

### Chapter 331: Frightened

'When Yue Qilin saw Zheng Wanli's puzzled look, the corners of his mouth rose slightly, revealing a trace of a mocking smile as he said in a cold voice, "I don't care who you are or what your identity is. Get lost immediately!"

Not to mention Zheng Wanli, even Hong Qing and Liu Jian's hearts burned with anger when they heard this.

However, Liu Jian didn't show his anger. Instead, he smiled coldly and said to Hong Qing, "Deputy Leader Hong, I didn't know there are so many hidden talents here. Even a small villager can learn not to respect the county leaders. They don't even give you face."

Hong Qing was also very embarrassed.

He really didn't expect that to hit a roadblock in this poor village. His anger immediately soared to the sky.

However, he first comforted Liu Jian and said, "Chief Liu, please calm down and watch from the side. I'll deal with these people."

Then, he walked to Yue Qilin's car and shouted at them with a gloomy face, "Who are you? How dare you obstruct the economic development of Xingyin County? If you know what's good for you, drive the cars away as soon as possible. Otherwise, I'll sue you for obstructing official business and arrest all of you."

Yue Qilin said with a smile, "Deputy Leader Hong, please do call your people. My brothers will wait here. But..." Having said this, his smile disappeared. His expression was solemn as he said with a stern expression, "If you insist on not following the proper procedure and want to enter the village to demolish the houses, you have to get through the three of us first."

The three men honked their horns at the same time.

Yue Qilin's eyes shot sharply at Liu Jian as he said with a sneer, "I say, President Liu, you'd better call your big boss Liao Guohui. If he goes too far, there will be consequences."

Zheng Wanli didn't feel anything, but Hong Qing and Liu Jian were shocked.

'This man knows us? No, not only does he know us, but he also knows our big boss, Liao Guohui. How is that possible?'

However, before Liu Jian could think about it, Yue Qilin gave him another stunning blow.

Yue Qilin said, "Also, President Liu, please tell Chairman Liao that not everything is fine and dandy after he found the head of the Yan Family to be his backer.

“On top of that, my master said that he would overlook Liao Yiging’s mistake out of deference to Old Master Yan and Yan Siming.

“However, if he still refuses to come to his sense, my master will not give face to anyone anymore.”

This made Liu Jian’s expression changed drastically. He subconsciously took a few steps back and looked at Yue Qilin in disbelief.

‘What does he mean? Does his master know about the cooperation between Chairman Liao and Master Yan? That has to be it! Or else why would they set up the blockade here’

Hong Qing frowned when he heard Yue Qilin’s words.

He was very confused. ‘Who are these people, and how did they know so much? When did such a big shot appear in Taoyuan Village? How come I haven’t heard anything’

Of course, Hong Qing also suspected that this person was just bluffing. They wanted better compensation because they were dissatisfied with the demolition plan.

But what if these people were telling the truth?

Hong Qing was conflicted.

However, Zheng Wanli didn’t hear the warning in Yue Qilin’s words. He really thought the man was just bluffing.

He said sternly with a dark face, “You backward villager, how dare you threaten us? Do you know who we are? Do you know who you’re talking to?”

Yue Qilin looked at him like he was a clown.

He said coldly, “Of course, I know who you are. One of you is Deputy County Leader, Hong Qing, and the other is the general manager of the Taoyuan Village Development Project Department from City Z’s global tourism development company, Liu Jian. And you are the town council leader, Zheng Wanli, who has been in office for less than three hours.”

Zheng Wanli was dumbfounded when he heard that. He asked in disbelief, “How did you know all that?” This time, his heart was beating a little faster.

His official position was not high, but he could be considered a tactful person. He was not stupid.

When he heard this man list out their identities so casually, he was frightened. These men came from powerful backgrounds. They had the power to investigate everything clearly.

Yue Qilin ignored Zheng Wanli. Instead, he looked at Liu Jian, whose face was already pale, and said indifferently, “Chief Liu, we heard that the previous person-in-charge, Li Jianmin, was in a car accident. He is still unconscious. I wonder... Is he getting better?”

Although his tone was indifferent, the meaning in his words was so sharp and terrifying.

Liu Jian was so scared that his face turned pale on the spot, and he couldn’t help but stagger back a few steps.

He was in high spirits when he came, but now, he was wilting.

He opened his mouth and wanted to ask something, but it was as if something was stuck in his throat, and he couldn't make any sound.

Yue Qilin didn't care. With an aggressive tone, he said coldly, "President Liu, I advise you to relay my words to your Chairman Liao as soon as possible. Otherwise..." Yue Qilin raised his hand and looked at the time on his watch. He was the Grim Reaper sentencing someone to death, "Otherwise, if it were any later, with my master's hot temper, your boss' company might go bankrupt."

'When Yue Qilin said this, Liu Jian immediately reacted.

He took out his phone from his pocket and made a call.

'When the call was connected, he shouted in panic, "Boss, there's someone here that warns us from touching Taoyuan Village, or he'd bankrupt our company."

However, the other party replied weakly, "It's too late."

'Then, Liu Jian could only hear the dial tone.

Liu Jian stared at the phone in a daze.

'It's too late!'

'What did he mean by that? Did that mean they shouldn't touch Taoyuan Village for now? Or the company had already gone bankrupt?

Yue Qilin's ears were very sharp. Even though Liu Jian didn't put the call on speaker, Yue Qilin heard everything clearly.

He chuckled and said, "I said that my master has a short temper. You delayed, and he made his move."

'When Hong Qing heard that, he was dumbfounded and asked, "You... What do you mean by that?"

Yue Qilin spread his hands and said, "Actually, it's nothing much. It means that Liu Jian's head office, Global Tourism Development Company, has just declared bankruptcy."

"What?" Hong Qing's eyes widened in disbelief when he heard that. He said in shock, "How is this possible?"

Global Tourism Development Company was a very big company in City Z. How could it go bankrupt so easily?

More importantly, this company had connections with the county council. They would receive news if the company went bankrupt.

Yue Qilin sneered and said, "Nothing is impossible for my master. If you don't believe me, then call and ask."

But before Hong Qing could make a call, his phone rang.

'When Hong Qing heard the ringtone, his heart panicked. He had an uneasy premonition.

He didn't dare to pick up the call.

Yue Qilin raised his eyebrows and said with a smile, "Deputy Leader Hong, why aren't you answering the call? Maybe this call of yours will give you a surprise!"

Hong Qing's hands couldn't help but tremble as he took out the phone. The Caller Id showed that it was his assistant. His heart slightly relaxed. "Hello..."

"Deputy leader Hong, something bad has happened. We've received the notice that Global Tourism Development Company has just declared bankruptcy. Taoyuan Village Development Project has to be stopped immediately.

"Also, leader Lin asked me to inform you to return to the county as soon as possible. There is an emergency meeting to be held," Hong Qing's assistant shouted.

Dang!

Hong Qing's phone fell to the ground.

### **Chapter 332: Sudden Change**

Liao Guohui was very confident after he had gotten in touch with the Yan Family. He didn't have to be afraid of Yan Siming anymore because his partnership was with Yan Siming's father. What could Yan Siming do to him now?

Therefore, he was currently happily staying in a hotel room with a lover.

Just as he was about to have sex with his lover, he suddenly received a call from his secretary.

Secretary Mi's voice was very anxious as she asked, "Chairman Liao, where are you? Something big has happened at the company!"

Liao Guohui frowned and asked in confusion, "Something big? What do you mean?" But then he thought of the cooperation with Yan Yiging and immediately laughed out loud, "Indeed, something big has happened. Our company has gotten a partnership with Qincheng Investment Company. That is indeed a big deal!" Then, he said impatiently, "Alright, don't disturb me if there's nothing else."

Secretary Mi was silent for a moment. Then, she directly cut to the chase. "Director Liao, that is not it. Our company's previous tourism development projects have been exposed. The company didn't follow the correct protocol during the demolitions. We provided minuscule compensation and even caused a few deaths.

"Also, the people from the tax bureau are here. They say that our company is guilty of tax evasion and account falsification. They are currently auditing us.

"We're already on the internet's trending page!"

Hearing the report from his secretary, the phone in Liao Guohui's hand fell to the ground with a clang.

His eyes were wide open, and his face was pale.

His expression was fearful and uneasy.

‘Why would these things suddenly be exposed? They are fine until now!’

Liao Guohui did not believe it.

He immediately turned on the computer in his room and turned on the news channel. Immediately, he saw the trending list. The first trending news was, “global tourism development company is the Devil.”

Liao Guohui’s hands trembled as he scrolled down the list. When he saw the article, his pupils contracted violently.

The article detailed how his company had forced local farmers into a corner in the name of tourism development. Some of the farmers were even beaten to death by the thugs hired by his company because the farmers put up a resistance. There were pictures, and they were all ghastly.

