

Chapter 361: Graduation Banquet 6

The graduation banquet was lively and grand. How could it not be with several county leaders attending it?

Xiao Lingyu and Xiao Lingye's friends from the county also came.

It was then that the villagers knew that the Xiao Family had such deep connections. They actually knew the county leader!

'When Xiao Chengcai's family and Zhang Chunjiao's family saw this, their eyes turned red with jealousy. This was especially true for Xiao Chengcai. He had lost both his wife and money.

'The money he got from betraying the Little Cattle King had been compensated to Xiao Lingyu. The rent he got from Xiao Lingyu contracting the mountains had been taken away as compensation too.

Xiao Lingyu didn't show him any kindness. If Xiao Chengcai didn't want to pay, they would send him to jail for selling out trade laws. He could stay in prison to accompany his ex-wife, Zhang Xiaolan. No matter how common Xiao Chengcai's mother rolled on the ground, the Xiao family would not budge.

In order not to go to jail, Xiao Chengcai gritted his teeth and paid the compensation.

Even though Xiao Chengcai and Zhang Xiaolan were already divorced, Zhang Xiaolan still had a share of the money due to her claim to the mountains at Taoyuan Village.

Xiao Chengcai's family had a total of six people, so they could get more than 40,000 RMB. Adding the previous 30,000 RMB, the money was enough to compensate Xiao Chengcai's remaining debt of 54,000 RMB.

In the end, Xiao Chengcai only got less than 10,000 RMB after all the compensation had been taken away. The whole village laughed at him.

'The entire village was happy celebrating after they got the rent. Many people built new houses and the younger generations got married. Only Xiao Chengcai held the 10,000 and didn't know what to do. His two adult sons were old enough to get a wife. Their house was decrepit with many leaky roofs.

They should get 70,000 RMB originally. That was more than enough to find two daughters-in-law and build a new house.

But now...

Hehe, all their efforts were for naught.

'Was there hatred and resentment? Of course!

'They even wanted to take revenge.

However, how could he even do that? Xiao Chengcai was not dumb.

Since Xiao Chengcai couldn't take revenge and was ostracized by the villagers, he remained silent and worked.

However, Xiao Chengcai's mother didn't know when to stop. After the Xiao Family took away the compensation, she would go around the village to curse the Xiao Family. The Xiao Family couldn't care less. As long as she didn't come to their house to scold them, they pretended not to hear her.

Logically speaking, Xiao Chengcai's family had already fallen out with Xiao Zhengyang's family.

However, Xiao Chengcai's family came to attend the banquet. They also came with some negligible gifts. They didn't send people to help out in the kitchen or set up the venue. It was quite shameless for Xiao Chengcai to bring his whole family over for the free food.

Many people scolded Xiao Chengcai's family for being shameless.

However, Xiao Chengcai's mother said righteously, "Hmph, we've given them a precious gift. So why can't we attend the banquet?"

'They would feel dumb if they didn't come to eat the free food. If possible, they wanted to eat until the Xiao Family went bankrupt.

The villagers saw how thick-skinned Xiao Chengcai's family was. However, since Xiao Zhengyang didn't say anything, the villagers only gossiped among themselves.

As for the Xiao Fugj's family, they also came. However, only Xiao Fuqi attended.

In the past, Xiao Fugj's family didn't have a good relationship with Xiao Zhengyang's family, but Zhang Chunjiao had a lot to do with it.

'When she was young, Zhang Chunjiao took a liking to the handsome Xiao Zhengyang. She tried to seduce him several times, but Xiao Zhengyang did not care at all.

This made Zhang Chunjiao jealous of Chen Qiuying.

Chen Qiuying was also beautiful when she was a young wife. She was the perfect match for Xiao Zhengyang.

Xiao Zhengyang was indifferent to Zhang Chunjiao's seduction. Naturally, Zhang Chunjiao vented her anger on Chen Qiuying. She spread rumors to slander Chen Qiuying's reputation, saying that she had hooked up with several men in the village.

Of course, Chen Qiuying would not let Zhang Chunjiao bully her like this. She immediately retorted and warned Zhang Chunjiao to stay away from her husband.

Xiao Fuqi was about to be thirty years old before he married Zhang Chunjiao. So she was very precious to him.

No matter what Zhang Chunjiao did, even if she went overboard, he would condone her.

Zhang Chunjiao got into conflict with Xiao Zhengyang and his wife. Instead of warning Zhang Chunjiao, Xiao Fugj sided with her.

Just like that, the conflict between the two families grew bigger and bigger. This enmity continued for more than twenty years.

However, after the incident with Zhang Chunjiao on the street, she became more obedient.

She had originally wanted to attend this banquet, but after being glared at by Xiao Fuqi, she immediately shrunk back. She didn't want to be beaten again!

Xiao Fuqi was genuinely happy that Zhang Chunjiao had become so obedient.

He drank and said, "Now I understand you need to beat some sense into women. Only then, they'd become obedient." Xiao Fuqi shared his experience. His drinking buddies were moved.

Then, they smiled and agreed, "You're right. This woman will only listen to you if you beat her up. Otherwise, they will control you. If people find out you're being controlled by your wife, it'll make you lose face."

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Zhang Chunjiao's change was obvious to everyone in the village. This was the product of Xiao Fuqi beating Zhang Chunjiao.

Soon, many men followed suit and began to beat their wives. However, these wives were confused.

Xiao Fuqi beat Zhang Chunjiao because she had done something wrong and shameful. Her maiden family couldn't care less about her. Zhang Chunjiao lost her support and caved.

However, the situation was different for the other women. These wives had done nothing wrong, and they were being beaten. Which parents would allow their daughters to be beaten for no reason? Naturally, they came to demand an explanation. So many sons-in-law were beaten back in return.

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This immediately shut down the trend of domestic abuse. Only Xiao Fugui continued to beat his wife.

During the banquet, Xiao Fugui said happily, "I'm the only one in the village who has beaten my woman into submission."

The men at the same table revealed a look of disdain.

'The man was being cuckolded, yet he was so smug. It was really embarrassing. No one talked to Xiao Fuqi. They only shared alcohol with him.

'The other people watched, and no one came to say anything. Honestly, the whole village was ashamed after Zhang Chunjiao did such a thing.

She had ruined the reputations of the females at Taoyuan Village. If not for the village's rising standard of living, she might cause many daughters to miss out on a good husband. Therefore, the villagers looked down on Zhang Chunjiao.

Anyway, back to the graduation banquet.

No one came to cause trouble at the banquet. This made the villagers understand that things were changing. There was someone in their village who was connected to the county leader.

After the graduation banquet and the teacher appreciation banquet, Xiao Lingye needed to go to university early. It was for orientation.

Xiao Lingye rejected his parents' offer to send him off. He carried his luggage and went straight to the capital.

Parting was always a little sad.

Thankfully, Xiao Lingye had always been independent. So they were not that worried about him.

"Yu' Er, the peanuts in the field are ripe. We can pick them now."

After Mother Xiao went around the field, she realized that the peanuts and soybeans were all ripe..

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Since the peanuts and soybeans had matured, they naturally had to be harvested.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes, we can hire a few people to go pick peanuts and soybeans."

"Yu 'Er, we have so many people in our family. We don't need to hire people, right?" Grandma Xiao said.

Indeed, First Uncle Xiao's family and Third Uncle Xiao's family had all moved back to Taoyuan Village. They had more than ten people. The harvest wouldn't take more than a few days.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Grandma, I have other arrangements for uncles. We'll need to hire people to pick the peanuts and soybeans."

"Oh, I see." Grandma Xiao nodded.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Grandma, I've contracted six mountains. I still need to hire people to develop them. I'm thinking about assigning first uncle and third uncle to watch over the development. For the peanut and soybean harvest, we can hire some women."

