

Chapter 291: Being Targeted

After listening to Li Jianmin, Liao Guohui's expression turned greedy. He could not suppress the greed and wildness in his expression. The fervor in his eyes made him want to get his hands on that Little Cattle King right now.

Liao Guohui said excitedly, "Jianmin, you did well. That 40,000 was really worth it. Actually, the person who sold this secret to you for 30,000 was really a fool. This secret is worth 400,000, much less 30,000."

Li Jianmin smiled and said, "Haha. Boss, we were lucky this time. The moment we got off the car, we ran into Xiao Lingyu's enemy." He didn't know the man's history with Xiao Lingyu, and he wasn't interested. In any case, this trip to get the news was really worth it.

Liao Guohui praised, "Jianmin, you did a good job this time. After this investment is successful, I'll promote you to be the vice president of the company. Continue to work hard, and I'll promote you to become the President."

Li Jianmin was pleasantly surprised. His eyes lit up as he said, "Thank you, Boss."

"Go and get someone to come up with a plan. But remember, the matter of the Taoyuan Village's Little Cattle King must not be leaked!" Liao Guohui ordered very seriously, "Also, make sure to remind the other two that this matter must be kept strictly confidential. We will carry out a comprehensive plan to take over Taoyuan Village."

Li Jianmin nodded and replied, "Yes, boss." There was no reason why they should leak such a piece of wonderful news. It would only make others fight them for the golden land that was Taoyuan Village.

After Li Jianmin left, Liao Guohui gently knocked on the table with one hand and patted his thigh with the other. He narrowed his eyes, revealing an insidious light. Initially, he thought it was the soil at Taoyuan Village which allowed the strawberries to grow. However, he now realized the secret was not the soil but the Little Cattle King. This explained why Taoyuan Village suddenly gained a height in popularity. With the Little Cattle King, he could grow wonderful crops wherever he wanted.

The moment he got the Little Cattle King, he would have a monopoly. That meant he could decide the price however he wanted.

National Union Supermarket sold the strawberries for 35 each, and that was a price for normal customers. If he only catered to high-end clientele, he could sell them for 350 each. In fact, these high-class people preferred the more expensive stuff.

Now, he was told that not only the strawberry but also the other crops were special too. For example, the common Chinese cabbage was only sold for a few cents a catty on the market, and the organic and pollution-free green vegetables in the supermarket were sold for several RMB a catty.

However, the vegetables grown in Taoyuan Village could be sold for more than ten RMB a catty, even in that poor little county town. What if he moved them to sell in a big city? The prices would be many times higher!

Thinking of this, Liao Guohui could not suppress the greed in his eyes. He could see himself taking over the high-end agricultural market. He saw large amounts of money entering his pocket.

But he quickly snapped out of it. He didn't have the Little Cattle King yet. However, once he had the Little Cattle King, the days of having a money mountain would not be far away.

Thinking of this, he immediately calmed down. Then, he narrowed his eyes and made a call. After the call was connected, he said, "It's me. I plan to develop Taoyuan Village as a tourism base. Well, I hope you can support me!"

Developing the Taoyuan Village was not his goal. The Little Cattle King was his ultimate goal.

With his current financial strength and the backward economic situation of Xing Yin County, he did not need an investment partner.

Xing Yin County was very willing to welcome him. After all, his investment would boost their county's economy. Therefore, Liao Guohui expected no obstacles from Xing Yin County. He would obtain the greatest benefits at the smallest cost.

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A conference was being held in Xing Yin County.

Lin Fangzhou said excitedly, "It has been confirmed that the Global Tourism Development Company in City Z is planning to develop in Xing Yin County. They have their eyes on the Taoyuan Village."

When the others heard this news, they were also very excited.

Hong Qing, who was in charge of the economy, was the happiest person. This was because if the development of Taoyuan Village were successful, people from all over the country would come to visit. Xing Yin County would become more famous. The influx of foreign funds would raise the overall economic situation of the county. He could see his promotion already.

Hong Qing said happily, "That's great! That's great!"

Qian Guoxin frowned and said, "What is Global Tourism Development Company's plan?"

"How do they plan to relocate the villagers? How will they compensate them? The villagers have settled there for generations. Will they be able to farm their land?"

"Or is the company taking their land from them? But, if that's the case, how will they survive in the future? What is the company's plan?"

Lin Fangming said, "Guoxin, you have very good questions. However, I'm sure Global Tourism Development Company will have a good plan."

Hong Qing nodded and said, "That's right. It's not your responsibility. You don't have to worry about it."

Qian Guoxin said, "County team leader, I know that these matters shouldn't be my responsibility. However, I'm responsible for our county's rural construction planning. Therefore, I think we should deal with these questions first."

Lin Fangzhou thought for a moment and said, "Alright then. I'm sure the people from Global Tourism Development Company will send their proposal over soon. We'll discuss it then."

Qian Guoxin did not have any objections.

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Gong Tianhao frowned slightly after listening to Xiao Zhang's report.

Then, he instructed Xiao Zhang, "Go and find out if Xiao Chengcai said anything he shouldn't have."

Xiao Zhang thought for a moment and said, "He should have. Otherwise, why would those three give him 30,000 RMB? I reckon that 30,000 is to buy the secret of the Little Cattle King."

They had lived in Taoyuan Village for a long time, so they knew that the special crops here had a lot to do with the Little Cattle King.

Gong Tianhao snorted coldly and said, "This Xiao Chengcai really hasn't learned his lesson."

Xiao Zhang asked, "Eldest young master, this secret has already been leaked. What should we do now?" He was clearly a little anxious.

Xiao Lingyu owned Little Cattle King. The people who knew the secret would come after her to get the Little Cattle King.

Gong Tianhao looked at the anxious Xiao Zhang strangely and said, "Xiao Zhang, do you think that your eldest young master doesn't have the ability to protect his woman?"

Xiao Zhang was stunned for a moment before he reacted. Then, he said in embarrassment, "Eldest young master, that's not what I meant."

Gong Tianhao said disdainfully, "In any case, I don't care who they are. As long as I am here, they can forget about hurting my woman." He allowed these people to run rampage for now because he had other plans.

Xiao Zhang asked in puzzlement, "But eldest young master, why aren't you doing anything now?"

Gong Tianhao looked at Xiao Zhang as if he was looking at a fool and said plainly, "Do you think my wife won't find out if I do anything now?"

"Ah?" Xiao Zhang was puzzled.

Gong Tianhao didn't want to explain anymore.

Whether it was Xiao Wang or Xiao Zhang, they were both blank-faced idiots. They knew nothing about how to pursue a girl.

Xiao Zhang rubbed his head foolishly. Gong Tianhao raised his hand to look at the time, then stood up and said, "My wife is waking up."

Xiao Zhang asked, "Young master, when will you marry Miss Xiao into the family and become our Madam?"

“Haven’t you seen the way the villagers look at her? They are saying that Miss Xiao is being shameless and fawning over you.”

At this point, Gong Tianhao said fiercely, “They’ll have their faceslaps sooner or later.”

If Xiao Lingyu was willing to marry him now, he could slap those who mocked Xiao Lingyu in secret.

Xiao Zhang nodded in agreement, “That’s right. Slap their faces.”

Gong Tianhao rolled his eyes and left the courtyard to go to the Xiao family.

Chapter 292: Question

Just as Gong Tianhao knew, Xiao Lingyu had just woken up and was still sitting in the yard in a morning daze.

When Gong Tianhao saw Xiao Lingyu, his heart almost melted.

So cute!

If the mother was so cute, then the child must be like her mother, very cute too.

Gong Tianhao had always believed that the child in Xiao Lingyu’s stomach was a girl. Or rather, he wanted it to be a daughter. He knew that a son would take away his wife’s love and attention.

Therefore, he felt that it was better to have a daughter.

Therefore, the things he prepared were all for girls.

When Old Master Gong saw this, he jumped up and wanted to fight Gong Tianhao to the death.

The Gong family was a small family. No matter what, he definitely wanted the first child to be the eldest grandson of the Gong family. Out of tradition, he wanted boys, but of course, he would love girls too.

Hence, Old Master Gong ordered people to prepare baby products that were all for boys.

This was great. No matter if it was a boy or a girl, they would have everything prepared for them.

When Gong Tianhao thought of this, he curled his lips and looked very happy.

He went into the living room to pour a cup of cold water and brought it to Xiao Lingyu. He said in a gentle tone, “Yu ‘Er, come and drink some water!”

These days, Xiao Lingyu had gotten used to Gong Tianhao helping her.

When she went out for a walk, Gong Tianhao would carefully support her and not let her fall. When she wanted to eat fruit, he would peel the fruit and feed her.

When she was hungry, he would either prepare snacks or cook some simple food for her. The taste was okay, but she knew he had spent a lot of time learning how to cook.

