. So needed to reserve some to sell all over the county.

She sold 5000 catties to Old Master Gong. In other words, she earned one million RMB at one go. Old Master Gong even joked, "Girl, back then, you told me confidently that you'd earn at least one million from the strawberries. I'm already handing one million to you!"

Xiao Lingyu's strawberries were sold at a relatively high price to establish their values. However, as the strawberries became more popular, the price also soared beyond Xiao Lingyu's expectations.

Since the order had been made, Xiao Lingyu started to pick and pack the strawberries for the Gong Family.

After they returned home, Xiao Wang had been scratching his head. Old Master Gong looked at his guard and huffed, "Just speak what's on your mind."

Xiao Wang finally couldn't help but ask, "Chief, why did you offer such a high price for the strawberries? 200 RMB per catty, if Xiao Lingyu sold us 20,000 catties, that would be four million! The eldest young master is rich, but is it wise to spend his money like this?"

Old Master Gong glared at Xiao Wang and said in an annoyed tone, "What do you know? Lingyu's strawberries are worth this price. The reason they're sold so cheaply now is that the strawberries aren't famous yet." He sighed and said, "I feel guilty for Lingyu. I was the one who offered the price, but she was scolded instead. Xiao Zhengyang and his wife are such honest people."

Xiao Lingyu had been to the outside world before. She felt that these strawberries were worth this price, so she agreed with him. However, Xiao Zhengyang and his wife were simple farmers. They lived frugally and worked hard to save every dime. A year of hard work, and they often wouldn't have saved much. Therefore, it was hard for them to imagine strawberries could be sold at such a high price. Naturally, they thought Xiao Lingyu was being greedy and trying to scam Old Master Gong.

In their mind, vegetables and fruits shouldn't be that expensive. The strawberries were delicious, but they shouldn't be sold at such a high price.

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other.

Old Master Gong continued, "Lingyu was raised by Zhengyang and Qiuying. How greedy could she be?" He asked suspiciously, "In fact, I feel like she accepted my high offer price on purpose. She wanted to look greedy in front of me."

Xiao Wang frowned. "But why would she do that?"

Old Master shook his head and said, "I don't know either. In any case, Lingyu's attitude towards me is quite strange."

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang were always by Old Master Gong's side. They didn't find anything strange about Xiao Lingyu's attitude. Every time Xiao Lingyu saw their chief, she would be extremely respectful. Whenever her family had a harvest, they would deliver a portion over.

They also hadn't forgotten about the beautiful flowers she had given to their chief. The Xiao Family was rich by Taoyuan Village's standard, but they were not 'rich' rich. If they sold the flowers, they could have a much better life.

Old Master Gong thought for a moment and said, "Forget it. I still like the girl no matter what. Speaking of, do any of you know whose child Lingyu is carrying?" He had been wondering about that.

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other.

Then, Xiao Zhang said, "Chief, Xiao Lingyu was framed in City Z and had sex with a man. The identity of that man is unknown."

"So, the child in Lingyu's stomach is an illegitimate child?" Old Master Gong said sharply.

"Yes," Xiao Zhang replied.

"Logically speaking, with Xiao Zhengyang and his wife's love for their daughter, they wouldn't let Lingyu keep the child. So why is this happening?" Old Master Gong was confused.

Then again, how would Xiao Zhang and Xiao Wang know the answer?

Old Master Gong had a vague feeling that Xiao Lingyu's strange attitude towards him had something to do with the child in her womb.

He just had that feeling.

Old Master Gong liked Xiao Zhengyang's family very much, but he also liked Xiao Lingyu very much. Xiao Lingyu was sensible, smart, beautiful, and self-reliant. She was simply the representative of a new generation of women.

The only flaw was that she was pregnant before she married.

Now that Old Master Gong knew Xiao Lingyu was framed and drugged, he was furious. He said, "Send someone to investigate. I want to know who the bastard is!"

It was necessary to find that man. Even if he didn't want to take responsibility, at least he had to explain himself to Xiao Lingyu and his child!

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other. 'Why did the old chief care about Xiao Lingyu that much? Could it be that he had fallen in love with Xiao Lingyu and wanted to marry her?'

When the two of them thought of this, their scalps immediately went numb, and they even felt a sense of horror.

The old chief's body was getting healthier and healthier. Doctor Huang said that, if this continued, the old chief could live to a hundred years old.

With their old chief's status and money, it was easy for him to find a new wife. Even in Beijing, if the old chief released the news that he was finding a new wife, many young women would line up. After all, marrying the old chief, and marrying into the Gong Family would give the woman a lot of power and money. So many people were vying for that position.

However, if the old chief took a fancy to Xiao Lingyu, then it was a tragedy.

Xiao Lingyu didn't have any status or background. Most importantly, the young master of the Gong family hadn't even married yet.

If Xiao Lingyu became the new mistress of the Gong Family, she would become the thorn in many powerful people's eyes. Xiao Lingyu came from a farming village. She didn't have any status and power. People would swallow her whole!

When the two subordinates thought of this, they shivered.

The consequences of Old Master Gong marrying Xiao Lingyu were simply unimaginable.

Xiao Wang braced himself and asked, "Old Chief, do you want to marry Xiao Lingyu? Otherwise, why are you so concerned about her?"

Old Master Gong's face was immediately filled with black lines.

He snapped, "What nonsense are you spouting? I care about her because she is a very kind and nice junior! What are you guys thinking about?" As he said this, his sharp eyes swept across their faces before he continued, "I like this Xiao Lingyu because I want to adopt her as my granddaughter.

"Why would you think I'd harbor such filthy thoughts about a woman who could be my granddaughter? Don't go around ruining my reputation and the child's reputation!

"It's hard for Lingyu already. Don't create more problems for her." Old Master Gong warned sternly.

Reputation was something that could be destroyed in a few sentences. However, one had to work a lifetime to cultivate a good reputation.

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang were ashamed. They wanted to crawl into a hole to hide. Their guesses were so wild that thinking back, their faces burned.

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang immediately said, "Chief, I'm sorry!" At least they were willing to admit their mistakes.

Being able to admit their mistakes was the standard of a soldier.

Old Master Gong said, "Alright, you have to be careful next time."

"Yes!" The two replied in unison.

Old Master Gong thought for a moment and said, "Xiao Wang, tell that brat that I've ordered 5000 catties of strawberries. And Lingyu is not willing to sell the rest."

"Yes, Chief!" Xiao Wang replied.

"Xiao Zhang, go and find out the identity of the man who slept with Xiao Lingyu!" Old Master Gong ordered.

"Yes, Chief!" Xiao Zhang replied respectfully.

Xiao Wang turned around to call Gong Tianhao.

However, his secretary told him that the CEO was on a business trip. He called Gong Tianhao's phone. His phone was switched off.

When he called home, the servant also told him that the eldest young master was on a business trip.

Xiao Wang reported to Elder Gong, "Chief, the eldest young master seems to be on a business trip. His phone is switched off now. He should be on a plane."

Old Master Gong thought for a moment and said, "Then call Li Yuanhang."

"Yes!"

Xiao Wang called Li Yuanhang, and the call went through.

"Assistant Li, this is Xiao Wang!"

Li Yuanhang was not surprised to receive Xiao Wang's call.

He asked, "Xiao Wang, what's the matter?"

Xiao Wang said, "Assistant Li, our chief has ordered 5,000 catties of strawberries from Xiao Lingyu. He paid 200 RMB per catty. I was going to report this to the young master, but I can't reach him."

Li Yuanhang almost knelt when he heard the price. 'Fuck, how can the strawberries be so expensive? 5000 catties would be one million!'

Of course, one million was only a drop in the ocean for Imperial Palace.

Li Yuanhang had no idea if Old Master Gong insisted on buying all the remaining strawberries, it would cost more than four million.

Li Yuanhang lowered his voice and said, "Okay, I got it. I'll report it to the president, Xiao Wang." Then he thought for a while and said, "Xiao Wang, the president is on a plane to Taoyuan Village. He should be arriving there later today."

Xiao Wang was surprised to hear that.

"The eldest young master will come to Taoyuan Village?" Xiao Wang raised his voice. Old Master Gong heard it from afar. He walked over, snatched the phone from Xiao Wang's hand, and asked, "That brat will come today?"

"Yes, Old Master!" Li Yuanhang said very respectfully, "The president has something to do at Taoyuan Village."

"I'm already here. What does he have to do that he has to fly over personally?" Old Master Gong was puzzled.

"Old Master, it's a good thing!" Li Yuanhang said mysteriously. "When the time comes, the president will definitely give you a surprise."

Old Master Gong would have a great-grandson. He hoped it was a good surprise and not a bad one.

Old Master Gong snorted and said, "Hmph, what kind of surprise can that Brat give me? He can bring me a new wife. That would be a surprise."

After hanging up the phone, Old Master Gong kept trying to figure out what kind of surprise Gong Tianhao wanted to give him.

Old Master Gong asked, “Xiao Wang, tell me, what do you think the surprise the Brat wants to give me?”

Xiao Wang shook his head and said, “Old Chief, I don’t know.”

The eldest young master was mysterious and unpredictable. He couldn’t have guessed his mind.

On this day, Old Master Gong kept thinking about the surprise Li Yuanhang mentioned, so when he went to the strawberry field to pick strawberries, he seemed a little absent-minded.

He looked out the entrance from time to time as if willing his grandson to exist.

“Old Master, are you not feeling well?” Mother Xiao noticed Old Master Gong’s absent-minded state and asked with concern, “Why don’t you go back and have a good rest?” After all, Old Master Gong was old, and he should rest often.

Old Master Gong said, “I’m fine. I’ll continue picking strawberries!”

At this moment, a lavish car arrived at the entrance of Taoyuan Village.

Chapter 233: Your Sister is pregnant?

Yan Ruyu drove a beautiful red car. She finally reached her destination, Taoyuan Village.

She took in the flat cement road and the flourishing peach trees on both sides of the road. The environment was very quiet and elegant.

“I didn’t expect the environment here to be so good,” Yan Ruyu praised, “It’s quiet and elegant, the air is fresh, and it’s very comfortable. It’s not like the big cities, where it is very noisy, and the air is filled with gasoline smell. No wonder they can grow such delicious strawberries.”

As Yan Ruyu arrived at the village, a low-key luxury car sped down the road between Xing An Town and Taoyuan Village.

Yan Siming was slightly surprised to see this spacious concrete road.

The last time he came to Taoyuan Village, this road was full of potholes and was especially difficult to navigate. Things had changed. No wonder the strawberries could be transported to and sold in City Z.

He had tried the strawberries. They were a type of strawberry that was completely different from the others.

It made him think of Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu was a heartless woman. He had helped her a few times, but she avoided him like a snake or a scorpion. She was afraid that he would take advantage of her and demand that she marry him. It made him laugh and feel a little helpless.

Yan Siming was indeed interested in her, but he would only get together with women who were interested in him too. He would not force women who were unwilling.

Of course, no one had been able to reject Yan Siming before. There were a few women who rejected him at first. But once they found out his identity, they immediately changed their mind. Some of them rejected him because they were trying to play hard to get. They acted like chaste women and refused to have even the smallest interaction with him. However, once he changed target, they abandoned all pretexts and came back to beg him. He hated such women.

Therefore, his journey with Xiao Lingyu was so complicated. He thought Xiao Lingyu was playing hard to get at first. She even escaped from the hospital because she wanted him to come to find her. She knew that with his power, he could easily find out her home address and identity.

As annoyed as Yan Siming was, he was also intrigued. No woman had ever escaped from the hospital just to play hard to get with him before.

However, during their second meeting, Xiao Lingyu wanted to escape the moment they met. In fact, she even pretended not to know him.

Yan Siming noticed on the second meeting that Xiao Lingyu had become more beautiful. Even without makeup, her skin was fair, and her cheeks were rosy. At that moment, he felt his heart beat. He had never had that feeling before. However, he didn't have the chance to mull on that moment because tragedy had struck Xiao Lingyu's family.