Grandma Xiao calculated and said, "You definitely can't participate. So we have me, Yun 'Er, your mother, your third aunt, and a few children. That's more than enough. We should be able to finish the work in a few days."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Grandma, haven't you heard that time is money? I have to harvest the peanuts and soybeans in the field as soon as possible. But since we already have so many people in the family, we can hire lesser people. How about ten adults?"

"Ten... adults?" Grandma Xiao couldn't believe it. Then, she asked suspiciously, "Yu'Er, isn't that a bit too many?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Ten people isn't a lot. Grandma, we've hired almost a hundred people before."

“A hundred people?” Grandma Xiao was in disbelief. “Why did you need so many people?”

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, “That is already not that many people. We have planted strawberries before. Harvesting strawberries is delicate work. Plus, we need people to package the strawberries and so on.

“Strawberries have a short shelf life, so we had to hire more people to speed up the process. Grandma, in the future, we’ll be hiring more people. Grandma and Grandpa, I’ll have to trouble you to watch over them for me.

“Oh right. I also want to develop the mountains as soon as possible. I don’t think we have enough people in our village, so we might need to hire people from outside the village. Grandpa and Grandma are more familiar with other villages, so I’ll need Grandpa and Grandma to recommend people for me.”

Grandma Xiao agreed immediately, “That’s no problem. Your Grandpa and I know who are hardworking in the surrounding villages. But Yu ‘Er, how many people do we need to hire?”

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, “There are six mountains. So I estimate that we need to hire at least a hundred people. They have to be young and strong men and women.”

Nowadays, many young people left the village for work. Those who remained were mostly the elderly. There were little young people who stayed to take over the farm.

Even though Taoyuan Village had more than 180 households, they had less than 100 capable young people.

Therefore, they had to hire people from outside the village this time.

Grandma Xiao knew that her eldest granddaughter had always been a person with ideas.

She nodded and said, “Okay, leave this matter to your grandfather and grandmother. I’ll go and send the words out now.”

After saying that, Grandma Xiao left in a hurry.

After Grandma Xiao left, Xiao Lingyun looked at Xiao Lingyu and said with a smile, “Sis, you have quite a carefree life.”

After she came back, Xiao Lingyun naturally heard some things about her sister.

‘When she heard that her boyfriend of ten years had betrayed her sister, Xiao Lingyun was furious.

Xiao Lingyun had married Cheng Feiping because she was deceived by Cheng Feiping’s appearance and flowery words.

However, her sister and Chen Ran had known each other since they were young. They grew up together and knew each other well. They had been in love since they were fifteen or sixteen years old.

However, who knew that this person’s heart was so fickle. He worked in the big city for a few years, but his personality changed completely. If the relationship was over, he could just break up with her. Why the need to set Xiao Lingyu up?

Ten years.

After ten years of relationship, he chose to betray her.

Fortunately, her sister was a very strong person. She was not so easily beaten. Since the other party had betrayed her, she chose to take revenge. After that, she packed her things and went home.

She started to farm.

In contrast, Xiao Lingyun did not have her sister's boldness.

'When she discovered the Cheng Family's attitude after giving birth to Rourou, she should have left with the child. She should not have been deceived by Cheng Feiping's sweet words again. Because of this, her girls were tortured by the Cheng Family for five years.

Now that she saw her sister, who was pregnant with a ruddy face, Xiao Lingyun regretted her unsteadiness even more.

However, fortunately, everything was in the past.

In the future, she would definitely take care of the children and live a good life.

Xiao Lingyu looked at her cousin. She had been giving Xiao Lingyun the spring water to drink for the past few days. The beauty was returning. Xiao Lingyu smiled, "Your life is yours. How you live it is your choice."

Xiao Lingyun's heart shook, and her eyes widened. A moment later, she nodded and said, "Sis, I get it now."

"Good!" Xiao Lingyu said, "In the past, you've suffered a lot in the Cheng family for the sake of your two children.

"Now that the family is here to look after your girls, you can do anything you want. I believe all of us will support you."

"Thank you, Sis!" Xiao Lingyun nodded.

Xiao Lingyu saw how confused and muddled Xiao Lingyun was over the past few days.

In the past, when she was in the Cheng family, she lived for the sake of her two children.

But now that they had been freed from the Cheng family, she did not know what to do. Xiao Lingyu noticed that Xiao Lingyun wanted to say something to her several times, but she always held back.

Now was the perfect chance for them to talk.

Xiao Lingyu asked, "Yun 'Er, you studied nursing in the past. Do you still want to go back to being a nurse?"

Xiao Lingyun nodded and then shook her head.

Xiao Lingyu,

Xiao Lingyun said, "I don't know now. In the past, I joined nursing school because I would get a good job after I graduated. I met Cheng Feiping in nursing school.

"He arranged for my internship at Kanglin City's People Hospital, where he worked. When I turned 18, I fell in love with him and married him.

"His family didn't like that I had a job, They wanted me to stay at home to look after their family. Soon, I became an unpaid nanny for the Cheng family."

Xiao Lingyun's eyes dimmed when she talked about the past.

She was too young back then.

After falling in love with Cheng Feiping, she could only see Cheng Feiping in her eyes. She only wanted to please him.

She quit her job. She was constantly criticized by the Cheng Family. Since she didn't have a job, they berated her for wasting their money. They never considered the hot food on the table, the clean and tidy floor, and the spotless house. All they saw was Xiao Lingyun asking them for the grocery allowance.

Of course, Xiao Lingyun had to ask them for money. How else was she going to do the grocery?

If she had gone out to find a job after being insulted by the Cheng Family, perhaps she would have regained her confidence and wouldn't be sucked in by the black hole.

Xiao Lingyu saw her expression and knew that her cousin was probably thinking about the past.

She sighed and comforted her, "Yun 'Er, you don't have to worry about anything now. You can do whatever you want to do. I will definitely support you. In fact, I think you'll have the entire family's support."

Xiao Lingyun listened and said gratefully, "Thank you, Sis. However, I still don't quite know what I want to do in the future."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes, you need to be clear about that. There's no rush. You can take your time to recover at home and think about it."

"Yes, I understand." Xiao Lingyun nodded..

Chapter 363: Peanuts

Peanuts were legumes. After the peanut stalks were pulled from the ground, the peanuts had to be removed individually from the roots. This was the perfect job for children.

After Xiao Lingyu hired ten women from the village, she had Xiao Xiaohui call a group of children from the village to come and pick peanuts from the roots.

The peanuts were still lush and green. Some of them had bloomed with yellow flowers. Those who didn't know better would think that these peanuts were not ripe yet.

The children picked the peanuts at a price of 20 cents per catty.

After all, the children were lively and active. This was an exercise and playtime for them. Xiao Lingyu had money, but she wouldn't spoil the children with money. They had to work hard to earn money. That was a lesson worth learning.

It was currently summer vacation, and with just a wave of Xiao Xiaohui's hand, 10 to 20 children came over.

Since there was money to be earned, the parents of the children were naturally happy to let their children go over to help.

Xiao Lingyu let Xiao Xiaohui bring his companions to the field. Since they would be paid by the weight of their harvest, everyone was given a small basket, and there was a scale set up. Once the small basket was full, it would be weighed, and the peanuts would be collected in a large basket. Xiao Lingyun was responsible for keeping the accounts for the kids.

Over ten women harvested the peanuts from the three Mu of land. The children picked up the peanut stalks. Of course, the children were slower than the adults. They finished harvesting almost two Mu of land in one morning.

"These peanuts grow so much and evenly."

After the peanuts were uprooted, many people saw the densely packed peanuts growing together. They found it unbelievable. The peanuts were large and voluminous.

It was one thing about the strawberries because normal villagers didn't know how to grow them, However, the villagers also grew their own peanuts, but their peanuts never looked this perfect.