Liao Guohui’s mind was blank. ‘When did this happen? And where did the pictures come from?’

In an instant, he felt a chill run down his spine.

He felt an invisible hand controlling all these things. Thankfully, Liao Guohui had years of experience. He quickly calmed down. The first thing he needed to do was to suppress the news.

He immediately picked up his phone from the ground and called Secretary Mi.

“Secretary Mi, immediately get the public relations department to suppress the news. They have to get these topics off trending no matter the price,” Liao Guohui said anxiously.

Secretary Mi sighed, “Chairman Liao, it’s useless. I had already reached out to the PR department when the news exploded. The PR people contacted the news site and wanted to buy the suppression.

“However, the other party said that they had received an order from their superior to promote the news. No matter how much we pay, they remain indifferent.”

Secretary Mi was also filled with regret. Earlier, she had already decided to resign when she overheard the bankruptcy. However, soon after that, she received a message from Chairman Liao saying that their company had reached a partnership with Qingcheng Investment company.

In that case, their company would continue to rise. Therefore, she secretly withdrew her resignation letter.

However, who would have thought things would change so quickly. The ending of the company depended on the actions of the chairman.

Secretary Mi had a feeling that the bankruptcy was real this time.

Chairman Liao had announced at first notice the moment he got the partnership with Qingcheng Investment Company. No one in City Z would be so tactless to offend Liao Guohui because that would mean offending the Yan Family.

However, it still happened!

'The news exposure, the tax audit, and so on. They were all carefully planned.

Secretary Mi was reminded of the things she overheard that day. Her boss had offended a big shot. And big shot would bankrupt Liao Guohui's company.

Secretary Mi wondered who this big shot was.

Similarly, Liao Guohui was wondering the same thing. The only name that came to his mind was Yan Siming. However, it didn't make sense. Yan Siming knew that he was working with his father, so why would he do this? Was the woman in Taoyuan Village more important than his father? Would he offend his father for this woman?

Liao Guohui did not have time to guess.

He immediately made another call. The person he was calling was, of course, his current partner — Yan Yiging.

Yan Yiging sat in his office and rubbed his forehead. It was obvious that he was in a terrible state.

He had just received the news that Lin Lihui and the others had been arrested all of a sudden, saying that they had taken bribes.

Then, all of a sudden, the leaders of various government departments came to visit his company. They were from the tax bureau, the industry, and commerce bureau, and so on. They were there for 'routine business'.

Yan Yiging was powerful in City Z, but he was not foolish enough to offend these officials. He treated them like fine guests. Thankfully, he had many interactions with them and thus was familiar with these leaders.

'When he chatted with them, he found out the shocking news. It was their superiors who ordered them to do this routine business. Who was their superior? It was the people from the prefecture capital.

Yan Yiging was also familiar with the leaders of the prefecture capital. He would know if they wanted to send people to check his company.

He immediately called his contact at the prefecture capital. His contact told him that Lin Lihui and a few others had been arrested for bribery.

Right after that, Yan Yiging's subordinate informed him that Global Tourism Development Company had gotten on trending.

Yan Yiging checked the news.

He frowned for a long time.

He had a faint bad feeling in his heart.

He thought of the warning his son, Yan Siming, gave him.

At that time, he didn't care at all. But now that he thought about it, this was all repercussion for their intention to develop Taoyuan Village. Otherwise, things were too coincidental.

He was just about to call his son, Yan Siming, to ask about Taoyuan Village when Liao Guohui called him.

Yan Yiging thought for a moment and answered his call.

“President Yan, please save my company!” Liao Guohui started to plead. “I need you to help me to pressure the news website to take down the news about my company.”

Yan Yiging said calmly, “Liao Guohui, is everything on the news true?”

Businessmen would sometimes resort to underhanded means for profit. However, if they caused the death of people, this was a heinous crime. Plus, according to the news, there were at least ten people who died!

Basically, two or three villagers died at each location Liao Guohui had developed. This... was madness!

Yan Yiging was a businessman but he was principled. He wouldn't kill for profit.

Liao Guohui naturally denied everything. “President Yan, it's not true. Someone is trying to frame me. It's all fake. President Yan, you have to help me. Otherwise, my company will really be finished.”

“Someone tried to frame you?” Yan Yiging repeated, then asked again, “Then tell me, who is framing you?”

“It's Yan...” Liao Guohui almost blurted out Yan Siming's name before he realized he was talking to Yan Siming's father. Liao Guohui pleaded, “Director Yan, can we talk about this later? Please save my company first, okay?”

When Yan Yiging heard the word, Yan, he knew Liao Guohui wanted to throw his son under the bus. Yan Yiging was furious.

He said coldly, “I have an urgent matter right now. You can figure this out yourself.”

After saying that, he hung up the phone and no longer paid attention to Liao Guohui.

Liao Guohui was in despair, holding his phone.

### **Chapter 333: Who?**

Gong Tianhao returned to the Xiao family after answering the phone. There was quite a crowd at the Xiao Family, including the village chief and some people who were close to Xiao Zhengyang's family.

As soon as Gong Tianhao entered the courtyard, the village chief said excitedly, “Young Master Gong, what's the situation now?”

Gong Tianhao told the village chief earlier that another demolition team was coming to the village. They were a different group, but they were equally aggressive. The compensation fee was the same as before. When the village chief heard this, he instantly became angry.

However, Gong Tianhao said that as long as the entire village cooperated, the problem would be easily resolved. The cooperation he needed was for all the villagers to stay at home and stay away from the village entrance.

This time, the demolition team was accompanied by the town officials. They could easily instill fear into the villagers and force them to sign the agreement. That would add trouble to Gong Tianhao.

After all, Gong Tianhao hadn't exposed his true identity. He didn't want the villagers to drag him down due to their fear of the officials. So he had them stay at home instead. If they wanted to see the demolition team, they could only watch them from afar.

Honestly, if not for his wife and grandfather, Gong Tianhao wouldn't have bothered. But since this was his wife's hometown, he had to protect it.

The matter had been settled. The villagers didn't know anything, and the demolition team had already retreated.

Gong Tianhao glanced at the village chief and said lightly, "They have returned. Don't worry. There won't be another demolition team coming in the future."

The village chief and Xiao Zhengyang were shocked when they heard this. They asked, "Is this true?"

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "It's true!"

Everyone else present was also very happy. "That's great!" They didn't have to worry about losing their houses anymore.

Even though there was compensation if they agreed to the demolition, the money was not enough for the farmers who had to rely on the land to survive.

At the same time, Hong Qing received a notice from the county ordering him to go back immediately, and Liu Jian received the news that the global tourism development company had gone bankrupt.

This was like a bolt from the blue for Liu Jian.

A moment ago, he was still feeling smug, believing he was cleverer than Li Jianmin. However, the next second, he received the news that the head company had gone bankrupt. He knew that his future was ruined.

These men's master had to be behind the head company's bankruptcy. Liu Jian was so scared that he could not control himself.

Yue Qilin sneered and asked, "Director Liu, I told you to inform your big boss earlier, but you insisted on wasting time with us. This is the consequence.

"My master got impatient and dealt with your big boss."

Yue Qilin shouted at the demolition team, "You can go back home! Your head company is gone. Your big boss is in big trouble! Why are you still wasting time here?"

The demolition team members looked at each other and then at their chief manager, Liu Jian. His face was pale, and his body swayed.

A moment later, the demolition team leader came over and asked, "Chief Liu, are we still demolishing the houses?"



Liu Jian immediately jumped up like a startled bird. He was so frightened that his hair stood on end. He looked at the team leader in shock and anger and said loudly, "What demolition? Our company has gone bankrupt. If we demolish these houses, who will pay for them? Will you pay?"

'When Captain Han of the demolition team heard this, he was shocked. They heard from the side about some company bankruptcy. They didn't think it was their company. If that was true, what would happen to their salaries? Were they going to work for nothing?

A wave of anger surged out of Captain Han's heart.

Immediately, he thought of his nemesis, Hu Hansan. He heard from Hu Hansan that their big boss had offended a big shot at Taoyuan Village, and it was only a matter of time before the company went bankrupt.

Hu Hansan was prescient and sold the demolition tools at a low price. Then, his team took the money and left.

Captain Han's team was going to end up the same way. Captain Han pursed his lips tightly and ignored the shocked and angry Liu Jian.

He waved his hand and said loudly, "Brothers, there's no demolition today. Let's leave!" Then, the demolition team left in a hurry.

Liu Jian and the other two were left dumbstruck.

Then, Hong Qing ignored Liu Jian, jumped into his car, and drove away.

Zheng Wanli and Liu Jian were left. Zheng Wanli looked around with a baffled expression. He did not know what to do.

However, he had a very bad premonition. They came in a large group, but they had all left in a panic.

Now, only Zheng Wanli, Liu Jian, and the three luxury cars remained.