Sometimes, he would even secretly kiss her, sometimes on her forehead, and sometimes on her cheek. One time, she noticed Gong Tianhao was staring burningly at her lips. In that instant, she felt panic, fear, nervousness, and a little anticipation. It was a contradictory feeling.

Gong Tianhao stared at her red lips for a long time. But when he saw the panic in her eyes, he sighed softly and revealed a little disappointment.

He thought Xiao Lingyu would be moved after what he did. However, from the looks of it, this woman's heart seemed to be made of stone. Regardless, he was not going to give up.

He hugged her gently and placed his head on her small shoulders. His warm breath was directed towards Xiao Lingyu's ears, and the tip of her ears turned red instantly.

Gong Tianhao said in a domineering and unyielding tone, "Yu 'Er, I will not touch you before you are ready. However, as I said, you have to get used to me being by your side."

'Do you know how painful it is to see but not touch the person you love? However, Yu 'Er, I know you are hesitant. So I will give you the time you need. However, I hope that you will not make me wait for too long.

'I fear that a long wait might make my primal nature go out of control.'

The way Gong Tianhao stuck around Xiao Lingyu made her put her guard down. This made Xiao Lingyu gradually feel a sense of panic and fear. Habits were a terrifying thing.

It made her unwittingly let down her guard and become accustomed to Gong Tianhao's presence.

Occasionally, she'd wonder if Gong Tianhao was really serious about pursuing her and not just after her child.

However, when this thought came to her mind, she felt that she was very ridiculous.

What kind of person was Gong Tianhao?

He was a single man with money, status, and power. There were many women for him to pick. They were all as beautiful and as slim as supermodels. They were all waiting in line for him to choose them. Why would he fall for a countrywoman like her who had no figure or looks?

Xiao Lingyu was very self-aware.

Since his target was not her, it was obvious that his target was the child in her stomach. After he won her heart, she would willingly give him the child. Then, the Gong Family would be spared the news of having an illegitimate child. Xiao Lingyu knew that Gong Tianhao was only faking kindness towards her.

She was just a country girl. She couldn't understand the power struggle of the powerful and rich. She understood that these people would do anything for their family reputation and face too.

However, since Gong Tianhao didn't expose his true intention, Xiao Lingyu acted dumb too. While she enjoyed Gong Tianhao's service, she was also on full alert.

Xiao Lingyu felt very tired. Sometimes, she wanted to let go and make a bet that Gong Tianhao was treating her sincerely. However, she knew that she couldn't face the consequences. She couldn't bet with Xiao Tong's life.

Before the truth was exposed, things would carry on as it was.

When Gong Tianhao handed the cup to her, his eyes darkened when he saw her lowered eyelids.

Then, he pretended to ask casually, "Yu 'Er, what are you thinking about? Why are you thinking so seriously?"

Xiao Lingyu replied casually, "I was thinking that habits can be a very terrifying thing."

Gong Tianhao was stunned for a moment before a look of ecstasy appeared on his face. He could not help but grab Xiao Lingyu's hand and ask, "So, Yu 'Er, do you mean that you are already used to me being by your side?"

Only then did Xiao Lingyu realize she had said something she shouldn't have. Instantly, her face turned red like a tomato. She immediately defended herself, "Don't misunderstand. I... I was actually thinking..."

Gong Tianhao stared at her very seriously. His low and husky voice was slightly magnetic as he asked, "Yu 'Er, tell me, what are you thinking about?"

Xiao Lingyu suddenly couldn't say anything. She raised her eyebrows and looked at Gong Tianhao seriously.

Any woman wouldn't be able to resist a man like Gong Tianhao, who had status, stature, and looks. If she didn't have the memory from her previous life, she might fall for him too.

However, she owed Xiao Tong too much. Therefore, she had always remembered to make it up to Xiao Tong. Xiao Tong was her smelling salts, reminding her not to fall into the trap of a handsome man.

Thinking of this, Xiao Lingyu smiled and asked seriously, "Gong Tianhao, can you tell me why you like me?"

"You know, I'm pregnant with a child, and the father is unknown. Any family with a good family background will not accept me. So why are you pursuing me? Can you tell me the reason?"

When Gong Tianhao heard Xiao Lingyu's question, his heart jolted. He stared at Xiao Lingyu's fair and round face for a long time. He could not help but reach out and touch her face. Xiao Lingyu did not avoid him.

Then, he said very seriously, "Will you believe me if I say I have no reason for liking you?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said very seriously, "I will not!"

Gong Tianhao sighed. He didn't know what to do when he met someone as stubborn as Xiao Lingyu.

Gong Tianhao did not stop touching her face. His eyes were still serious and filled with tenderness. He sighed and said, "Whether you believe it or not, there is no reason behind love. Ever since the first time I saw you, my heart moved for you."

He meant the time he saw Xiao Lingyu chased after the motorcycle thieves. He didn't count the first time at the hotel because that was not love. It was lust. Because of an accident, he misunderstood her.

But fate was such a wonderful thing. It had reunited them in a small county town.

When he saw the scene of her valiantly chasing the motorcycle, his heart unconsciously moved.

No one would expect the number one young master of the capital would fall in love with such an ordinary woman at first sight.

When he saw her, he felt a little familiar. Therefore, he asked Li Yuanhang to deal with the video of her abnormal running speed so that she wouldn't be in any trouble.

At the time, he thought he was being crazy. He had never liked to meddle in other people's business, but he was doing it for a stranger.

It was why after so long, the feeling of him seeing her for the first time was still so fresh in his mind.

Chapter 293: A Forced Confession

In the past, Gong Tianhao was cold-hearted, and he didn't think he would ever fall in love. So he didn't approach her or get to know her. But fate was wonderful.

He also didn't expect their second meeting would come so soon after.

After they collided, he saw her stubbornness and persistence. She was upright but not greedy.

That time, she insisted on their apology.

He apologized. Even Li Yuanhang was shocked.

However, when they met for the third time, he was shocked to realize this was the woman his best friend liked. At that moment, he had to suppress his restless heart. He kept reminding himself that he couldn't do anything to his friend's love interest!

Even if he liked Xiao Lingyu, he had to suppress his feelings out of deference to his friend. Every time he met Xiao Lingyu, he would remind himself of this.

After his grandfather moved into Taoyuan Village, he would call him often through video calls. Then, he would learn from his grandfather what the Xiao family and Xiao Lingyu were like. All he heard was praises. Xiao Lingyu was a girl with determination and boldness. If given a chance, she would shine. At the time, he had the urge to fly from the capital to Taoyuan Village, but he restrained himself.

It was not until he found out Xiao Lingyu was the woman from that night at the hotel and that the child in her belly was his that his heart filled with ecstasy. He couldn't wait to see the mother and daughter then.

Gong Tianhao sighed. No one could stop fate. Even he couldn't believe he would one day care so much about a woman. He even fell in love with her at first sight!

But what was even more unexpected was the woman avoided him like crazy. She was extremely resistant to him.

Sometimes, he could not help but wonder if his charm had decreased. But after walking around, reality proved that it had not.

This could only mean that his charm simply didn't work on Xiao Lingyu. Therefore, he had no choice but to turn to hard work and perseverance. One day, she would definitely be moved by him.

Xiao Lingyu had no idea what Gong Tianhao was thinking about. However, she didn't believe him when he said that he loved her for no reason.

Xiao Lingyu said very seriously, "Gong Tianhao, I'll tell you the truth. The first time I heard your name, I had already checked your information.

"I have a rough understanding of your background. I don't think a person like you will care for a country girl like me!"

'This is why we're stuck?' Gong Tianhao thought. He then asked seriously, "Why not? When you love someone, their identities and statuses are not important.

"The most important thing is that person. You are you, and I like you. Xiao Lingyu, can't you get that?"

"It has nothing to do with identity and status. I like you!"

Gong Tianhao placed one hand on her shoulder and the other on her chin. He asked her to look at him seriously, "Xiao Lingyu, look at me. I'm serious. I like you. I've liked you since the first time we met."

Xiao Lingyu was stunned. Her beautiful eyes widened, and she looked at Gong Tianhao in disbelief. Gong Tianhao was serious.

At that moment, she felt a wave of panic in her heart. This time, it had nothing to do with Xiao Tong. It was her heart. She was almost moved. After all, she was still a woman. Any woman would be moved being pursued by such an outstanding man. She was no exception. For a moment, she felt compelled to surrender to him and be his girlfriend.

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The child kicked her, and she instantly woke up. She removed his hand that was holding her chin. Then, she looked around and said, "Gong Tianhao, any woman would be moved by what you said. But I... I'm different. Love doesn't feature in my life now. I just want to give birth to the child and bring him up properly."

Gong Tianhao was so devastated when his hand was moved away by Xiao Lingyu. He was so close to getting Xiao Lingyu to fall for him. However, Gong Tianhao's eyes deepened as he stared at her stomach. He knew that it was the child who had interrupted their moment.