"What's so strange about that?" The person next to her said matter-of-factly, "The Xiao Family's crops have always been special. The strawberries are the perfect example. Even their vegetables are different and are sold at a high price. So why are you surprised that their peanuts grow so well?"

"That's true. Since the peanuts grow so well, the soybeans will be similarly perfect."

"That's for sure. However, Xiao Lingyu has grown so many peanuts and soybeans. Do you think she will sell them like this or after processing?"

"How would I know? We'll know when it's time." She smiled.

On the other side, the children came with little stools. They carried the peanut stalks the adults had pulled out of the soil and placed them in a pile. Then, they started to pick the peanuts from the roots.

To account for the hot day, they were provided with several big umbrellas.

Two of the children looked at the peanuts in their hands and then at the others. Then, they peeled the peanuts and put them into their mouths.

"Wow, these peanuts are so delicious. They're sweet and fragrant." After secretly tasting the peanuts, the children couldn't help but be surprised.

This instantly annoyed Xiao Xiaohui. He glared at Xiao Baozi and said angrily, "Fat Bun, I hired you to pick peanuts, not to eat them!"

Xiao Baozi grumbled, "But they are so delicious!"

"No matter what, you're not allowed to eat the peanuts!" Xiao Xiaohui said loudly. At this point, Xiao Xiaohui's eyes bulged as he said, "If I catch you eating the peanut again, you can go back home."

Xiao Xiaohui was actually not a stingy person. However, there were 18 of his friends there. If everyone started eating the peanuts, there would be no peanuts left to pick. That would not be right.

When Xiao Baozi heard the warning, he immediately curled his lips and said, "Alright, I won't eat the peanut. I'll continue picking them."

Little Loach's sister's peanuts were too delicious. They were sweet, crisp, and had a good taste. They were even more delicious than the peanuts he had eaten before.

He still wanted to eat them.

However, he still preferred money.

Once he had money, he could buy the toys he liked.

Picking one catty of peanuts was 20 cents. Ten catties was two RMB. He could definitely pick fifty catties of peanuts.

Fifty catties was ten RMB. In the end, Xiao Baozi surrendered to the allure of money.

However, when he looked at these peanuts, he started to drool.

The seventeen children, along with Grandma Xiao, Xiao Lingyun, and the two girls, formed a circle under the umbrellas and picked the peanuts very seriously.

Lulu and Rourou wore long-sleeved pink dresses with a large bow at the back and a pair of white leggings to prevent mosquitoes from biting them.

The Xiao Family had tried their best to feed the two girls over the past few days. Mother Xiao even secretly gave them the spring water to drink. Their complexion was getting better. They were no longer as thin, and they appeared more lively.

Lulu held a peanut stalk. When she saw the peanuts growing on the roots, she asked her mother, "Mommy, is this a peanut plant?"

Xiao Lingyun smiled and said, "Yes."

"But Mommy, why are the peanuts grown underground and not on the leaves?" Lulu asked.

Xiao Lingyun, She didn't know either.

"Mom, why are there small yellow flowers on the peanut plants?" The curious Lulu asked.

Xiao Lingyun, "... " She still didn't know.

Although she had been to nursing school, she had forgotten most things. The knowledge was beaten out of her when she was working as a free nanny for the Cheng Family.

Xiao Lingyun thought to herself, 'It's scary to be uneducated. It looks like I have to pick up my textbooks and study more. At least when my babies have questions, I won't be completely clueless.'

Xiao Lingyun said to the child very honestly, "Babies, Mommy doesn't know."

Lulu's little face was obviously a little disappointed. She said, "Oh, so mommy doesn't know."

Xiao Lingyun saw the disappointed expression on Lulu's face, and her heart hurt.

She said, "But baby, don't worry. Mommy will go back and read some books. After I know the answer, I'll tell my babies, okay?"

Lulu's eyes suddenly lit up. She nodded and replied, "Yes, okay."

Then, the two sisters immersed themselves in the fun of picking peanuts.

The day they came to Grandma's house in Taoyuan Village was the happiest day of their lives.

'There was no beating and scolding from Grandma and aunt, nor the cold looks from Daddy and Grandpa.

Everyone here was especially good to them. If there were good food, they would eat it first, and if there were toys, they would play with them first. Moreover, there were many children here who would play with them.

However, they were always worried that their grandparents would suddenly appear here and scold them harshly. They would start to beat and scold them and make them work.

However, their mother and grandmother told them that their grandparents would never appear in front of them again.

But was that true? Will their grandfather, grandmother, and aunt really not appear again?

They were still very suspicious.

Although the two children had Xiao Lingyun protecting them in the Cheng family, the way the Cheng family treated them had left a shadow in their hearts.

They would have to work hard to walk out of this shadow.

Perhaps, when they grew older and knew that their grandfather, grandmother, and aunt, who they were afraid of, had been arrested, they would feel better.

However, the Xiao family was now keeping the two children in the dark.

After all, no matter how bad those people were, no matter how badly they treated their children, they were still the girls' closest relatives.

After plucking two Mu of peanuts in the morning, they finished the remaining Mu in the afternoon.

Besides a dozen children, there were also some elderly people who came to pick peanuts in the afternoon. There were around fifteen of them.

Due to their health, these elderly normally were not hired. Apart from planting vegetables, they did not have any other income. Some of them would go up the mountains to pick herbs to sell, but with their age, they wouldn't be able to gather much.

'When they heard that the Xiao Family needed people to help pick peanuts, a few of the elderly thickened their skin to look for Grandma Xiao. Grandma Xiao's heart softened, and she hired them.

Similar to the children, they would be paid according to the weight of the peanuts they picked.

When the children saw the elders arrive in the afternoon, they started to become competitive..

Chapter 364: Soybeans

These people came to compete with them for money.

The children had all three Mus of land to pick, but now the elderly came to compete with them.

However, competition bred motivation.

As a result, the children moved faster than they did in the morning.

These elders were not willing to be outdone. They spent a lot of effort convincing Grandma Xiao to offer them this job. They would be paid according to weight, so the more they did, the more they would be paid. They were not willing to give in to the brats.

The children glared at the elders. The elders shook their heads and turned back to their work.

The group of women led by Zhou Yan planned to help pick the peanuts after they were done harvesting the peanut stalks. Their wages were not calculated by weight but by time. If they worked a full eight hours, they would be paid 30 RMB. Since so many people were there picking the peanuts, they didn't join them and instead went to cut the soybeans.

The soybeans were also pulled from the ground and then they were spread out in piles under the sun to dry. Once the soybean sprouts dried, the pods would crack open, and the soybeans would pop out.

Normally, after two days of sun exposure, all the soybeans in the pods would come out. For the more stubborn ones, the villagers would use a stick to hit the pods a few times. The resistant pods would crack from the external pressure. The dried pods would be gathered to be used as firewood or fertilizer.

After the pods were cleared away, the remainders would be the soybeans, soybean leaves, and some dirt and branches.

First, a bamboo rake would be used to separate the beans from the leaves. Then, a dustpan would be used to sieve out the impurities like the dirt. In the end, the villagers would use a threshing windmill to carry out the final filtration to get clean soybeans.

It was easier to collect peanuts than soybeans. In the future, Xiao Lingyu planned to invest in a more effective harvesting mechanism, but for now, she had to rely on manual manpower.

Thirty-plus people harvested the peanuts for three days.

Everyone felt that they had reaped a bountiful harvest.

The children could make more than ten RMB a day. The faster ones could get up to twenty. The little ones were so happy. In three days, they had earned forty to fifty RMB. They could buy beautiful clothes or toys they liked.

After the peanuts were cleaned, they had to be brought to the river to have the surface soil washed off. The people Xiao Lingyu hired were either children or elders. She was afraid that they'd get into an accident carrying the heavy peanuts to the river, so she planned to hire two young men.

However, First Uncle Xiao and Third Uncle Xiao offered to help.

