

Chapter 551: A Lack of Confidence

After hearing this, Father Xiao frowned and said worriedly, “Yu ‘Er, can we sell all that?”

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “I don’t know either!”

After hearing this, Father Xiao became even more worried.

He hesitated for a moment and said, “Yu ‘Er, why don’t we start smaller? If we can’t sell all the crops on the first day, people will complain about them the next day. It won’t be good for the shop’s reputation. If we don’t pick them, the crops will stay fresh in the ground.”

Xiao Lingyu said, “Dad, don’t worry. We’ll see how the sales go first, alright? In any case, if we have any waste, we’ll limit it to the first day.”

Father Xiao sighed lightly and said, “That’s true.”

Xiao Lingyu first checked on the cabbages.

The cabbages stood there on the ground. The older leaves were scattered on the ground. The leaves were used to feed the cattle... even though Little Light and Big Light resisted. But their resistance was futile. The rest was used to feed the chickens and ducks...

Then, some of the villagers would also come to buy the older leaves from the Xiao Family. They were still quite delicious.

The cabbages were wrapped in layers of leaves. The leaves were tender and tinged with yellow. They looked really cute.

The cabbages were relatively large. One could reach up to three or four catties.

The cabbages Xiao Lingyu sold earlier were all from the farming space. Therefore, they were of the same size. It was easy to sell them individually.

However, these crops watered by the spring water outside of the farming space had different sizes. Therefore, they had to be sold by catties. Of course, Xiao Lingyu still insisted on selling the vegetables grown inside the farming space individually.

After checking on the cabbages, Xiao Lingyu went to check on the other crops. Thanks to the spring water and tender care, the vegetables all grew very well. Xiao Lingyu estimated that she could harvest 10 to 20,000 catties daily.

After that, Xiao Lingyu went to the bean products manufacturing company. The company had reached a certain scale of operation. There were the general manager’s office, the administrative office, the Finance Office, and the production department.

Xiao Lingyu was temporarily the general manager. Both the administrative office and the Finance Office were handled by professionals. These professionals were recommended by Gu Ziyue and his gang. Xiao Lingyu trusted them, so she hired these talents with high salaries.

As for the production department, Eldest Uncle Xiao was temporarily in charge. Eldest Uncle Xiao was a very motivated and responsible person. Every day, he would learn how to run the factory.

The company was a three-story building with white tiles. When the sun shone, it reflected a dazzling white light.

After Xiao Lingyu arrived at the company, the employees greeted her. Some called her Lingyu, while others called her general manager.

Xiao Lingyu and her father went to the warehouse. "Yun 'Er, are you done with the inventory of the stock tomorrow?" Xiao Lingyu entered and saw her busy cousin.

Xiao Lingyun nodded and said, "Yes, I've calculated all of them."

Xiao Lingyu took out a notebook from the desk in front of her and matched them one by one. "Two hundred catties of red beans, two hundred catties of green beans, and five hundred catties of sweet potatoes..."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "These things will be transported over in a while. Get them on the truck!"

"Okay, I'll get someone to get Fourth Uncle in a bit!" Xiao Lingyun nodded. Then, she asked hesitantly, "Sis, do you think we'll be able to sell everything?"

It looks like everyone was worried about the grand opening tomorrow.

Xiao Lingyu smiled. "I don't know either. But we're testing the waters for now."

Xiao Lingyun said worriedly, "If we really can't sell all of them, what should we do with the rest?"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "In the past three months, with the help of the Zeng family's vegetable shop, we have slowly established the reputation of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables."

Xiao Lingyun was still worried, "But even so, our vegetables are so expensive. How many people will buy them?"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Forget it. Facts speak louder than words. Her family would understand when the shop opened.

Xiao Lingyu didn't continue to dwell on this problem. She told Xiao Lingyun, "Some dry goods can be shipped over in the morning and placed on the shelves. Oh, right. How many eggs and duck eggs did we get from the villagers?"

Xiao Lingyun glanced at the notebook and said, "There are 1,300 eggs, 500 duck eggs, and only 600 goose eggs."

"Are these eggs from the families who bought the old cabbage leaves from us?" Xiao Lingyu's shops would only offer the best produce.

Xiao Lingyun nodded, "Yes." The livestock that was fed with the old cabbage leaves produced eggs that were different in color and texture.

It was difficult for the villagers to fake them.

Usually, the eggs in the countryside were sold by the piece. It was 80 cents per egg.

However, Xiao Lingyu bought these eggs for 1.20 RMB each. That was 40 cents more for each egg.

Some villagers naturally tried to find a loophole, but unfortunately, the color and texture of the eggs laid by the chickens that had eaten Xiao Lingyu's old cabbages were different from normal.

Some villagers secretly complained about this. After all, if they didn't buy the old cabbage leaves, they would have rotted in the field. Xiao Lingyu demanded that they pay to buy the old cabbage leaves to feed the chickens and ducks.

Granted, the old cabbage leaves were much cheaper. They were only 20 cents per catty. But 20 cents was still money. They could use 20 cents to buy fresh vegetables in town.

Xiao Lingyu was really money-hungry. She wanted to suck the villagers dry. However, Xiao Lingyu also promised to buy the special eggs at a high price. Therefore, the villagers still bought the old cabbage leaves from her.

The old cabbage leaves cost 20 cents per catty. But the eggs laid by the chickens, ducks, and geese fed by these leaves would earn them more money than normal eggs. They would still earn a net profit.

Therefore, in spite of the complaints, the villagers still bought the old cabbage leaves.

Why Xiao Lingyu insisted on selling the leaves was because she was unwilling to pamper these people.

Once these people got used to her pampering, they would take advantage of her. This would lead to ungratefulness. Xiao Lingyu was rich, but she could not help the villagers without restraint.

It was better to teach a person how to fish than to give them fish!

She had already provided these villagers with many tools, so she was not going to hand the money over to them.

Xiao Lingyu and the Xiao family had always been clear about this.

Those who wanted to complain could only complain in secret. If those people really complained to the Xiao Family, the Xiao family would definitely retort back sharply.

The Xiao family was not so easy to bully, especially now that the Xiao family had more confidence.

Besides, Xiao Lingyu wouldn't have let the old cabbage leaves rot in the fields if she didn't sell them to the villagers. She had other uses for them.

Xiao Lingyu checked all the stock in the warehouse. Currently, the supermarket was mainly selling vegetables. The other things were sold on the side.

Xiao Lingyu looked at the time and felt that she had to go home.

Otherwise, Xiao Tong would be hungry again.

When she thought of Xiao Tong, Xiao Lingyu's heart softened.

Her son was born at full term and was well-fed. After he was born, he was white, tender, and cute. She was glad that Xiao Tong was healthier than he was in her previous life.

When Xiao Lingyu returned home, she saw Mother Xiao teasing Xiao Tong.