At that moment, Gong Tianhao believed the child in the stomach was a boy. Only a boy would compete with him for Xiao Lingyu's attention. A girl would hope for her parents to be together.

Gong Tianhao glanced at Xiao Lingyu's stomach and thought. 'Brat, when you're born, I'll spank your ass. It's what you deserve!'

Xiao Lingyu's gaze drifted over and landed on Gong Tianhao's face. She realized that his deep eyes were staring at her stomach. Her hair stood on end, and she covered her stomach with both hands. She looked at him with extreme vigilance. She asked nervously, "Gong Tianhao, why are you staring at my stomach?"

Gong Tianhao, "..."

'The moment is gone. This brat!'

Gong Tianhao gritted his teeth in his heart.

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Xiao Lingyu didn't know which company wanted to develop Taoyuan Village. Therefore, all she could do was to wait and observe. As a local, she definitely wouldn't give up the contract at Taoyuan Village.

However, while Xiao Lingyu could wait, the villagers couldn't. Once Xiao Lingyu contracted the mountains, they would receive a large sum of money. Each family would receive at least tens of thousands. They didn't even have to do anything.

Some villagers went to ask the village chief and the other elders what was going on.

The village chief and elders told them the process was still ongoing.

Someone mumbled, "Village chief, why does the process take so long?"

The village chief said matter-of-factly, "It is to be expected. Most government deals will take a few months to complete."

"Oh, I see." The villager nodded. "We thought Xiao Lingyu didn't want to contract these mountains anymore." If that were true, they'd be sad because they'd lost a large sum of income.

Since the village chief had said that, they could only wait patiently.

However, there were some who went to Xiao Lingyu to confirm. "Lingyu, you're still contracting the mountains, right?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "If nothing unexpected happens and the county approves it. Then, there definitely won't be any problems."

The villagers still did not know about the tourist development project meant for Taoyuan Village, so she didn't mention anything. She, too, was waiting for the official announcement.

The villagers nodded with relief.

However, there was another villager who asked, "Why is it taking so long?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I don't know."

After the villagers got confirmation from both the village chief and Xiao Lingyu that things were progressing, they felt better. They went back to work and waited for payday.

Once they received their money, they would build new houses.

Even Xiao Fuqi and Xiao Chengcai's families were waiting for Xiao Lingyu to contract the mountains. Everyone had a share in the mountains, so even if they had a bad relationship with the Xiao Family, they would get their fair share.

At that moment, Xiao Chengcai's family caused a huge commotion.

Xiao Chengcai's younger brother, Xiao Xiaobao, had found a huge sum of money out of nowhere. It was a total of 40,000 RMB.

Xiao Xiaobao took out this money to show off to the other children in the village. He told them that he was very rich. With the money, he could buy many toys. Then, he shouted, "Who plays with me and not Little Loach will get money!"

With money, they could buy the things they liked. Therefore, many children immediately gathered around Xiao Xiaobao and isolated Xiao Xiaohui. Xiao Xiaobao had plenty of fun.

His new friends received a lot of money from Xiao Xiaobao. There were 50 RMB and 500 RMB.

Xiao Xiaohui watched from the side and snorted. He asked sharply, "Xiao Xiaobao, where did you get that much money? Did you steal it? You thief!"

Xiao Xiaobao immediately jumped up and shouted, "What thief?? This is my family's money.. I took it out from my home."

Chapter 294: Xiao Xiaobao Gets Beaten Up

Xiao Xiaohui frowned. He said, "Where did your family get so much money? Your family still owes my second uncle's family more than 100,000 RMB." At this point, he immediately thought of something and said loudly, "Oh, I get it now. Your family has money, but you're not willing to pay the debt!"

Xiao Xiaobao immediately defended himself, "No!"

"Yes! You don't want to clear the debt even if you have the money! Shameless!" Xiao Xiaohui shouted back.

Then, the two of them started fighting.

This naturally alerted the villagers.

The villagers were stunned when they saw a large amount of money in Xiao Xiaobao's hands.

Xiao Chengbo immediately asked, "Xiao Xiaobao, where did you get the money? There are at least tens of thousands in your hands."

Xiao Xiaobao was still a little afraid when facing an adult. He hugged the money tightly and said loudly and aggrievedly, "This is my family's money. I didn't steal it. It's my family's money."

When Xiao Chengbo heard that, he was suspicious. He asked, "Your family's money? But didn't your father say your family has no money? Where did this money come from?"

Xiao Xiaobao said, "I got it from my family. My family has money. My Big Brother hid a lot of money." He didn't know how much money there was, but he knew that there was a lot of money just by looking at the stacks he found.

Xiao Chengbo felt that this wasn't a small matter, so he immediately got someone to call Xiao Chengcai over.

However, before Xiao Chengcai arrived, the other villagers had already gathered. After all, the children were quite noisy. When they saw their own children involved, the worried parents rushed over.

When they saw Xiao Xiaobao hold so much money in his hands, they were shocked. He even said that the money belonged to his family.

When Xiao Chengcai arrived, his face was dark. He quickly walked to Xiao Xiaobao and snatched the money from his hand. Then, he raised his palm and smacked Xiao Xiaobao's face.

Xiao Chengcai scolded sternly, "Bastard, how can you steal from the family?!" Then, he looked around. When he saw the money in the other children's hands, his expression became even worse.

He immediately counted the money and found that it was 1,500 RMB short.

He demanded from Xiao Xiaobao, "The money is 1500 short. Where's the money?"

Xiao Xiaobao covered his mouth and burst into tears. Xiao Chengcai said impatiently, "Stop crying and tell me or I'll have you sleep in the cattle pen for the night."

The cattle pen was dirty and smelly, and there were many mosquitoes and insects. Xiao Xiaobao didn't want to stay there for an hour, much less a night.

Xiao Xiaobao immediately pointed at the children who had taken his money and said in fear, "I gave them the money. Some got fifty, some got one hundred, and so on."

Xiao Chengcai walked toward the children with a gloomy face and said, "Give me back the money."

When the children saw Xiao Chengcai's terrifying expression, they were so frightened. They all wanted to cry. Their parents immediately jumped in.

Someone questioned loudly, "Xiao Chengcai, you are scaring the children."

Someone added, "Why are you doing this to the kids? Xiao Xiaobao voluntarily gave the money to the children. No one forced him."

"Since the children now have the money, it's theirs now. Are you actually asking for the money back from kids? Have you no shame?"

Actually, the person who said this was shameless too. Her goal was the money in her children's hands. Of course, she wanted the money, and her children were the best excuse.

However, Xiao Chengcai stretched out his hand and didn't say anything more. He directly said, "This money is mine. Return the money to me. Otherwise, don't blame me for being rude."

The woman thought of Xiao Chengcai's cold-blooded and ruthless treatment of Zhang Xiaolan. She felt a little scared.

She immediately took the money from her children and threw it at Xiao Chengcai. "Take it back. It was just two hundred RMB. Do you need to act like this?"

The other parents also did the same. They returned the money to Xiao Chengcai. Xiao Chengcai quickly counted the money. It finally matched.

Some villagers immediately asked in puzzlement, "Xiao Chengcai, you clearly have money. Why haven't you paid off your debt to Xiao Chengyang's family?"

Xiao Chengcai coldly glanced at that person and said in a cold voice, "It's none of your business!"

The person shut up immediately. This was a matter between Xiao Chengcai and Xiao Zhengyang's family. Indeed, it had nothing to do with them.

However, the villagers still muttered. "Xiao Chengcai is clearly rich. But where did he get so much money from? But his riches are exposed. I wonder if Xiao Lingyu's family will come to ask for compensation."

The news of Xiao Chengcai's family having 40,000 RMB quickly spread throughout the village.

When the villager heard this news, he immediately curled his lips and said, "Truly a book can't be judged from its cover. We thought he was someone who loved his wife, but when something happened, he wanted to divorce her immediately.

"He said his family is poor, but we are the ones who are poor.

"In this village, how many families can have savings up to 40,000? But, Xiao Chengcai was still complaining that he didn't have the money to compensate Xiao Zhengyang. But his brother found out that he had 40,000. This man is such a liar!"

"That's right!"

"He has 40,000 RMB in his family, but he claimed that he had no money. He even divorced his wife in prison to get away from the debt. How can he be so hateful?"

"Only the dogs who don't bark will really bite."

Xiao Chengcai would be criticized for being heartless and cold-blooded wherever he went.

Xiao Chengcai was so angry that he tied his younger brother to a tree. He picked up a whip and lashed him. Xiao Xiaobao cried out loudly.

When the villagers heard the child's scream, they immediately rushed into the house. When they saw Xiao Xiaobao being hung and whipped, they immediately put him down and sent people to find Xiao Chengcai's mother.

The villager cornered Xiao Chengcai and said angrily, "Xiao Chengcai, are you trying to kill Xiao Xiaobao? He is your younger brother!"