Xiao Zhengyang and Grandpa Xiao were watching over the work in the mountains. Since the two uncles were free, they decided to help out.

First Uncle Xiao and Third Uncle Xiao picked up loads of peanuts and carried them to the river. There were people waiting for them at the river.

The best way to wash the peanuts was to use a bamboo basket or a plastic frame with holes in it. The holes were large enough for the dirt to run away with the water but small enough to detain the peanuts.

For an average field, one Mu of land could generate around 800 to 900 catties of peanuts. Even the less fertile fields would get around 600 catties.

Xiao Lingyu's field produced around 1200 catties per Mu. This was much higher than the average yield. Therefore, the total harvest was 4000 catties. However, for the Xiao Family, this was very normal.

Naturally, the villagers thought this was the contribution of the Little Cattle King. The Little Cattle King was with the Xiao Family, so they had the chance to use his manure the most. Other than that, Xiao Lingyu had planted the peanuts under large sheds. This involved agricultural techniques that they didn't understand.

Xiao Lingyu's peanuts were large. If they were used in oil extraction, they would probably get three to four taels of peanut oil per catty. In comparison, normal farmers would only get 2.5 taels of oil per catty of peanut.

Pure peanut oil made in the countryside was sold for ten RMB per catty. 4000 catties of peanut could extract more than 1000 catties of peanut oil. Just from the sales of the peanut oils alone, they would earn more than 10,000 RMB. And that was if they sold the peanut oil at normal prices.

The Xiao Family wouldn't have sold them at an average price. They had tried the Xiao Family's peanuts. They tasted sweet and crunchy. They tasted more like fruits. Therefore, the oils would be more expensive too.

They could afford to use a higher price than the market. The vegetables were the perfect examples. A normal cabbage was sold at 30 cents per catty at the market, but Xiao Lingyu was able to sell her at several RMB a catty.

Some villagers believed that the Xiao Family's peanut oil would sell for more than 100 RMB per catty.

Other than peanuts, there were soybeans too. Soybeans could be made into oil or tofu. However, making tofu was not easy.

Forging iron, sailing, and making tofu were the three greatest hardships in Ancient China.

Forging iron: One had to endure the heat of the furnace day and night. Plus, it was not easy working with big hammers.

Sailing: One's life depends on the winds and waves. Death loomed ever so presently.

Making tofu: One had to wake up in the middle of the night to work. It was hard to grind tofu, but the income was only a pittance.

However, as technology advanced, there were now machines to make these jobs easier.

Xiao Lingyu intended to have her third uncle deal with the tofu-making.

Over the past few years, Third Uncle Xiao and his wife had been working outside the village to support their children. Now that they had returned, Xiao Lingyu wanted to find them a way to continue earning money to support their family. They had bought a house in the county, but it was not yet

furnished. Soon, Xiao Lingyu's eldest cousin, Xiao Lingshuo was going to enter high school. With his result, he could get into No. 1 High School easily.

Once Third Uncle Xiao and Third Aunt settled in Taoyuan Village, Xiao Lingshuo could focus on his study and the Xiao Family might have another university student in the family.

This was why Xiao Lingyu handed the tofu-making business to her third uncle. She was confident in her soybeans and the quality of the tofu made from them. Of course, she still needed to discuss this with her family first.

The peanuts had already been washed and dried in the tanning field.

The soybeans needed more time as there were a few more filtration steps.

Soybeans didn't normally have a high yield. Normal soybeans would produce 500 catties per Mu. Even for the Xiao Family, one Mu of land only produced 600 catties of soybeans. Three Mu meant 2000 catties. This was not enough to make tofu, much less to make oils.

In any case, Xiao Lingyu wanted to test the taste of the soybeans first before she planned her next step.

"Xiao Zhengyang's peanuts and soybeans are both high-yielding," The worker said with envy. "Ever since they have the Little Cattle King, their family has been enjoying large harvests."

"Yea. After the Little Cattle King appeared, the lives of our village have improved."

“Hehe, that’s true. The Little Cattle King helped us grow better crops. Normally, the villagers could work for Xiao Zhengyang’s family too. In addition, we also got the rent from the mountain contracts. Thinking about it, I’m smiling even in my sleep.”

“It’s the same for me. Now, I deposit all the money I get into the bank to gain interest. Furthermore, if I keep them at home, the money will grow mold. I heard that Xiufang’s family had lost several thousand because of it.

“However, I took Xiao Zhengyang’s advice and took the moldy money to the bank. The bank exchanged them for new notes. Of course, there are some that are too rotten but at least not all is wasted.”

“I have no idea the bank takes rotten money!” Someone said in surprise, “We’ve thrown away the moldy money. I was so heartbroken that I cried. I should have asked Zhengyang.”

“Now, I’ve learned to deposit the money in the bank. They will not grow mold but will instead accrue interest. I deposit 10,000, and a year later, I will have an extra several hundred. The extra hundreds are enough for us to survive for a whole year!”

“If we have known this earlier, we would have saved all our money in the banks..”

Chapter 365: Planting Fruit Trees

While the peanuts and soybeans were being harvested, Xiao Zhengyang led another group up the mountains.

The foot of the mountain was flat. There was plenty of sunlight and water. Xiao Lingyu had plans to develop these lands into vegetable farms.

Then, from the foot to the middle of the mountains, she would use these spaces to plant fruit trees.

‘As for the mountain tops, Xiao Lingyu decided to leave behind the original landscapes. The wild flora and fauna there already had great value.

At this moment, there were more than a hundred people in attendance. People held woodcutters, sickles, saws, shovels, hoes, and all sorts of tools. The saws ran on fossil fuels. They could cut down a large tree easily. It was much more convenient compared to the past.

The real problem was the tree roots. However, there was a solution to that problem too. With a tug from an excavator, the roots would be removed easily.

Xiao Lingyu heard that the excavators were available in the county, so she rented two of them. The rental was 1000 RMB each day. That was already equivalent to the wages of 40 people a day. However, the excavator was much faster compared to 40 people.

Since there were two excavators, the people were split into two teams. The development moved fast.

‘With more than 100 people and two excavators, it took two days of work to develop one of the mountains. The efficiency was simply too fast.

Of course, that was supported by money.

One excavator cost 1,000, and two excavators cost 2,000.

The men were paid 40 per day and the women 40 per day.

100 men and 20 women cost 4,600 for a day's work.

Therefore, just the work alone cost 6,000 a day.

That did not include the attached meals and teas. If the efficiency was not fast, Xiao Lingyu had to consider if it was worth it to hire so many people.

Over a hundred people and two excavators completed the development of six mountains in around ten days. Then, they began to build fences, using thin iron nets to enclose the edges of the six mountains.

This was also a big project.

For the trees that were fallen, some could be used as firewood or building materials. Of course, since these were public property, Xiao Lingyu left them with the village chief. It was up to the village committee to decide whether to sell or give them away.

'When the villagers saw the harvested wood piled up one by one, their eyes immediately lit up.

These things were public property, which meant that they could earn a sum of money when the wood was sold. In fact, a few villagers had the idea to buy the wood to build their houses.

They should be able to purchase them at a low price. Of course, some of them would rather go up the mountains to chop their own logs.

As for the firewood, the village chief had stated that they were off-limits. If the villagers had the need, they could go up the mountain to gather some. The firewood gathered by Xiao Lingyu's team was public property.

Actually, the firewood gathered in the mountains was considered public property too. Therefore, they could only gather them for personal usage. They couldn't sell them at the market. If they were discovered, they would be fined.

Thankfully, every household in the peach blossom village had some money in their hands now. Not many people had their eyes on the gathered firewood. After all, one would have to carry the firewood on carts to bring them to the market. It would notify the villagers. The villagers were not stupid. They were not going to risk the fine.