Mother Xiao said, "Come, come, baby. Smile for Grandma! Why is my baby so sensible? You can understand whatever Grandma says."

Then, hearing the footsteps outside, Mother Xiao said with a smile, "Ah, mommy is back. Mommy is back, so the baby can eat. He won't be hungry anymore!"

Chapter 552: Yan Siming Knows!

Yan Siming held the promotional poster in his hand, his lips tightly pursed.

"Good News! Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket will open for business on February 6th!

"Address: 38 Chengnan Road."

Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh was the brand created by Xiao Lingyu. And its large vegetable supermarket was opening in City Z.

What hurt Yan Siming was that Xiao Lingyu didn't inform him.

After her marriage, they couldn't even contact each other anymore?

Yan Siming leaned back in his chair and rubbed his temples.

'Xiao Lingyu, are we not even friends anymore?

'Otherwise, why didn't you inform me that you opened a store in City Z?'

Yan Siming leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes to think. Then, he gave secretary Wang a call.

"Secretary Wang, come in for a moment!"

A moment later, secretary Wang came in and asked, "Chairman!"

Yan Siming instructed, "Look at this poster!"

Secretary Wang was a little puzzled. Why would his boss ask him to look at a poster? He picked up the poster and looked at it carefully. It was a normal poster, advertising an ordinary supermarket. 'Does Chairman Yan think this small supermarket can threaten the National Union Supermarket of the Yan family? How is that possible?'

Suddenly his eyes widened as he stared at the title.

Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh! He ignored many details because his focus was on the words, Taoyuan Village. Secretary Wang naturally remembered the woman who won his boss' attention. As Yan Siming's

right-hand man, Secretary Wang handled most of Yan Siming's business. Secretary Wang also had a very good memory.

He remembered that time when the boss of Global Tourism Development Company, Liao Guohui, had offended this woman from Taoyuan Village. Liao Guohui lost his company and was imprisoned. Secretary Wang then confirmed that his boss had a crush on this woman.

Later on, his thoughts were indeed confirmed.

However, he did not expect that his boss would actually care so much about Xiao Lingyu. He called him in when he saw the poster. But why would Yan Siming ask him to look at the poster?

Secretary Wang looked at Yan Siming with some confusion and asked, "Chairman, this poster..."

Yan Siming said, "Xiao Lingyu owns this shop. I want you to go to the flower shop and order a few flower baskets to send to her on her opening day."

"Order a few flower baskets?" Secretary Wang asked with some confusion, "Do we need so many?" One or two would be enough.

Yan Siming said, "Order a few more. Send them to her as a friend and as a company."

"Yes!" Secretary Wang nodded after receiving the order. 'You're the boss. You can order as many as you want.'

After secretary Wang left, a smile appeared on Yan Siming's gorgeous face as he said, "Since you didn't tell me, I'd have to go and congratulate you in high profile."

"Then, everyone in City Z will know that this supermarket is protected by Yan Siming. By then, you won't be able to shake off this connection."

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"Quick. Arrange all that!"

"That and that!"

"Time is almost up. If there's anything that you haven't prepared, hurry up and get ready. There are many people gathered outside. When the door opens, this place will be crowded."

"Also, you have to pay attention to thieves and pickpockets."

"All of you will be responsible for your stations! If anything goes missing, it'll be taken out of your salaries!"

Zeng Yaozu was dressed in a suit and tie today. He was very handsome, which made all the female employees blush.

They didn't expect that the man who came here a while ago would be the general manager.

Zeng Yaozu's arrival made Li Xiaomei, Zhang Li, and the others' eyes light up, and they looked a little excited. They were the only ones who talked to the general manager that day.

Zhang Li patted her chest in front of Li Xiaomei and said as if she had been frightened, "Fortunately, I didn't speak too harshly that day and didn't offend the general manager. Otherwise, I'm afraid I would have had to resign and find another job."

Li Xiaomei teased, "Haven't you always been meaning to find a rich husband? Our general manager is the perfect candidate. Why don't you go and talk to him?"

Zhang Li was a simple woman. She said what was on her mind. She was also a little vain and snobbish. She was always clamoring to find a rich husband. However, what rich man would come to a vegetable shop?

Li Xiaomei joked, but actually, she was trying to probe Zhang Li. With a rich man like Zeng Yaozu around, what woman wouldn't be tempted?

Zhang Li was rather ditzy, but she was quite pretty, and some men liked ditzy girls.

Li Xiaomei didn't know what kind of woman her general manager liked, so she decided to send Zhang Li out to test him. Her goal? Well, to hook Zeng Yaozu, of course!

Which woman didn't like a handsome, young, and rich man?

Zhang Li pouted gloomily, "What's the point? The general manager already has a girlfriend."

Li Xiaomei was stunned and said in disbelief, "The general manager has a girlfriend?!"

Zhang Li looked at Li Xiaomei and said, "Xiaomei, what's so strange about that? I mean, it's stranger for a man his age not to have a girlfriend."

Li Xiaomei looked around and then said casually, "But he is still not married, right? Zhang Li, don't you like the general manager? Why don't you try and pursue him?"

Zhang Li immediately shook her head and said firmly, "I am not going to be someone's mistress!"

Li Xiaomei, "... This idiot. Why is she so hard to control all of a sudden?"

Just as Xiaomei was about to say something, Zhou Xiaolu's voice sounded behind her. "Zhang Li, there's something wrong with the number of goods on your shelf. Go and take a look."

Zhang Li nodded. "Okay!" She immediately ran over.

However, Li Xiaomei's heart skipped a beat. She wondered how much Zhao Xiaolu had heard. She wondered if Zhao Xiaolu had heard her instigating Zhang Li to break up the general manager's relationship. Zhou Xiaolu wasn't an idiot.

Li Xiaomei looked up at Zhou Xiaolu and saw a sarcastic smile on her face. Then, Zhou Xiaolu went back to her work. Ever since Li Xiaomei showed her true colors, the relationship between these two soured.

Li Xiaomei was guilty, while Zhou Xiaolu was disdainful.

Later, when Zeng Yaozu came to the supermarket to be the general manager, he especially looked at Zhou Xiaolu's resume and found that she was actually a university graduate.

Zeng Yaozu thought about it and talked to Zhou Xiaolu for a while before promoting her to be the team leader of the cargo team.

It didn't matter if she didn't have any experience. She could slowly learn.

This made Li Xiaomei secretly stomp her feet in anger. However, what could she do? As a junior high school graduate, even if she wanted to complain, she couldn't do anything.

Because the shop was opening, they were getting a lot of stock. Everyone was busy. Some of the younger girls actually quit because of the added workload.

However, Zhou Xiaolu was able to calm the hearts of the entire team. Then, she managed them in an orderly manner. At least they did not make any mistakes in their work.