After Xiao Xiaobao was rescued, he cried until he was out of breath. He was frightened and uneasy when he saw his big brother.

Xiao Chengcai said unhappily, "I was teaching my brother a lesson. This is my family's business. It has nothing to do with you."

"That's true but is your brother not a human being?" Xiao Chengfa said with extreme anger, "See how badly you've whipped him! His whole body is covered in blood. Are you really going to beat him to death?"

Xiao Chengcai did not speak.

At this time, Xiao Chengcai's mother ran in after receiving the news. When she saw her youngest son and his bleeding body, her heart immediately ached.

She hugged Xiao Xiaobao and cried, "My dear, did you suffer? Does it hurt?"

Xiao Xiaobao cried loudly, "Mother, Big Brother hit me. It was so painful. He wants to kill me. Look at my body." Xiao Xiaobao showed the injuries on his body to his mother.

Xiao Chengcai's mother looked at the injuries, and tears welled in her eyes. "Dear. Don't worry. Mother will protect you."

After saying that, Xiao Chengcai's mother turned around and raised her palm, and smacked Xiao Chengcai's face.

Then, Xiao Chengcai's mother roared angrily, "Xiao Chengcai, you bastard, why did you do such a ruthless thing to your brother? Do you want to kill your brother? If that's the case, then kill me first!"

She looked around and saw the sickle in the corner. She ran to pick up the sickle and ran back.

Xiao Chenglin saw this and was shocked. "Auntie, what are you doing with the sickle?"

Xiao Chengcai's mother ignored him and handed the sickle to Xiao Chengcai. She said loudly, "Take it. Didn't you want to kill your brother? Fine, then kill me first."

Xiao Chengcai didn't take the sickle at all. He just kept a gloomy face and didn't say anything, but his eyes were staring at his mother.

Xiao Chenglin didn't want to meddle in other people's family business, but he was really afraid that lives would be lost.

He immediately went forward and snatched the sickle from Xiao Chengcai's mother's hand. Then, he persuaded her, "Auntie, let's talk it out. There's no need to involve dangerous weapons."

Xiao Chengcai didn't say anything, but Xiao Chengcai's mother wasn't willing to let him off so easily. She said, "Xiao Chengcai, let me tell you. In the future, as long as I'm around, don't even think about touching Xiaobao!"

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The news of Xiao Chengcai beating up his brother was quickly spread.

Chapter 295: Exposed

“What’s wrong with this Xiao Chengcai? Has he gone mad?” Someone immediately asked in puzzlement, “Even if Xiao Xiaobao did something wrong and took the family’s money, he should educate him and not string him up on the tree and whip him! Wasn’t he afraid that he’d kill his brother?”

Someone frowned and said, “This Xiao Chengcai is really ruthless. He’s ruthless to his wife, and he’s also ruthless to his younger brother!”

No one would be so heartless to do something like this.

“But where did Xiao Chengcai keep his money that Xiao Xiaobao managed to find it?”

“Who knows? He probably has too much money at home.”

“Once Xiao Xiaobao showed off the money, people knew that his family has hidden a lot of wealth. This will definitely attract attention.” Thieves might make Xiao Chengcai’s family their target.

“Xiao Xiaobao’s actions probably scared Xiao Chengcai, which is why he couldn’t help but punish Xiao Xiaobao so harshly.”

“But with so much money, I wouldn’t be keeping them at home either. I will carry them with me at all times.”

“That might not be safe either. You might be mugged.”

“He can only put the money in the town bank now.”

“Hehe, he should have put the money in the bank long ago so that no one would know that his family actually has so much money.”

Back then, rural elders like to store money at home. Keeping money in banks always made them feel worried. In fact, Xiao Chengcai was probably not the only family at Taoyuan Village who kept a lot of cash at home. It was just that Xiao Chengcai’s family had been exposed.

“I guess the bank is the best choice. It’s not safe to keep it at home, and it’s not safe to carry it on oneself either.”

“Haha...”

It seemed that the bank was indeed the best choice. Who knew if the children would dig up the money like Xiao Xiaobao.

For that period, the villagers of Taoyuan Village all rushed to the town bank and deposited their family’s savings.

Many villagers ran into each other. They instantly knew how much money the other families had.

“I didn’t expect your family to have so much money. It must be tens of thousands.”

“No, it’s only ten or twenty thousand. This is the savings our family has accumulated over the past few decades.”

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When Xiao Zhengyang’s family heard about what had happened in the village, they were a little speechless. He didn’t think so many villagers had chosen to keep their money at home instead of in the bank before this. Now that Xiao Chengcai’s incident happened, the villagers all rushed to deposit their money in the bank.

Some of the money had been kept in the house for so long that they had turned into a pile of ashes. It was such a pity. These were great savings earned with hardship.

However, the Xiao Family was different. They listened to Xiao Lingyu and went to open a deposit account as soon as possible. They would deposit any excess money they had. If they needed it, they could always withdraw the money from the bank. They hadn’t lost any money to mold before.

Speaking of money, Xiao Zhengyang frowned tightly and said, “This Xiao Chengcai is really not honest. He clearly has the money, but he doesn’t want to pay the debt.”

Mother Xiao snorted coldly and said, “He is also heartless. To get rid of his debt, he divorced his wife of 20 years!”

“This animal...” Xiao Zhengyang really didn’t know what to say. “Now that he has the money, why hasn’t he paid back his debt yet? Does he plan to work for us for life?”

Mother Xiao said, “Clearly, that is his plan! Xiao Chengcai loves money like he loves his life. Otherwise, he wouldn’t be so ruthless to his ex-wife and his younger brother.”

Xiao Zhengyang said in puzzlement, “But, where did he get so much money? It couldn’t be his family savings.

“Many people saw him at the bank. The notes were all brand new like they had just been taken out from the bank.”

Mother Xiao was suspicious too. She nodded. “That is true. For other families, their notes are all old because they have saved them over the years.”

Xiao Lingyu listened by the side and suddenly asked with a serious expression, “Dad, mom, have any outsiders come to Taoyuan Village to take a look around these days?”

Mother Xiao was a little confused and said, “Since we started the strawberry farm, there have been plenty of outsiders at the village. They would come to enjoy the scenery too.

“Also, after Ye ‘Er became the top-scorer, the reporters came to interview him. They said that Taoyuan Village has good scenery and good people.”

“So the reporters reported on our village?” Xiao Lingyu lowered her eyes and thought for a while.

Gong Tianhao had been watching Xiao Lingyu's every move from the side. He knew that she was close to the answer. His woman was indeed sharp and smart.

Xiao Lingyu suddenly raised her head with a shocked expression. She said, "I know why Taoyuan Village has been targeted!"

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao looked at each other. Then, Father Xiao asked seriously, "Yu 'Er, what do you mean by that? Why did you say that we've been targeted?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "The big company that wants to develop Taoyuan Village is not really interested in the scenery. They are interested in our land that can grow strawberries."

"What?" Her parents were shocked. "How can that be? Yu 'Er, if that's true, wouldn't it mean they'd chase the entire village away on the name of developing it for tourism?"

The Xiao Family was very smart. Gong Tianhao listened from the side.

Xiao Lingyu continued, "If the big company's target is really Taoyuan Village's farming land, then the entire village will be forced to move. And then the company will rent our land with the lowest price possible." She paused for a moment and thought for a minute before saying, "In the past few days, someone must have come to inquire about Taoyuan Village. It is not improbable that they have found Xiao Chengcai..."

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao widened their eyes in disbelief. They had thought of that possibility too. But they didn't want it to be true. After all, Xiao Chengcai was born in Taoyuan Village. Would he really sell his own village out?

Xiao Lingyu continued, "If their connection is Xiao Chengcai, based on the grudge he had against our family, he will sell us out without a second thought.

"This also explains why the cash he has is all brand new."

Xiao Lingyu's parents' eyes darkened when they heard this.

They didn't want to believe this, but this was the only explanation for the source of Xiao Chengcai's windfall. The villagers were familiar with each other. They knew about everyone's financial situation.

Xiao Chengcai's family had many members, but other than Xiao Chengcai, they were all lazy. Xiao Chengcai had to do everything.

Before this year, Xiao Chengcai's two elder sons hadn't reached adulthood. They didn't have the ability to earn money. They also needed money to raise Xiao Xiaobao, so they wouldn't be able to save much money. So the appearance of the sudden windfall was highly suspicious.

Mother Xiao finally realized something. She said in surprise, "So, Xiao Chengcai whipped his brother not because Xiao Xiaobao stole the money, but he was afraid that Xiao Xiaobao had accidentally exposed his dirty deeds?"

Father Xiao also nodded in agreement and said, "That's very likely."

Everything was fine now. But when the company came to drive everyone away, the villagers would make the connection and realize that it was Xiao Chengcai who sold them out.