Zheng Wanli was very sensible. He did not question Yue Qilin anymore.

Zheng Wanli walked toward Liu Jian and asked carefully, "Chief Liu, are you alright?"

However, Liu Jian glanced at him as if he was crazy. Liu Jian turned around and ran to his car. He drove away.

Zheng Wanli, "... Am I that scary?"

Everyone had left. There was no point for him to stay. However, he turned around and realized there was no vehicle left. He came in Hong Qing's car. They had abandoned him.

Zheng Wanli looked around and found that other than the three luxury cars in front of him, there wasn't even an ox-cart.

Zheng Wanli hesitated for a few moments before walking toward Yue Qilin. Then, he still displayed a bit of official authority and said with a bit of arrogance, "Send me back to the town!"

The three men answered by turning their cars around!

A major event had happened in City Z. It was as if a magnitude 8 earthquake had struck the business and political circles. It was terrifying and shocking.

First of all, global tourism development company was considered a little famous in City Z. But the company declared bankruptcy in a short period of time, with a debt of 300 million.

It was rumored that the boss was captured when he was trying to escape from a hotel. He was involved not only in economic crimes but also in illegal coercion, murder, and more than a dozen other crimes. The crimes were so serious that they shocked City Z.

Liao Guohui's reputation soured overnight.

Secondly, an investment company of the Yan family was investigated.

Everyone knew that the Yan Group, the leading company in City Z, had always been a company led by morality. So why were they suddenly a subject of an investigation?

This confused many.

Lastly, and also the most serious matter, everyone in the prefecture capital, who was involved in Global Tourism Development Company's matters, was investigated.

This included Lin Lihui.

As the head of the Yan family, Yan Yiging was naturally shrewd.

After he connected the dots, he knew these occurrences had to do with Taoyuan Village's development. His company was targeted because of his investment in Taoyuan Village.

Yan Yiging frowned and gave his son a call.

"Son, who is this big boss living in Taoyuan Village?" Yan Yiging asked curiously.

Yan Siming smiled and said, "Dad, now you know I didn't lie to you. Fortunately, we have always been good businessmen who abide by the law. Otherwise, I'm afraid that our entire Yan family would be destroyed this time."

Yan Yiging said in surprise, "Is it that serious?"

"Yes!" Yan Siming nodded and said, "Dad, don't have any greedy thoughts about Taoyuan Village anymore. We can't afford to take down this place!" With that said, Yan Siming directly hung up the phone.

Yan Yiging,

"Son, you haven't even told me who is this big boss living in that small mountain village..."

### **Chapter 334: The Contract**

After the Global Tourism Development Company in City Z went bankrupt, Xiao Taiyang once again applied for the contract.

This time, the application was smoothly approved.

'The huge earthquake in City Z had sent tremors to Xing Yin County and Xing An Town. People were keenly aware that the earthquake happened due to the development of Taoyuan Village.

Many new officials got promoted. They were capable people and were considerate of the public. Of course, they were smart too. They sensed that the earthquake was caused by someone behind the scene.

What did this mean? Many people knew the answer. Taoyuan Village might appear small and unremarkable, but it was protected by a big boss.

The village chief handed the mountain contracts to the officials. This time, it didn't involve any outside company. This was an internal matter of Taoyuan Village, so the official approved it quickly.

The village chief sent the relevant materials and notice of approval to Xiao Zhengyang's house.

The village chief sat in the courtyard. After gulping down a few cups of tea, he said happily, "I didn't expect it to pass so smoothly this time."

Xiao Lingyu raised her eyebrows. Then, she looked at Gong Tianhao, who was peeling apples for her, and said to the village chief with a smile, "That's good."

At this point, she paused for a moment and looked at the village chief with a serious and serious expression, "Village chief, since the contract has been passed, I wish to discuss the rental details. I plan to pay the rent every three years, just like how it is for Taiping Field. Every three years, the rent will increase by 20 percent. The lease term will be 30 years. What do you think?"

The village chief nodded and said, "This matter has been approved by all the village representatives. The rent will be divided according to the number of people in the household."

Regarding this point, Xiao Lingyu naturally did not have any problems. She was only the lessee. How the rent was going to be distributed was not her issue.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "That's fine. The six mountains have 11,306 Mu of land. The rent for each Mu is 150. So the total for every three years is 5,087,700. Village chief, is that correct?"

'When the village chief heard the number, he was shocked. It was more than five million, and Xiao Lingyu planned to pay that in one go. Did the Xiao Family have so much money?

Xiao Lingyu saw through the village chief's doubt. She smiled, "Village chief, I don't have that much money now. So I've taken a loan of four million from the bank."

The village chief was stunned and asked curiously, "Bank loan? What is that?" He knew about bank loans, but to his knowledge, the bank would only offer loans for businesses. Would they loan money to a farmer?

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "As long as you provide some information, the bank will give you a certain amount of loan based on your property status and the prospect of the investment project. Of course, that is under the condition that the bank believes the loaner can pay back the loan."

The village chief nodded.

Xiao Lingyu then added, "Of course. Since it's a loan, there will definitely be a certain amount of interest. For example, for my loan, the interest is 4.35 percent a year. In other words, I will have to pay around 170,000 RMB in interest every year."

"Okay." The village chief nodded. But in his heart, he felt that it was not worth it.

This was 100,000 RMB of work that needed to be done for free. Of course, since he didn't mean to take out any loan, he didn't dwell on it.

He smiled and said, "Lingyu, you are really bold. I wouldn't have dared to take out such a big loan."

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I had no choice. Village chief, please don't laugh at me."

Then, Xiao Lingyu asked, "Village chief, do you think I should withdraw all the money in cash, or do you think we can persuade the villagers to register a bank card? To register a bank card, they need to go to the bank with their ID and open an account."

The village chief thought for a moment and said, "How about I ask the villagers for their opinions?"

Xiao Lingyu added, "Village chief, before that, I need to remind you something, If we are going to apply for cards, then all 180 households should apply for the cards.

"If someone is unwilling, then I think it's better for me to withdraw the cash and have the village elders distribute it."

After hearing that, the village chief thought about it again and said, "In that case, I think we'll go for the cash. After all, many people in the village don't know how to use a bank card. They also find the cards insecure and unreliable. People will complain about it."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Okay. I'll withdraw the cash three days later. I have to make an appointment in advancement due to the amount." Xiao Lingyu had no idea whether the application would be approved or not before this, so she didn't notify the bank. But now that it had been approved, she

wanted to get this wrapped up as soon as possible.

The village chief was also very happy. "That's good. In these three days, I can make an estimate of how much money each family will get."

This money would be divided according to the number of people. The rent was around 1.8 million, and it would be shared by six to seven hundred people.

In Taoyuan Village, there were many big families with ten to twenty people.

"Have you heard? Xiao Lingyu rented those hills in our village, and the rent is more than 7,600 RMB per person!"

"The village chief has already informed everyone. I can't believe it. It's more than 7000 per person. We never thought it would be so much.

“When the demolition team came and offered us 5000 RMB each, we already thought that was already very high. Who would have thought we would have gotten more by renting the mountains to Xiao Lingyu.”

“That’s right. And three years later, the rent will only increase. In comparison, the demolition people will only pay us once and claim our land permanently. Fortunately, we didn’t agree.

“Some thought 5000 RMB was a lot, but actually it was nothing compared to the profit the company would get!”

“Naturally. Those people are big bosses for a reason. We’re farmers who can only see the benefits before us and not the future.”

“You do make sense. But, speaking of which, where did Xiao Lingyu get so much money? Did she earn so much by selling vegetables and strawberries?”

“Theard from the village chief that Xiao Lingyu took a loan of around four million from the bank.”

“Hub? A bank loan? What is that?”

“The village chief said it means borrowing money from the bank.”

“Huh. I know you can save money in the bank. I don’t know you can borrow money from them.”

“That’s why Lingyu is so clever!”

“That’s true. She is clever enough to borrow so much money from the bank. We don’t even know that’s possible.”

At this moment, someone suddenly said, “Ah, I’ve decided to support my eldest child to further her studies.”

“Wait, isn’t your eldest child a girl? Why would you do that? She is going to get married anyway. It’s pointless!” Someone immediately said disdainfully.

“How is it pointless? Look at Xiao Zhengyang’s daughter! His family is now a millionaire. Do you think Xiao Lingyu will take all the money with her after she gets married? She will at least leave half with her parents, right?”

“You’re right. Xiao Lingyu is always filial.”

“If my daughter can be as talented as Xiao Lingyu, why shouldn’t I try to cultivate her?”

“You’re right. A daughter can be as good, if not better, than sons.”

“My Xiao Yun is a good student. I should reconsider taking her out of school.”

“My Xiao Lan is the same...”

Overnight, the misogyny at Taoyuan Village lessened.

In the future, Taoyuan Village will indeed produce many promising female stars.