This made Zeng Yaozu satisfied and confident in Zhou Xiaolu's ability.

"Alright, let's have a short meeting!" Half an hour before the opening, the general manager, Zeng Yaozu, gathered all the employees for a meeting.

"Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket will open in half an hour. There will be a lot of people coming in later. I hope that no one will be flustered.

"Also, what is the service principle of our supermarket?"

"Customer first and service with a smile!"

Chapter 553: The Crowd

"Here, this is it, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket!" At seven or eight o'clock in the morning, many old ladies and old men were carrying baskets or pulling small trolleys.

At the same time, they were holding a poster in their hands.

"Does this whole supermarket only sell vegetables?"

"No. Didn't you see the poster? Other than vegetables, there are eggs, beans, peanuts, and other agricultural products."

"But the prices of these things written on the flyer are too high. Look, one catty of cabbage costs 1 RMB plus. You can buy them in the market for 50 cents for one catty."

"No, there are two prices too. The flyer also says that the things on the first floor are cheaper, but the things on the second floor are twice as expensive."

Most of the people in the crowd were quite well-off. They lived nearby. They had some complaints about the high prices.

"However, the flyer also says that everything will be 50 to 20 percent off on its opening day, so I'm here to take a look."

"Me too. The vegetables sold here are so expensive. I want to see if they're made of gold."

If these people lived near Zeng Family's vegetable shop, they would definitely know the value of these vegetables.

However, the name of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables was only limited to the rich circle of City Z.

After all, not every family could afford Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables products daily. Furthermore, Xiao Lingyu had already meant to work the high-end line from the beginning.

Some old ladies and grandpas gathered at the entrance of the supermarket. They looked at the flower baskets on the left and right sides, as well as the signboard at the entrance of the supermarket, and began to discuss among themselves.

"The things in this supermarket are really expensive, but it also piqued my curiosity. I'll go in and take a look."

"Me too. But this supermarket is so big. It's even bigger than the market."

"The vegetables sold here will be cleaner. Plus, the place will be cleaner than the market where it is smelly and dirty."

"Sigh, if these vegetables were cheaper, I would definitely be more willing to come here to buy vegetables."

"Look, the eggs here are sold at 1.80 RMB each. Even if they are free-ranch chicken eggs, that price is too high. If you buy them in the market, you can buy them by the catty. They cost four to five RMB per catty, and there will be eight to ten eggs per catty."

"But those are for ranch chickens. For free-ranch chicken eggs, they will also go for 90 cents each."

"By the way, this is the first time I've heard of a vegetable supermarket."

"The boss must be rich to open a vegetable supermarket. It's clearly a losing business. The rent and other fees here are not cheap."

"But don't you see that the prices here are not low either?"

While these old ladies and grandfathers were discussing, they did not see that the originally empty parking lot was slowly filled with cars.

Many of the cars were not cheap. There were BMW, Audis and so on.

The majority of the people who got out of the car were people in suits and leather shoes, holding briefcases and looking somewhat imposing.

"Is this the place?" A middle-aged man holding a black briefcase asked the assistant beside him.

The assistant nodded. "Boss Pang, this is the place. Look at the sign, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket! Zeng Family's vegetable shop gets their stock from Taoyuan Village."

Boss Pang looked around and said with some doubt, "I don't know what the boss is thinking. Why would he open his shop in such a remote place? The residents close by are not rich either. In contrast, Zeng Family's vegetable shop is close to the silk-stocking district."

The assistant said, "I heard that the boss opened his shop here because it's spacious and good for parking."

"..." Boss Pang asked curiously, "Who did you hear it from?"

"My cousin. My cousin is on good terms with boss Zeng of Zeng Family's vegetable store. He heard it from boss Zeng."

Boss Pang heard this and said with a slightly displeased look on his face, "Xiao Li, this is your fault. Your cousin is on good terms with boss Zeng. Why don't you ask him to get Boss Zeng to cooperate with us and sell us some of his vegetables?"

"The hotels that cooperate with Zeng Family's vegetable shop have such good business compared to our Friendship Hotel."

"Can't you see that our business is declining every day?"

Assistant Li felt wronged. "Boss Pang, I didn't know that my cousin had a good relationship with boss Zeng at first. But when I found out, many hotels and restaurants had already reserved their vegetables."

Boss Pang glared at him and said, "Why didn't you tell me?"

If he had told him, he would have tried to get close to Boss Zeng and get him to supply his hotel with some vegetables. Then his hotel business wouldn't be so miserable!

"I... I didn't mean to hide it," mumbled Assistant Li.

Boss Pang stared at him for a while and said, "Forget it. We'll talk about this later. We need to find the general manager or the boss of this supermarket now."

He looked around and saw that the door was still closed. He thought for a moment and said, "Xiao Li, quickly go and order a flower basket and send it over."

Assistant Li nodded and went to make a call.

Boss Pang's gaze swept around, and his pupils constricted.

He saw an acquaintance.

An acquaintance from the same trade.

Immediately, the alarm went off.

His acquaintance had just gotten out of the car and saw Boss Pang. Then, the man smiled and walked over.

"Boss Pang, you're here too?" Boss Wen asked with a smile.

Boss Pang also replied with a smile, "Boss Wen, I didn't expect to see you here too."

Boss Wen continued to smile and said, "It seems that our purpose of coming here is self-evident."

Boss Pang only smiled.

Boss Wen narrowed his eyes. "I heard that Boss Pang has met with the general of this supermarket?" His gaze looked at the supermarket's signboard.

Boss Pang immediately replied, "I heard the same about Boss Wen."

Both of them were testing the other.

Back then, they were too slow to get the cooperation with Zeng Family's vegetable shop. When they arrived, all the produce had already been booked by the other hoteliers.

Their business plummeted while the other hotels' businesses rose.

After waiting for so long, they finally waited for Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket to open. If they missed it this time, they would really kick themselves.

They saw other competitors in the business before the supermarket opened. It would be joking to say these bosses were in a good mood.

The boss of the supermarket was not related to them, so it was impossible for them to ask the boss to only sell their products to them. It was impossible.

When Boss Wen and Boss Pang were chatting, they saw another familiar face. It was the owner of a restaurant. It seemed like all the owners of hotels, restaurants, and hostels were all there. Not only that, but there were also the owners of hotpot shops, vegetarian shops, and so on.

How did these people get the news? They gathered like buzzards around a carcass!

Plus, most of the bosses came in person.

Boss Pang raised his wrist, looked at his watch, narrowed his eyes, and said, "The supermarket will open in ten minutes. There are so many people around here."

Boss Wen nodded and looked around, saying, "These old ladies and grandpas seem to be residents of the neighborhood. It sounds like they don't appreciate the expensive vegetables sold here."