To make matters more interesting, his appearance alarmed not only Xiao Lingyu but also her parents. Even though they were injured and were thankful of his help, they were still wary of him. He really didn't know how to feel. He was really too conceited to think Xiao Lingyu was playing hard to get with him.

Xiao Lingyu didn't ask him for help but he volunteered his help. Xiao Lingyu's parents appreciated his help, but they still kept him at arm's length. He didn't know what to say.

Over the past few months, he had been trying to avoid processing that strange feeling in his heart. He couldn't convince himself that the playboy would one day be moved by a woman.

Therefore, after he left Xing Yin County, he numbed his heart by throwing himself into the arms of different women. However, his heart remained hollow.

A desire emerged in the depths of his heart, but he couldn't tell what he desired... Until he saw the strawberries that Yan Ruyu sent to him.

There was a label on the strawberry box. The name on the label was, Taoyuan Village!

It struck the depths of his mind. The things that he had been deliberately avoiding filled up his mind. He finally understood why his heart was empty and what he was yearning for. He wanted to settle down. He wanted to have a family.

Since his decision was made, he couldn't escape anymore. It would only make him appear weak.

Thinking of this, Yan Siming's rosy lips curled, and he said with a low smile, "Xiao Lingyu, I'm here again." This time, he would treat her sincerely.

At this moment, his phone rang.

“Brother, where are you now?” Yan Ruyu’s voice came from the phone.

“I’m on the way to Taoyuan Village.”

“Can I enter the village first?” Yan Ruyu probed carefully.

She really didn’t want to stay with her eldest cousin. The pressure was too high. He had an imposing aura. Her eldest cousin was also devilishly beautiful. It made her beauty pale in comparison. No woman wanted the man beside her to be more beautiful than herself. Therefore, she avoided him as much as she could.

“No. Wait for me.” Yan Siming didn’t care about his cousin’s thought. He replied in a faint but oppressive voice.

“Oh!” Yan Ruyu answered in disappointment.

After hanging up the phone, Yan Ruyu’s car stopped at the entrance of the village. Then, she got out of the car and took off her sunglasses to look around.

She was surprised when she saw the other cars parked in the open space and the vehicles that drove by from time to time.

Yan Ruyu frowned and said, “There are so many people here. I wonder how big is the farm. I need to order more strawberries when I have the chance.” Earlier, after she tasted the sample, she placed an order for 100 catties on the spot.

Before the strawberries arrived, she heard her father say that a big supermarket had opened in City Z recently. The supermarket had stolen most of their customers. It had affected the company business greatly.

Yan Yihai was considering how to rectify this when Yan Ruyu had a flash of inspiration. She believed the strawberries would save the company.

The next day, after the strawberries arrived, she immediately brought them to the board meeting. She gave them to her father and the directors to try.

She took out 50 catties and put them in the supermarket for a trial sale. Yan Ruyu suggested that they be sold for 15 RMB each.

Once this strawberry was placed on the shelf, the fragrance of the strawberry attracted many customers to stop.

However, when some people saw the price, they hesitated. After all, 15 RMB each was a very high asking price.

Of course, there were wealthy people in the big city. They pursued enjoyment. They were often young and impulsive with their purchases. Their families were rich, and they often had pricey imported fruits. 15 RMB strawberry was not that expensive. They decided to buy the strawberry and give it a try.

The taste was amazing. They were immediately addicted.

“These strawberries are so delicious. No wonder they cost 15 RMB each.”

Then, they immediately came back to get more. Soon, the 50 catties of strawberries were sold out. The customers asked for more.

Seeing this situation, Yan Yihai decisively had Yan Ruyu order another 1,000 catties of strawberries.

He wanted to order more, but taking into account the shelflife of the strawberries and the market demand, he only ordered 1,000 catties.

The wholesale price of 60 RMB per catty was still quite expensive, but they could sell it at a higher retail price. There were around 20 strawberries per catty. On average, one strawberry cost around 3 RMB. Their retail price was 15 RMB each. That was 5 times the profit!

Out of curiosity, Yan Ruyu decided to pay Taoyuan Village a visit. Once she was here, she was shocked. Many people had come to Taoyuan Village.

She heard from the leader of Berry Lover that the boss had planted six Mu of strawberries. The harvest was around 30,000 to 40,000 catties, and they were currently being sold.

“1000 catties is not enough. We have to order more. Otherwise, we will miss out on the strawberries.” Yan Ruyu called her father. When Yan Yihai heard his daughter’s report, he asked her to order another 2,000 catties. They could put the extra strawberries into cold storage for preservation.

Yan Ruyu hung up the phone, let out a breath, and leaned against the car.

At this time, a child came to her and asked, “Pretty sister, are you here to pick strawberries?”

Yan Ruyu saw this ten-year-old boy. His face was round, and his skin was a little dark, but his eyes were shining.

Yan Ruyu smiled and said, “I am indeed here to pick strawberries, but I am still waiting for someone. Little Friend, are you from Taoyuan Village?”

Xiao Xiaohui nodded and said, “Yes, I am from Taoyuan Village. I am here to lead the way for the guests.”

“Lead the way?” Yan Ruyu was slightly puzzled.

“Yes. If there are guests who can’t find the strawberry field, we’ll be responsible for bringing the guests there,” Xiao Xiaohui explained.

Yan Ruyu said with a laugh, “Aren’t you afraid of being kidnapped?”

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head and said, “No. There are people everywhere. Besides, we have installed surveillance cameras here.” Xiao Xiaohui pointed at the telephone pole where a camera was posted.

Yan Ruyu looked at it and smiled again. Indeed, there were a lot of strangers, so they definitely had to take some precautions, especially since there were children around.

Xiao Xiaohui asked, “Pretty sister, how long do you have to wait for?”

Yan Ruyu shook her head. “I don’t know either.”

Just as she said that, a black car came over.

Of course, Yan Ruyu knew her cousin's car.

Her expression immediately tensed up, and she looked serious as she said, "He's here."

The black car stopped behind the red car. Then, he got off.

Xiao Xiaohui's eyes lit up when he saw this. He took a few steps forward, raised his head, and immediately shouted, "Pretty uncle, it's you! Are you also here to pick strawberries?"

Pretty uncle?

Yan Ruyu almost knelt when she heard that.

She knew that her cousin hated people call him pretty. These people had always been punished.

At the thought of this, Yan Ruyu immediately shielded Xiao Xiaohui behind her and said with a stiff smile, "Brother, this child didn't do it on purpose. Don't be angry."

Then, she turned to Xiao Xiaohui and said, "Little friend, you can't call a man pretty. They are handsome, do you understand?"

Xiao Xiaohui frowned and said with some doubt, "But pretty sister, I've always called him pretty uncle."

"Huh?" Yan Ruyu was dumbfounded. 'This kid knows eldest cousin?'

Yan Siming took off his sunglasses and looked at Xiao Xiaohui. He said, "Xiao Xiaohui, it's you."

Yan Ruyu opened her mouth in surprise when she heard her eldest cousin greet the kid.

'What is going on?'

When the Chen Family came to cause a ruckus and injured Xiao Lingyu's parents, it was Yan Siming who helped them deal with it.

When Xiao Zhengyang was in the hospital, Xiao Xiaohui went to visit his second uncle. It was there that he met Yan Siming.

When he saw Yan Siming, he thought that he was really pretty and blurted out, "Pretty uncle!"

When Yan Siming heard that, he only frowned slightly and did not correct him. He did not stay in the hospital for long.

Xiao Xiaohui walked out from behind Yan Ruyu and said with a smile, "Pretty uncle, why are you here? Are you here to pick strawberries? Or are you here to look for my sister?"

'Look for his sister?' This information shocked Yan Ruyu.

She knew that her cousin was a womanizer. As long as he took a fancy to a woman, she would not be able to escape his grasp.

'Did he come here not for the strawberries but for a woman? And she is the kid's sister?'

Yan Siming said, "I'm here to visit uncle and auntie. I'm also here to pick strawberries."

He didn't directly say that he was looking for Xiao Lingyu. However, his words implied that he knew her family.

Yan Ruyu was a little confused.

Xiao Xiaohui nodded and said, "Pretty uncle..."

"Call me brother Yan!" Yan Siming corrected him.

"..." Xiao Xiaohui nodded and said, "Brother Yan, my second uncle and second aunt are at the strawberry field. My sister is at home. Let me take you to the strawberry field."

"Take me to your sister!" Yan Siming suddenly said.

Yan Ruyu, "... Didn't you say you're here to visit the kid's uncle and aunt?"

Xiao Xiaohui nodded and said, "Okay! My sister is pregnant. She seldom comes out."

"What did you say? Your sister is pregnant?" Yan Siming suddenly asked. He grabbed Xiao Xiaohui's small arm. They couldn't help but tighten.

How could Xiao Xiaohui withstand the hand strength of an adult man like Yan Siming?

Xiao Xiaohui's face turned pale instantly. There was some cold sweat on his forehead. He looked at Yan Siming with nervousness and fear.

Yan Ruyu immediately realized that something was wrong. She shouted, "Brother, you're hurting him. Let go of him now."

At the same time, she couldn't help but feel puzzled and curious. What kind of woman could cause her eldest cousin, who was as immovable as a mountain, to lose his composure like this?

When Yan Siming heard Yan Ruyu, he immediately came back to his senses. When he saw Xiao Xiaohui's pale face, he felt a little ashamed.

She grabbed Xiao Xiaohui's arm and took a look. A few bruises were on the tiny arm. Xiao Xiaohui must be in a lot of pain.

Yan Ruyu was angry, and she grumbled, "Brother, he's still a child. Do you have to use so much strength? Look, his arm is bruised and injured. How are you going to explain this to his parents?"

After saying that, Yan Ruyu saw that Xiao Xiaohui was about to cry and immediately coaxed, "Little friend, Don't cry. Brother Yan is in a bad mood and accidentally hurt you. I'll have him apologize to you, okay?"

Xiao Xiaohui's face was pale from the pain, but he didn't allow his tears to fall. He mustered his courage and said, "Brother Yan, you're looking for my sister, right? I'll lead the way!"

The Yan siblings, "..."

Chapter 234: Education

While Gong Tianhao was sitting on the plane, Li Yuanhang remembered that there were still some things that he hadn't reported yet.

He immediately called Gong Tianhao, but his phone was turned off.

He had no choice. Li Yuanhang estimated the flight time, and he would call Gong Tianhao as soon as he got off the plane.

As soon as Gong Tianhao got off the plane, he received a call from Li Yuanhang.

Li Yuanhang said, "Tianhao, Xiao Lingyu went straight back to Huiqing Group after getting video evidence from the hotel. However, she pulled someone along the way to act as her one-night stand."

Gong Tianhao's brows furrowed when he heard the word one-night stand. He pursed his lips and spat out the word coldly, "Continue!"

Li Yuanhang, who knew Gong Tianhao well, could immediately hear the anger in his tone.

He continued, "The man is the president of the Yan Group, the largest company in City Z, Yan Siming.

"At the time, he played along with Xiao Lingyu and even avenged her. He acquired the Huiqing group. The chairman of the Huiqing Group, Zhao Huiqing, and his daughter, Zhao Wenman, were arrested on the spot for attempted murder.

"Zhao Wenman was the daughter of the Zhao family who took a liking to Xiao Lingyu's ex-boyfriend. She was also the woman who came up with this vicious scheme to frame Xiao Lingyu and ruin her reputation."

When he heard this, Gong Tianhao's hand that was holding the phone tightened.

"I heard that after Yan Siming avenged Xiao Lingyu, he wanted Xiao Lingyu to be his woman." Li Yuanhang was very unwilling to say this, but he still felt that it was necessary to inform Gong Tianhao.

"However, Xiao Lingyu did not agree. She escaped from the hospital and returned to the Taoyuan Village."

Li Yuanhang continued, "More than a month after Xiao Lingyu returned to Taoyuan Village, Xiao Lingyu's ex-boyfriend's family, the Chen family, came to cause a ruckus with the Xiao family. They even got into a huge fight. They slandered Xiao Lingyu's name, injured her parents, and so on.