Plus, Xiao Zhengyang was still hiring people. They could earn more working for the Xiao Family than selling the firewood. Therefore, the villagers knew what to do.

"Yu 'Er, the mountains have been developed. I know you want to plant fruit trees, but they might not survive in this hot weather." Xiao Jingyang said with some worry.

After Xiao Jingyang found out that Xiao Lingyu was responsible for these mountains, he asked Xiao Lingyu about the use of these mountains. That was how he knew Xiao Lingyu was going to use them to plant fruit trees.

It was not that it was impossible to plant trees in summer, but when planting trees, one had to be careful. The young shoots needed to be well-protected.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "It's true that planting trees in the summer is difficult, but it doesn't mean that it's impossible. With moist soil, good water, and an irrigation system, the trees should thrive.

"We need to pay more attention than usual. I know the season isn't right, but I've already waited for half a year. I can't wait anymore."

Xiao Jingyang smiled and said, "Haha, I know. What you want now is efficiency." Otherwise, why would she hire so many people?

The mountain development, the peanut and soybean harvest, almost basically everyone in Taoyuan Village had been hired by his eldest niece.

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "Dad, uncle, from tomorrow onward, please help me dig pits. First, we will plant our village's specialty, peaches. Then, we'll continue with other fruit trees like oranges, pomelos, pears, plums, and persimmons.

"After that, I want to try to plant some northern fruits like apples."

Xiao Jingyang was shocked. He asked, "Yu 'Er, do we need to plant so many trees? How are we going to sell them in the future?"

The six mountains might sound like a lot, but the amount of usable space was actually limited. Normally, a fruit farmer would plant one kind of fruit tree so that they could find a large specialized retailer.

However, Xiao Lingyu planned to plant different kinds of fruit trees. The problem was they would produce too few specific fruits for a specialized fruit retailer, but they would produce too much for sales at the shop.

Xiao Lingyu said very seriously, "Uncle, I'm planning to take the high-end market route. We'll have many fruits, but they will be few in quantity. I plan to sell them myself. I might not even need a large retailer."

These fruits would cause a sensation in the future, just like the strawberries from before. The strawberries were sold at a high price. These fruits wouldn't be cheap too.

Most importantly, Xiao Lingyu wanted to expand the Taoyuan Village brand across the country.

Xiao Jingyang was speechless.

However, he knew that his eldest niece was someone who was meant for big things. She must have thought about it carefully.

Although he didn't know how sensational his second brother's vegetables and strawberries were, he knew from words of mouth that they were sold at a high price.

Six Mus of vegetables had earned hundreds of thousands.

Six Mus of strawberries had earned millions.

Xiao Lingyu also paid five million to contract the mountains in Taoyuan Village.

These numbers were not something he could imagine.

Therefore, while he had some doubts about Xiao Lingyu's plan, he didn't voice them.

Then, Xiao Jingyang asked again, "Yu 'Er, we know how to plant peaches, but what about the other fruit trees?"

'There were no specialized technicians in this field in the Peach Blossom Village.

Now that Xiao Lingyu had planned to start a large-scale fruit farm, she needed some experts.

Xiao Lingyu, "...". She knew that she could use the spring water to help the fruit trees grow, but she forgot how she was going to explain that to the outsiders.

However, before Xiao Lingyu could say anything, Gong Tianhao said, "Uncle, how about I invite two fruit tree experts to help us?"

Xiao Jingyang's eyes lit up, and he said happily, "Oh, Tianhao. Can you do that?"

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, "Yes, of course."

"Well, that's great," Xiao Jingyang said excitedly. "It's great to have some experts to guide us."

Xiao Lingyu, "...". Who asked for his help?

Chapter 366: Invitation? Kidnapping?

Gong Tianhao said that he would invite two fruit tree experts over, and they arrived that afternoon.

They were brought over by helicopter.

These two fruit tree experts were actually unwilling to come. However, their superiors ordered them to come to this mountain village because they needed their help.

It felt like a joke. Why would they be 'invited' to help a poor mountain village? Did this mean they would be hauled over every time a mountain village wanted to start a fruit farm? It was impossible!

After they were notified, they were not given any chance to refuse. They were directly escorted onto the plane and did not even have the chance to say goodbye to their families.

This really made them angry.

On the helicopter, Yu Jiadong looked at the cold man in black beside him with a dark expression. He gritted his teeth and asked, "Where are you taking us? Why are you treating us like criminals? Tell me, who is your Boss?"

Another man in his fifties, Ji Yanghua, also spoke indignantly, "You basically kidnapped us. This is too lawless. I will sue you and your Boss."

One of the men in black, Yue Qilin, smiled and said, "Professor Yu, Professor Ji, please calm down. It's our fault for taking you away like that. Our Boss just wants to invite you to get your help."

The two professors were unwilling to accept the apology.

Professor Yu was very angry and said loudly, "Is this how you invite someone? This is blatant kidnapping!" He added, "Who is your Boss? Why did he kidnap us?"

"Don't you know how anxious our family members will be when we go missing for no reason? They will definitely call the police. Our departments will worry if they can't find us too."

Yue Qilin smiled and said, "Professors, don't worry. When we invited you to board the plane, we had already informed your department superiors and your families.

"They know that you've accepted an urgent mission and need to go on a business trip immediately, so there's no time for you to say goodbye. If you're worried, you can call your family or your departments when you get off the plane."

The two professors,

"As for the identity of our Boss, you'll know when you arrive." Yue Qilin said, "However, our master has instructed that after you know his identity, you must keep it a secret. He still has something to do there. He doesn't like to reveal his identity and cause unnecessary trouble."

The two professors furrowed their brows tightly. After what Yue Qilin said, they understood this Boss came from extraordinary background. They had power and influence. Or else, the Boss couldn't just fire off a notice, and the professors were instantly captured to this mountain village.

The two professors were silent for a moment.

Then, Professor Yu said, "Okay, we can discuss this further when we get there." They were proud, but many times, they knew they had to bow before absolute power.

Yue Qilin said with a mysterious smile, "Professors, there's no need to worry. I can promise you that you won't regret this trip. This is a very mysterious place."

Plus, they had Auntie Chen. No one was able to be mad after tasting Auntie Chen's cooking.

The two professors,

Could they believe this person's words? This was someone who kidnapped them off the streets.

"Humph!" The two professors snorted and said, "We'll see."

More than an hour later, they reached their destination.

Professor Yu looked down from the plane and soon noticed a few hills that were being developed. He asked curiously, "Those are the hills that will be turned into fruit tree farms?"

Yue Qilin nodded and replied, "Yes."

Then, he said to the two professors, "Professors, we've reached our destination. We need to prepare to get off the plane."

The two professors temporarily suppressed the anger in their hearts and sized up the mountain village on the plane. They felt that this mountain village was somewhat different.

As for what was different, they might need to investigate.

After the few of them got off the plane, Professor Yu immediately asked with a dark face, "Now, can you tell us who your master is?"

Yue Qilin smiled and said, "Professor Yu, don't worry. I'll take the two of you to meet my master now."

With that, Yue Qilin led them to the Gong family's courtyard.

After arriving at the Gong family's house, Yue Qilin led them in.

However, the moment they entered the courtyard and noticed the old man watering the flowers in the courtyard, the two professors' expressions immediately became dumbfounded.

"Gong... Gong..."

Chapter 367: Small Fruit Trees

"No, that is not how you dig a plum tree hole!" The two professors were in straw hats on the mountain top, commanding, "Yes, I'm talking about you!" Professor Yu pointed at Third Uncle Xiao and shouted, "You're wrong! The pit is too wide! The tree won't absorb the fertilizers!"

Third Uncle Xiao wasn't angry. On the contrary, he respected the two fierce experts very much. He was born and raised in the countryside, so he respected the intellectuals from the bottom of his heart. Plus, these two experts were specially flown over to teach them. Therefore, they had to be humble and learn.