Mother Xiao rubbed her hands.. She couldn't hide the anger on her face. "So, it's very likely that the matter of the Little Cattle King has been exposed, yes?"

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Xiao Lingyu nodded, "That is most likely!"

She sighed in her heart. Back then, she allowed the entire village to pick Little Light's manure because she wanted them to know their interests were closely related. For more than a year, nothing happened.

The Little Cattle King was like the Golden Goose. Once it was exposed, many people would come for it.

A wave of panic welled up in Mother Xiao's heart. She said helplessly, "Yu 'Er, what should we do now?"

They knew that the Little Cattle King was fake. It was a front used to hide Xiao Lingyu's farming space. Once Little Light was captured, and those people didn't get the result they wanted, they would definitely suspect Xiao Lingyu. Mother Xiao was naturally worried for her daughter.

Gong Tianhao had been paying attention to Mother Xiao's expression. He noticed that Mother Xiao was more worried about Xiao Lingyu than the Little Cattle King. The Xiao Family was too concerned about themselves to notice Gong Tianhao.

Father Xiao held Mother Xiao's trembling hands and said, "Qiuying, it's alright. Things haven't reached that stage yet. If worse comes to worst, I'll risk my life to stop them from getting the Little Cattle King." This was equivalent to him saving his daughter.

Holding her husband's hands, Mother Xiao slowly calmed down. "Yes, you're right. We won't let them take Little Light no matter what."

The Little Cattle King was related to Xiao Lingyu's personal safety. It was why Father Xiao and Mother Xiao were so nervous.

At this moment, Gong Tianhao suddenly held onto Xiao Lingyu's hands. He frowned when he felt the chill from her fingers. He used his big hand to wrap Xiao Lingyu's small hand tightly.

Then, he told Father and Mother Xiao seriously, "Auntie, Uncle, don't worry. As long as I'm here, I won't let anyone touch the Little Cattle King... or even Taoyuan Village!"

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao looked at Gong Tianhao seriously. They stared at each other.

In the end, Father Xiao said earnestly, "Tianhao, although we know that your family has money, what if this big company coming to steal the Little Cattle King is richer and more powerful than you? We can't bring you down with us."

But Gong Tianhao shook his head and said, "Uncle, Auntie, don't worry. No matter who comes, I will not be afraid. I will protect the Little Cattle King, Lingyu, Uncle, Auntie, and the entire Xiao Family. Believe me."

Gong Tianhao thought about revealing his real identity, but he was afraid that he might scare them off. After all, he was the richest man in the country, and he was pursuing their daughter. If he revealed his identity, Xiao Lingyu's parents would become more cautious and suspicious of his intention.

Because they wouldn't think the world's richest man would love their daughter. So he needed to do something to show his sincerity.

Mother Xiao and Father Xiao guessed that Gong Tianhao had an extraordinary background, but he couldn't reveal it just yet.

However, they didn't mind, as long as he could really protect their daughter.

Gong Tianhao was their lifeboat. They didn't know whether he could save Xiao Lingyu or not, but they'd rather trust him than not!

The moment Gong Tianhao held her hand, Xiao Lingyu felt the warmth from his large hands. It made her heart feel warm too.

When she predicted that Little Light had been exposed, her heart was scared and nervous. However, she didn't show it because it would only make her parents more worried. She was just a common farmer. The development company's target was definitely Little Light.

If Little Light were really the Little Cattle King, then it would be fine. If it was stolen away, then so be it. At least her family wouldn't be in danger. However, Little Light wasn't the Little Cattle King. He only had those powers because she fed him with the spring water. In other words, the Little Cattle King would only be Little Cattle King at her house. He'd turn back into a normal calf after he left. Those who stole him would get suspicious.

Human greed was endless. The suspicion would lead them to Xiao Lingyu's family. People with power and influence would dispatch them easily. With a flick of a finger, they could disappear, and no one would suspect anything.

Once they were captured, they would suffer a life worse than death. Xiao Lingyu was not afraid of death. But she was afraid of implicating her beloved family. Therefore, she was afraid and nervous.

At this moment, Gong Tianhao held her hand and gave her warmth, comfort, and a sense of security.

"That's right. Since Gong Tianhao knows that the child is his. He knows about the hidden agenda behind this tourism development. He will protect his child, right?"

Xiao Lingyu felt better.

Hearing Gong Tianhao's promise, Father and Mother Xiao said gratefully, "Tianhao, thank you so much."

Gong Tianhao held Xiao Lingyu's hand tightly and did not let go. He could feel her small hand slowly warming up. He smiled and said, "Uncle, Auntie, you are all my family. We are a family. There's no need to be so polite."

When they heard Gong Tianhao call them family, Father Xiao and Mother Xiao were moved. They liked Gong Tianhao even more.

However, Mother Xiao still said politely, "Tianhao, no matter what, we are very grateful to you. Also..." At this moment, mother Xiao suddenly became very serious and said, "Tianhao, I mean if, if anything happens to our family, Auntie hope that you can protect Yu 'Er, okay?"

Gong Tianhao was confused, but he was smart enough not to ask further.

He nodded his head very seriously, "Uncle, Auntie, I will definitely protect Yu 'Er's safety. I will protect everyone's safety. Believe me. As long as I'm around, no one will dare to do anything to you."

Mother Xiao's eyes turned red as she nodded gratefully, "Yes, yes. Tianhao, thank you so much."

Gong Tianhao smiled and said, "Auntie, as I said, we're family. There's no need for thanks."

Mother Xiao and Father Xiao looked at each other and smiled, "Okay then."

Gong Tianhao then glanced at Xiao Lingyu.

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao caught this and realized the two youngsters might have something to talk about. They looked at each other again and said in unison, "Tianhao, we still have some matters to attend to in the field, so we'll be leaving first. We'll have to trouble you to take care of Yu 'Er."

"Auntie, I'll take good care of Yu 'Er," Gong Tianhao nodded.

After her parents left, Xiao Lingyu looked at Gong Tianhao gratefully and said, "Gong Tianhao, thank you so much for consoling my parents. Otherwise, they'd worry endlessly."

Gong Tianhao did not ask her why her parents were so worried.

He held Xiao Lingyu with one hand and felt the warmth of her soft little hand. With the other hand, he helped her tidy up the hair on her forehead and said with a gentle smile, "Yu 'Er, that is what I'm supposed to do. Do you have anything else you want to tell me?"

Xiao Lingyu looked at him and opened her mouth. She wanted to say something, but she felt that she could not say it.

For a moment, her expression became blank and helpless.

Gong Tianhao sighed again. He hugged Xiao Lingyu into his embrace and rested his head on her shoulder. He spoke into her ears and whispered, "Yu 'Er, why are you so guarded against me? But it's alright. I'll give you time. I'll prove that I really like you. I'll wait for you to be ready, alright?"

Chapter 297: A Fool

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Xiao Lingyu was actually very grateful for Gong Tianhao's kindness.

However, she owed Xiao Tong too much to let him in.

The expose of Little Cattle King meant the danger of her farming space's exposure. When she was afraid, Gong Tianhao gave her comfort and also gave her a sense of security.

She knew that Gong Tianhao was capable of protecting her family. She was relieved and thankful

Facing his confession, Xiao Lingyu finally gave him a definite answer. "Okay. One day, I'll give you an answer. But for now, Gong Tianhao, I can only say that I'm sorry."

Sorry because she couldn't give him an answer now. Not only because of Xiao Tong, but also their identities. Their children and identities worried Xiao Lingyu.

But when the day came when she really could open her heart to him, she would tell him everything

Gong Tianhao couldn't hide his excitement. He had finally gotten a little reward for all his hard work. Xiao Lingyu had responded.

Even though she had not completely opened her heart to him, he was still happy.

He leaned on Xiao Lingyu's shoulder and nodded excitedly, "Yu 'Er, thank you!" Feeling his warm breath, Xiao Lingyu sighed softly. Then, she slowly reached out and hugged him back.

Her hug was like a silent acceptance. It made Gong Tianhao even more excited.

He couldn't help but feel grateful towards the villagers of Taoyuan Village.

They helped him melt Xiao Lingyu's stone-like heart. Otherwise, who knew how much longer he'd need to wait.

Gong Tianhao said seriously, "Yu 'Er, no matter what, I won't let anyone hurt you and your family"

Xiao Lingyu leaned her head against his broad chest and nodded lightly. "Okay."

Gong Tianhao returned to the Gong Family. He tapped rhythmically on the table. His face was obviously happy. He frowned and smiled at times. He looked a little silly.

The three people standing in the distance looked at him in disbelief.

Old Master Gong asked his two subordinates, "What's wrong with this brat? He

is smiling like a fool.”

Xiao Zhang and Xiao Wang shook their head. “we have no idea.”

However, Xiao Zhang added, “Old Master, but I notice that eldest young master was like this since he returned from the Xiao Family.”