"In the end, it was Yan Siming who settled the matters. He was a huge help to the Xiao Family."

Speaking up to this point, Li Yuanhang couldn't help but sigh. Young Master Jiang wasn't Gong Tianhao's love rival, but Yan Siming was.

"Is there anything else?" Gong Tianhao asked faintly.

"No, that's all we got so far," Li Yuanhang said.

Gong Tianhao hung up the phone and left with his luggage. However, one could notice he had sped up his speed.

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Xiao Xiaohui brought the Yan Siming siblings to the Xiao family home.

The Yan siblings were immediately attracted by the woman lying lazily in the courtyard.

One zoomed in the face because she was curious. The other focused on the stomach because he wanted to confirm.

“So this is little friend’s sister. She is really beautiful.” Yan Ruyu praised.

‘Xiao Lingyu is really pregnant!’ Yan Siming’s handsome face was gloomy. His hands were clenched into fists, and blue veins bulged out. There was a faint hint of anger.

Xiao Lingyu was wearing a white dress. She was lying on the recliner with her eyes closed. Her hands were placed on her stomach, and there was a faint motherly smile on her face.

Yan Siming found it unbelievable. He knew very well that the child in Xiao Lingyu’s stomach had an unknown father.

However, Xiao Lingyu still decided to keep it. Why? He wanted to ask Xiao Lingyu.

“Eldest cousin!” Xiao Xiaohui called out.

Xiao Lingyu opened her eyes slightly. She looked confused.

When she saw Xiao Xiaohui walk up to her with tears in his eyes, Xiao Lingyu asked in confusion, “Xiaohui, what happened to you? Did you lose in a fight?”

However, Xiao Xiaohui was an expert in fighting.

He rarely lost in a fight.

Even if he lost, he wouldn’t cry!

Xiao Xiaohui looked sad as he raised his arm. “Sis. Look, someone bruised my arms.”

Yan Ruyu, “...” No wonder he didn’t cry before. He is waiting for this moment.

When Xiao Lingyu heard this, she immediately woke up.

She sat up from the recliner and asked loudly, “Who is it? Who dares to hurt you?” She grabbed Xiao Xiaohui’s arm and examined it. When she saw a few obvious black marks on it, her beautiful face instantly darkened. The handprints definitely belonged to an adult.

“It’s him!” Xiao Xiaohui pointed out Yan Siming.

It was only then that Xiao Lingyu noticed there were two people standing in front of her.

One was a woman, and the other was a man.

The woman was very attractive. She wore a red dress that accentuated her fair skin, and her hair was long and curly.

As for the man, Xiao Lingyu could recognize him anywhere.

“Yan Siming!” Xiao Lingyu was obviously a little surprised. “Why are you here?”

Yan Siming gritted his teeth and said, "Why can't I be here? If I didn't come today, I wouldn't even know that you're pregnant!"

Yan Siming was really filled with anger and a little bit of grievance. He had already come to the decision to pursue her sincerely. But he arrived to find out she was already pregnant with another man's child.

When Yan Ruyu heard this interaction, she confirmed these two were familiar. She also heard Yan Siming grind his teeth from anger. The source of his anger was the child in Xiao Lingyu's stomach.

'Hmm? Could it be that Xiao Lingyu is pregnant with eldest cousin's child? Does she want to use this child to force her way into the Yan Family? That's why eldest cousin is so angry? But...'

Yan Ruyu examined Xiao Lingyu, and she looked perfectly calm and collected. She didn't seem concerned at all that her eldest cousin was there. So, what was the relationship between her eldest cousin and Xiao Lingyu?

Xiao Lingyu completely ignored Yan Siming's fiery tone.

She grabbed Xiao Xiaohui's arm and asked coldly, "Yan Siming, what's wrong with you? President Yan, you can be angry at me, but you shan't take it out on a child! How can you hurt a child like this? Look at look bruised Xiaohui is!"

Yan Siming, "... " He knew he was wrong. He did accidentally injure Xiao Xiaohui. he couldn't deny that.

Yan Ruyu looked at her brother, who was pursing his lips and then at Xiao Lingyu, who was very serious. She immediately said, "Miss Xiao, don't be angry. My Brother didn't hurt Xiaohui on purpose. It was an accident."

"Sure. Because if he did it on purpose, Xiaohui's arms would be broken already." She was furious. It was fine for him to be angry at her, but why would he hurt Xiao Xiaohui?

Yan Ruyu, "... " Honestly, she also didn't know why her eldest cousin reacted that way. She remembered he lost his composure when he heard that Xiao Lingyu was pregnant.

"Uh, Miss Xiao, don't be angry. It's not good for a pregnant woman to be angry," Yan Ruyu tried to persuade her, "My brother has martial arts training. He was careless. He lost control of his emotions just now and accidentally hurt Xiaohui."

Xiao Lingyu looked at Yan Ruyu and asked curiously, "You are?"

Yan Ruyu immediately introduced, "I am Yan Ruyu, Yan Siming's cousin. Hello, Miss Xiao."

Xiao Lingyu nodded, and then she asked, "Chairman Yan, can you give me an explanation? Why did you hurt Xiaohui?"

"..." Yan Siming's sharp eyes glanced at Xiao Xiaohui.

Xiao Xiaohui immediately shivered when he received Yan Siming's expression that said, "How dare you tattle on me?" However, Xiao Xiaohui immediately puffed up his chest. After all, he was only telling the truth.

Yan Siming took a deep breath and said to Xiao Lingyu, "It was an accident." Then, he apologized to Xiao Xiaohui, "Xiaohui, I'm sorry. Brother Yan really didn't want to hurt you. It was an accident."

Xiao Xiaohui was stunned at first, then he said, "It's okay. You're a good kid because you know your mistakes!"

Yan Siming, "... Am I being lectured by a child?"

Yan Siming checked his pocket and came up empty. He asked Yan Ruyu, "Did you bring your wallet?"

Yan Ruyu was confused, but she nodded and said, "I did."

Then, she took out a wallet from her handbag and handed it to Yan Siming.

Yan Siming opened the wallet. He took out two 100 bills and handed them to Xiao Xiaohui. "Xiaohui, please take these as an apology."

Yan Ruyu, "... Wait, those are my money from my wallet. Don't you have to ask for my permission first? Fine, eldest cousin has always acted like this anyway.

Xiao Xiaohui's eyes flashed when he saw the money. But he resisted the temptation and turned his head to Xiao Lingyu. "Sis..." He really wanted to take the 200 RMB. He could buy many Transformers with it.

Xiao Lingyu touched his head and said with a smile, "Why? 200 RMB is enough to buy your forgiveness?"

Xiao Xiaohui asked, "Sis, can I consider the 200 RMB as Brother Yan's compensation for my medical expenses and mental trauma?"

"You Little Brat." Xiao Lingyu smiled and patted the back of his head, "You'll recover with some safflower oil. A bottle only costs several cents. As for mental trauma, I don't think you have any. You can still act, so you have to be fine."

Xiao Lingyu exposed Xiao Xiaohui and lectured him. "Xiaohui, this is not the way to earn money. You can't be greedy like this. What's the difference between what you did and people cheating for insurance?"

Yan Siblings, "... How is that related?"

"Sis, what is insurance cheating?" Xiao Xiaohui asked in confusion.

"It is an act of opportunism and extortion," Xiao Lingyu explained, "But those people got hurt on purpose to get compensation. Your case is slightly different, but you still misuse the opportunity to try to earn money. I do not approve of this kind of behavior. This is not the way to earn money. Do you understand?"

Xiao Xiaohui had to be taught a proper lesson. Otherwise, he might be led on the wrong path. The kid was too clever for his own good.

Xiao Xiaohui nodded his head. "Okay, I won't take 200. But can I take 5 RMB? A bottle of safflower oil costs around 5 RMB."

"That's okay." Xiao Lingyu nodded.

With the permission of his eldest cousin, Xiao Xiaohui immediately looked at Yan Siming with bright eyes.

"..." Yan Siming lowered his head and looked through the wallet. There was no small change. This was a little awkward.

"Ahem..." Yan Siming coughed and said, "Xiaohui, I don't have five RMB. How about I give you 100 RMB?"

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head and said, "No. My sister said that we can't take so much money."

Yan Siming looked at Xiao Lingyu helplessly and said, "Let him make an exception just this once?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "No. We can't indulge a bad behavior even once."

The Xiao family was very strict in education.

Yan Ruyu cut in and said, "Xiaohui, why you bring me to the strawberry field? I'll give you the five RMB afterward."

"Okay!" Xiao Xiaohui nodded.

After the two left, only Yan Siming and Xiao Lingyu were left in the courtyard.

Chapter 235: Yan Siming's Interrogation

Old Master Gong paced around the room, peeping out from time to time.

Xiao Wang said honestly, "Chief, eldest young master probably just got off the plane. It will take at least four to five hours for him to arrive here. Why don't you go back to your room to rest? I'll inform you when eldest young master arrives!"

Old Master Gong immediately said, "Hmph, who said I'm waiting for that brat? I'm just exercising!"

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang, "... Really?"

"Alright, I'll go to my room to rest now. When that Brat arrives, wake me up," Old Master Gong instructed.

'What a duplicitous person.'

Actually, Old Master Gong was still hung up on the surprise Gong Tianhao was supposed to give him.

Even though the road was tarred, Taoyuan Village was still considered remote. He needed time to get here.

While he was lying down, Old Master Gong still asked, "Xiao Wang, what kind of surprise do you think that Brat is going to give me? Is he going to bring me a granddaughter-in-law?" Without waiting for Xiao Wang to answer, Elder Gong continued, "Actually, I quite like Xiao Lingyu, but now she..."

No matter how open-minded he was, he couldn't allow Xiao Lingyu to marry into the Gong Family with an illegitimate child. It would make the Gong Family lose face.

Xiao Wang said in confusion, "Chief, didn't you say that you only treat Xiao Lingyu like a granddaughter?"

"..." Old Master Gong huffed. "You're really helpless. It's like talking to a rock!"

"Chief, I'd rather be a tree." Xiao Wang said.

Old Master Gong glared and said, "What is wrong with your mind? Do you have to argue with me about that?"

Xiao Wang said truthfully, "But Chief, I'm tall as a tree. Not squat like a rock."

"But I'm your chief." Old Master Gong snorted. "Since I say you're a rock, then you're a rock."

Xiao Wang scratched the back of his head and nodded very honestly. "Okay, I'm a rock."

"Alright, you can leave now!" Old Master Gong chased Xiao Wang out like he was shooing away a fly. "You're only going to make me mad." Other people's subordinates were all efficient and clever. However, his subordinates were naive and dumb.

"..." Xiao Wang nodded. "Alright, Chief. I'll go. You should rest. When eldest young master arrives, I'll come and call you."

Old Master Gong, "..." He has to be doing this on purpose. How can a person be so stupid?

...

Yan Ruyu knew that her eldest cousin had something to say to Xiao Lingyu, so she tactfully brought Xiaohui away.

On the way to the Strawberry Field, Yan Ruyu held Xiao Xiaohui's hand and couldn't help but ask curiously, "Xiaohui, are you close to Brother Yan?"

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head very honestly and said, "Not really. Today is my second time seeing him."

"When did you see him for the first time? Yan Ruyu couldn't hold back her curiosity.

Xiao Xiaohui tilted his head and thought for a while before saying, "It was about a month after my sister came back from City Z."

Yan Ruyu's eyes lit up. "Your sister used to stay in City Z?" Her eldest cousin was the president of Yan Group. Perhaps that was how the two knew each other? This cleared up her doubts on why Yan Siming would know a woman from the countryside. But what exactly was the nature of their relationship? Was Xiao Lingyu one of Yan Siming's women?

Yan Siming lost his composure the moment he heard Xiao Lingyu was pregnant. Could it be because the child had to do with him?

Yan Ruyu's curiosity was piqued.