"Yes, you get it right now, Next to the big hole, you have to dig a small hole half a meter long and 20 centimeters deep to store fertilizer." Professor Yu explained, "These saplings have just been planted, so they can't absorb too much fertilizer. Otherwise, they'll become overnourished. If the sun shines on them, they'll burn to death."

About this, the rural people who worked the land understood it too. Similarly, they wouldn't use too many fertilizers when planting peanuts and soybeans. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to sprout.

While Professor Yu was instructing the group, Ji Nianhua was staring at the saplings placed under the shade of the tree. There were two big saplings.

One of the big saplings was a plum tree. It was thick and had luxuriant leaves. According to Ji Nianhua's estimation, this sapling had been cultivated for two years already.

It would be able to blossom and bear fruit next year.

The other one was an apricot tree. It also had luscious leaves.

But that was not the reason why Professor Ji was so interested in them. The thing that caught his attention was that these trees were thicker and stronger than the average plum tree and apricot tree. When he touched the branches, he could feel that the bark was more delicate and had a cool feeling.

Moreover, they pulsed with vitality. They felt very alive.

“Oh Ji, why do you keep staring at these two fruit trees?” Professor Yu noticed Ji Nianhua’s absent-mindedness and asked.

Ji Nianhua smiled and said, “I found that these two fruit trees are somewhat different, so I was studying them.”

“Oh?” Professor Yu was intrigued. He walked over to take a look at the two fruit trees and asked with a smile, “What’s so special about them?”

Professor Ji didn’t answer directly but said, “Oh Yu, touch them with your hand!”

Professor Yu reached out to touch them. His eyes lit up, and he looked a little surprised. “What... What’s going on?” The bark of these two trees was obviously more tender and smoother than that of other fruit trees. It sounded comical to use tender and smooth to describe a tree bark, but that was a fact.

Professor Yu was as surprised as Professor Ji.

Ji Nianhua shook his head and said, “I don’t know either. I felt they were different, so I touched them. I was not expecting the feeling of a child’s skin.”

Professor Yu looked at the two fruit trees and said with certainty, “But these two saplings should be very ordinary fruit trees!”

“That’s right. They are very ordinary plum and apricot trees,” Professor Ji nodded and said.

Then, he said with a smile, “Oh Yu, it seems that there is indeed something worth studying here.”

Since he was an expert in this field, he was naturally interested in this unique variance.

Professor Yu nodded in agreement and said, “That’s true. I’ll go and ask where these two fruit trees came from.”

Professor Yu walked to Xiao Leyang and pointed at the two saplings. He asked, “Hey, young man, where did these two saplings come from?”

Xiao Leyang looked in the direction and said, “My niece dug them out from the backyard.”

“Niece? Backyard?” Professor Yu frowned. He was obviously not satisfied with this answer.

Xiao Leyang touched his head and said with a simple smile, “Hehe, these two saplings were cultivated by my niece. She has been planting them in the backyard. She just dug them up and wanted to plant them in the mountain.” Then, he asked with puzzlement, “Professor Yu, is there anything wrong with these two saplings?”

Hearing Xiao Leyang’s answer, the two professors were obviously disappointed.

Professor Ji then asked, “Young man, are you sure that these two small fruit trees were planted in your niece’s backyard?”

Xiao Leyang nodded and said, "Yes, I'm very sure. Because I dug them up myself from the backyard." He was very puzzled why the two professors were so interested in the two ordinary saplings.

At this time, Professor Yu asked again, "Then who was in charge of them before?"

"I don't know." Xiao Leyang shook his head.

He had just returned to Taoyuan Village, so he was not very clear about what had happened to his second brother's family. Besides, these were just two ordinary saplings. Who would pay attention to them normally?

Professor Yu sighed, "Well, I guess we'll have to ask your eldest niece."

Both he and O1 Ji felt that the two saplings were somewhat different.

Well, of course, they were different. It was because they grew up in the farming space.

Xiao Lingyu had planted many fruit seedlings in the farming space. They sprouted from seeds in the farming space.

At the same time, Xiao Lingyu had also transplanted small saplings, which she had brought, into her farming space. She saw clearly the difference between these two kinds of fruit trees.

The fruit trees that were grown from seeds had a natural vitality about them.

The fruit trees that were transplanted as saplings were stronger and sturdier than normal fruit trees.

The fruits they produced would be different. Clearly, the fruits of the trees grown native in the farming space would be more delicious.

To compare, Xiao Lingyu planted all the vegetables from seeds in the farming space at first.

Later, to avoid detection, Xiao Lingyu transplanted the vegetable seedlings from the farming space to the normal field. The results of the experiment were good.

There were some differences between the vegetables grown fully in the farming space and the ones transplanted out of the farming space when they were seedlings.

This allowed Xiao Lingyu to know what to do in the future. She could control the effect of the vegetables.

Xiao Lingyu cultivated the high-end vegetables in the farming space and used the transplanted seedlings for the normal-priced vegetables.

Now, Xiao Lingyu wanted to test if this affected the fruit trees as well. However, the growth cycle of vegetables and fruit trees was different.

It only took two to three days for vegetables to grow from seeds to mature crops.

However, the growth cycle of fruit trees was slower.

The shortest cycle required two months. The longest cycle required at least half a year.

Xiao Lingyu discovered that the more precious the fruit, the longer its growth cycle. For example, the durians.

Its growth cycle in the space was longer than other fruit trees, It had been almost half a year since she planted the seed in the farming space, but it was only blooming.

However, she believed it would bear fruits soon.

Xiao Lingyu was looking forward to the taste of this durian.

People who did not like to eat durian found it smelly, but those who liked to eat it felt that it was especially fragrant.

Xiao Lingyu was the kind who liked to eat durian. Ever since she gained the farming space, Xiao Lingyu only ate the produce from her space.

She stopped going to the market altogether. She realized how much she had spoiled herself, but she couldn't help it.

At this moment, Xiao Lingyu was sitting in the courtyard eating fruits.

Gong Tianhao was peeling fruits for her.

Suddenly, Xiao Lingyu said, "I want to go to the mountain and take a look!"

Gong Tianhao's hand that was peeling the fruits paused.. Then, he replied softly, "Okay!"

Chapter 368: Two Professors

Xiao Zhengyang was arranging the work for the villagers. Some were digging holes, and others were building fences.

Xiao Zhengyang walked to the two professors and said respectfully, "Professor Yu, Professor Ji, do you want to sit down and rest for a while in this hot weather?"

Xiao Zhengyang brought a small square tea table and a few small stools from his home and placed them under a big tree.

He bought some high-grade tea to serve the two professors.

To Xiao Zhengyang and the others, they were professors who had journeyed a long distance to help them so they couldn't be mistreated.

However, the two professors were sensible people.

They were extremely angry when they were suddenly kidnapped here to guide villagers to plant fruit trees, However, when they saw Old Master Gong in the same village and knew that the person who 'invited' them was related to Old Master Gong, their temper disappeared immediately.

They respected and admired Old Master Gong very much.

There were rumors in the capital that Old Master Gong's health was getting worse. The Gong Family's second branch kept angering him, and he was sent to the emergency rescue several times already.

For this reason, Gong Tianhao was very angry.

After that, there came a rumor that Old Master Gong was dying from anger. Many people wanted to visit him, but they were all rejected. They said that Old Master Gong was recuperating, and it was inconvenient for people to disturb him. Therefore, many people stopped coming.

After all, they were not related to the Gong Family. If they insisted on visiting Old Master Gong, their purposes would be questioned.

Normally, Professor Ji and Professor Yu wouldn't have the right to know Old Master Gong. They were lucky to have met Old Master Gong at a banquet. At the time, Old Master Gong indeed looked quite frail.