Old Master Gong’s eyes brightened, “The Xiao Family?” Then he nodded, “Then again, that’s right. Only Lingyu can make the brat make this kind of expression.” Ever since his son and daughter-in-law died, his grandson rarely showed his emotions. He was known as the Grim King of Hell in the business world. “He is emotionless around everyone but me, his grandfather. But now,” old Master Gong said happily, “Finally, there’s another person who can make him feel things again.

“Fate is truly strange. Who would have thought that these two from completely different worlds would meet.”

Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang grew up with Gong Tianhao. They were also very happy for Gong Tianhao.

Xiao Zhang concurred, “old Master, you’re right. There are many places you could have settled to recuperate in the country, but they found Taoyuan Village for you.”

“Haha, you’re right.” Old Master Gong looked very happy. “This is fate.”

Xiao Wang said curiously, “I wonder what happened between eldest young master and Xiao Lingyu that eldest young master would smile so foolishly.”

Then, Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang looked at Old Master Gong in unison.

old Master Gong knew what they wanted. “Fine..” Old Master Gong straightened his chest and said, “Since you’re so curious, I’ll go over and ask.”

To be fair, he was curious too. He wanted to know what Lingyu had done to charm his grandson so. Could she have accepted the brat?

But that was impossible. If that were true, the stinky brat would be showing out and not sitting there, laughing foolishly.

old Master Gong walked in front of Gong Tianhao and coughed twice.

Cough cough.

Gong Tianhao didn't respond.

"Cough cough..

old Master Gong coughed once again to remind Gong Tianhao.

Gong Tianhao finally raised his head and said to his grandfather in a worried manner, "Grandfather, have you caught a cold? If you have, you should rest properly and not wander around."

old Master Gong's face darkened as he pointed his walking stick at Gong Tianhao and scolded angrily, "You brat. I am perfectly fine. I don't have a cold!

Gong Tianhao said, "Then grandfather, what exactly are you doing?"

old Master Gong sat down and asked curiously, "Brat, I should be asking you that! What are you doing? You're sitting here and smiling foolishly. How embarrassing!"

Gong Tianhao,".

He realized that ever since his grandfather came to Taoyuan Village, his body and spirit had recovered. However, his tongue had gotten sharper too.

Old Master Gong became anxious when Gong Tianhao didn't say anything. He added, "Brat, stop acting a fool. You frown one moment and then laugh the next. Even Xiao Wang and Xiao Zhang said you look like a fool.

Xiao Zhang and Xiao Wang,

old Master, can you not sell us out like that?

Gong Tianhao's sharp gaze swept over them and said, "Who are you calling silly? If you ask me, you two are the silly ones."

How is it our fault?

old Master Gong said bluntly, "Don't change the subject. Tell us, why are you sitting here, smiling like a dunce?"

Then, he leaned in closer. "Is it related to Lingyu? Is there any new progress?"

Gong Tianhao really wanted to give his grandfather a thumbs up.

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "That's right. I have made some progress with

Yu'er, so I'm happy!" He stood up and prepared to leave.

This made Grandfather Gong's heart itch.

He tugged on Gong Tianhao's sleeve and spoke sternly, "You brat, tell me clearly. What progress do you mean? Did she agree to be your wife already? Gong Tianhao, "... Things wouldn't progress so fast. Plus, if that was true, he would have carried her home already.

Gong Tianhao glanced at his grandfather's starry eyes and said, "No. But Lingyu actively hugged me back."

After saying that, he left

"Wait... What?" Old Master Gong was a little stunned.

By the time he reacted, his eldest grandson was already far away.

Instantly, he stomped his feet in disappointment and pointed at his back as he said loudly, "What nonsense! The girl gave you a hug back, and she turned you into a fool. God. I was happy for nothing!"

Xiao Zhang and Xiao Wang walked over. Xiao Zhang consoled, "Old Master, don't be angry. Young Master is right. This is at least a little progress, and it's good news."

Xiao Wang said honestly, "That's right. It is better than nothing. Sooner, the progress will continue to move forward. The good news will become great news. Right?"

old Master Gong immediately nodded happily and agreed, "Yes, you're right. A little progress will lead to greater progress. I should just wait to hug my great-grandson."

He believed that Xiao Lingyu would enter the Gong Family sooner or later. He couldn't wait to meet his great-grandson..

Chapter 298: Up the Mountain

After Gong Tianhao left, he didn't go to the Xiao family. Instead, he went to the hill where the children were herding the cow. It was summer vacation.

Xiao Xiaohui was responsible for the Little Cattle King and his mother. He

would lead them to the grass at the mountain top early in the morning The two cattle were very intelligent.

After they had eaten and drunk their fill, they would lie down under the tree to rest, especially under the sun. They were enjoying themselves.

Although it was a hot day, the mother and son were still cuddling by each other's side. They didn't want to be separated.

Back then, the mother was almost slaughtered. Therefore, the calf stuck close to his mom. Only when he saw his mother by his side did he feel safe.

When Gong Tianhao saw the two cows cuddling together on the mountain, his eyes narrowed.

He looked around but did not find Xiao Xiaohui. He frowned slightly. Then, he called out, "Xiao Xiaohui.

Xiao Xiaohui was leaning against a big tree and sleeping soundly. When he heard someone call his name, he immediately woke up and asked in a loud and alert voice, "Who, who is calling me?

"It's me!" Gong Tianhao replied.

Xiao Xiaohui walked out from under the tree. When he saw Gong Tianhao dressed in a clean white shirt, he frowned and asked curiously, "Uncle Gong, why are you here

"It's Big Brother Gong!" Gong Tianhao corrected Xiao Xiaohui's way of addressing him again. He said seriously, "I'm going to marry your sister. You should call me Big Brother now, but in the future, you'll have to call me brother-in-law."

He didn't like Xiao Xiaohui calling him Uncle. It sounded so distant.

Xiao Xiaohui was not afraid of him at all.

He pursed his lips and said, "Uncle Gong, after you marry my sister, I'll call you Brother Gong"

His sister was such an outstanding person. No man was worthy of him. He wouldn't admit that Uncle Gong was worthy of his sister. In Xiao Xiaohui's

heart, his sister was perfection.

Gong Tianhao did not want to argue with Xiao Xiaohui.

He looked around and asked curiously, "Xiaohui, are you alone here?" If he remembered correctly, many children herded cows together. Ever since people knew about the Little Cattle King, they would send at least three children above ten years old to herd the Little Cattle King and his mom.

Both Xiao Lingyu and the villagers worried about the Little Cattle King. Moreover, Xiao Lingyu promised that everyone who herded cows with Xiao Xiaohui would get five RMB. But the money was a small matter. The most important thing was safety.

With more people, they could keep an eye on each other. There were around ten children in the village. They all reported for duty. They took the herding duty in shifts. Some did it in the morning, and the others would take over in the afternoon.

However, the leader was always Xiao Xiaohui. He would always be there. Xiao Xiaohui was worried about his other companions herding the cows. He felt that the other kids didn't care about the cattle as much as he did.

To be honest, Xiao Lingyu was worried too.

After all, Little Light belonged to her family. If he was lost, who could she blame?

Of course, with the intelligence of the cattle, the possibility of them getting lost was relatively slight. The greater possibility was them being stolen.

The Little Cattle King was the village's kept secret.

But people were all selfish and greedy.

The villagers' relatives came and went. The villagers might be convinced by outsiders to do something stupid. Someone might come to steal the Little Cattle King. That would be big trouble.

Therefore, Xiao Lingyu asked for a group of cow-herders because the kids could monitor each other. One shouldn't harm others, but one should always

be careful.

Seeing Xiao Xiaohui all alone, Gong Tianhao was confused.

Xiao Xiaohui touched the back of his head and said, "They have all gone up the mountain to look for bird eggs." Actually, Xiao Xiaohui wanted to go too, but it was his turn to guard the Little Cattle King, so he did not dare to leave.

Gong Tianhao frowned. "What if someone comes to steal the Little Cattle King when you're here all alone?"

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head and said, "Uncle Gong, don't worry. My friends won't go far. If someone wants to harm Little Light, I'll scream, and they'll run back immediately."

Gong Tianhao shook his head and said, "No, that is not right. It is very dangerous for both the cattle and you kids."

Xiao Xiaohui looked at Gong Tianhao, full of confusion. He asked, "Uncle Gong, dangerous? What kind of danger will we encounter in this mountain?"

Gong Tianhao touched Xiao Xiaohui's small head and said very seriously, "The adult's world is very complicated and dangerous. If some bad guy wants to come to steal the Little Cattle King, they will come prepared. If they see only one person guarding the Little Cattle King, they might kidnap both the cow-herder and Little Light. How would the kid have time to call for help?"

Xiao Xiaohui was puzzled, "Ah?"

Gong Tianhao felt that it was necessary to explain the danger to them clearly.

Also, he had to discuss it with Xiao Lingyu. Since the Little Cattle King had been exposed, it was highly dangerous. How could they only let a few kids watch over him? In fact, the kids might be placed in danger because of this.