Xiao Xiaohui said proudly, "My sister is a famous university student. After graduating, she worked in City Z for a few years."

“Then, do you know how your sister and Brother Yan met?” Yan Ruyu asked.

Xiao Xiaohui was immediately on guard. He let go of Yan Ruyu’s hand and asked warily, “Pretty sister, why do you keep asking about my sister and Brother Yan?”

“My sister has been bullied before. I will never allow anyone to bully my sister again,” Xiao Xiaohui said heroically. “If you want to bully my sister, please leave Taoyuan Village now.”

“...” Yan Ruyu suddenly felt stifled. Then, she explained, “No, Xiaohui, you misunderstood. Why would I bully your sister? I’m just curious how your sister got to know my brother.”

Xiao Xiaohui didn’t let down his guard but asked sharply, “Then, why are you curious?”

Yan Ruyu said, “I... I’m just concerned about my brother. He has never been close to any woman. But he is clearly close to your sister, so I’m curious.”

Unexpectedly, Xiao Xiaohui said, “So you mean Brother Yan wants to pursue my sister?”

“...” Yan Ruyu really did not know how to explain. How could a child understand the complicated world of adults?

Xiao Xiaohui’s small hands immediately clenched into fists, and his small face said seriously, “No, I won’t let any man hurt my sister anymore.”

After saying that, he ran back.

Seeing this, Yan Ruyu immediately grabbed him and said, “Xiaohui, don’t worry. My Brother will never hurt your sister.”

“I don’t believe it!” Xiao Xiaohui said seriously, “In the past, Brother Chen said that he would treat my sister well. In the end, he hurt my sister so badly. He has ruined her life. Now that I have grown up, I must protect my sister well and not let her be hurt again. Let me go.”

Yan Ruyu, “...” What a cute hero.

However, her brother and Xiao Lingyu clearly had something to discuss. She could not let this child interrupt them.

Yan Ruyu explained, “Xiaohui, isn’t my brother at your sister’s house? How can he hurt her there?” As she said this, she patted Xiao Xiaohui’s head, “Don’t worry too much. The adult world is complicated. You don’t understand it now. Brother Yan and your sister are friends. They haven’t met for a long time, so they have things to discuss. Let’s not disturb them, okay? Don’t worry. I promise you that Brother Yan won’t hurt your sister.”

Xiao Xiaohui thought for a moment and nodded. “Okay!” Then, he thought of something. “I need to inform second uncle and the others that Brother Yan is here. Come, pretty sister, I’ll bring you to the Strawberry Field!”

“...” Yan Ruyu nodded. “Okay! Let’s go.”

‘Why are you so anxious to inform your second uncle and the others? Are you still worried that my eldest cousin will harm your sister? Are you calling for reinforcements?’

...

Xiao Xiaohui and Yan Ruyu left, leaving only Yan Siming in the courtyard.

The atmosphere was a little quiet!

It was Xiao Lingyu who spoke first and asked, "President Yan, why are you here?" She didn't think he was here for the strawberries, even though that was the reason why most people were at Taoyuan Village that day.

Yan Siming coughed twice.

Xiao Lingyu looked up. She pointed to the stone bench next to her and said, "President Yan, please sit!"

After saying that, she got up from the recliner and moved carefully into the house.

When Yan Siming saw that a wave of anger surged in his heart again, he suddenly asked loudly, "What are you doing?"

Xiao Lingyu was startled and then said, "You are a guest, so I'm preparing tea to serve you." She walked into the house. A moment later, she brought a teapot and two teacups over. She served the table.

Xiao Lingyu filled the two teacups with tea.

Yan Siming sniffed.

He smelled the fragrance of tea. This fragrance made him feel very comfortable. He took a sip. His eyes lit up, and he could not help but exclaim in surprise, "Good tea!"

His family was rich and powerful. He was used to the best things. However, the tea he tasted then was more fragrant than the tea leaves worth 160,000 RMB.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "The tea leaves are just normal tea leaves. However, we have fresh water here. So the flavor is different."

Yan Siming told her that he didn't like her, so she decided to treat him as a friend. She didn't think too much when he questioned her about her pregnancy. He was probably concerned as a friend.

After pouring a cup of tea for Yan Siming, Xiao Lingyu returned to the house. Not long after, she brought out a fruit plate. The fruit plate was filled with common and ordinary fruits like apples, pears, bananas, grapes, and strawberries. It was obvious that the strawberries were home-grown.

Yan Siming noticed that while the fruits looked ordinary, they were sparkling. They gave off a very natural fragrance. When they were near, the aroma of the fruits became even more alluring.

Xiao Lingyu placed the fruit plate on the stone table and said very politely, "President Yan, there's not much else I can offer you other than some fruits."

Yan Siming's sharp eyes swept across Xiao Ling's face and said, "Xiao Lingyu, you can call me by my name, or you can call me Brother Yan or Brother Ming. Outside of work, I don't like to be called President Yan, especially by you!"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

'Alright... President Yan, in the rumors, is an unpredictable person. It looks like he is unhappy. But when did I offend him?'

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Alright, you're three years older than me. I'll call you Brother Yan."

Xiao Lingyu was twenty-five years old, while Yan Siming was twenty-eight years old. Xiao Lingyu found out about Yan Siming's age from Google.

Yan Siming did not say anything. He just picked a grape from the fruit plate with his beautiful and well-defined fingers. The grape was as clear as a purple pearl, emitting a seductive luster. Yan Siming twisted his hands, and the peel fell off easily. The aroma became more intense.

"Wonderful." Yan Siming ate the fruit and praised. "Everything here is wonderful. The strawberries, the tea, the fruits, and the people..."

Was he praising her?

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "They are just some ordinary things."

Yan Siming's sharp eyes stared at Xiao Lingyu with a stern expression. He asked, "Why did you decide to keep the child? Don't you know that without the child, you can still marry into a good family? How are you going to get married now?"

Xiao Lingyu also picked a grape and put it into her mouth. Then, she said calmly, "If no one wants to marry me, then I won't marry. I can raise the child on my own."

She owed Xiao Tong, and she had to make it up to him for the rest of her life. She didn't care if the others understood her or not. She would become strong enough so that no one would dare to speak ill of Xiao Tong.

"But a woman has to get married eventually, right?" Yan Siming clenched his fists. He had struggled in the past few months due to the hollow in his heart. When he finally admitted his feelings, he found out the woman he wanted to pursue was pregnant.

This was too unexpected.

For a moment, he couldn't accept it.

What he didn't understand was why did Xiao Lingyu decide to keep this child?

Xiao Lingyu didn't know what Yan Siming was thinking.

She only lowered her head slightly and touched her stomach with her hands, her face revealing a maternal glow.

She said, "A man who really likes me won't mind this child. If I can't find a man like that in my life, then I'll stay single all my life."

"So, you don't mind spending the rest of your life protecting this child on your own?" Yan Siming asked sharply.

“That’s right!” Xiao Lingyu nodded firmly.

Yan Siming was overwhelmed by helplessness.

He did not mind Xiao Lingyu, but he really could not pretend the child didn’t exist. The child was not his. He could not accept this.

Yan Siming’s sharp gaze locked onto Xiao Lingyu’s clear eyes. He asked in puzzlement, “Xiao Lingyu, why do you have to keep this child?”

Xiao Lingyu gently touched her stomach and said in a mournful voice, “Because I owe him.”

Yan Siming, “...”

He furrowed his brows and became even more confused.

‘What does she mean? Who is him?’

At that moment, the sound of hurried footsteps could be heard from outside.. Xiao Lingyu was rubbing her stomach, and Yan Siming was deep in thought.

Chapter 236: Yan Siming VS Gong Tianhao

After Xiao Lingyu said, “I owe him something”, the atmosphere became a little different.

It became quiet!

It became silent!

It was even a little strange!

Yan Siming couldn’t understand Xiao Lingyu’s decision. He couldn’t agree with her either. Why would she keep a bastard child? Didn’t she know it’d ruin her life?

Xiao Lingyu should be around six months pregnant. He was interested in Xiao Lingyu but...

Yan Siming narrowed his peach blossom eyes and smiled. “Xiao Lingyu, how about being my woman? I’ll protect this child and won’t let anyone bully him in the future. What do you think?”

He had a smile on his face, but his expression was serious.

Xiao Lingyu’s pupils constricted, and the smile on her face immediately froze.

Then, she said with a smile, “I remember someone saying that I’m an ugly duckling who is too full of herself. Why are you making this offer again? Are you trying to mock me?”

Xiao Lingyu was obviously joking, but also she meant it as a rejection.

Yan Siming could be telling the truth, but Xiao Lingyu didn’t need it.

Yan Siming’s eyes darkened, and then he said, “Xiao Lingyu, I’m being serious. Will you consider it?”

Xiao Lingyu's expression immediately became serious. She suddenly asked sharply, "Yan Siming, you want me to be your woman? What kind of woman? Your mistress or your wife?"

Yan Siming's eyes flashed. Then, just as he was about to say something, Xiao Lingyu stopped him.

She continued, "I won't be your mistress. But I can't be your wife. How am I qualified? Plus, I don't think you were asking me to be your wife either."

"I'm pregnant with a child with an unknown face. If I get together with you, how will you and how will I face him in the future? I've already told you. I will keep this child."

When Yan Siming heard Xiao Lingyu's words, his pupils constricted. He opened his mouth and said, "Xiao Lingyu, I..."

Xiao Lingyu was right. He wanted her to be his woman but with what kind of identity?

Yan Siming had actually thought about it before he came.

He might be interested in her, but it was not to the stage where he had to have her. Plus, he believed that he was interested in her because she was the first woman to have rejected him. Once he got her, his interest would disappear.

Yan Siming was the famous playboy in City Z. How could he stop his philandering for a single woman? Before he came to Taoyuan Village, he had already prepared his offer.

He wanted Xiao Lingyu to be his lover, just like all the women he had in the past. But the difference was, he would lavish her with everything he had.

When Xiao Lingyu saw Yan Siming's hesitation, she knew the answer. Her eyes darkened. She looked disappointed. Then, she smiled and said, "So, Yan Siming, do you think I'm willing to be your lover?"

Yan Siming suddenly felt a sense of panic. Suddenly, he blurted out, "Then what about being my wife?"

"She won't be doing that either!" A man's voice answered him from outside the courtyard.

The two of them looked out of the courtyard.

"Gong Tianhao!"

"Young Master Gong!"

Yan Siming said the first, Xiao Lingyu uttered the second. They were both surprised by Gong Tianhao's sudden arrival.

Yan Siming knew Gong Tianhao only because of business exchanges.

The Yan group was the largest company in City Z and was involved in many industries. Imperial Palace Group was the largest company in the country. They would work with all the best companies in the world.

Gong Tianhao was holding a suitcase in one hand and a suit jacket in the other. Due to the hot weather and the rush of the journey, his forehead was sweating.

Ignoring their surprised gazes, he calmly carried the suitcase and walked into the courtyard.

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

'This is my home, right? Why are these people walking into it like they own this place? No, wait! Why is this man at Taoyuan Village? Plus, based on his getup, he has come to this place before going to his grandfather's place. Why? Also, he has rejected Yan Siming on my behalf. Who gave him that right?'

Granted, Xiao Lingyu would have the same answer, but she didn't want this man to speak for her.

Yan Siming was very surprised by Gong Tianhao's arrival. Then, he asked doubtfully, "Mr. Gong, why are you here?"

Gong Tianhao looked at Xiao Lingyu and noticed the strange expression in her eyes.

This made him think of the last few times they met. Every time they met, Xiao Lingyu's attitude towards him was also strange.

With his looks and wealth, many women threw themselves at him. He didn't pay much attention to this woman at first. However, every time after that, Xiao Lingyu would subconsciously resist and reject him.

He didn't understand why in the past, and he didn't probe further.

But now, he understood everything.

The first time they met, she glanced behind the seat to confirm something. She must have confirmed it then. However, Gong Tianhao was still confused about how did Xiao Lingyu get her confirmation from their first meeting.