Therefore, when they saw the healthy old man in the yard, they were shocked. Then, they were happy for him.

Old Master Gong was obviously in good health. Why were there rumors that Old Master Gong was dying in the capital?

Later, they found out that Old Master Gong did suffer from poor health a while back. However, after coming to Taoyuan Village, his health improved tremendously. Even his attending physician felt that it was unbelievable.

In the past, Old Master Gong was fragile and frail, but now, Old Master Gong looked like he was going to live to be over a hundred years old.

"Elder Gong!" The moment they arrived at the Gong residence and saw Old Master Gong, Yu Jiadong and Ji Nianhua called out respectfully.

They were still confused about why Old Master Gong would appear in this remote village.

Seeing the two of them, Old Master Gong put down the watering can in his hand and said with a smile, "It's Little Yu and Little Ji, I'm really sorry to have suddenly invited you here."

Yu Jiadong and Ji Nianhua were flattered and immediately said, "Elder Gong, you're really too polite. You don't need to apologize. If we had known it was you who wanted to see us, we would have come without a second thought."

Elder Gong shook his head and said, "Actually, it wasn't me who wanted to look for you. It was my little brat."

Professor Yu and Professor Ji opened their mouths slightly and were a little puzzled. "It was Young Master Gong?!"

Then again, when they thought about it, it made sense. In the capital, who dared to launch a kidnapping in broad daylight?

Old Master Gong explained, "Do you know that my brat is pursuing the Xiao Family's daughter?"

“Young Master Gong is pursuing someone?” When the two experts heard this news, they were dumbfounded.

Young Master Gong was the prime bachelor of the country. Once he hooked his finger, women would pounce on him. However, Young Master Gong, the noble master was actually pursuing a woman from the countryside?

If this news were to spread to the capital, it would probably shock everyone in the noble circle.

While the two professors digested this shocking news, Old Master Gong continued, “Currently, the girl has contracted a few mountains and plans to plant some fruit trees, However, they require some experts in this area. That’s how my brat thought of the two of you.

“That was what happened. I apologize for my brat’s recklessness.”

Hearing Old Master Gong’s words, Yu Jiadong and Ji Yanghua felt even more flattered. At the same time, they were even more shocked that Old Master Gong sounded like he approved of this countrywoman.

How could a farmer’s daughter be worthy of Young Master Gong or the Gong Family?

Of course, these were not questions they could ask.

Yu Jiadong and Ji Yanghua immediately waved their hands and said, “Elder Gong, don’t say that. You’re too polite.”

Elder Gong didn’t say anything else. Then, he said, “Little Yu and Little Ji, I know you two are the authoritative experts in the study of fruit tree planting.

“I’m sorry to suddenly invite you here, but I hope that you can do your best to help the villagers here.”

“We definitely will.” Little Yu and Little Ji immediately nodded and replied, “Elder Gong, we will do our best.”

Old Master Gong nodded and said, “Then, I’ll place my hope in you. I hope to see the mountains full of fruit trees soon.”

Yu Jiadong and Ji Yanghua were even more astonished.

What did the Xiao family do to deserve Old Master Gong’s approval? He had done everything to help them! Of course, this was just a small matter to the Gong Family.

After Yu Jiadong and Ji Yanghua met Old Master Gong, Yue Qilin brought them to the Xiao family.

However, before they entered the courtyard, they almost stumbled when they saw the scene in the courtyard.

Yu Jiadong nudged Ji Yanghua’s arm with his elbow and asked in astonishment, “Oh Ji, am I seeing things? Why do I see Young Master Gong serving a woman?”

He saw Young Master Gong patiently peeling fruits and pouring water for a woman. This was not something Young Master Gong should do.

Ji Yanghua also said with surprise, "Oh Yu, I don't think your eyes are tricking you. I see the same thing too."

They stood at the entrance of the courtyard for a short while. After Young Master Gong finished peeling the fruit, he handed it to a woman. The woman was sitting with her back facing them, She had long, straight hair, and judging from her sitting posture, she was a tall and slender person.

This must be the daughter of the Xiao Family Old Master Gong had mentioned.

Yue Qilin was already used to his boss serving Xiao Lingyu. He also expected the surprise of the two professors.

He said to the two of them, "Professor Yu, Professor Ji, this is the Xiao family. The few mountains that we saw on the plane are contracted by this family."

Then, he entered the courtyard and said to Gong Tianhao respectfully, "Boss, Miss Xiao, Professor Yu and Professor Ji are here."

Yu Jiadong and Ji Yanghua snapped out of it. They had really lost their composure. They quickly entered the courtyard and quickened their pace.

They really wanted to see this daughter of the Xiao Family for themselves. How charming she must be to make the noble Young Master Gong lower himself to serve her.

Gong Tianhao stood up. He smiled and said, "Professors, I am Gong Tianhao. Thank you for coming."

At this moment, Xiao Lingyu suddenly turned to look at the two professors..

Chapter 369 Gong Tianhao is Reprimanded

The moment Xiao Lingyu turned her head, the two professors were stunned.

Her facial features were extremely exquisite!

Under her slender willow-leaf eyebrows were a pair of large, soul-stirring eyes, a straight nose bone, and pink lips. Her skin was fair and smooth.

It made her look like a doll. Most importantly, she was very natural. She was not like the daughters of those socialites in the capital who had undergone plastic surgery to look exquisite and beautiful.

'What a beauty!' The two muttered in their hearts. Then again, she would have to be a beauty to capture Young Master Gong's heart!

However, when they saw Xiao Lingyu stand up, they almost stumbled and fell.

"The girl is... pregnant? Whose child is it? Is it Young Master Gong's? This is going too fast! They say Young Master Gong is a bachelor, but now he has a wife and a child? This is so scary! Even horror movies are not this scary!"

After Xiao Lingyu stood up, Gong Tianhao naturally saw the changes in the expressions of the two professors.

Gong Tianhao took Xiao Lingyu's hand and introduced them, "Professor Yu, Professor Ji, this is my girlfriend, Xiao Lingyu."

"..." Xiao Lingyu smiled and said to the two of them, "Hello, Professor Yu, Professor Ji, I'm Xiao Lingyu. I'm really sorry to have suddenly invited you over from thousands of miles away to help."

In the morning, Gong Tianhao said that he would invite two experts. In the afternoon, the two experts arrived. Xiao Lingyu knew that Gong Tianhao must have used some tricks.

Professor Yu was somewhat impressed by Xiao Lingyu's knowledge and understanding.

He did not expect this rural girl to be so polite. She was a cultured person.

In their impression, rural girls were usually dark-skinned and uncultured. After all, most people in the countryside had a strong feudal ideology.

Then again, they couldn't imagine Gong Tianhao pursuing a vulgar woman either.

Seeing how Elder Gong and Gong Tianhao acted around the girl, the two professors knew how to treat her.

Professor Yu smiled and said, "It's our honor to help the country's agriculture. Miss Xiao, you don't have to be so polite."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Professor Yu, you don't need to call me Miss Xiao. My name is Xiao Lingyu. You can call me by my name."

Gong Tianhao could be arrogant to the two professors because of his status, but she was different. She was in need of the two professors' help.

Professor Yu nodded and said, "Alright, then we will call you Lingyu from now on."

Earlier, they heard from Old Master Gong that Gong Tianhao was pursuing this girl in front of them. However, Gong Tianhao just introduced her as his girlfriend. This was confusing to the professors. So had Young Master Gong won over the girl?

Regardless, the two professors were very polite to Xiao Lingyu because she was most likely the mistress of the Gong Family in the future. They needed to be polite to her.

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "The two of you have come from afar. Professor Yu, Professor Ji, please take a seat and have a cup of tea to rest. Tonight, our family will hold a welcoming banquet for the two of you."

Professor Ji said with a smile, "There's no need for tea. We're not tired now. Get someone to take us up the mountain."