"Then they don't have to buy them." Boss Pang frowned. "This supermarket's owner is really weird. We offered him cooperation, but he didn't want them. He wants to sell his stock in retail. Isn't retail harder than selling in bulk?"

Boss Wen didn't say anything. He just glanced at Boss Pang with a somewhat contemptuous expression.

If retail was so hard, why would you stand here so early?

"It's opening!"

There was a sudden burst of excitement in the crowd.

Chapter 554: The Store is About to Open

"It's about to open!"

Someone in the crowd shouted.

Someone looked at the time and said, "The store will open at 8:08 am. There are still eight minutes left."

"Yeah, I'm just curious about this supermarket that specializes in selling vegetables. What kind of vegetables are sold at such a high price?"

"It's extremely expensive. I'm curious to take a look."

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Xiao Lingyu left the matters of the shop to Zeng Yaozu, so she did not get involved. However, the opening of the shop was a big event for business people, so she had to attend.

Not only her but almost the entire Xiao family also came to the supermarket to take a look. Even Grandpa Xiao and Grandma Xiao came.

"Yu 'Er, isn't this supermarket a bit too big?" Grandma Xiao looked around and said.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "In the future, we'll have more stock to sell. We might as well start big instead of wasting money on expansions."

Grandpa Xiao frowned slightly and asked, "Do we have so many things to sell? Will our supermarket become like the other department stores?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "No. We will only sell things from Taoyuan Village. Grandpa and Grandma, don't worry. If the business becomes hard, we'll change the business model to something else."

"Today is the grand opening. Why are you talking about things like that?" Grandma Xiao immediately corrected.

The Xiao Family was on the third floor. Since the fruits from Taoyuan Village hadn't matured, so this floor was currently empty. After the fruit trees on the mountain bore fruits, this floor would be filled up.

Grandpa Xiao lowered his head to look at the crowd below and said with some optimism, "There are so many people waiting downstairs, so our business must be very good."

Grandma Xiao still looked worried and said, "Yes, but our vegetables are too expensive. They won't be scared away, right?"

"Old Woman, what nonsense are you talking about?" Grandpa Xiao said disapprovingly, "We have written the price on the flyer. If they really think it's expensive, then they won't come here so early to wait."

Grandma Xiao immediately agreed. "Yes, yes, you're right. Yu 'Er, I was wrong."

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said with a smile, "Grandpa and Grandma, you should stay here and take a rest. I'll go down and have a look."

"Go, go!" The two of them waved.

Eldest Uncle Xiao and his wife, Father Xiao, Xiao Lingyun, the two babies, and third uncle and fourth uncle all came.

Even Mother Xiao was here with the baby. After all, Xiao Lingyu might be busy at the supermarket for the whole day, and she might not have the time to go home to feed Xiao Tong.

Xiao Lingyu went down to the second floor. She saw Mother Xiao holding Xiao Tong and showing him around. "Look, Tong 'Er, what is this red thing? It's a tomato! And this is a cucumber..."

As for Eldest Uncle Xiao and others, they were checking the stations on the first and second floors.

Xiao Lingyu looked around but didn't see the two children. She asked in confusion, "Mom, where are Lulu and Rourou?"

Mother Xiao looked around and said, "Huh? They were just here just now."

Xiao Lingyu said, "The door is about to open. There will be many people. I'll go look for them."

At this moment, Zhou Xiaolu heard her and said to Xiao Lingyu, "Boss, I saw two children with their mother on the first floor."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Okay, I'll go and take a look. Thank you!"

Li Xiaomei, who was standing at her station, saw how friendly Zhou Xiaolu was with their boss. She was so angry that she secretly gritted her teeth. 'Hmph, this Zhou Xiaolu is really a bootlicker.'

In reality, Li Xiaomei was also secretly angry at herself for being blind and treating her real boss as a secretary, so she didn't show much affection to her that day.

Who would have thought that such a beautiful woman would actually be the boss? She must have slept her way to this position. Of course, Li Xiaomei kept these dark thoughts in her heart.

However, although she was envious and jealous of this female boss, she didn't dare to complain in front of the boss. She could only focus on her work.

Xiao Lingyu turned to Mother Xiao, "Mom, the door is going to open soon. There will be a big crowd. Why don't you bring Xiao Tong to rest in the office?"

Mother Xiao shook her head and replied, "We'll look around first." She glanced at the curious Xiao Tong and said, "Xiao Tong hasn't seen a large crowd before. I'll bring him around to take a look. It'll be fine with me carrying him. If the crowd becomes too heavy, I'll bring him to the office."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Okay, then I'll go down to look for the two children."

When Xiao Lingyu went down to the first floor, she saw the two children squatting in a corner. Not far away, Xiao Lingyun was holding a notebook as if she was calculating something.

Xiao Lingyu walked to the two children.

"Auntie!" The two children shouted excitedly, then asked, "When will the door open? I saw a lot of people downstairs from the third floor just now."

They had never been to City Z before. When they saw the high-rise buildings in City Z and the large shops, they were so excited.

These two girls were only five or six years old. When they saw beautiful things on the street, they wanted to buy them.

Xiao Lingyu patted their little heads and said with a smile, "The door will open in a few minutes. Go upstairs first and sit with your second grandma in the office, okay?"

The two children were unhappy when they heard that.

Lulu asked, "Aunty, why do we have to sit in the office? My sister and I like big crowds. We want to stay here."

Xiao Lingyu said firmly, "No, it will be crowded later. If you are not careful, you might be injured.

"Besides, there might be bad people. When they see how cute you are, they will want to kidnap you. Your mother and grandma will cry to death."

Rourou asked suspiciously, "Auntie, will there really be bad people?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded, "Of course, that's not certain. But the adults will be too busy to be looking after you. If you're not careful, you might be targeted by the bad guys.

"If that happens, you'll never get the chance to see your mom and grandma again. Do you want that?"

The two children's expressions changed. They shook their heads and said, "Of course, we don't want that."

"Yes. Therefore, you have to be obedient." Xiao Lingyu said, "The adults will be very busy. So you should wait for us in a safe place.

"Don't worry. When we're done with our work, we'll definitely come to look for you. Besides, your little brother is here too. He's at the office, so you can play with him."

"Okay. Auntie, we'll go to the office now."

With that, the two children held hands and went to the office.

At this time, Zeng Yaozu came down with Zhou Xiaolu and a group of employees.

They quickly lined up on both sides.

They hired a total of 30 employees on a two-shift system, but the manpower was still slightly lacking. However, this was the only way.

Xiao Lingyu walked between the two lines and asked with a sharp gaze, "Is everyone ready?"

"Yes!" They replied in unison.

"What is the service rule of our supermarket?" Xiao Lingyu asked in a cold and clear voice.

"Customer first and service with a smile!" There was a loud shout.