Of course, that was a story for another time..

## Chapter 335: Cash

Three days later, Xiao Lingyu withdrew more than five million in cash from the bank.

The bank in Xing An town did not have that much cash, so they had to go to the county bank to make an appointment and withdraw the money. The withdrawal was very secretive. No one noticed anything, and they hauled the cash back to the village.

“Wow, this is a lot of money!” When the villagers received the notice that Xiao Lingyu had returned with the money, everyone gathered at the village committee. Some even ran back from their work when they heard the news. After all, the money would be distributed per person. One person could get

about seven or eight thousand RMB, so if a family had two people, they could get fifteen thousand. That was a huge amount of money.

There was a large pile of cash on stage. It was very exciting.

“I’ve never seen so much money in my life!”

“Me too! Probably only bank workers would see something like this!”

“Indeed, who in our village would have so much money?”

“Xiao Lingyu might have seen this before. After all, she used to work in a big city.”

“You’re right.” Someone agreed, “Xiao Lingyu has seen the world, unlike people like us who are trapped in this mountain village.”

“That’s more than five million. I want to take them all home and sleep on them. I think I’ll wake up laughing in my dream.”

“You sure like to daydream!” Someone laughed. People were joking and having fun.

“Well, he’s not exactly daydreaming.” Someone pointed out.

“That’s right. You have six people in your family. So your family will get more than 40,000 RMB.”

“If your family has more people, you’ll be able to get more money.”

“That’s right.”

“We’ve saved for decades, and we can barely get 10,000 RMB. But we only need to rent out some hills, and we can get more than that.” The villagers were really happy.

“By the way, with this much money, what are you planning to do?”

“It’s a betrothal gift for my eldest son’s wife, and we’ll build a brick house.”

During this time, the housing market hadn’t exploded yet. It didn’t cost much to build a house in the countryside.

However, three years later, the price would leap sky-high, even if it was just building a house in the countryside.

At this moment, building a three-story villa in the countryside cost around 40,000 RMB. But three years later, a single-story house in the countryside would cost 200,000 RMB.

The housing price in the city would be higher. This created a housing craze. People bought more houses, afraid that the price would rise higher. Due to the market demand, the price did rise higher. It was a vicious circle.

This brought a new era to the real estate business.

Of course, the villagers didn't know about all these things.

'When they got the money, apart from saving it, they wanted to help their children get married and build a house. Not many considered buying a house in the city.

"My family is large. I should get quite a bit of money. I'll build a house and then prepare to find a wife for my eldest son."

"My family has the same plan. However, our house has just been renovated. Then again, my youngest son needs to get married. We plan to build him a house so he can move in with his wife!"

The villagers were enraptured in joy. The wealth fell from the sky. With this money, they didn't need to worry about most things anymore.

While they were discussing, the village chief and Xiao Lingyu arrived.

'The village chief took the stage and shouted through the loudspeaker, "Everyone, quiet down!"

This time, everyone cooperated in a way that they had never done before.

The lively scene suddenly became silent. Everyone looked at the village chief excitedly.

Of course, the village chief was also very excited.

His tone was happy. He laughed, "I don't think a village meeting has gone so successfully before. In the past, people never heeded my advice to quiet down. Alright, I'll stop wasting time. Let's get to the main topic. Everyone should know what the purpose of this meeting is, right?"

"Yes!" Everyone said in unison.

"In that case, I'll just go through the agenda briefly," The village chief said, "The main purpose of this meeting is to distribute the rent from Xiao Lingyu's contract of the mountains. The money will be distributed according to the number of individuals in a household.

"Even a newborn or a newly-married daughter-in-law will get their fair share. Our village has 186 households and 664, people, so each person will get 7,662 RMB.

"The money will be distributed per household. So please send one representative to come up the stage to get your money!"

"Okay!" The people present responded very cooperatively.

“Now, Xiao Lingyu, please say a few words to everyone!” The village chief placed the loudspeaker in front of Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu sat on stage, with Gong Tianhao standing beside her.

Xiao Lingyu glanced at all the villagers present and then said very seriously, “I’ve already discussed the contract and agreement for the mountains during the previous meetings, so I’ll only go through the important points again. I will contract the mountains for thirty years.

“Within these 30 years, the six mountains are mine. The villagers can still go up the mountain to forage, but the foraging is for personal use only.

“If I find out, for example, someone has been chopping firewood to sell to outsiders, there will be punishment in terms of heavy fines.

“Of course, these have already been written in the contract, and I’ve stressed them in previous meetings.

“After the household representatives sign the contract, they will get the rental.

“Once you place down your signature and fingerprint, it means that you’ve agreed to the contract and its clauses.”

Someone below said loudly, “Lingyu, we all know that.”

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, “Alright, let’s start handing out cash now..”

### **Chapter 336: The Reunion**

After the mountain contract was settled, it was harvest time for the peanuts and soybeans.

However, the thing that made the Xiao Family more excited was the fact that Grandpa Xiao, Grandma Xiao, Uncle Xiao, and the others had returned to Taoyuan Village.

About ten years ago, Xiao Lingyu’s eldest uncle, Xiao Jingyang, left the village to do business outside. His business flourished, and his family grew. Grandpa and Grandma Xiao moved to live with him.

They would come back every year for Lunar New Year. This was Grandpa and Grandma Xiao’s intention. The family had to be together for the new year.

This year, their eldest grandson, Xiao Lingye, was admitted to Imperial University and was the top scorer in science in City Z.

This was a joyous occasion for the Xiao family. No matter how busy they were, they would rush back for the graduation banquet.

since many people were coming back, Mother Xiao had been cleaning the old houses of Xiao Lingyu’s eldest uncle and second uncle since a few days ago. The blankets and the like had been washed and dried.

Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao would live in the ancestral home. The elders were nostalgic.



Although it was an old house, Xiao Zhengyang and his brothers had renovated it so that it looked brand new.

“As expected of Xiao Baotou’s grandson, Ye ‘Er, you’ve done well!” In the courtyard of the Xiao family, an old man in his seventies was praising his grandson.

Although the old man looked a little haggard, his expression was full of vigor. One couldn’t tell that he had just taken a long trip.

“He’s not only your grandson!” An amiable-looking old lady beside him said with a smile, “Xiao Ye, you’re really great, but don’t be arrogant. You need to keep working hard. Do you understand?”

‘When Xiao Lingye saw his grandparents, his uncle, and the others, he was very happy.

He nodded and said, “Of course, Grandma!”

Eldest Uncle Xiao, Xiao Jingyang, also patted his shoulder happily and said, “Ye ‘Er, you’ve made us proud. The Xiao Family will rely on you in the future!”

Xiao Lingye touched the back of his head and said embarrassedly, “Uncle, isn’t this burden too heavy?”

Uncle Xiao’s expression changed, and he said, “What’s so heavy about it? You’re the eldest grandson of the Xiao Family, so you have to bear this burden!”

‘When he said this, Uncle Xiao’s expression darkened and revealed some worry. Although this disappeared in a flash, Xiao Lingyu still noticed it.

Xiao Zhengyang smiled and said

ig Brother, the first thing you came back to do is to scare Ye ‘Er. Everyone in the Xiao Family is great. We will all make the family great!”

At this moment, Xiao Mingyang, said with a smile, “Eldest Brother, Ye ‘Er has already made us proud.

“Did you ever think one of us would get into Imperial University? I heard that before Ye ‘Er, it has been decades since someone from our county has gotten into Imperial University. Imperial University is the number one university in China. There are at least several million students taking the test, but only

two to three thousand students will be accepted by Imperial University. Therefore, Ye ‘Er has already made us incredibly proud!”

“Fourth brother is right,” Eldest Aunt, Yang Liu, smiled, “Ye ‘Er, don’t feel too burdened in your heart. Your uncle only wants the best for you but don’t feel too pressured.”

Xiao Lingyu nodded. “Yes, eldest aunt.”

Xiao Lingyu looked around and asked with confusion, “Eldest Uncle, Auntie, where is Yun ‘Er?”

Yun ‘Er was Xiao Jingyang and Yang Liu’s eldest daughter, Xiao Lingyun.

Xiao Lingyun was one year younger than Xiao Lingyu.

Although Xiao Jingyang and Yang Liu married early, they did not have children for several years after their marriage. They had their bodies checked. It was revealed that Yang Liu had a hard time carrying a child. However, the Xiao Family was kind and didn't make things difficult for Yang Liu.

In fact, Grandma Xiao took her eldest daughter-in-law to see an old Chinese doctor. The doctor prescribed medicine for Yang Liu to moderate her body. A year later, Yang Liu gave birth to her first child, Xiao Lingyun.

During this period, Xiao Zhengyang and Chen Qiuying got married. They instantly had Xiao Lingyu. Therefore, even though Xiao Jingyang married earlier than Xiao Zhengyang, their first daughters were not that far in age.