It was not until later that Gong Tianhao realized that Xiao Lingyu was very sensitive to voices. She would not forget the voices that she had heard.

Yan Siming saw Gong Tianhao staring at Xiao Lingyu seriously and frowned.

'What is going on? When did Xiao Lingyu know Gong Tianhao?'

Gong Tianhao was the boss of the Imperial Palace Group, the richest man in the country, and one of the top corporate figures in the world.

Xiao Lingyu was a small, white-collar worker in the past and now a farmer's daughter. How did she manage to know a big shot like Gong Tianhao?

Yan Siming had only met Gong Tianhao once for a business meeting, and it was very brief.

A sense of crisis welled up in Yan Siming's heart. He shielded Xiao Lingyu behind him, then said with a smile, "Mr. Gong, what brings you here?"

Gong Tianhao looked at the excessively beautiful man in front of him, raised his eyebrows, and asked, "Are you Yan Siming?"

Yan Siming nodded and said, "Yes. I'm honored that Mr. Gong remembers a small fry like me."

To Gong Tianhao, Yan Siming was indeed a small fry.

“Mr. Yan, why are you here?” Gong Tianhao retorted.

Yan Siming, “...” What does that have to do with you?

“Get out of my way!” Gong Tianhao suddenly said coldly.

He remembered that Li Yuanhang had told him that this Yan Siming had helped Xiao Lingyu several times and that the entire Xiao family owed him a huge favor. He heard from outside the house that Yan Siming had just confessed to Xiao Lingyu and asked her to be his bride.

Gong Tianhao was glad that he came to look for Xiao Lingyu the moment he arrived at Taoyuan Village. Or else his wife and child would have been stolen away from him.

That’s right. After he found out the woman from that night from Xiao Lingyu and she was pregnant, Gong Tianhao already saw them as his wife and child.

When he saw another man coveting his wife, he was furious.

Gong Tianhao’s aura was threatening, but Yan Siming wasn’t afraid.

He did not move aside but asked seriously, “Mr. Gong, if you have something to say, just say it. Lingyu is pregnant, and she can’t be frightened!”

Gong Tianhao fell silent. He thought of the previous times when Xiao Lingyu had been distant and resistant to him.

However, why should a man stop him if he wanted to see his wife and child?

Gong Tianhao’s face darkened, and he said coldly, “Mr. Yan, I know that Xiao Lingyu is pregnant, and I know the severity of the matter. You don’t need to worry too much. Now, please leave!”

Yan Siming, “...”

‘What is the relationship between Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu?’

Yan Siming still didn’t move aside. His expression was equally serious.

He asked sternly, “Mr. Gong, are you sure you know the severity of the situation? The moment you arrived, you started shouting and making demands. Who wouldn’t be afraid of you? My Lingyu is pregnant, and she can’t be scared!”

“Your Lingyu?” Gong Tianhao repeated. Then, the corners of his lips curled up as he said in a mocking and sarcastic tone, “When did Xiao Lingyu agree to be your woman?”

“Plus, I heard that President Yan is quite amorous. You change your lovers like how you’d change clothes. You never reject any woman who approaches you. Your lovers probably can circle City Z three times already. You want Xiao Lingyu to join that line?”

“You... You’re slandering me!” Yan Siming’s handsome face immediately revealed an ugly expression. He didn’t expect the boss of Imperial Palace would resort to low-handed tactics like libel.

Gong Tianhao laughed coldly and said, “How am I slandering you? Is it not true that you’ve had many lovers? And you change them every few days?”

“You...” Yan Siming pointed at Gong Tianhao and was dumbfounded.

Didn't they say that Gong Tianhao was cold, heartless, and taciturn?

That was all bullshit! This man came and started laying traps instantly!

Gong Tianhao vs Yan Siming, round one, Gong Tianhao won!

Xiao Lingyu stood behind Yan Siming. She felt nervous and uneasy. She had no idea why Gong Tianhao didn't go to his grandfather's place but came directly to her place instead.

He even stopped her from being Yan Siming's wife. She had a very bad feeling.

She suppressed the fear and unease in her heart, patted Yan Siming's shoulder, and said with a calm smile, “Chairman Yan, Mr. Gong is the benefactor of Taoyuan Village. His grandfather lives in Taoyuan Village and has a good relationship with my family.” Then, she turned to Gong Tianhao, “Mr. Gong, why didn't you go visit him but come directly to my house instead?”

Gong Tianhao was extremely excited when he heard Xiao Lingyu's voice.

However, he had always been a person who didn't show his emotions. He calmed himself down.

He said, “I'm here to buy strawberries. I saw how good they were selling. I was worried about missing out, so I came to talk to you immediately.”

Xiao Lingyu, “...”

‘Yea, right. You're the richest man in the county. Do you think I'd believe you would care about this small business?’

Yan Siming, “...”

‘What a liar! Only a fool would believe such a reason.’

At the same time, a sense of crisis and urgency welled up in Yan Siming's heart.

The leader of Imperial Palace made up excuses and lies to meet a woman.

Why?

Yan Siming had an answer, but he was unwilling to face it.

Gong Tianhao rushed over from the capital because he was eager to see Xiao Lingyu and his child, and he also wanted to hug them in his arms.

At this moment, he had forgotten that Xiao Lingyu was the woman that his good brother liked. The promises he gave Jiang Tao had all disappeared.

However, when he arrived, Gong Tianhao heard a man confess to his wife. This made him feel a sense of crisis.

He was eager to declare his sovereignty over Xiao Lingyu and her child. However, he quickly noticed the sense of unease and panic in Xiao Lingyu's eyes.

He felt as though a bucket of cold water had been poured on his heart, causing him to wake up instantly.

It was not the time for his declaration of love and sovereignty!

If he had told Xiao Lingyu he had found out everything, Xiao Lingyu would be more cautious and wary. She might think he was only approaching her to snatch her child away.

In a moment, Gong Tianhao's brain spun. He decided he had to win over the child's mother first. Of course, to do that, he had to make sure Xiao Lingyu wouldn't be with another man.

Yan Siming was a strong opponent because he had helped Xiao Lingyu and her family several times.

Gong Tianhao had no choice but to destroy Yan Siming's image and lower the man's impression in Xiao Lingyu's heart.

Only by having Yan Siming out of the picture that he'd have a chance.

Gong Tianhao wasn't being despicable. He was only telling the truth... well, slightly exaggerated truth.

Gong Tianhao had no idea if his tactic worked or not.

What he knew now was that he had to treat Xiao Lingyu seriously to win her heart.

Chapter 237: Yan Siming VS Gong Tianhao

"Chief, Chief!"

Just as Old Master Gong was about to fall asleep, he heard Xiao Wang's call.

He knew that his brat had arrived.

He immediately opened his eyes and looked outside. He asked, "Xiao Wang, what time is it now?"

Xiao Wang immediately replied, "Chief, it's nine o'clock in the morning!"

"Nine in the morning!" Old Master Gong immediately asked, "Is the brat here?"

Xiao Wang hesitated for a moment before replying, "The eldest young master is at Taoyuan Village, but he went to find Xiao Lingyu and hasn't arrived here."

"What?" Old Master Gong immediately sat up from the bed and asked in disbelief, "Xiao Wang, are you sure? That brat really went to look for Lingyu?"

Xiao Wang said earnestly, "Chief, I'm sure. The moment eldest young master entered the village, the villagers noticed him. Many villagers saw him go directly to the Xiao family."

Xiao Wang helped Old Master Gong up and asked in puzzlement, "Chief, why did eldest young master go to the Xiao family in such a hurry? Could it be because of those five thousand cattles of strawberries?"

But it couldn't be.

His eldest young master was someone who did big business. 5000 catties of strawberries was nothing. He didn't even need to come in person. Old Master Gong could negotiate everything for him, and the negotiation was successful.

Xiao Wang was confused.

On the other hand, when Old Master Gong heard this, he fell silent. His expression became serious, and his brows furrowed slightly.

Then, his voice became a little stern as he said, "Since he went to look for Xiao Lingyu, he should be back in a while. Let's wait at home."

Xiao Wang nodded.

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When Yan Siming heard Gong Tianhao's excuse, he said with a smile, "Mr. Gong is a big businessman. To think that he would come here just for a little strawberry is really admirable."

Gong Tianhao examined Xiao Lingyu's reaction first. When he noticed the lack of expression on her face, he felt a little disappointed, but at the same time, he secretly let out a sigh of relief.

It meant that woman wasn't after power.

Then again, she could have found out about his identity from the hotel that day. The hotelier would have told her. However, Xiao Lingyu did not do that.

With her pregnancy, she could force her way into the Gong Family. However, she didn't do that either.

The first time she met, she recognized his limited edition car and him in the backseat. If she were after his money and influence, she would use that opportunity to get close to him. However, she didn't.

If anything, she tried her best to stay away from him.

Thinking of this, Gong Tianhao didn't know whether to laugh or cry. He would have to work hard to win over the mother of his child.

Gong Tianhao's handsome face was expressionless. He said indifferently, "There is no big or small business. Every business is important."

Yan Siming, "..."

After a short exchange of blows, Yan Siming realized that Gong Tianhao was indeed worthy of being the richest man in charge of the country's largest enterprise. His skin was thick enough!

Could this be the difference between himself and Gong Tianhao?

Yan Siming was a little sad. But he quickly picked himself up.

This man had inexplicably become his number one love rival. Gong Tianhao was powerful, but he couldn't admit defeat so easily.

Yan Siming's bewitching face smiled and asked, "Mr. Gong, nice to meet you. It just so happens that I also want to talk to Lingyu about buying strawberries. Why don't we sit down and talk together?!"

Then, he glanced at the suitcase beside Gong Tianhao. "Mr. Gong, Lingyu said your grandfather lives here. Are you sure that you don't want to go visit him first?" He was reminding Gong Tianhao that Old Master Gong would not be happy to know if he had been placed lower than Xiao Lingyu.

Of course, Yan Siming wasn't reminding him out of kindness. He just didn't want Gong Tianhao to have too much contact with Xiao Lingyu.

Furthermore, he knew the Gong Family wouldn't accept a woman pregnant with an illegitimate child as their daughter-in-law.

'One moment...' Yan Siming suddenly realized something. 'If Gong Tianhao's target is also Xiao Lingyu, how can he not notice that she's pregnant? He is the young master of a noble family in the capital. How can he run to the countryside and marry a woman who is pregnant with another man's child? Will his family allow him?

'Unless, of course, he only wants Xiao Lingyu to be his mistress. He doesn't want her as a wife.'

At the thought of this, Yan Siming suddenly had a feeling that there might be a silver lining.

Because it was obvious that with Xiao Lingyu's pride, she would never agree to be a man's lover.

Otherwise, she would have already agreed when they were at City Z.

On top of that, he heard that Xiao Lingyu's strawberries and vegetables had been sold for two to three million RMB. If this continued, it should not be a problem for her to earn more than ten million a year. She was becoming a rich woman. Why would she settle to be another man's mistress?

'Why didn't I think of that earlier? I was being dumb too. Most mistresses were after the rich man's money and power. It was foolish of me to ask Xiao Lingyu to be my mistress.'

For a moment, Yan Siming's uncertainty about his feelings made him confused. He had no idea what position Xiao Lingyu really occupied in his heart.

However, there was a voice that kept telling him that he could not give up just like that. Otherwise, he would regret it for the rest of his life.

Yan Siming's thoughts spun. His heart was at a loss. Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu didn't know about all these.

Gong Tianhao glanced at Yan Siming and said coldly, "This has nothing to do with President Yan."

Yan Siming, "..."

Gong Tianhao reminded him, "I'll say it one more time. Get out of my way!"

It was just a simple sentence, but it was overbearing like an order from a King!

He only wanted to talk to Xiao Lingyu. He couldn't let this man block his way.

Of course, Yan Siming wasn't weak. He didn't give up Xiao Lingyu just because of Gong Tianhao's words.