Gong Tianhao said, "Xiaohui, call all your friends over. Big Brother Gong has something to say."

Xiao Xiaohui rubbed his head and nodded obediently. "Alright, Uncle Gong, I'll call them over now."

After saying that, he ran towards a small path and shouted at the intersection,

“Little Bun, Little Charcoal, come back. Uncle Gong has something to tell us.”

After a while, he heard someone reply, “Okay, we’re coming”

Not long after, Little Bun and Little Charcoal appeared. They were holding something in their hands.

Gong Tianhao looked and saw that one of them was holding a few bird eggs while the other was holding a gecko. Gong Tianhao shivered when he saw the gecko in Little Charcoal’s hands. The thing looked terrifying.

Gong Tianhao didn’t grow up in the countryside. For the country children, these bugs and lizards were nature’s toys. Little Charcoal grabbed a gecko with a broken tail and greeted Gong Tianhao. Then, he turned to Xiao Xiaohui and asked, “Little Loach, why did you call us over? It’s your turn to watch the Little Cattle King this afternoon”

Xiao Xiaohui looked at the gecko in Xiao Charcoal’s hand and lectured him like a little adult, “Little Charcoal, why are you catching geckos again? My eldest cousin said that geckos are beneficial animals and can catch mosquitoes.”

Hearing that, Little Charcoal reluctantly put down the small gecko in his hand and said, “I’m just catching them to play with. I won’t kill them.”

Xiao Xiaohui said, “But they’d die if you keep playing with them like this. In the future, don’t catch them anymore.”

Little Charcoal curled his lips and said, “Alright. I won’t catch them anymore in the future.”

Xiao Xiaohui said mischievously, “But you always say that. I’m sure we’ll find you playing with the geckos soon. Little Charcoal, what is so fun playing with geckos anyway?”

Little Charcoal said, “I find it fun.”

At this moment, Little Bun held six bird eggs in his hand and said, “Xiaohui, really lucky today. We found another bird’s nest and fished out six bird eggs.

Xiao Xiaohui asked, “You didn’t dig out all the eggs in the bird’s nest, did you?”

“No, no.” Little Bun shook his head and said, “I left two in the nest.”

“That’s good! Xiao Xiaohui nodded.

After Little Charcoal let the gecko go, he asked in puzzlement, “Little Loach, why did you call us here?”

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head and said, “I didn’t call you here. It was Uncle Gong who wanted to talk to us.”

“Uncle Gong?” Little Charcoal and Little Bun looked at Gong Tianhao at the same time. However, when they looked at Gong Tianhao, their eyes and expressions were obviously not as bold as Xiao Xiaohui’s. Instead, they were a little timid and afraid.

When Gong Tianhao saw the fear in the eyes of the two children, he felt quite guilty.

He clenched his fist and coughed twice. Then, he said seriously, “Come, children, listen to me carefully.”

Chapter 299: Loophole

Transtator: Lonelytree

The three children immediately looked at Gong Tianhao seriously and nodded, “Yes, Uncle Gong, we’re listening!”

Gong Tianhao said, “Kids, you know that strangers have been appearing at Taoyuan Village, right?”

Xiao Xiaohui seemed to know what Gong Tianhao was going to say. He said confidently, “Uncle Gong, even if there are strangers, we are not afraid. The village has video surveillance installed on every road.”

As soon as he heard that there were video surveillance cameras installed, Gong Tianhao’s eyes suddenly lit up, and he immediately reacted.

That’s right. We can use those to look for evidence

However, he had to deal with the matter at hand first.

Gong Tianhao said, “Yes, there are video surveillance cameras installed at every big road in Taoyuan Village. But the bad people know how to avoid the

big roads.

After saying that, Gong Tianhao pointed at the intersection where Xiao Xiaohui and the others were standing and said, "Xiaohui, tell me, do you have surveillance cameras installed here?"

Xiao Xiaohui frowned and shook his head. "No.

"Okay, then let me ask you again. Where does this small road lead to? Does it lead to the intersection of Taoyuan Village?

"No! The three children shook their heads in unison.

"Then where does this small path lead to? Gong Tianhao wasn't familiar with this place, so he really didn't know. Therefore, it was better to figure it out.

"It's Da Wa village!" The three children answered together.

"Da Wa village? Gong Tianhao asked with a frown.

"Yes! Xiao Xiaohui didn't know why Uncle Gong was asking these things, but he knew Uncle Gong must have his reasons. Xiao Xiaohui explained, "Go straight from this small road, and after two mountain peaks, you'll reach Da Wa Village."

Gong Tianhao realized this was a dangerous path. He asked, "Are there other paths like this?"

"Yes." Xiao Xiaohui pointed to another small road and said, "This road leads to the back mountain village, and the fork road leads to another Big Li Village..."

When Gong Tianhao heard this, he realized that there were too many loopholes. Fortunately, he had discovered it in time.

Gong Tianhao said very seriously, "Children, listen to me. This place is very dangerous. Don't come to the mountains to herd cattle in the future. Also, no matter where you go to herd the cattle, you have to stay together, understand?"

The three children looked at each other in dismay. Then, Xiao Xiaohui asked in puzzlement, "Uncle Gong, what's the danger here? We have herded the cattle like this for half a year. There was no danger."

Gong Tianhao patted Xiao Xiaohui's little head and said, "Just because there

wasn't any danger in the past doesn't mean that there isn't any danger now. Do you understand? Now be obedient and lead the cows away. In the future, I'll explain the dangers to you

Although the three children didn't know what kind of danger there was, since Uncle Gong had said so, they obediently drove the cattle back.

Xiao Xiaohui walked in front of Little Light and patted its head as he said, "Little Cattle King, did you hear that? We should go down the mountain and stop playing here. Uncle Gong said that this place is very dangerous."

The Little Cattle King rubbed its head against Xiao Xiaohui's palm and mooed twice. Then, he rubbed his head against his mother and moaned twice.

The cow stuck out its tongue and licked her child's head. Then, the two got up from their lazy state and walked down the mountain in a familiar and obedient manner.

Gong Tianhao narrowed his eyes. "This Little Cattle King is indeed very intelligent. It can even understand human speech.

The cattle went down the mountains and avoided the crops. Even without the reins, they were still well-behaved and would not destroy anything. There was some wild grass at the bottom of the mountain.

However, it was obvious that the mother and son had eaten their fill.

Then, the group went home.

They drove the cattle back to the cattle pen.

The Little Cattle King and his mother's home was not ordinary. It was very clean and covered in clean hay. In summer, there were many mosquito bites.

The mosquito incense was lit every day to make them comfortable.

The two cattle paid special attention to hygiene. They had a special corner where they relieve themselves.

Little Light bounced the door open with his head. Then, he waited for his mother to walk in. After that, he bit the rope on the door and pulled the door close.

Gong Tianhao was surprised. 'No wonder people believe in the Little Cattle King. He is so clever!

When Xiao Xiaohui saw that the cattle were back in their home, he asked, "Uncle Gong, is there anything else?"

Gong Tianhao shook his head and said, "There's nothing else. You can go play now."

"Alright, Uncle Gong, well go out and play." When they heard they could go play, the children's eyes lit up, and they ran away.

Gong Tianhao, who had always been a neat freak, stood in front of the cow pen and observed it for a while.

After that, he looked at the time and walked towards the Xiao family's house. The cow pen was right next to the Xiao family's house. Through a window in the courtyard, they could see the cattle in the pen. They would hear strange movements immediately.

When Gong Tianhao entered the courtyard, he saw Xiao Lingyu in a white dress. She was rubbing her eyes as she came out. She was still in a dazed state.

When Gong Tianhao saw this, he shook his head and smiled. Then, he tidied up the recliner. He arranged the pillows, cushions, and other things.

After everything was done, he smiled and said, "You're awake."

Then, he went forward and helped her lie down on the recliner. She continued to sleep for a while.

After a while, she would be completely awake.

Gong Tianhao returned to the house and poured a cup of warm water for Xiao Lingyu. He placed it on the stone table in front of her. Then, he stood up and returned to the house. After a while, he brought out a plate of fruits and placed it on the stone table.

People say that eating apples would make the child fair and cute. Therefore, Xiao Lingyu would eat at least two apples every day.

However, she did not like to eat the apple skin. Therefore, she would peel the

skin every time. Before Gong Tianhao arrived, Xiao Lingyu would peel the apples herself. After he did, this became one of his tasks.

Xiao Lingyu sat on the recliner for a while. She reached out her hand, and Gong Tianhao quickly handed her a glass of water.

After drinking two mouthfuls of water, she accidentally choked.

“Drink slowly!” Gong Tianchen said immediately. He put down his work and rushed to her side. He patted her lightly and said, “You’re already an adult, yet you still choked when drinking water.”

Xiao Lingyu was completely awake then.