After Yang Liu had Xiao Lingyun, the second year, she gave birth to another daughter, Xiao Lingling.

However, when Xiao Lingling was seven months old, she suddenly had a high fever.

At the time, Taoyuan Village still didn't have a paved road. When they arrived at Xing An Town in the ox cart, the girl's fever had already reached 41 degrees.

However, the town hospital did not have the ability to treat a child's high fever. They told them to move to the county hospital.

However, it was the middle of the night, and they didn't have a car. Eventually, they got a kind town bus driver to help them. He drove them to Xing Yin County. Unfortunately, it was already too late when they arrived at the hospital. Xiao Lingling had died from a high fever.

This was always a sore point for the Xiao Family.

At that time, Xiao Lingyu was not even three years old yet. However, whenever the Xiao Family mentioned this, there would be immense sadness in their eyes.

After that, Yang Liu didn't have any more children, so Xiao Lingyun was their only daughter.

The main reason Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao left Taoyuan Village was their granddaughter, Xiao Lingyun.

After Xiao Lingyun graduated from high school, she joined a nursing school.

Xiao Jingyang and his wife moved to the city where their daughter studied. They got up early and worked late opening a fruit stall. They were too busy to look after their daughter.

Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao felt sorry for their granddaughter, so they went over together and helped their eldest son take care of their granddaughter. Plus, they would also help out at the stall.

After Xiao Lingyun graduated, she was assigned to another county hospital as an intern nurse.

After the internship ended, she stayed in that hospital as an official nurse.

She had the conditions to move to a better city, but during her internship, she was pursued by a young doctor. When Xiao Lingyun first joined the hospital, she was only eighteen. She was at her prime.

The doctor who pursued her was young, handsome, and charming. He was seven years older than her. Plus, his father was the deputy director of the county hospital. However, the thing that really drew Xiao Lingyun to the man was his humor. He would always make her laugh.

Xiao Lingyun had the good genes of the Xiao Family. Her skin was fair, and she was beautiful. When she was in nursing school, people were already impressed by her beauty.

Naturally, there were many people who pursued her. Many of them came from rich and powerful families too.

However, her parents were strict. She was not allowed to be in a relationship before she was eighteen. Therefore, she had no romance.

Her first romance was with that man when she was eighteen.

“That’s right. Where are Yun ‘Er and Feiping? Why didn’t they come with you?” Chen Qiuying asked.

Aunt Yang Liu’s eyes darkened for a moment, but soon she said with a smile, “Yun ‘Er’s two children are still young so they can’t travel this far.”

Chen Qiuying frowned. “Her children are six and five. It’s summer vacation. It’s the perfect time for them to come back home.

“Furthermore, if they really don’t want to risk taking the children, Yun ‘Er and Feiping can ask their grandmother to look after the kids temporarily. They can come back with you.”

Yang Liu pursed her lips. Her expression was serious and showed some worry.

She didn’t know how to answer. Chen Qiuying immediately sensed something wrong.

“This is not right. Big Brother, sister-in-law, did something happen to Yun ‘Er?” Chen Qiuying asked very seriously and sharply.

“Yes, uncle and aunt, did something happen to Yun ‘Er?” Xiao Lingyu repeated the question.

This triggered something in Xiao Lingyu’s memory. During this period in her previous life, something bad did happen to her cousin, Xiao Lingyun..

### **Chapter 337: Xiao Lingyun**

‘When Chen Qiuying and her daughter asked these questions, even Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao became silent and worried.

This immediately made Xiao Zhengyang and the others even more anxious.

Xiao Zhengyang asked anxiously, “Dad, Mom, what happened to Yun ‘Er?”

Xiao Jingyang and his wife looked at each other. They didn’t know what to say at this moment.

After all, their second brother was celebrating a happy occasion. They didn’t want to rain on the parade. Yun ‘Er’s incident would affect everyone’s mood.

Before they returned to Taoyuan Village, they had already decided that they would only bring up Yun 'Er's matter after Ye 'Er's celebration was over. However, they didn't expect second brother's family to be so sharp. They didn't say anything, but they had already spotted the problem.

Just as Xiao Jingyang was hesitating, Grandpa Xiao suddenly said with a serious expression, "Yun 'Er is going through a divorce!"

"Divorce?!" Xiao Zhengyang and the others were shocked. "But Dad, why? Yun 'Er has two children."

Grandma Xiao said angrily, "That is exactly why! The Cheng Family is ridiculous. Since Yun 'Er has two daughters, they are forcing her to get a divorce. And they want her to leave with nothing!"

Xiao Zhengyang immediately asked sharply, "What about the two children? Will they leave with Yun 'Er?"

From what Grandma Xiao said, the Cheng family valued sons over daughters. So, technically, they would want Xiao Lingyun to take the daughters with her. After all, Cheng Feiping would have trouble remarrying with two daughters.

"No!" Yang Liu suddenly cried, "They won't let Yun 'Er take her daughters with her!"

"But why?" Mother Xiao said with confusion. "Doesn't their family hate her because of the daughters? Then, why are they keeping the children?"

Xiao Lingyun had to leave with her daughters after the divorce. She would not leave them to suffer with the Cheng Family, who despised them.

Xiao Zhengyang asked with a gloomy face, "Big brother, what do the Cheng family want?"

Xiao Jingyang said, "They want custody of the two children so that they can send them away. They are afraid that once Yun 'Er gets custody of the children, she will pester their son endlessly. It will affect their son's future, so they are trying to cut off all future troubles."

"What?" Hearing Xiao Jingyang's words, Xiao Zhengyang and the others' expressions changed. "How can they be so heartless?"

Grandpa Xiao and the others fell silent.

Xiao Lingyu asked at this moment, "What about Cheng Feiping? What is his intention?"

At the mention of Cheng Feiping, Grandpa Xiao and the others' expressions became even uglier.

"What intention could he have? That bastard! When he was with Yun 'Er, he promised to treat her well for the rest of her life. But after Yun 'Er gave birth to two daughters, he treated her worse than a slave!" Yang Liu said with extreme anger, "One time, when Yun 'Er was recovering from the pregnancy, I saw him on the street being very close to a girl.

"At that time, I didn't question him. Instead, when he returned home, I pulled him aside to talk to him. He swore to me that he wouldn't cheat on Yun 'Er. The girl was a distant relative of his, and they were close.

“He said he wouldn’t ruin his marriage because he had his reputation to protect.”

As Yang Liu talked about this, she wiped her tears. She and her husband only had one child. They loved her dearly and wouldn’t let anyone bully her. Therefore, they were extremely selective when it came to her daughter’s marriage. They thought they had chosen the best man for her. However, in the end, they were all fooled.

Now, they didn’t want money or anything else. They just wanted the custody of the two girls.

Then, Aunt Xiao continued to speak, “But three months later, Cheng Feiping’s affair started to spread through the town. We wanted to question him. However, these were just gossip. We didn’t have any concrete evidence.

“Therefore, we went to Cheng Family under the pretense of seeing our daughter.

“But when we arrived, we saw Yun ‘Er doing all the housework alone and taking care of the two children. The girls were only a few months old. Yun ‘Er had to look after them through the night, and she had to clean the house through the day. Our hearts broke.

“When Cheng Feiping’s parents saw us, they told us to our faces that our daughter is feeding off them. She gave birth to two failed investments. Our daughter caused them to be laughed at by the Cheng Family. Therefore, they were punishing her to be their maid. At the time, we were so angry that we pulled Yun ‘Er and wanted to carry the two girls home.

“However, the Cheng Family was a family of bastards. They grabbed the girls before we did. They said that once Yun ‘Er left the door, she would no longer be the daughter-in-law of the Cheng family. She wouldn’t be able to see her girls anymore. That Cheng Feiping just stood to the side and watched the show.”

“Bastards!” Xiao Lingye was abnormally angry. “Is this Cheng Feiping still a man?”

“Why are you only telling us now?” Chen Qiuying was furious. “If I had known, I would go find the Cheng Family to demand an explanation too.”

Xiao Lingyu asked, “Eldest Aunt, you said this happened when the girls were four months old, so why are they suddenly bringing up the divorce now?”

“Of course, it didn’t just happen recently!” Yang Liu said angrily. “At the time, we already told them we wanted a divorce. However, while the Cheng Family didn’t like the girls, they refused to let them go.

“Therefore, the divorce dragged on for years. Over the past four years, Yun ‘Er didn’t dare to leave the Cheng Family. Once she left, she was afraid that she wouldn’t see her daughters again. Therefore, she was tortured endlessly just to protect her daughters.”

Xiao Lingyu was silent for a moment and asked, “Hasn’t there been any chance to sneak the girls out?”

“Of course, there has been. But we failed.” Grandma Xiao sighed. “The Cheng Family is powerful in our city.