The capital was quite far from here, but they took a helicopter and arrived in one or two hours.

Once they arrived, they took a rest at Elder Gong's place. Their resentment and fatigue had also dissipated. So, they wanted to go to the mountains as soon as possible.

Since the two of them did not want to rest, Xiao Lingyu did not force them. She asked Yue Qilin to bring them to the mountains.

After the two experts arrived at the mountains and saw the work which was being done by the villagers, their faces were full of black lines.

Then, they pointed out and said, "What are you people doing? This pit is too big and deep! You're planting a sapling, not a mature tree!"

"And this pit is too shallow. The roots won't get the chance to settle."

"And do you call this a pit? It's barely a hole! How do you expect the sapling to fit?"

The two professors immediately got to work.

After giving many instructions, the two professors were tired already.

After being invited by Xiao Zhengyang, the two professors came to the big tree and took a seat to rest. The two professors had found out by then that the middle-aged man was Xiao Lingyu's father. He was handsome and did not have any peasant temperament. They respected him.

After sitting down, Professor Yu and Professor Ji were indeed thirsty. They picked up the cups on the coffee table and began to drink. The tea wasn't too hot.

After taking a sip, their eyes lit up. For people of their status, they had tried a lot of good tea. But none of them was comparable to the tea they were holding.

The tea was clear and fragrant.

After one sip, the fragrance of the tea rose up from their throats. It was a very comfortable enjoyment.

Professor Ji asked, "Zhengyang, what kind of tea is this? How can this tea be so delicious?"

Professor Yu also asked, "I've drunk tea for decades, but I've never tasted this before."

Xiao Zhengyang was already used to this.

Xiao Zhengyang poured some tea for the two of them and said with a smile, "Actually, this is just ordinary Da Hong Pao. They cost less than 100 RMB per catty."

"How is this possible?" Hearing Xiao Zhengyang's words, Professor Yu felt a little incredulous. "Ordinary Da Hong Pao doesn't taste like this."

Xiao Zhengyang said, "I don't know how to explain it. But the reason for the fragrance is the water my family uses. The water here is very clean and sweet. They will produce very good tea."

Xiao Zhengyang did not understand tea. Tea was an art that required money and time to learn. Xiao Zhengyang didn't have time to study it.

Xiao Zhengyang's family was poor, and they didn't have the luxury to study the art of tea. However, they would serve their guests the best tea they had.

Professor Yu and Professor Ji were surprised to hear that the reason for the fragrance was the water.

Indeed, for a good cup of tea, other than the tea leaves, the water took a huge role too. However, this was the first time they heard the water impacting the taste of the tea so much.

They didn't press. They were professors, so it would feel inappropriate for them to interrogate a farmer about tea.

If the other party was a tea expert, it was fine, but in this case, if they continued to ask, it would feel like they were ridiculing Father Xiao. Just as the professors were sipping their tea, Xiao Zhengyang saw Xiao Lingyu being supported by Gong Tianhao up the mountains. His expression changed, and he shouted at Xiao Lingyu, "This is simply ridiculous! Why are you here? What if you accidentally fall down?"

Then, without waiting for Xiao Lingyu to explain, Xiao Zhengyang turned to Gong Tianhao with a dark expression, "Tianhao, we're fine with your indulging her and pampering her. But you can't do that without limits. What's a pregnant woman like Yu 'Er doing here? She is not thinking straight, and you went along with it?"

The two professors were shocked when they saw Young Master Gong being reprimanded.

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The two professors were really dumbfounded and terrified.

What did they see?

The dignified young master of the capital city was actually reprimanded by a farmer to the point that he did not dare to make a sound.

Well, that was not true. It was simply whenever Gong Tianhao wanted to say something, he was shut down by Xiao Zhengyang.

Xiao Zhengyang reprimanded, "Tianhao, I know that you are a sensible person. You have always loved and doted on Yu 'Er. However, there has to be a limit. You can't agree to anything without thinking about it."

"Uncle..." Gong Tianhao wanted to defend himself.

"Tianhao, do you know how dangerous is it for a pregnant woman to go up the mountain? Some of the roads in these mountains are freshly cut and slippery. What if she accidentally slips?" Gong Tianhao called out again, "Uncle..." Actually, I can protect Yu 'Er.

However, before he could say anything, he was interrupted again. Xiao Zhengyang then said earnestly, "Tianhao, I know that you have the skill to protect Yu 'Er and her child. But it's better to be safe than sorry. What if there was an accident that you couldn't prevent?"

Gong Tianhao fell silent. He stopped trying to defend himself. This was the truth.

He was very confident that he could protect Xiao Lingyu and her son. But what if he made a mistake?

Then he would blame himself for the rest of his life.

Xiao Lingyu could not bear to see Gong Tianhao being reprimanded by Father Xiao.

Father Xiao didn't know Gong Tianhao's identity, but the two experts did. Gong Tianhao would lose face being scolded like this.

Xiao Lingyu tried to defend Gong Tianhao, "Dad..."

Xiao Lingyu only said one word, but Xiao Zhengyang immediately shouted sternly, "Shush!"

Xiao Lingyu touched her stomach.

For the sake of the child's father's reputation, she had to say something. But before she could do that, she heard her father's voice start again, "Xiao Lingyu, what is wrong with you?"

Xiao Zhengyang turned his head and reprimanded Xiao Lingyu loudly, "Do you think you're a three-year-old child? Don't you know that you're pregnant? Or do you want to encourage an accident? Xiao Lingyu, you're too insensible."

Xiao Lingyu took a deep breath and said, "Dad, I know I'm wrong."

The best way for her father to stop was to admit her mistake immediately.

"The mountains have been under development for so long already. I just wanted to come and take a look," Xiao Lingyu said. From the beginning, her family had forbidden Xiao Lingyu from going up the mountain, and Gong Tianhao would supervise her.

Xiao Zhengyang narrowed his eyes and said, "What's there to see? You grew up around the mountains. Mountains will look like mountains."

Father Xiao's tone was slightly better. At least he stopped hounding Gong Tianhao. Xiao Lingyu secretly let out a sigh of relief. The two professors were still stunned by what they saw.

Father Xiao was really too bold to reprimand Young Master Gong.

However, it seemed like Young Master Gong really loved Xiao Lingyu. Otherwise, how could such a noble person like him allow a farmer to raise his voice around him?

At this moment, Gong Tianhao said, "Uncle, Yu 'Er is concerned about two experts. Please don't blame her..."

The two experts, who were innocently implicated, were speechless

Father Xiao sighed. He added a few more words of caution and turned around. After all, the duo was already up the mountain. Xiao Lingyu could take a look around. With Gong Tianhao and him looking after her, she should be fine.

As for Gong Tianhao, he was feeling the sting of fear. He reminded himself to stop going along with everything Xiao Lingyu wanted. Like Father Xiao said, there could be accidents anywhere.

He was a very good businessman, but even he couldn't scheme against God. Therefore, before the child was born, he needed to be by her side at all times.

Xiao Lingyu didn't know these things.

In her previous life, after she gave birth, she returned to work and was ready to take revenge. She did not have a single day of happiness.

After the rebirth, she was able to live as she pleased. Her life became better, especially after she obtained the farming space by accident. Most importantly, Xiao Tong came back with her.

Ever since she came back to Taoyuan Village, she had decided to establish her farming kingdom. These six mountains were just the first step.

She had to be there to witness the first foundation of her future kingdom.

Xiao Lingyu looked around, and she was once again immersed in her own thoughts.

Even though Gong Tianhao had a deep understanding of Xiao Lingyu, sometimes he did not know what she was thinking. Gong Tianhao looked around and asked, "Yu 'Er, what's on your mind?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said with a smile, "Nothing. Actually, I just feel that farming is not so bad."

Gong Tianhao, "... " Should I stay and be a farmer?