He still stood firmly in front of Xiao Lingyu.

Gong Tianhao narrowed his eyes and shot a sharp gaze at Yan Siming. He frowned and was very dissatisfied.

Just as Gong Tianhao was about to step forward and push Yan Siming away, Xiao Lingyu, who was standing behind Yan Siming, sighed lightly and said, "Brother Yan, step aside. Young Master Gong isn't going to eat me. There's no need to be so defensive."

Xiao Lingyu was no fool. She could see the competition between these two men. However, what she was concerned about was only Xiao Tong.

Nothing was more important than Xiao Tong.

She did not know why Gong Tianhao suddenly came here to look for her, but her instincts told her that this was not something she was happy to see, nor was it something she wanted.

Yan Siming backed out unwillingly, but he stood beside Xiao Lingyu protectively.

He whispered to her, "This man is a big business owner. Rumor has it that he is a cold, heartless, and ruthless man. He must have a motive for coming to look for you. You have to be careful and don't fall for his tricks."

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Yan Siming's whisper was loud enough that he made sure Gong Tianhao could hear him. Gong Tianhao had underestimated this Yan Siming.

When Yan Siming said this, he was a little pleased with himself. 'Since you can use libel, why can't I?'

Yan Siming told Xiao Lingyu about the rumors he had heard about Gong Tianhao. Like Gong Tianhao, he was only telling the truth...

Gong Tianhao's deep and sharp gaze swept across Yan Siming.

'This man...'

Then, he saw Xiao Lingyu nod and say, "Brother Yan, you're worried for nothing. Why would Young Master be attached to a common woman like me?"

"What do you mean?" Yan Siming was a little puzzled.

Young Master Gong's brows were also slightly furrowed.

"I have no power, no status, no looks, and no figure! I am as common as they come." Xiao Lingyu explained calmly.

Chairman Yan and Young Master Gong, "..."

It was true that Xiao Lingyu didn't have power and status, but no looks and no figure? That was a lie.

Yan Siming had seen Xiao Lingyu without her glasses. She had a delicate appearance and a kind of self-confident, pure, and proud beauty.

Of course, Gong Tianhao knew Xiao Lingyu was underselling herself.

That night, although it was a little dark, and Xiao Lingyu was wearing a pair of large goggles, when Gong Tianhao's hand touched her, he could feel that her skin was smooth and tender. When she leaned into his embrace, it was soft and warm.

Love at first sight happens because of a person's looks. The two men didn't fall in love with Xiao Lingyu at first sight, but they were impressed by her appearance.

Otherwise, Yan Siming wouldn't have bought a large company for her. He still remembered her after all these months because she was a beautiful and proud woman! Would he have cared if she was an ugly woman?

Gong Tianhao didn't place that much emphasis on a woman's appearance, but who didn't like beauty?

It might be superficial, but the two men liked Xiao Lingyu because of her appearance. However, the real reason that really drew them in was Xiao Lingyu's personality and charm.

When Xiao Lingyu claimed that she was just a common girl, they really didn't know what to say. A woman's heart was so hard to read!

They didn't want to say something to offend her.

Gong Tianhao coughed. "You might be a common woman, but someone will still like you!"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Yan Siming, "...". He was so shocked by Gong Tianhao's reply. That was not the correct way to talk to a woman. Yan Siming had many experiences around women. He knew that they liked to hear praises.

Gong Tianhao didn't praise her but instead confirmed that Xiao Lingyu was indeed a common woman. Some would see that as an insult.

Yan Siming chuckled, "Mr. Gong, it looks like you need to have your eyes checked. How is my Lingyu a common woman?"

Gong Tianhao answered seriously, "My eyes are normal. And when is she your woman?"

Yan Siming, "...". He really had trouble conversing with Gong Tianhao. He would answer every question with a question. Yan Siming glanced at Xiao Lingyu. She didn't appear to be offended by Gong Tianhao's words.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Mr. Gong, you've been rushing for a whole day already. Why don't you sit down and take a rest? My family only has some ordinary tea and fruits. I hope you don't mind."

Gong Tianhao placed his suitcase to the side and his suit on top of the suitcase. Then, he sat at the stone table.

Xiao Lingyu didn't say anything and returned to the house.

After Xiao Lingyu left, Yan Siming stretched out his hand and said with a faint smile, "Mr. Gong, nice to meet you!"

Gong Tianhao said indifferently, "Nice to meet you!"

"I'll get straight to the point." Yan Siming's smile immediately turned serious. He said, "No matter Xiao Lingyu agrees to be my woman or not, I won't allow any man to hurt her again.

"So, Mr. Gong, what is your motive? Your reason for coming here for the strawberries can only fool an idiot. Xiao Lingyu, and I definitely don't believe it."

Gong Tianhao smiled coldly and immediately asked, "Then what do you think my motive is?"

Yan Siming, "..."

'Can't we have a normal conversation? Must you do this every time?'

But Yan Siming had to admit that this was a very effective trick. Yan Siming had never been so aggrieved.

Yan Siming didn't beat around the bush. He sneered and said, "So are you here to pursue Xiao Lingyu?"

"If you think I am, then I am." Gong Tianhao said lightly.

Yan Siming, "...". He really wanted to slap this man.

Chapter 238: Fight

Little did Yan Siming and Gong Tianhao know that Xiao Lingyu, who had walked into the house, could hear their conversation clearly.

When Xiao Lingyu heard Yan Siming asking Gong Tianhao if he was pursuing her, her heart was in her throat. Her face revealed a look of panic and uneasiness. She clenched the teacup tightly.

Crack!

The sound of the teacup shattering!

Clang!

The sound of the teacup falling to the ground!

Xiao Lingyu crushed the cup. When Xiao Lingyu noticed it, cracks had spread across the entire cup like a spider web.

She was shocked, and the cup in her hands fell to the ground. 'When did a teacup become so fragile? Or have I become stronger?'

The two men outside heard the sound and looked at each other. Then, they rushed into the house, looking nervous.

After all, Xiao Lingyu was a pregnant woman with a baby.

"Lingyu, what's wrong?" Yan Siming asked anxiously before he even entered the house.

Xiao Lingyu was woken up by Yan Siming's voice. She was still a little confused and uneasy. When the two men saw her expression, they thought that she had gotten into an accident. After all, they knew how much she loved her child in the belly.

Yan Siming immediately comforted her, "Lingyu, don't panic. Everything is fine now."

Gong Tianhao frowned as he looked at the fragments on the ground. Then, he said, "Stand there and don't move!"

Xiao Lingyu was carrying his child.

It was difficult to avoid these fragments, so he had to clean them up first. He looked around, but he did not find a broom. Then, he asked, "Where is the broom?"

"..." Xiao Lingyu pointed to a corner outside the house and said, "The broom is in the left corner!"

Gong Tianhao, "..." The rural people used plants to make brooms. They used sorghum rods, bamboo branches, and so on. They were environmentally friendly and economically friendly. If they broke, the people could make another one.

However, there were two kinds of brooms. The bamboo brooms had softer reeds, so they were used to sweep the outdoors. The iron rods brooms were sturdier, and they were used indoors.

However, Gong Tianhao didn't know these things. He walked to the corner and eliminated items like sickles, shovels, and woodcutters. There were two brooms left. He picked up the larger one and entered the house.

Xiao Lingyu, "..." That's a bamboo broom. It won't even move the debris on the floor.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Young Master Gong, this one is used to sweep the courtyard. You need the smaller one."

Gong Tianhao, "..." He thought the larger, the better.

Yan Siming immediately sneered and said, "Mr. Gong, if you don't know these things, you should just ask. Why do you have to be so arrogant? Don't you feel..." ashamed? He didn't finish the sentence, but everyone knew his meaning.

Gong Tianhao glared at him with his sharp eyes and didn't say anything. He just silently swapped the brooms. Then, he started cleaning.

Clang! Because he hadn't done any housework before, he didn't know how to control his force. The iron rods of the broom sent the porcelain pieces flying. They shattered against the wall into smaller pieces. It was like he was playing hockey than cleaning.

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Yan Siming, "..."

Gong Tianhao couldn't be blamed. He always had someone to do these things for him.

Yan Siming laughed. "I say, Mr. Gong, what are you doing? Aren't you supposed to be cleaning up? But you're making more trash instead."

Gong Tianhao ignored Yan Siming's mockery. He lowered his head again and studied the broom.

Xiao Lingyu was moved for a moment when she saw how serious Gong Tianhao was. The young master was actually seriously studying the broom. He did this because she wouldn't have to step on the glass shards accidentally.

She wondered if she was the only woman who had received such treatment from him. Then, she immediately shook her head to clear her thoughts.

Xiao Lingyu took a deep breath and pointed out, "Young Master Gong, you used too much strength just now."

Gong Tianhao's eyes immediately lit up, and he looked at Xiao Lingyu with starry eyes. He was like a child who had received encouragement.

He reminded her so much of...

Xiao Lingyu rubbed her eyes. When she looked up, Gong Tianhao was back to sweeping the floor.

Dang!

The ceramic dust once again filled the sky!

Xiao Lingyu inhaled the dust and could not help but cough.

Yan Siming heard this and immediately walked over. He ignored the pieces on the ground. He patted her back and asked with concern, "Lingyu, are you okay?"

Then, he turned to Gong Tianhao, "Mr. Gong, if you don't know how to sweep the floor, then don't do it. Look at the dust that covered the entire room. Lingyu is choking on it."

Gong Tianhao looked at Xiao Lingyu, who was coughing violently, and his brows furrowed tightly. Then, he placed the broom on the floor and walked over.

Yan Siming was shocked and asked, "What are you doing?"

Gong Tianhao bent down and carried Xiao Lingyu in a princess hug.

"Ah!" Xiao Lingyu's feet suddenly left the ground, and she immediately hugged Gong Tianhao's neck.

Yan Siming was stunned, and then he was annoyed.

Why didn't he think of this before?

Gong Tianhao had gained close contact with her. Carrying her, Gong Tianhao strode out. Xiao Lingyu raised her head and saw Gong Tianhao's slender neck, the perfect curve of his side profile, his sharp and strong facial features, and his dark and mysterious eyes.

This man was too perfect.

Not only was this man powerful and rich, but he was also handsome and had a slender figure.

Xiao Lingyu did not dare to imagine that this kind of man actually came to Taoyuan Village to pursue her.

Gong Tianhao carried her out and placed her on the recliner. Then, he poured Xiao Lingyu a glass of water and handed it to Xiao Lingyu. He said softly, "Drink some water and rinse your mouth! There was dust in your mouth just now."

Xiao Lingyu took the glass, "Thank you!"

Yan Siming walked up to her and immediately complained, "Lingyu, he did it on purpose, didn't he? He just wanted to take advantage of you."

"..." Gong Tianhao said indifferently, "Then why didn't you offer to sweep the floor? You could have gotten the chance to hug her too."

Yan Siming, "..."

Yan Siming was always eloquent, but when he faced Gong Tianhao, he was rebuked until he was speechless.

Xiao Lingyu blushed. Why were they talking like this when she was right there? Did they even consider her feelings?

Xiao Lingyu said, "Brother Yan, you said before that Young Master Gong is the boss of a big business. He has maids and nannies at home, so it's normal that he doesn't know how to clean."

When Gong Tianhao heard this, the corners of his lips curled up, and he looked very happy. Then, he looked at Yan Siming and said, "From what Chairman Yan said, he should know how to clean the floor. Then, please clean up the house."

Yan Siming was dumbfounded.

He also had many servants and nannies since he was young. He had not done any housework either. Therefore, he also didn't know how to clean.

However, he had just mocked Gong Tianhao. If he told them he also didn't know how to use the broom, he would be teased by Gong Tianhao. But, if he went in to clean, he would make the same mistake as Gong Tianhao. Gong Tianhao would tease him too.

Yan Siming was at a loss. He was caught between a rock and a hard place.

Gong Tianhao's sharp eyes stared at Yan Siming. The corner of his lips curled up again. However, this time, the curve was just a taunt.