“The moment we brought the girls out, the Cheng Family sent a gang after us. They said we were human traffickers and beat us up. We were even detained by the police for half a month.

“The Cheng Family told us that this was the first warning. If we did this again, they would send us to jail for more than ten years. When we were in prison, they could do anything they wanted to the girls.”

Grandma Xiao wiped her tears and said, “The Cheng family has power and influence. They can easily pin these crimes on us. If the two girls were really sent away, how were we supposed to find them?

“or the sake of the two girls, we have been enduring the humiliation. Yun ‘Er, in particular, doesn’t dare to take her eyes off the two children.”

“These animals!” Hearing this, Xiao Zhengyang said with extreme anger, “They are really too lawless. Aren’t the police going to do anything?”

Grandpa Xiao said, “The Cheng Family is a local force, and we’re foreigners. No one wants to get involved. To put it bluntly, this is actually a family matter. So, no one will interfere.”

In the world, the most important thing was connections.

Hearing what Grandma Xiao and the others said, Xiao Lingyu became anxious.

She said anxiously, “Uncle and aunt, we need to go to Kanglin City now to bring Yun ‘Er and the two girls back here. It’s too dangerous for them to stay with the Cheng Family alone!”

Xiao Lingyu just remembered something. Xiao Lingyun did have an accident during this period.. The mother and daughters committed suicide at home!

### **Chapter 338: Madness**

In her previous life, Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao hurried back after Xiao Tong’s death. When they were consoling Xiao Lingyu, her cousin Xiao Lingyun and her two daughters committed suicide. They died from drinking pesticides.

Their two granddaughters were in trouble. Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao endured their grief and hurried back to the Cheng family. However, they didn’t even get to see Xiao Lingyun and her daughters for one last time because the Cheng Family had already cremated them without informing the Xiao Family.

Of course, the Xiao Family wouldn’t believe that Xiao Lingyun would commit suicide. She had already endured the abuse for four years. Why would she suddenly commit suicide?

They wanted the Cheng family to give an explanation.

‘The Cheng Family said that Xiao Lingyun felt guilt because she didn’t give the Cheng Family any son. So she took her two daughters and left this world to make up for her mistake.

Of course, the Xiao family did not believe such a ridiculous reason.

They had no choice but to go to the police station and report that the Cheng family had killed Xiao Lingyun and her daughter.

However, the police arrested the Xiao Family instead for slander. They were detained for half a month. When the Xiao Family returned home, they saw three urns placed before their family door. The three urns were smashed and the ash was everywhere.

The Xiao Family was devastated.

They had never thought that the Cheng family would be so heartless and even so inhumane. After killing the mother and daughters, they still treated them like this.

The wind blew and the ashes scattered everywhere.

The neighbors felt afraid and unlucky.

They requested the Xiao family to move immediately. The Xiao Family rented their house then. The landlord was terrified and asked them to move out immediately. Moreover, he demanded that the Xiao Family pay compensation. The ashes meant that his house couldn't be rented out in the near future. It had caused him a huge loss.

The Xiao Family was besieged from all sides. Regardless, the Xiao Family bought three new urns and scooped up as many ashes as they could. They were going to return to Taoyuan Village. However, all the bus drivers stopped them from getting on the vehicles. The urns were signs of bad luck.

A truck driver was willing to drive them, but he asked for an exorbitant price. The Xiao Family had no choice but to pay. The whole family thus moved back to Taoyuan Village.

One month after Xiao Lingyun's death, the Xiao Family heard that Cheng Feiging had married a new wife.

The Xiao Family wouldn't let Xiao Lingyun and her daughters die for no reason. They had to seek justice. At Kanglin City, the Xiao Family couldn't do anything, but back at Taoyuan Village, they had the support of the whole Xiao Family.

The Xiao Family brought this to court. This lawsuit lasted for more than half a year.

Eventually, justice did come.

'When the Xiao Family sued the Cheng Family, it was big news. It attracted the attention of many people. When they heard about the tragic story of Xiao Lingyun and her daughters, they immediately supported the Xiao Family. The public pressured the police. Some people even volunteered to hire lawyers

to help the Xiao Family.

In the end, the truth came out.

It turned out that when the Xiao Family returned to Taoyuan Village for Xiao Tong's death, the Cheng Family took the opportunity to put pesticides in the food.

In order to protect her two daughters, Xiao Lingyun endured the humiliation and violence of the Cheng family, but she was unwilling to leave.

In order to force Xiao Lingyun to leave, the Cheng family treated Xiao Lingyun as a slave and ordered her around.

The two daughters were similar to servants.

Xiao Lingyun had to do all the housework. After they finished the work, they could only eat the leftovers. However, most of the time, the Cheng Family wouldn't even give them the leftovers. They would pour the leftovers to the dogs.

But Xiao Lingyun wasn't going to let her daughters starve to death. Since they dumped the leftovers, she cooked another meal. If there were no rice, she would smash the rice vat. If there were no food, she would smash the fridge. She would fight them to the death.

Eventually, the Cheng Family left the three leftovers. This continued for four years.

Finally, the reason why the Cheng Family decided to kill was Cheng Feiping's affair with the daughter of a bureau chief had led to the pregnancy. It was a boy.

After the Cheng family heard about it, they were so happy.

The girl said that she needed a formal title if they wanted the son. Otherwise, she would go for an abortion. The girl did love Cheng Feiping. She didn't care that he was a married man. But now that she was pregnant, her mindset changed. She had to give her child a status.

Cheng Feiping was already married. If she gave birth as his mistress, where would she put her face? Plus, since Cheng Feiping already had two daughters, the country's one-child policy wouldn't be kind to her.

When the Cheng Family heard about this, they were anxious.

Xiao Lingyun was willing to get a divorce. However, she wanted to take away her two children.

Why would she do that? It was to use them to ask Cheng Feiping for more money in the future. Furthermore, even after the divorce, the girls would still be Cheng Feiping's. It would affect the actual grandson of the Cheng Family due to the government policy.

Cheng Feiping's parents hoped for a grandson, but their two granddaughters stood in the way. Their existence meant that their grandson wouldn't get the government's support.

After much consideration, the best solution was to kill the two girls. It was easy to kill the two girls, but it wouldn't be easy to kill Xiao Lingyun. Once her daughters died, she would probably risk her life to deal with the Cheng Family. Therefore, to ensure that everything had proper closure, the Cheng

Family decided to kill all three of them. Then, they made it look like a suicide.

After the case of Xiao Lingyun and her daughter's suicide was exposed, the public ire reached a new height.

'The Cheng family was simply insane. For a son and a grandson, they actually killed their daughter-in-law and granddaughters.



Cheng Feiping, Cheng Feiping's parents, and Cheng Feiping's sister were arrested. They faced the law.

When this happened, Xiao Lingyu was still in a haze of grief. She didn't know what had happened to her cousin. When she snapped out of it, the case was already solved. No one mentioned anything to Xiao Lingyu, afraid that it would agitate her to fall back into despair.

At the same time, Xiao Lingyu had left Taoyuan Village and returned to City Z. To avoid images of Xiao Tong, she didn't dare to go home.

She soared to new heights in the workplace. Gradually, she also forgot about the matters related to Xiao Lingyun.

After her rebirth, she returned home with a fearful and uneasy heart to the farm.

After she was pregnant, her family treated her as a national treasure and did not let her worry about anything. Furthermore, Xiao Lingyu had to match her wits with Gong Tianhao. But of course, this match was one-way only.

If her eldest uncle didn't return, Xiao Lingyu would have completely forgotten about her cousin. The difference was that this time they didn't return for Xiao Tong's death but to celebrate Ye 'Er's good results.

Xiao Lingyu was very anxious. At the same time, she was also very guilty and remorseful.

Since her reborn, she had changed the fate of her family. How could the issue of her cousin have slipped her mind? If she had remembered this earlier, she would have saved her cousin.

'When she thought of how her cousin and her daughters were murdered in her previous life, Xiao Lingyu's heart trembled. She said nervously, "Eldest uncle, we need to return to Kanglin City now. Cousin and her daughters are in grave danger."

Everyone's expression changed when they heard Xiao Lingyu's words.

Uncle Xiao immediately asked, "Yu 'Er, what do you mean by that? Why would Yun 'Er be in danger?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "That Cheng Family is insane. For the sake of their grandson, they will sacrifice Yun 'Er. Normally, they would have misgivings because you were there. But now that you've left Kanglin City, the Cheng Family will take this opportunity.

"Take this opportunity?" Xiao Zhengyang frowned and asked in disbelief, "Yu 'Er, do you mean that the Cheng family will kill Yun 'Er and her daughters?"

Xiao Lingyu was very anxious and said in fear, "They will. What should we do now? If we rush over now, we might not make it in time."

Even if the transportation system was developed now, it would still take at least a day to get from the Taoyuan Village to Kanglin City.