Xiao Lingyu nodded in satisfaction and said, "Very good!"

After saying that, she raised her wrist and looked at the time with a serious expression.

"Open the door!" Xiao Lingyu shouted.

Zeng Yaozu, who was standing guard at the side, immediately opened the door.

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Yan Siming saw the flower baskets that secretary Wang had ordered. They were all flowers that symbolized the prosperity of the business.

Yan Siming looked at the time, then stood up and said, "Her shop is about to open. Bring the flower baskets, and let's go!"

Secretary Wang and the other two subordinates each carried two flower baskets and followed behind Yan Siming.

The other two secretaries asked in puzzlement, "Secretary Wang, where are we going?"

Secretary Wang said very seriously, "Just follow. Don't talk so much nonsense! Remember, say less and do more."

The two secretaries immediately lowered their heads and replied very seriously, "We understand, Secretary Wang!"

Chapter 555: Supermarket Opening 1

"Eh. There are so many people with flower baskets!"

Before the door opened, the crowd saw people coming over from the parking lot with flower baskets in their hands.

Wan Congsong from Jun Hao Hotel came personally to congratulate Boss Xiao. He had direct cooperation with Boss Xiao. Now that Boss Xiao had opened a supermarket in City Z, of course, he had to come to congratulate her.

Boss Zeng from Zeng Family's Vegetable Shop was there with a flower basket too. Gu Ziyue and his group also came from Xing Yin County to help celebrate.

The other bosses who wanted to collaborate with Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu also came with flower baskets. Instantly, the door was filled with flower baskets.

The elders naturally didn't recognize these bosses. But they found this very novel.

Boss Pang and Boss Wen saw many flower baskets, but they were not that worried.

However, they soon noticed the latest black model Maybach moving into the parking lot. The minimum price for this Maybach was 25 million, and the license plate number was from City Z.

In the entire City Z, those who could afford to buy this Maybach could be counted on one hand. What was this expensive vehicle doing here? Was the owner going to compete for the vegetables too?

Both Boss Pang and Boss Wen felt a deep sense of crisis.

Boss Wen saw the car and asked curiously, “Boss Pang, do you recognize this car?” He meant do you know the owner of this car?

Boss Pang shook his head.

Boss Pang’s hotel was only four-star. He had many rich guests, but for a person who could drive the latest model Maybach, they would frequent five-star hotels. As a hotel manager, he knew a lot of big bosses, but there were still the truly rich and powerful that he didn’t know.

Boss Wen narrowed his eyes and said with doubt, “Who could this be? Is he here to congratulate the shop’s opening or...” Is he here to fight for the vegetables?

Boss Wen felt uncertain. He wondered how many vegetables would be available. On the day of the opening, more than half of the hotel and restaurant owners in City Z were there. The cake was only so big.

Boss Wen was a little envious. Other people needed to beg the customers to buy, but this boss had the customers begging her. But there was nothing they could do. If they didn’t beg for the vegetables, they would lose business.

With so many big bosses there, it would be a bloody fight.

The Maybach stopped, and then the driver opened the back door.

When the owner of the car got out, whether it was Boss Pang, Boss Wen, or the other big bosses, they were clearly shocked.

Most of the general managers and bosses didn’t know the most powerful man in City Z personally, but this man was always on the news and in magazines, so they recognized him.

“Isn’t that Chairman Yan?” Boss Wen’s mouth was wide open. “What is Chairman Yan doing here?”

Boss Pang was shocked, and his brows were tightly knitted together.

The Yan group owned the largest supermarket in City Z, and the daily traffic was overflowing.

Could it be that Chairman Yan was also here to discuss cooperation?

If Yan Siming came personally to discuss business, how could these small bosses compete?

The black cars behind the Maybach stopped one after another. Then, the people came out, carrying a ton of flower baskets.

Boss Pang’s pupils shrank when he saw the congratulatory message on the flower baskets.

“Congratulations from your friend, Yan Siming!”

Everyone in the upper-class circle of City Z knew that if Yan Siming, the chairman of the Yan Group, presented you with a gift in person, it meant that he really treated you as a true friend. There were very few in City Z whom Yan Siming would call a friend.

This meant that Yan Siming was a real friend of the boss of this supermarket.

Instantly, these bosses changed their impressions and attitude toward the supermarket boss. If she was Yan Siming's friend, they really couldn't afford to offend her.

Yan Siming was dressed neatly. He wore a white shirt with a wine-red suit and a black windbreaker.

After he got out of the car, he took a look at the supermarket.

It was a three-story building with yellow and white stripes on the exterior wall. The sign at the main entrance was huge, and it read, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket.

In front of the supermarket was an empty parking lot.

He had also heard that Xiao Lingyu had chosen this location because there was ample parking.

It made sense. Most people could not afford the things that she sold. Those who could were definitely wealthy families. These wealthy families would have nannies who drove expensive cars. For example, the Yan Family's nanny drove a Bentley to go grocery shopping.

The corners of Yan Siming's mouth rose slightly, revealing a devilish smile. He said faintly, "Xiao Lingyu, you must be very surprised to see me here!"

Yan Siming's looks were too outstanding. The moment he got off the car, he attracted the attention of many aunties and uncles.

"Eh, this young man is really beautiful!" An Auntie said excitedly.

An old man beside him said, "He's a grown man. You should call him handsome. I don't think he'll be happy if he hears you call him beautiful."

The Auntie retorted, "But he is beautiful. Look at his tender skin. He's much more beautiful than a girl."

The old man rolled his eyes and said coldly, "No matter what, he won't be interested in you. Look at how wrinkled your face is!"

"What did you say?" The auntie asked through gritted teeth.

The old man immediately quivered and quickly jumped away. He shook his head and said, "Nothing, nothing. I didn't say anything."

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As soon as the door was opened, there was a commotion outside.

"Look, the door is open! The door is open!" Someone could not help but shout.

Someone wanted to rush in and take a look but was stopped by the security guards and staff standing at the door.

Before the doors opened, Xiao Lingyu moved to a hidden corner. She gave the spotlight to Zeng Yaozu.

Zeng Yaozu appeared in front of everyone in a suit and tie.

As soon as Zeng Yaozu appeared, he earned the affection of the elders. Who would like beautiful women and handsome men?

Zeng Yaozu's blond hair was gone, and he was tall and handsome. The elders smiled at him.

"This young man is really handsome."

"Yes, he is quite handsome."

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Zeng Yaozu said with a smile, "Hello, everyone. I am the general manager of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket. Everyone, thank you for coming. With the support of our customers and friends, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket officially opens today.

"For the first three days, all the items will be discounted by 50% to 20% . Three days later, everything will be restored to its original price."

"Young man, aren't your things too expensive?" Someone immediately shouted, "Can't they be cheaper?"