Yan Siming had taunted him several times and ruined his image in front of Xiao Lingyu. He was taking revenge.

At that moment, footsteps came from outside the courtyard.

Yan Siming looked outside and saw that Mother Xiao and Father Xiao had returned. He turned around and went back into the house to pick up the broom.

Mother Xiao and Father Xiao walked into the courtyard. They were shocked to see Gong Tianhao.

“Young Master Gong, why are you here?” Mother Xiao asked with a smile.

She and Father Xiao heard from Xiao Xiaohui that Yan Siming had arrived at Taoyuan Village.

Yan Siming was a great benefactor who had helped their family. Therefore, they purposely came back to receive him. However, they didn’t expect to run into Gong Tianhao.

Gong Tianhao was also the Xiao family’s benefactor. He had once saved Xiao Lingyu’s life and was also the benefactor of the Taoyuan Village. They couldn’t neglect him either.

“Uncle, Auntie!” Gong Tianhao called out politely.

Mother Xiao smiled and said, “Young Master Gong, just sit in this courtyard for a while. I’ll prepare some food. Dear, you should accompany Young Master Gong.”

However, she suddenly remembered. “Right, where’s Mr. Yan?” Mother Xiao asked. Then, she heard a man’s cough coming from inside the house.

Mother Xiao immediately noticed Yan Siming and walked over.

She saw Yan Siming covering his mouth and coughing non-stop. He was holding a broom in his hand. Then, she noticed the debris on the ground.

Mother Xiao immediately asked with concern, “Mr. Yan, are you okay? You’re a guest. How can I let you clean the house? Go and rest!”

Yan Siming coughed until his face was a little red. He said apologetically, “I’m sorry, Auntie. I wanted to help clean up so that Lingyu wouldn’t be injured. I didn’t expect that such a simple task would be so difficult to do.”

Mother Xiao smiled kindly, “Mr. Yan, you’re so considerate. But you shouldn’t be doing things like this. You should go outside and chat with them. Leave this to me.”

Yan Siming was obviously a little embarrassed as he said, “Auntie, why don’t I finish sweeping the floor first?”

Mother Xiao smiled and said, “I’m afraid you’re only giving me more jobs by doing that! Auntie is a quick worker. Don’t worry about me. Plus, as I said, you’re a guest. How can I ask you to work for me?”

Mother Xiao gently pushed Yan Siming out.

Mother Xiao smiled and thought to herself, ‘This young master Yan is really a good man.’

After Gong Tianhao greeted Father Xiao, he looked up and saw Yan Siming walking out of the house with a smug look on his face. At the same time, he also noticed the approving look on Mother Xiao’s face. Gong Tianhao’s hand that held the teacup tightened.

He had really underestimated Yan Siming. The man was real cunning.

Yan Siming greeted father Xiao, “Uncle!” Then he said, “Uncle, it’s only been a while, but you look better. You look much younger than before. Uncle, how have you been?”

Yan Siming was telling the truth.

When Yan Siming saw Father Xiao last, he was injured.

Father Xiao smiled and said, "Thanks to you, Mr. Yan, I was able to receive treatment in time."

Yan Siming nodded with a smile and said, "That's good. I've been busy these days and haven't had the chance to visit you and Auntie."

"You're too kind, Mr. Yan. Our family will always remember your kindness." Father Xiao smiled and said, "Without you, a bigger tragedy would have befallen this family."

Yan Siming smiled and said, "Uncle, you are too kind. Lingyu and I are friends. I couldn't just stand by and watch her family gets bullied."

"Mr. Yan is so nice!" Mother Xiao already brought out a few teacups and filled them with tea. Then, she continued to praise him, "Mr. Yan is handsome. He is also a good person. He has a kind heart too. He is a very good man."

Gong Tianhao's eyes darkened when he heard Mother Xiao and Father Xiao shower the praises on Yan Siming.

He took a sip of tea and said with a smile, "That's right. Mr. Yan is indeed a very good man. The women know that too. I heard that the socialites in City Z are proud to have slept with Mr. Yan."

Ouch! Now, that was a below-the-belt hit!

Chapter 239: Thick-Skinned

Gong Tianhao's jab ruined the great effort Yan Siming had made.

Mother Xiao's gaze sharpened with vigilance. She smiled a little stiffly and said, "Oh, is that so? Then Mr. Yan is really lucky."

After that, she put down the teapot and turned around to clean the house.

The corner of Yan Siming's mouth twitched. 'This Gong Tianhao sure is ruthless. The rumors say he is black-hearted. It looks like it's true. With a simple jab, he destroyed the good image I've tried so hard to cultivate.'

He really wanted to give Gong Tianhao's indifferent and cold face a hard slap.

However, he was still rational. He wouldn't fall for his trap. If he really slapped Gong Tianhao, people would think he was angry because Gong Tianhao had exposed him. He didn't want to be misunderstood by Mother and Father Xiao.

After all, which parent would want their daughter to marry a man who had slept with countless women? That was no different from destroying their daughter.

Yan Siming took a deep breath and then explained with a smile, "Uncle, that is not true. It's all rumors."

Father Xiao smiled. "Mr. Yan, you're a man of great status. It's normal that many women favor you."

Yan Siming, "...” He wanted to cry. ‘You say that now but I know you think it’s not normal!’

Yan Siming subconsciously turned to Xiao Lingyu. Xiao Lingyu was sitting on her recliner with her head slightly lowered, drinking water. He could see that the corner of her mouth was twitching slightly.

She was smiling!

Yan Siming was a little annoyed. He knew his explanation wouldn’t be heeded. He and Xiao Lingyu were only friends. They didn’t talk much about each other romantic affairs.

Gong Tianhao looked at Yan Siming’s annoyed expression and smiled as he sipped his tea. He was obviously satisfied with the result.

At this moment, Father Xiao noticed a suitcase beside Gong Tianhao. He asked curiously, “Whose suitcase is this?”

Gong Tianhao put down his cup and said, “Uncle, it’s mine.”

Father Xiao asked. “Young Master Gong, did you come to our house as soon as you came to Taoyuan Village? Didn’t you go back to see your grandfather first?”

Yan Siming smiled when he heard that. ‘You’ve stabbed me in the back earlier. This is my time to shine!’

In the countryside, filial piety was very important. The fact that Gong Tianhao didn’t go to greet his grandfather the moment he arrived would be seen as disrespectful.

Gong Tianhao glanced at Yan Siming from the corner of his eyes and then said softly, “Uncle, I was going to visit my grandfather first before coming here.

“However, I was shocked by the sales of your strawberries. So I rushed over here first to negotiate this deal.”

Yan Siming spat out the tea. ‘Damn, Gong Tianhao is so thick-skinned. How can he use the same reason he used on them on Father Xiao?’

Father Xiao frowned slightly and said with some doubt, “Young Master Gong, hasn’t the old master already negotiated the business deal? Why do you need to come over personally to discuss it? Did the old master miss out on some details?”

The honest Father Xiao didn’t think this was an excuse created by Gong Tianhao. He really thought that Gong Tianhao had come here for that business deal.

After all, the old master had bought the strawberries for 200 RMB per catty. That was very high. They had sold him 5000 catties, and that was one million RMB. For Father Xiao, the one-million transaction was a big deal. If there was a mistake, it was understandable that the other party would rush over in a hurry. Father Xiao didn’t fully comprehend the background of Young Master Gong.

Young Master Gong had business all over the world. His business deals were in hundreds of millions. For him, any deals below thirty million were small businesses. Most of his businesses were calculated in terms of tens of billions.

Of course, Father Xiao didn’t know that.

At this moment, Yan Siming said, "Uncle, you probably don't know this. Young Master Gong is the boss of a big company. Every single one of his businesses is calculated in terms of hundreds of millions."

Therefore, he didn't need to take your transaction of one million seriously. He came here for another purpose.

Of course, Yan Siming didn't expose Gong Tianhao's real purpose. What if Father Xiao and Mother Xiao turned out to like Gong Tianhao more?

Therefore, he only insinuated that Gong Tianhao had an ulterior motive.

When Father Xiao heard Gong Tianhao was a big boss who dealt with 100 million deals every day, the cup in his hand almost fell to the ground. His eyes were wide open, and his expression was one of disbelief.

Father Xiao said in shock, "Business deals worth 100 million?"

The richest person Father Xiao knew came from his family. In just a few short months, they had earned two to three million RMB.

How big must the business be to have deals of a hundred million daily? And how powerful must the boss be?

No wonder Gong Tianhao had paid for the road construction in Taoyuan Village. He paid thousands without even batting an eye.

Old Master Gong also offered a very high price when he bought the villagers' mountain flowers.

Only now did Father Xiao know it was because the Gong Family wasn't short of money.

Father Xiao's gaze became a little complicated. 'Young Master Gong and Old Master Gong are really good people. They've come to help the people of Taoyuan Village without asking for anything in return.'

His impression of Gong Tianhao improved drastically.

However, Father Xiao was also a very reserved person. Gong Tianhao and Yan Siming didn't notice the change in his expression. They assumed Father Xiao was still shocked by the exposure of Gong Tianhao's real identity.

Yan Siming smiled as he looked at Gong Tianhao. Now, he wanted to see how this thick-skinned person would explain running over to Xiao Lingyu before visiting his grandfather.

No father would like a man with ulterior motives surrounding his daughter.

Gong Tianhao's sharp gaze once again shot towards Yan Siming. Then, he said to father Xiao with a mature and calm expression, "Uncle, when it comes to business, there are no small matters. A big business is a business, and a small business is also a business. Whether it's a business worth hundreds of millions or a business worth millions, to me, it's all business. I will take all of them seriously."

Hearing Gong Tianhao's reply, Yan Siming wanted to stomp his feet. Gong Tianhao's skin was thicker than the city walls! He was using the same excuse.

This worked because the Xiao Family was too innocent. They would believe everything Gong Tianhao said. If this were someone more worldly, Gong Tianhao's excuses wouldn't work.

After she was carried out by Gong Tianhao, Xiao Lingyu had been acting like a quiet pregnant woman. She ate, drank, and listened quietly. When she heard Gong Tianhao use the same excuses and explanations to deceive her parents, the corners of her mouth kept twitching.

She was calling Gong Tianhao thick-skinned in her heart like Yan Siming as well.

Father Xiao did not doubt Gong Tianhao's words. On the contrary, he was very satisfied with Gong Tianhao's serious attitude.

Father Xiao smiled and said, "Oh, I see." Then, he asked, "Young Master Gong, then is there anything wrong with our business deal that you have to rush over so quickly?"

Gong Tianhao shook his head and said, "Uncle, there is nothing wrong. My grandfather set the price, so I have no objections. However, I want to order more strawberries as rewards for my company employees." Gong Tianhao was very satisfied with this excuse.

"This..." Father Xiao hesitated for a moment, then looked at Xiao Lingyu and asked, "Yu 'Er, what do you think?" Xiao Lingyu was still the one in charge when it came to business.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "I'm sorry, Young Master Gong. The 5000 catties of strawberries that I gave you is already my limit. I still have to use the remaining strawberries to open up more markets and sales."

Father Xiao nodded and replied, "That's right. We have already told the old master about that."

Xiao Lingyu continued, "Mr. Gong, if you need the strawberries, you'll need to wait for the next batch of harvest."

Gong Tianhao nodded. "Mm, alright then." His goal was to meet Xiao Lingyu and her child, not to really discuss business. However, he had to act accordingly for now.

Father Xiao smiled in satisfaction and said, "Young Master Gong is very understanding."

Yan Siming felt sour hearing this.

He finally cleared his mind and confessed to Xiao Lingyu. But he had to run into Gong Tianhao. To make matters worse, Gong Tianhao turned out to be his love rival.

In terms of wealth, Gong Tianhao was clearly richer. In terms of appearance, they were not far off. However, Gong Tianhao was handsome and masculine.

In contrast, Yan Siming was more beautiful than handsome. He had attracted some men in the past. Any men who made a pass at him would be given a stern warning. He had to admit he had lost to Gong Tianhao in this matter.