The Cheng Family would take fast action. The earlier this was over, the more advantageous it would be for them. After the murders, they would burn the victims in the crematorium.

"But this is murder! Will the Cheng Family really do that?" Xiao Lingye widened his eyes in disbelief.

Xiao Lingyu said loudly, "What if they disguise the murder as suicide?"

"Suicide?!"

'When everyone heard this, their faces turned pale and showed fear, especially Xiao Jingyang and his wife.

They had been dealing with the Cheng family for many years, so they knew very well about nature. Xiao Lingyu's prediction might come true.

'What Xiao Lingyu said might happen.

Aunt Xiao immediately cried with worry, "We have to go back immediately."

"Yes!" Everyone agreed.

Regardless of the murder prediction, they realized it was not wise to leave Xiao Lingyun alone with that family of maniacs.

However, Xiao Lingyu was worried that even if they rushed over now, it might already be too late. It took Grandpa Xiao and the others to travel a whole day to move from Kanglin City to Taoyuan Village. The Cheng Family had plenty of time to plan the murder.

"What do we do? What do we do now?"

Xiao Lingyu was anxious.

At this moment, they heard a roar above them.

Then, they heard someone shouting, "What's that?"

"A plane? That looks like a plane. I saw it on TV. It's a small plane."

"No, you're wrong. That's not a small plane. It's called a helicopter!"

Xiao Lingyu looked up and saw a helicopter hovering in mid-air.

Xiao Lingyu was quite confused at first. 'Where did this helicopter come from?

Then, her eyes widened in disbelief.

'A helicopter? Could it be him?

Just as she was thinking, Gong Tianhao came to the Xiao family's courtyard.

After hearing Xiao Lingyu's speculation, the Xiao family members were as anxious as ants on a hot pot.

Grandpa Xiao and the others came back by train. The train ride took seven hours. The train ride back would take another seven hours. Plus, there was no train so late at night. It would take more than ten hours by car.

Yang Liu was going crazy with anxiety.

When Xiao Lingyu saw Gong Tianhao enter, her eyes lit up.

This made Gong Tianhao raise his eyebrows curiously. Xiao Lingyu had never been so enthusiastic about seeing him before.

However, when he thought of the situation reported by his subordinate, Gong Tianhao stopped the thought of teasing her.

Xiao Lingyu asked anxiously, "Gong Tianhao, is this helicopter yours?"

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Yes, it's mine."

'When Xiao Lingyu heard that, she immediately pulled on his sleeve with a pleading look in her eyes.

She said, "Gong Tianhao, can I ask you for a favor? Can you please take me to Kanglin City to find my cousin? Her family is in danger..."

Xiao Lingyu did not dare to continue.

Gong Tianhao patted the back of her hand and said, "Yu Er, don't worry. I'm willing to do a hundred or a thousand favors for you. I'll take you there now."

"Thank you!"

### **Chapter 339: The Chicken Soup**

After Gong Tianhao heard Yuan Min's report, he immediately sent people to investigate Xiao Lingyu's cousin, Xiao Lingyun.

Then, he quickly mobilized a large helicopter from his nearest base.

It could seat more than a dozen people.

Gong Tianhao comforted the worried Xiao Lingyu and said, "Yu 'Er, don't worry. I've already sent people to keep an eye on your cousin. Your cousin will be fine."

Xiao Lingyu was relieved when she heard that.

She said sincerely, "Thank you!"

However, she was still worried about her cousin. She looked at Gong Tianhao and said firmly, "Gong Tianhao, I'm going to Kanglin City!"

Gong Tianhao's sharp eyes stared at her for a moment before he nodded and said, "Okay. I'll go with you!"

With Gong Tianhao's help, Xiao Lingyu believed that Xiao Lingyun and her daughters would not die in vain as they did in her previous life.

Except for Gong Tianhao and the pilot, everyone in the group was on a helicopter for the first time.

Under normal circumstances, many people would be nervous.

But now, the whole family was more worried about Xiao Lingyun. No one felt anxious or nervous about flying.

At Kanglin City, Cheng Dawei, Ma Meixin, and their children, Cheng Feiping and Cheng Liren were conspiring in the hotel.

Cheng Dawei was smoking on the side, his brows tightly knitted.

Cheng Feiping was also frowning, a trace of pity showing on his face.

As for Cheng Liren, she was playing with her phone.

At this time, Ma Meixin asked, "Feiping, do you still have feelings for that bitch?"

Cheng Feiping shook his head and said, "Mom, it's not that I have feelings for Xiao Lingyun. It's just that Lulu and Rourou are my biological daughters. I... I can't do it."

'Ma Meixin's expression flashed with ruthlessness.

She said, "Cheng Feiping, you have to understand this. If you want to keep these two daughters, then you're destined not to have a son."

"Why? Chuchu is already pregnant with my son." Cheng Feiping frowned.

Ma Meixin really hated Cheng Feiping for being so stupid. She pointed at Cheng Feiping's forehead angrily and said while holding back her anger, "If you don't get a divorce, do you expect Ge Chuchu to give birth to your son? Son, what kind of dream are you having? Ge Chuchu said that if you want her to give you a son, you have to marry her.

"Moreover, if you don't deal with those two little bastards, do you really think you'd have a son?"

Hearing this, Cheng Feiping said hesitantly, "But mom, we don't have to do this... We can send them away. Besides," At this point, fear and nervousness flashed in his eyes. He continued, "Murder is illegal. If we are found out, we... We will lose our lives."

Even if they weren't sentenced to death, they would still be sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison.

At the thought of this, Cheng Feiping was afraid. Furthermore, the target was his two daughters.

Ma Meixin's expression hardened and appeared very distorted.

She said, "If those two little bastards could be given away, we would have sent them away long ago. Why would we keep them around to disgust us?"

Ma Meixin didn't even treat Cheng Lulu and Cheng Rourou as her granddaughters. They were no better than bugs.

It was clear that she was a heartless person.

"That slut Xiao Lingyun and her family are always watching us. How can we give the little sluts away?" Ma Meixin said coldly and angrily, "Besides, keeping those two will be a hidden danger. If that slut uses the children to pester us, we'll never have a peaceful life."

At this moment, Cheng Liren raised her head from her phone and looked at Cheng Feiping, saying, "Brother, you can't have the best of both worlds. You have to pick one."

"If you want the son in Ge Chuchu's stomach, then you have to abandon your two daughters. Like mom said, the consequences will be endless."

After hearing that, Cheng Feiping's expression softened.

However, there was still some hesitation on his face. He said worriedly, "But, mom, if someone finds out, our Cheng family will be ruined."

Ma Meixin said, "Why? We only need to..." She slashed her throat with her finger and said with a fierce look in her eyes, "We'll tell the public that they committed suicide. Do we have to tell everyone that we killed them? Are we that stupid?"

Cheng Feiping hesitated for a moment and asked, "But mom, Xiao Lingyun definitely won't believe that the girls have committed suicide."

At this time, Cheng Dawei, who had been silent all this time, said expressionlessly, "Then we'll silence her too. We'll get rid of all the troubles at once."

After the head of the family said that the whole family was silent for a moment.

Then, Cheng Feiping nodded and said, "Then I'll listen to Dad."

But in his heart, he was silently saying, 'Xiao Lingyun, don't blame me. If you want to blame someone, blame yourself for not giving birth to a son for me.'

After that, the whole family started to discuss a plan.

Someone suggested drowning, Then, there was the suggestion of a car accident. However, none of these would work. The suspicion was too high. In the end, it was Cheng Liren who provided the idea, "Then, we'll use poisons. Let them die at home and make it like a suicide. With the doors closed, what else

can it be but a suicide?

"We'll tell everyone they drank poisons and died. Then, we'll bring all the bodies to the crematorium and burn them. No one will know the truth."

Hearing Cheng Liren's words, the family fell silent again for a moment, as if they were in deep thought.

Not long after, Cheng Dawei nodded and said, "That's a good idea. Let's do it."

Ma Meixin said hesitantly, "But if the three sluts die at home, won't they haunt us? Will Ge Chuchu be willing to marry into our house?"

Cheng Dawei said, "We can buy a new house. Anyway, our family doesn't lack money. We can buy a few more houses. Plus, a grandson is more important than a house."

Ma Meixin thought for a while and agreed, "You're right. If the house is gone, it's gone. We can buy another one. We only have one grandson, and we can't buy another grandson."

Since they had a plan, they needed to put it into action. The biggest question was, where would they find the poison?

As the deputy director of a hospital, Cheng Dawei had access to many medicines and poisons. However, if he took one from the hospital, it would be highly suspicious. There were too many people watching, and he had to leave behind a record.

Therefore, in the end, they chose farming pesticides. As city people, they didn't farm, so they didn't have pesticides. It was impossible for them to ask Xiao Lingyun to buy the pesticides.

Cheng Feiping had an idea and went to the suburbs to buy the pesticide from a farmer.