Zeng Yaozu smiled and said, "Dear customers, once you've tried our vegetables, you'll realize that the price is high for a reason." Then, he said half-jokingly and half-seriously, "You should buy as many as you can on these first three days, or the stock might run out."

Someone said, "Young man, we are only here because of your opening day discounts. We probably won't come back after that."

Zeng Yaozu smiled. "That's fine too. You can always come in to have a look. Purchase is not necessary.

"Alright, if you have any questions, please ask our available staff. Now, I announce that Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket is officially open for Business!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the deafening sound of firecrackers rang out.

The flower baskets were pushed to Zeng Yaozu.

"Congratulations! Congratulations!"

"Thank you. Please come in!"

"Everyone, please come in!"

"Welcome!" The two rows of supermarket employees who stood at the door half-bent and said in unison.

Then, all the employees returned to their respective stations!

The Aunties and uncles, who had been waiting at the door, rushed in like a swarm of bees.

Chapter 556: Supermarket Opening 2

Yan Siming saw Xiao Lingyu, who was wearing a beige dress and had long hair draped over her shoulders, standing by the side.

Yan Siming smiled faintly and walked over directly.

The sound of firecrackers was heard. After Gu Ziyue and the other three put down the flower basket, they greeted Xiao Lingyu and congratulated her.

“Congratulations, Lingyu!” Gu Ziyue and the other three smiled and said, “I wish you good luck in opening your shop and making a lot of money!”

Yuan Xuanhao looked at the three-story shop and sighed, “I didn’t expect that in less than a year, you went from a vegetable peddler who sold vegetables on a tricycle to a big boss who owned a few shops. Congratulations!”

Although they knew that Xiao Lingyu’s husband was rich, they knew that everything that Xiao Lingyu had now had nothing to do with her husband. Everything was her own hard work.

They remembered that she once pushed a tricycle to sell vegetables before dawn. She had once offended someone when she was selling vegetables on the tricycle. It was her wits that allowed her to escape. In short, she was a very smart and hardworking woman.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, “I have to thank all of you for your support and help. If it weren’t for you, I wouldn’t have been able to open this supermarket so quickly.”

Her cooperation with Gu Ziyue had given her the first start-up capital, and Yuan Xuanhao had helped her solve the transportation problem, Zheng Haiyang helped with the real estate, and Qian Yifan with the online stuff.

The four of them chatted with Xiao Lingyu for a while and then left.

They were all big bosses with their own businesses, so they didn’t have the time to stay.

Besides, it was the shop’s first day of business, and Xiao Lingyu must be very busy. They didn’t want to take up too much of her time.

They were new faces in City Z, so they didn’t attract much attention. But Yan Siming did notice them.

The bosses who came for cooperation immediately surrounded the general manager of the supermarket, Zeng Yaozu.

Boss Wen took out a business card and said to Zeng Yaozu with a smile, “President Zeng, congratulations.”

Zeng Yaozu looked at him with a puzzled look. “You are?”

Boss Wen handed the business card to him and said with a smile, “I am the general manager of Yijia Hotel, Wen Jinhui!”

“Hello, President Zeng. Congratulations on the opening. I am the owner of Milan Hotel, Liu Bing. This is my business card!”

“President Zeng, I’m...”

The bosses and general managers surrounding Zeng Yaozu all started to introduce themselves.

Naturally, Boss Pang did not want to be left behind.

However, he was smart. He had been paying attention to Yan Siming’s movements. Yan Siming was friends with the boss of this supermarket. Since he was here, he would definitely go up and congratulate the boss.

Before this, everyone thought that Zeng Yaozu was the boss of the supermarket.

However, Boss Pang noticed that from the moment Yan Siming got out of the car, his gaze didn’t focus on Zeng Yaozu. What did this mean? Boss Pang guessed that Yan Siming was not familiar with Zeng Yaozu.

On the contrary, Yan Siming kept looking at a woman standing next to Zeng Yaozu.

That woman had long hair draped over her shoulders, a tall figure, and a beautiful face.

Boss Pang suddenly thought of something he had heard before.

Zeng Family’s vegetable store had been slandered by people from the same industry, but after the person in charge of Green Fresh arrived, the matter was settled in a few words. The person in charge was apparently a very beautiful woman. The woman Yan Siming was looking at was indeed very beautiful.

While the others surrounded Zeng Yaozu, Boss Pang had his people leave the flower basket by the door. Then, he walked up to Xiao Lingyu and said with a smile, “Miss, I’m looking for the General Manager’s Office. May I know how to get there?”

Xiao Lingyu blinked and raised her eyebrows slightly. She asked with a smile, “Sir, are you asking how to get to the General Manager’s Office?”

Boss Pang nodded and said, “Yes. I’m Pang Bo from Friendship Hotel.” When he said this, he deliberately took out a business card and showed it to Xiao Lingyu. Then, he continued with a smile, “I came here to talk to Boss Zeng for cooperation. However, too many people are surrounding him. I thought I would wait for him in the general manager’s office first.”

Xiao Lingyu studied Pang Bo, and she quickly determined that he had already guessed her identity.

She smiled and said, “The general manager’s office is on the second floor. Let me take you there.”

At that moment, Yan Siming walked over. “Brother Yan!” Xiao Lingyu asked with some confusion, “Why are you here?”

Yan Siming said with some displeasure, “Your supermarket’s opening is such a big event. Of course, I have to come over and send a few flower baskets to celebrate. Congratulations, Lingyu!”

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, “Thank you!”

Pang Bo was shocked.

He had guessed that Yan Siming and the supermarket owner were friends, but he didn't expect that they were so close.

At the same time, he was secretly glad that he had correctly guessed the identity of this woman.

Pang Bo's eyes lit up. When he asked her the location of the general manager's office, she didn't reject him. It meant that there was hope for cooperation. Pang Bo's mood immediately brightened up.

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There was a kind of person who would attract attention wherever he went.

When Yan Siming walked over from the parking lot, he naturally attracted the attention of these bosses. When Yan Siming walked into the shop, these bosses were excited. They stopped caring about Zeng Yaozu.

After all, the most powerful man in City Z was right in front of them. They would be dumb to still focus on Zeng Yaozu when Yan Siming was there. If their hotel had Yan Siming's support, they didn't need the vegetables from this supermarket anymore. They would be able to sit there and enjoy the money rolling in all day.

"Chairman Yan!"

"Chairman Yan, Hello, I'm Yue Lai..." A man with a big belly blocked in front of Yan Siming.

"Move!" Yan Siming frowned slightly, and his voice was cold.

The boss of Yue Lai Hotel immediately broke out in cold sweat and quickly moved aside. He even bowed his head and apologized.

In the entire business circle, everyone knew that Yan Siming could not be offended. This was because he had always taken revenge for the smallest grievance and was very narrow-minded.