Yan Siming was immersed in his own thoughts, and no one noticed what he was thinking.

Father Xiao began, "Young Master Gong..."

Gong Tianhao suddenly said, "Uncle, we're already so familiar with each other. Call me Tianhao. Putting aside business matters, your whole family takes care of my grandfather like family. Uncle and Auntie always call me Young Master Gong. If my grandfather finds out, I'll be lectured."

He didn't like them calling him Young Master Gong. It sounded so polite. Mother Xiao and Father Xiao would be his in-laws and his children's grandparents in the future. Of course he needed to be closer to them.

Yan Siming, "..."

'Taking an inch and asking for a mile! The man is really thick-skinned!'

Yan Siming immediately cut in. "Uncle, you can call me Siming too. We're already so familiar with each other. Besides, you're Lingyu's parents and my elders. I feel strange when I hear you call me Mr. Yan."

Before Yan Siming could finish his words, Gong Tianhao's sharp gaze shot over.

Yan Siming immediately raised his eyebrows, looking rather provocative.

Father Xiao nodded and said, "Since you two young people give us face, then I won't stand on ceremony." They were just ordinary people.

Gong Tianhao and Yan Siming replied in unison, "Uncle, just treat us like your juniors."

The two glanced at each other and then turned their heads away with a huff.

Father Xiao, "..."

What's wrong with these two?

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

How childish!

Chapter 240: Speechless Gong Tianhao

Gong Tianhao left after chatting with Father Xiao for a while.

He didn't go back to report to his grandfather as soon as he arrived at Taoyuan Village. Instead, he went straight to the Xiao family home. His grandfather must be stewing in anger.

He had to go back and explain as soon as possible. Otherwise, it would be a big problem if there was a misunderstanding between his grandfather and Xiao Lingyu.

Father Xiao chatted happily with Gong Tianhao. When Gong Tianhao left, he said, "Tianhao, make sure that you invite your grandfather and Xiao Wang, Xiao Zhang, and the others over for a meal later."

Gong Tianhao nodded and replied, "Okay!"

His grandfather liked to eat Auntie's cooking, so he would definitely come over as soon as he was called.

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After knowing that Gong Tianhao went directly to the Xiao family, Old Master Gong sat in the living room with an imposing manner and a serious expression.

Seeing this, Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other and knew that the old chief was unhappy. Then again, the eldest young master was at fault.

They had received a call from Assistant Li that the eldest young master was going to give their old chief a surprise. But it seemed like the eldest young master went to give the Xiao Family the surprise first.

Xiao Wang looked at his watch. It was already past ten o'clock.

The eldest young master arrived at Taoyuan Village before eight o'clock. He had already stayed at the Xiao family for more than two hours. What exactly was it that made the eldest young master so patient to stay there for more than two hours?

Xiao Wang moved his feet and walked towards the old master. He asked carefully, "Chief, why don't we go to the Xiao family and have a look!"

Old Master liked to visit the Xiao Family. Even if he was angry, he shouldn't vent his anger on the Xiao Family. He would only be angry at the eldest young master.

"I'm not going!" Old Master Gong replied coldly.

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at each other again.

Their old chief was really angry this time. Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang didn't want to get into trouble, so they could only stand by the side and wait!

Fortunately, they didn't have to wait for long before Gong Tianhao came back with a suitcase in his hand.

When Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang saw him, their eyes lit up.

"Eldest young master!" The two of them called out respectfully.

Gong Tianhao grunted indifferently.

Xiao Wang reminded Gong Tianhao, "Eldest young master, the chief is..."

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "I know. You can leave now."

"Yes!"

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang left so that the grandfather and grandson could converse in private.

Before they left, they took Gong Tianhao's luggage and coat with them.

After there was no one else, Gong Tianhao called out, "Grandfather, I'm here!"

Old Master Gong snorted coldly and said sternly, "So you still remember I'm your grandfather. I thought you only remember that girl, Xiao Lingyu."

When Gong Tianhao heard this, he smiled and said, "Grandfather, have you already known?"

Old Master Gong said sternly, "I'm your grandfather. How could I not know what you've done?"

"Grandfather!" Gong Tianhao called out endearingly.

"Stop that." Old Master Gong waved his hand and said, "Tell me the truth. Have you taken a fancy to that lass, Lingyu?"

Otherwise, what reason would his grandson have to run towards the Xiao family as soon as he arrived at Taoyuan Village?

"Yes!" Gong Tianhao didn't deny it.

"Bastard!" Grandfather Gong scolded sternly, "Gong Tianhao, do you know what you're doing?"

"I do!" Gong Tianhao's cold expression was also unusually serious.

"Do you?" Grandfather Gong asked sternly, "Don't you know that what you're doing will cause the Gong Family to lose face?" Xiao Lingyu was pregnant with a child, and the father of the child was unknown. If she married Gong Tianhao, who was going to raise that illegitimate child?

His Hao 'Er? This would be a joke at the capital.

Gong Tianhao disapproved.

He asked in an unusually serious tone, "Grandfather, is the Gong Family's face more important than your grandson's happiness?"

Old Master Gong, "... " This brat.

After a moment of silence, Old Master Gong asked, "Hao 'Er, tell me, are you serious about Lingyu?"

"Of course!" Gong Tianhao was unwilling to lie to Old Master Gong and said honestly, "Grandfather, I came to Taoyuan Village this time to pursue Xiao Lingyu. I might even need grandfather's help!"

When Grandfather Gong heard this, he was in disbelief. He widened his eyes and said, "You're asking your grandfather for help? Are you crazy? Do you want me to ruin the family's reputation?"

Gong Tianhao, "... "

Gong Tianhao took a deep breath and threw an atomic bomb at Grandfather Gong.

"Grandfather, I'm afraid I really need your help!" Gong Tianhao said, "Because the child in Xiao Lingyu's stomach is my son, my biological son, and also your great-grandson, your biological great-grandson!"

"What?" After hearing that, Grandfather Gong stood up from his seat in shock. He looked very excited and asked while suppressing his emotions, "Hao 'Er, is what you said true? The child in Lingyu's stomach is your son, my great-grandson. You aren't lying to me, are you?"

This wasn't a dream, right? A moment ago, he was still worried about his grandson's marriage. The next moment, he was told that not only did he have a granddaughter-in-law, he even had a great-grandson. Was this the surprise Li Yuanhang was talking about?

Gong Tianhao said, "Grandfather, I'm not lying to you. Everything I said is true. The child in Xiao Lingyu's stomach is my biological son. After I received this news, I rushed here as fast as I could because I wanted to take a look at the mother and child."

At this moment, Old Master Gong could no longer suppress his excitement. He laughed out loud happily, "Haha. Good. This is wonderful. I didn't expect to live to see my great-grandson and granddaughter-in-law. I can die happy now."

"Grandfather, what are you talking about? You're not going to die!" When Gong Tianhao heard that, he was scared. He reminded his grandfather, "Grandpa, now you have a granddaughter-in-law and a great-grandson. You should stick around to watch your great-grandson grow up healthily."

When Old Master Gong heard this, he immediately nodded and said, "Yes, yes, you're right. I shouldn't have said that. I also want to watch my granddaughter-in-law marry into the Gong Family and watch my great-grandson grow up."

"Yes, Grandpa. You're right." Gong Tianhao was touched. "I hope you can live a long and healthy life so you can enjoy the happiness of a loving family!"

"Hao 'Er, you're correct, of course." Old Master Gong nodded. "I have a granddaughter-in-law and a great-grandson. I should stay to look after my granddaughter-in-law and great-grandson. That way, I'll be able to explain myself to your parents and grandmother."

Gong Tianhao was completely relieved this time. He didn't have to worry about his grandfather suddenly wanting to see his grandmother anymore.

"Oh, right, Hao 'Er, what exactly is going on?" After calming down, Old Master Gong finally thought of asking the truth.

Gong Tianhao didn't hide anything from his grandfather. He started the incident that happened half a year ago in City Z. Gong Tianhao told his grandfather everything.

When Old Master Gong heard this, he raised his walking stick and swept it at Gong Tianhao's back. He scolded, "You Brat, how can you take advantage of the girl and then suspect her of having an ulterior motive?"

Gong Tianhao admitted his mistake decisively and said, "Grandfather, I was wrong!"

His grandfather was right. If he had started the investigation back then, he would have found out Xiao Lingyu was framed and drugged. She didn't have any motive to approach him.

He would then prevent his good brother from falling in love with her. He would find out about Xiao Lingyu's pregnancy earlier too.

Old Master Gong struck him with his cane again and continued, "What's the point of admitting that now? Do you know how many people mocked and criticized that girl? Fortunately, Zhengyang and his wife are good people and truly love their children. Otherwise, you would have caused her death already!"

Gong Tianhao could imagine how many people were mocking and pointing fingers at Xiao Lingyu behind her back.

If Xiao Zhengyang and his wife hadn't tried their best to protect their daughter, Xiao Lingyu might have really taken two lives at once.

"I was wrong!" Gong Tianhao said with regret.

When Old Master Gong was a little tired from beating Gong Tianhao, he panted heavily. Gong Tianhao was immediately worried. He went over and helped Old Master Gong to a chair to sit down. Then, he brought the water to him, "Grandpa, drink some water and rest for a while. You shouldn't get so worked up over my mistake. I'll punish myself. You shouldn't tire yourself out like this."

Old Master Gong drank some water to soothe his breathing.

Old Master Gong waved his hand and said with a smile, "You Brat, I know what you're thinking. You want me to beat you so that you could earn some pity points from Xiao Lingyu, right?"

Gong Tianhao said with a smile, "Grandpa knows me too well."

"Alright. I'm tired, and I don't want to beat you anymore." Old Master Gong asked, "What do you plan to do now? You have a few problems that need to be solved.

"First, there is the issue between you and Jiang Tao. It was Jiang Tao who liked Lingyu first, but you slept with her first and even had a child. Aren't you afraid that Jiang Tao will come after you with a gun?

"The second question is, it's clear that Lingyu is resistant around you. How are you going to win her over?

"The third question is probably the most difficult question for you. When Zhengyang and his wife find out the truth, they'll probably want to kill you. How are you going to solve that?"

At this point, Old Master Gong sighed. Then, he grinned. "So, young man, you have to work hard! Grandpa has big hopes for you. You'll definitely overcome all these obstacles."

Gong Tianhao, "..."

'Grandpa, why are you so happy over my misery? Don't you know that if I can't get a wife, you won't have a granddaughter-in-law and a great-grandson either?'

Gong Tianhao couldn't help but remind him, "Grandfather, you can't just watch the show and not help me. You have to know that if you don't help me, who knows when your granddaughter-in-law will be able to enter the Gong family and when you can hold your great-grandchild?"

Old Master Gong, "... This brat.

Old Master Gong immediately waved his hand and said, "I'm fine with it. I live here now. If I want to see my granddaughter-in-law and my great-grandson, I'll go to the Xiao family.

"As for the matter of my granddaughter-in-law entering the Gong Family, I don't mind waiting. It'll happen sooner or later anyway. I respect her decision.

"But you're different. Who are you? You're Young Master Gong who rules over a big conglomerate. You're always flying all over the world. How would you have the time to win back the girl slowly? Don't you agree with me?"

Gong Tianhao, "..."

Earlier, he had rendered Yan Siming speechless, and now he was given his own medicine.

Gong Tianhao sighed. He expected help from his grandfather but it looked like his grandfather was having more fun hindering him. What should he do?

No one gave him an answer.

"Oh, right." Old Master Gong suddenly stood up and said, "It's almost 11 o'clock now. I'm going to Zhengyang's house to visit my granddaughter-in-law and great-grandson. You, take your time to think about it."

Gong Tian immediately reminded his grandfather with fear, "Grandfather, you can't let the cat out of the bag and scare my future wife away."

Grandfather Gong snorted coldly and said, "Do you think I'm you? I know what I'm doing!"

Gong Tianhao, "...."