Hearing Gong Tianhao’s words of concern, she felt a little uncomfortable. She said, “It was an accident. There’s no need to be so concerned.”

Gong Tianhao said, “How can I not be concerned?”

Xiao Lingyu didn’t say anything.

Gong Tianhao patted her twice. After she stopped coughing, he also stopped.

He walked back, sat down, and continued peeling the apple.

After a moment, he finished peeling the apple and handed it to Xiao Lingyu. He said, “Eat this one slowly. Be careful of choking.”

Xiao Lingyu took the apple. Her face was slightly red, and she said awkwardly, “I know. I’m not a child. Why would I choke on an apple.”

After saying that, she took a bite of the apple.

However, for some reason, her luck was against her.

Xiao Lingyu coughed uncomfortably.

Gong Tianhao’s expression changed, and he quickly patted her back a few times. Then, Xiao Lingyu managed to catch her breath.

Xiao Lingyu coughed a few more times.

Gong Tianhao took the cup of water and brought it to her mouth. “Drink some water!

Xiao Lingyu obediently drank a few mouthfuls of water.

Gong Tianhao said, “I told you to be careful. You’re really like a child. But no

matter, I'm here to look after you.

"PEFT! Xiao Lingyu spat out a mouthful of water.

Gong Tianhao patted her back a few more times.

Xiao Lingyu finally calmed down, and she finished the apple.

Gong Tianhao sat at the stone table. He supported half of his head with one hand, but his eyes were staring at Xiao Lingyu seriously.

When Xiao Lingyu met his gentle gaze, her cheeks quickly turned red. Her eyes darted around, and she appeared a little shy...

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When Gong Tianhao saw Xiao Lingyu's bashful look, his eyes deepened, and he secretly took a deep breath.

Then, he said, "Yu 'Er, I went up the mountain earlier and met with Xiaohui and the other kids who were herding the cows."

Xiao Lingyu knew Gong Tianhao wouldn't bring this up for no reason. He had something important to say. She asked seriously, "Did you discover something?"

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Yes. There are too many forks and small paths up the mountain. Each fork leads to different villages.

"If the cows are normal cows, this isn't a problem. After all, the villagers usually herded cows there.

"But Yu 'Er, you know our family doesn't have an ordinary cow. It's the Little Cattle King. If we continue this, it'll be very dangerous, especially since outsiders already know about the Little Cattle King"

Speaking of this, Gong Tianhao paused for a moment. He thought of something and said, "Yu 'Er, Xiao Hui said that there are cameras installed at all the intersections of our village. We have to take a look now to see if there really was an outsider who interacted with Xiao Chengcai.

"If there were, then we would know where his money came from. We have to

tell the village chief about this as soon as possible, just in case.”

Xiao Lingyu’s expression gradually turned serious. She nodded and said,

“Okay!

After saying that, she stood up.

Gong Tianhao immediately asked, Yu Er, what are you going to do?

“Go to the room to get the computer!” Xiao Lingyu said.

Sit down. I’ll go get it for you!” Gong Tianhao said

As he said this, he got up. Then, he asked, “Yu Er, where is your computer? Is it in your room?

Yes, it is! Xiao Lingyu replied.

Gong Tianhao came to Xiao Lingyu’s room and gently pushed open the door.

What he saw was a clean and tidy bedroom.

There was a bed with a purple mosquito net, a white wardrobe, and a desk

There was a purple laptop on the desk

Gong Tianhao didn’t stay in the room any longer. He immediately moved the laptop into the courtyard.

After moving the laptop out, the two of them began to search for videos of outsiders entering the village.

Not long after, Gong Tianhao said with a serious expression, “Yu Er, I found it”

He looked at the time and said, “This happened a week ago

This was not good news because it meant that the other party had more time to make sufficient preparations

Xiao Lingyu looked closer and saw a white car. It stopped before it reached the village entrance.

A moment later, three young men in suits got out of the car.

The moment they got out of the car, they looked around and coincidentally saw Xiao Chengcai passing by.

Then, the two parties stopped to talk.

Gong Tianhao looked at the video for a while and said, “Yu Er, Xiao Chengcai is

very clever and he knows about the camera. He wouldn't be dumb enough to make the deal in the open."

Xiao Lingyu also stared at the camera as if she wanted to see something from the footage.

However, it was clear that Xiao Chengcai was very cautious. He did nothing but talk to the outsiders. That was not wrong

However, Xiao Lingyu said, "There has to be a clue somewhere.

She frowned and lowered her eyes, deep in thought.

At this moment, Gong Tianhao stared at the screen and said, "Yu 'Er, come over and take a look:

Xiao Lingyu went over, and Gong Tianhao pointed to a spot and said, "Yu Er, did you notice this?

"This.. This is the pocket of his pants," Xiao Lingyu said.

"Yes," Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Did you notice that the pocket of his pants is bulging? It's rectangular in shape, and a corner is exposed. If we look closely, we can tell that's money."

Xiao Lingyu's eyes lit up, and she immediately reacted.

She said, "That's right. It's summer now, and he's wearing thin clothes. He doesn't have layers to hide the money. So he had to put it in his pockets.

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "That's right. But tens of thousands is not a small amount. The notes are showing on camera. So he's guilty, after all.

"He was still too careless. When he left his home, his pockets were flat and empty. However, after he met the three men and returned home, his pockets were full. This is evidence to prove that he has sold the secrets of the Little Cattle King out."

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Now, I have to invite the village chief over.

That is a good strategy." Gong Tianhao nodded and stood up. He went to her room again and took out her phone on the desk.

After Xiao Lingyu got the phone, she called the village chief. After that, the two of them continued to look at the videos. Mainly, it was Gong Tianhao who was doing all the checks.

Xiao Lingyu was pregnant, and it was not good for her to look at the computer for a long time.

Gong Tianhao was smart and had a photographic memory. He was very fast, and he didn't miss a single scene.

After waiting for about twenty minutes, the village chief rushed over.

The moment the village chief entered the courtyard, he wiped the sweat off his forehead and asked, "Lingyu, what's wrong?"

Xiao Lingyu said with a serious expression, "Village chief, let's go inside the house and talk." The passing villagers might overhear them and cause panic to spread.

When the village chief saw Xiao Lingyu and Gong Tianhao's serious expressions, he immediately realized that something big might have happened.

He suddenly felt uneasy.

He rubbed his hands and asked, "Lingyu, Tianhao, what exactly happened to make you guys look so serious?"

Xiao Lingyu poured a glass of water for the village chief.

The village chief took it and drank a few mouthfuls.

After walking for so long in the summer, he was indeed a little thirsty.

Then, the village chief asked again, "Lingyu, what exactly happened?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "Village Chief, I'll let you watch a few videos before we talk."

She placed the computer before the village chief. Gong Tianhao showed him a few videos that he had selected.

The village chief was a little confused at first, but when he realized that a few outsiders had come into contact with Xiao Chengcai, his expression turned solemn. But he saw nothing more than that. So, Xiao Chengcai interacted with

outsiders. That was common for the villagers these days. After all, the village had been welcoming many outsiders. This could be an innocent interaction.

Gong Tianhao knew that the village chief didn't notice it. He pointed at an image and said, "Village chief, look here."

The village chief looked at the place where Gong Tianhao pointed and suddenly widened his eyes. He asked in surprise, "Wait. Is that money in his pockets?"

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Although the video is not perfect, from the size and the shape, we can confirm that Xiao Chengcai's pocket is filled with money. Both of his pockets are bulging. That's at least tens of thousands!"

The village chief said in shock, "But Xiao Chengcai didn't leave home with so much money. Where did he get the money then? There's no way he picked it up on the road. Who would go around with so much cash?"

Gong Tianhao said seriously, "Village chief, this is the reason why we called you here."

The village chief asked in a daze, "What do you mean?"

Xiao Lingyu said seriously, "Village chief, we suspect that it was Xiao Chengcai who sold the secrets of the Little Cattle King to the outsiders."

When the village chief heard that, his expression suddenly changed. He suddenly shouted angrily, "He wouldn't dare!"

However, Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "why wouldn't he dare? There are several reasons why he would do this.

"First, his family is not allowed to pick the manure of Little Light.

"Second, his family hates my family because of the issue with Zhang Xiaolan.

Third, he still has to work for me to pay off his debt. Do you think he is satisfied?"

"Through the incident with his wife, we know he is a heartless man. He can betray his wife of 20 years, much less the whole village."

Hearing this, the village chief's expression changed again.

If this was true, then the Little Cattle King was in great danger. More than that,

it would attract the evil intention of greedy people to Taoyuan Village.

The village chief quickly understood the severity of this matter.

Xiao Lingyu continued, “village chief, based on my current speculation, someone has set their eyes on the land of Taoyuan Village because we can grow great crops. The reason for trying to turn the village into a tourist destination is just a front.”

The village chief's expression became solemn.