The boss of Yue Lai Hotel was scared and immediately escaped from the scene.

The other bosses were held back as well. They had to think twice. They greeted Yan Siming and stayed a polite distance away. They didn't dare to make any sound.

Then, they saw a scene that surprised them. Yan Siming greeted the very beautiful woman who was standing on the side.

From their conversation, they could surmise that this beautiful woman was the real owner of this supermarket.

The managers looked at Boss Zeng, but Boss Zeng wasn't there anymore.

Then again, Zeng Yaozu had been meaning to leave, but he wasn't able to earlier because he was surrounded. Once the bosses abandoned him to talk to Yan Siming, Zeng Yaozu quickly escaped.

After all, it was the supermarket's first-day opening. He had many things to do.

These bosses felt like they had missed out on many things. They regretted it. The bosses didn't go to look for Zeng Yaozu. Now that they knew who the general manager and the boss were, they could come back anytime.

But something still didn't seem quite right.

They were shocked that the supermarket boss had the backing of Yan Siming, the chairman of the Yan Group. Once this news was exposed, no one would dare to touch this supermarket anymore...

Of course, these bosses knew the kind of attitude to have when approaching the boss.

The bosses looked at Xiao Lingyu and Yan Siming.

Suspicion arose in their hearts. Did Chairman Yan only have a platonic friendship with this woman? Could she be Chairman Yan's girlfriend?

Chapter 557: How Would I know Such an Ugly Woman

Xiao Lingyu brought Yan Siming into the reception room.

At the same time, she also asked Boss Pang to wait in the general manager's office.

"Brother Yan, why are you here?" Xiao Lingyu poured a glass of water for Yan Siming and asked with a smile.

Yan Siming said with some blame, "How can you still ask that? You came to City Z to open a shop and didn't inform me. At least I can help. I didn't know about this until I saw your promotional poster two days ago." At this point, he paused and continued, "Lingyu, you really don't treat me as a friend."

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "Brother Yan, what are you saying? You've already helped me a lot. I don't have the courage to trouble you further. Besides, you're the chairman of the Yan Group, and this is just a small supermarket."

"Even so, you can inform me of your supermarket's grand opening." Yan Siming felt like he had been estranged from Xiao Lingyu. "You don't treat me as a friend."

Ever since Xiao Lingyu married Gong Tianhao, he had given up and only wished her well. He did care about Xiao Lingyu, but he wasn't a person to steal a man's wife. Now that Xiao Lingyu was married, he obviously did not want to interfere with the other party's marriage.

However, he did not expect Xiao Lingyu to deliberately keep a distance from him, which made him extremely sad.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Brother Yan, that's not true. I've always treated you as a friend.

"It's just that I've left this supermarket to my subordinates to run. I've only been to City Z to look at the location once or twice."

"No, Lingyu." Yan Siming shook his head, and he pressed. "It's more than that. I remember that your son should be three to four months old by now.

“He should have celebrated his one-month birthday already. Why haven’t I received the notification for that celebration?”

“Xiao Lingyu, you’ve become so guarded against me. I admit that I used to like you, but that is already in the past. I just want to be your friend now.” Yan Siming stressed.

Xiao Lingyu was stunned. Then, she said, “I did call you when Xiao Tong had his full month celebration. However, a woman picked up and told me that you weren’t free.”

Even though the father was not present, the Xiao family still celebrated Xiao Tong’s first month in the world. Other than some important relatives and friends, no one else was notified.

At that time, Xiao Lingyu also considered whether to inform Yan Siming or not.

Mother Xiao said that she should. Even though they couldn’t be lovers, they could still be friends. After all, Yan Siming had helped them a lot too.

Plus, a child’s full month celebration was an important milestone. He should be invited. Xiao Lingyu thought about it. When she told Yan Siming that she was going to marry Gong Tianhao, Yan Siming had made it clear that he would only treat her as a friend from then on.

So, in the end, she gave him a call. She didn’t expect a woman to answer her call.

The woman’s tone was overbearing and arrogant. She said that she was Yan Siming’s girlfriend and told Xiao Lingyu not to call her boyfriend again.

She told Xiao Lingyu to stay away from her boyfriend or she’d break Xiao Lingyu’s legs. She also cursed Xiao Lingyu.

After Xiao Lingyu hung up, she thought about it.

Yan Siming had always been a womanizer. It didn’t matter what kind of relationship he had with that woman on the phone. Since he already had a partner, it was not good for her to disturb him anymore.

Therefore, from then on, Xiao Lingyu stayed away from Yan Siming.

Yan Siming frowned when he heard Xiao Lingyu’s explanation. He asked, “A woman? When did you make the call?” He added, “I didn’t get any call from you. Plus, you could have sent an invitation card.”

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “You already have a girlfriend. Your girlfriend told me not to contact you anymore. So, I didn’t.”

Xiao Lingyu felt like a mistress explaining herself. In any case, she really shouldn’t keep close to Yan Siming anymore. She really wanted him to find his true happiness.

On top of that, Gong Tianhao was still injured. He wouldn’t be returning to Taoyuan Village for another two or three years. She didn’t want to give Yan Siming the wrong impression.

What if his girlfriend got the wrong idea?

“But I don’t have a girlfriend.” Yan Siming said seriously.

“What?” Xiao Lingyu didn’t hear him clearly.

"I said, I don't have a girlfriend." Yan Siming stressed. "I don't know when you called me, but I just want to tell you that I don't have a girlfriend." His eyes were serious and persistent!

Xiao Lingyu was stunned at first, but then she said with a serious expression, "Brother Yan, you should really find a girlfriend then. This way, you won't focus on me anymore."

Xiao Lingyu was very straightforward.

She had rejected Yan Siming more than once, but he didn't seem to understand.

Xiao Lingyu was also helpless.

When Yan Siming heard her words, his eyes flashed with hurt, but his eyes were fixed on Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu looked straight into his eyes. Her face wasn't red, and her heart wasn't beating. She treated her secret admirer with a normal heart.

Yan Siming stared at her for a moment, and then a proud smile appeared on his face.

He said, "Haha, Lingyu, don't look so serious! Don't worry, I've said that we're going to be just friends and that's what we'll be. You're already married. I don't want to be the third party in your marriage with Gong Tianhao."

As soon as Yan Siming finished speaking, Xiao Lingyu patted her chest and said with a smile, "Big Brother Yan, your serious expression just now really scared me to death."

Yan Siming asked with a smile, "How can you be so timid? I still remember how a queen managed to stride into a big company and slaughter everyone." Yan Siming was referring to the time when they first met in Huiqing Group. Xiao Lingyu looked like she was going to kill all those scumbags.

Xiao Lingyu burst out laughing. "Brother Yan, how can you still remember things from so long ago?"

"Of course, I remember them." Yan Siming said. It was when he found interest in Xiao Lingyu.