That farmer didn't recognize him and didn't know he bought the pesticide to kill his wife and daughters.

After the Cheng family finished their dinner, they took out the pesticide and poured it into the food.

Tonight, they especially set aside a portion of chicken soup for the mother and daughters to eat.

Naturally, most of the pesticide was poured into the chicken soup.

After that, the four of them returned to their rooms.

After Xiao Lingyun saw that there was no one in the living room, she came out with her two children.

'When she walked to the dining table and saw that there was still more than half of the chicken soup left, her heart was filled with doubt.

Based on her understanding of her in-laws, they wouldn't be so kind to her and her daughters. The years of battle with the Cheng Family had trained Xiao Lingyun to be alert. She knew that the chicken soup had to be tampered with. So she wouldn't touch it.

However, when the two daughters saw that there was still so much chicken soup left, their eyes lit up.

The eldest daughter, Cheng Lulu, had already picked up the spoon and put the soup into her mouth.

When Xiao Lingyun saw this, she shouted loudly, "Lulu!"

### **Chapter 340: Forced!**

"Lulu!"

Xiao Lingyun's eyes almost popped out of their sockets as she shouted. A strong sense of uneasiness and panic welled up in her heart.

Her mind was blank, and she quickly moved to smack the spoon away from her eldest daughter's hand.

However, before Xiao Lingyun could do anything, the spoon in Cheng Lulu's hand fell to the ground. Xiao Lingyun was too frightened to notice.

When Xiao Lingyun saw the spoon fall to the ground, she instantly became exhausted and felt a chill on her back.

She didn't have time to verify whether this bowl of chicken soup was poisoned or not, but she immediately said in a very serious tone, "Lulu, have you forgotten what mom said? You can't eat the food here randomly. You can only eat them after mom has tasted them. What if this soup is poisoned?"

Cheng Lulu was already six years old, but she was thin and small. People who saw her thought she was only four years old. Cheng Lulu pouted sadly.

She looked at Xiao Lingyun and said timidly, "But mom, I want to drink the fragrant chicken soup!"

'When Xiao Lingyun heard this, her heart ached, and a wave of bitterness welled up in her heart.

With the background of the Cheng Family, they could afford sea cucumbers and abalones, much less chicken soup. However, they treated their granddaughters like they were slaves.

It was not that the Cheng Family valued daughters over sons either because Xiao Lingyun's sister-in-law, Cheng Liren, was the pearl of the family.

The Cheng Family looked down on Xiao Lingyun and thus her two daughters too.

Cheng Liren was thirty-five years old. She was divorced, and the child was given to the man. She had been living in the Cheng family ever since.

She had been picking on Xiao Lingyun. She treated her like a slave.

After Xiao Lingyun gave birth to her first child, she still needed to cook and wash her sister-in-law's clothes and underwear. She was not allowed to wash them with warm water. Apparently, it was because the Cheng Family didn't want her to use the family's gas and electricity. In the middle of the night,

Xiao Lingyun had just recovered from her pregnancy, but she needed to wash her in-law's clothes until her hands were red and swollen, She had to suffer the frost.

At the time, Xiao Lingyun's parents already asked her to demand a divorce.

However, Xiao Lingyun was lost in Cheng Feiping's sweet words of comfort.

He said, "Yun 'Er, I'm sorry. I've wronged you. It's just that my family has been hoping that you could have a son. But after they found out that it was a daughter, they were very unhappy. Bear with it. When their anger subsides, they won't treat you like this anymore."

"Yun 'Er, I've wronged you again today. Don't worry. I'm saving money now. When I've saved enough money, we'll move out, and I will not let you suffer anymore."

"Yun 'Er, I'm sorry. I can't persuade my parents and sister, so I can only let you suffer a little more. Bear with it. We'll move out very soon."

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Cheng Feiping had been giving Xiao Lingyun hope. Therefore, she held on. After they moved out, she would have her freedom. At the time, she really loved Cheng Feiping and believed in his words.

She kept waiting. When she and Cheng Feiging moved out with their child, they would be really happy. So no matter what her parents said, Xiao Lingyun didn't listen to them.

Xiao Lingyun endured everything until she had the second child.

'When she was six months pregnant with the second child, the Cheng Family used connections to find out the gender of the child. When they found out the child was another daughter, they wanted Xiao Lingyun to have an abortion. Naturally, Xiao Lingyun wouldn't do it.

She didn't care how much the Cheng family opposed it and insisted on keeping the child.

The Cheng Family said that if she wanted to keep the child, they would divorce her, and she could take her girls away.

However, at the time, Cheng Feiping still had some feelings for Xiao Lingyun.

He didn't want a divorce.

Just like that, it drew on. The child was born around the seventh month. Despite the premature birth, the child was very healthy.

This made Cheng Feiping suspect that Xiao Lingyun had cheated on him. She became pregnant with another man. However, the child looked just like Cheng Feiping. Others could see that clearly. However, the Cheng Family refused to see that. They drew the child's brow and compared it with Cheng

Feiping's DNA. The child was indeed his.

However, despite all the evidence, Cheng Feiping insisted that Xiao Lingyun had cheated on him.

After the child was born, his love for his wife disappeared fully. He treated his family like they were his enemies.

When Xiao Lingyun was recovering from birth, rumors spread that Cheng Feiping was seen with another woman.

Once, he was even caught by Xiao Lingyun's mother.

At that time, for the sake of reputation and face, Cheng Feiping swore to the Xiao family that it was a misunderstanding. For the sake of Xiao Lingyun's marriage, the Xiao family temporarily believed him.

However, three months later, the affair was exposed.

Xiao Lingyun insisted on a divorce, but the Cheng family refused to let her take her girls. This was not because the Cheng Family liked the girls but because they didn't want to satisfy Xiao Lingyun.

Xiao Lingyun believed Cheng Feiping's sweet words in the past, but now she was clear-minded. She loved her two children, and she would never let the Cheng family dictate the fate of her two children.

Xiao Lingyun wanted a divorce, but she wanted to take the two children away.

The Cheng family agreed with the divorce, but they wouldn't give her the two children. They wanted Xiao Lingyun to have nothing.



In that case, Xiao Lingyun would not get a divorce. No matter how bad the Cheng Family treated her, she would bear it for her daughters.

This continued for four to five years.

During this period, Cheng Feiping had several girlfriends.

But none of those girlfriends were pregnant until he met Ge Chuchu.

Cheng Feiping knew Ge Chuchu's identity, so he began to pursue Ge Chuchu intensely.

Ge Chuchu soon fell in love with the handsome and humorous Cheng Feiping. She knew Cheng Feiping was a married man, but she didn't mind. She knew that Cheng Feiping no longer loved his family.

Therefore, the two of them started their affair. The affair had to be brought to the surface when Ge Chuchu became pregnant with a son.

Xiao Lingyun naturally knew about the affair. She knew that Ge Chuchu was pregnant with a son. She no longer had any expectations and feelings for Cheng Feiping. She only wanted a divorce and her girls.

However, Xiao Lingyun was also a meticulous person. She was very familiar with the government's one-child policy.

The existence of her two daughters might affect Cheng Feiping's son. So, she became more vigilant.

It was why she was so suspicious when she saw the chicken soup.

'There must be something wrong with this chicken soup.

As for what the problem was, Xiao Lingyun was not sure.

However, she never expected that the chicken soup would be filled with lethal pesticides.

When Xiao Lingyun saw how sad her eldest daughter was, she felt ashamed. She hugged her daughter. She cried and said, "I'm sorry, Lulu. I shouldn't have scolded you." "It's my fault for being useless. I can't even let you have a good meal. But, can you bear a little longer? Soon, we'll have a better life, and you can all the chicken soup you want."

Cheng Lulu cried and asked sharply, "But, Mom, how long do we have to bear this? Why do Dad, Grandpa, and Grandma dislike my sister and me so much?"

Xiao Lingyun didn't know how to answer her.

At that moment, the door of Cheng Dawei and his wife's room suddenly opened with a loud bang.

Ma Meixin looked at Xiao Lingyun and her daughters. She said loudly, "Xiao Lingyun, let me tell you. You are going to finish this chicken soup no matter what!"

Xiao Lingyun's expression changed drastically, and she asked sharply, "So, something is really wrong with this soup?!"

Ma Meixin turned her head and didn't answer her. But she thought of something and said, "Xiao Lingyun, as long as you drink the chicken soup obediently, you can take these two bastards away. How about it?"

"What is inside the soup?" Xiao Lingyun didn't fall for the trick. Her eyes were sharp and vigilant as she stared at Ma Meixin and said coldly, "Ma Meixin, I don't believe that you would suddenly become so kind-hearted! I'm telling you, I won't drink the soup!"

Ma Meixin sneered and said firmly, "Hehe. Who said you have a choice... You are going to drink it no matter what!"