Yan Siming looked around and asked with some confusion, "Why don't I see Gong Tianhao?"

With Gong Tianhao's strong possessiveness, he would definitely stay by Xiao Lingyu's side for such an important matter as the shop opening. Also, he would not allow his love rival to be alone with his wife.

Therefore, Yan Siming found it strange that he didn't see Gong Tianhao.

It was normal that Yan Siming did not know that Gong Tianhao had fallen into a coma.

After the car accident, Old Master Gong immediately calmed down after a bout of grief.

In order to protect Xiao Lingyu and her son, Old Master Gong sealed off the news of Gong Tianhao's car accident.

Therefore, other than some acquaintances and local villagers, almost no one knew about the car accident.

When Yan Siming asked about Gong Tianhao, Xiao Lingyu hesitated.

At this moment, someone knocked on the door.

“Please come in!” Xiao Lingyu said.

It was Zhou Xiaolu who pushed the door open and came in.

“Boss, you have a...” Zhou Xiaolu looked down at the document in her hand and said. When she looked up and saw the other man in the room, she was stunned.

Perhaps she was stunned by his good looks.

Yan Siming also noticed the girl who came in and frowned slightly.

Xiao Lingyu noticed the different expressions of the two people and asked curiously, “Xiaolu, Brother Yan, do you know each other?”

Zhou Xiaolu reacted and quickly shook her head. “No!”

Yan Siming looked at Zhou Xiaolu with a faint smile and said, “How would I know such an ugly woman?”

Zhou Xiaolu, “...”

Xiao Lingyu, “...”

Chapter 558: Zhou Xiaolu’s Suspicion

Zhou Xiaolu calmly walked out of the meeting room with the documents in her hands.

She walked away from the door of the meeting room. Holding the documents, she leaned against the wall, patted her chest, and said with lingering fear, “That was scary. Why is he here? Is he friends with our boss?” Zhou Xiaolu thought for a moment and remembered how beautiful Xiao Lingyu was. She said with slight suspicion, “No way. Could it be that he has taken a fancy to my boss?”

At the thought of this, Zhou Xiaolu gritted her teeth and said, “What a horrible man! Our boss is married and has a child, yet he still wants to pursue her? Disgusting!”

“Who are you calling disgusting?” Suddenly, a familiar, sinister voice sounded beside her ear.

Zhou Xiaolu was shocked, and her beautiful eyes widened like copper coins. Zhou Xiaolu staggered a few steps and almost fell down. Her face was red, and she asked with a frightened and uneasy expression, “Are you a ghost? How can you talk without making a sound?”

Yan Siming raised his eyebrows and thought to himself, ‘I haven’t seen this girl for years, but she’s getting bolder. She even dares to yell at me.’ He shrugged his shoulders and said innocently, “I’m wearing leather shoes. My footsteps are loud. So it was you who were so lost in your thoughts that you didn’t hear me walking. What were you thinking about anyway?”

Hearing that, Zhou Xiaolu immediately said with a guilty conscience, “I... I...” Then, seeing his half-smile and mocking expression, she immediately got angry and retorted, “That is none of your business. Move aside. I’m very busy, unlike you, the Big Boss, who has the leisure to stroll around.”

Having said that, she straightened her back and pushed Yan Siming away. Then, she swaggered away. However, her footsteps were hurried. If one looked carefully, one could even notice her nervous gait.

Seeing Zhou Xiaolu like this, Yan Siming shook his head in amusement and said with a helpless smile, "This girl is something else." Then, he frowned and said with confusion, "Oh right, why is she working here? Can she endure such hardship? Does her family know?"

Yan Siming thought for a moment and wanted to take out his phone to ask. However, at that moment, Zhou Xiaolu suddenly ran back and warned him with a stern and serious expression, "Don't you dare tell my brother! And you can't tell the boss about my identity either. If they find out, I'll teach you a lesson!"

Zhou Xiaoru snorted coldly and quickly walked away with her head held high.

Yan Siming, who was holding the phone, paused and looked at the girl in a daze. Then, he shook his head helplessly and put the phone back into his pocket silently.

Xiao Lingyu walked out of the reception room. When she saw Yan Siming, who was still standing near the door, she asked with a puzzled expression, "Brother Yan, what are you looking at?"

Xiao Lingyu looked up and saw Zhou Xiaoru leaving in a hurry.

Yan Siming said with a smile, "I'm just looking around! Look at those old ladies and grandpas. They seem to be going crazy.

"At the door, they said the things here are too expensive. They only wanted to take a look and didn't want to buy anything. But now, they're moving faster than anyone else.

"And look, the people around Zeng Yaozu are all the big bosses of some famous food companies in City Z. If you sell your crops in bulk to them, you'll run out of stock in no time. That's going to be a problem, isn't it?" He turned to ask Xiao Lingyu, "Are you going to limit cooperation to a few new partners?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "I am, but I have to be careful to pick reliable partners."

Yan Siming raised his eyebrows again and immediately said, "I think I can help you with this. I'll have my secretary send you a copy of the information about all the big bosses in the food industry in City Z. Then you can look through them."

Yan Siming raised the corner of his mouth and said, "Just remember to pay me back later."

Xiao Lingyu replied quickly, "Of course. Other than marrying you, I'd repay you any way you want me to!"

"Haha. Xiao Lingyu, I'll hold you to this promise!" Yan Siming laughed in a good mood. "Don't worry. I won't ask you to marry me. Today is your supermarket's grand opening, so you must be very busy. I won't take up any more of your time!"

Yan Siming couldn't stop smiling as he left the supermarket. He was in a good mood!

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After Yan Siming left, Xiao Lingyu walked around the supermarket like a customer. She heard all kinds of conversations.

"The things in this supermarket are really good. Look, these vegetables are really fresh."

“Yeah, but the things are too expensive.”

“You’re right. The things on the first floor seem to be half as expensive as the things on the second floor. But the things on the first floor are more expensive than those in the market.”

“But the things on the first floor look much better than those in the market. Plus, we have a 50 percent discount. The prices are similar to the ones in the market. The things on the first floor are cheaper. We should browse around the first floor!” The old lady turned and went down to the first floor.

“But aren’t you going to try the things on the second floor? There’s a 50 percent discount today. Let’s buy some and have a taste. We need to find out what’s so special about them.” An old lady next to her immediately stopped her.

The old lady looked at the vegetables on the second floor and hesitated for a moment before saying, “Okay, I’ll buy some today. But later, I’m still going to the first floor to grab the cheaper variations.”

“Hey, there’s a tasting plate here.” The old lady saw the cut cabbages placed on a plate. “But these are raw. Are they delicious?” There was obvious doubt in her eyes.

At this moment, the staff of that section immediately smiled and explained, “The vegetables here are pure green and organic. They taste good even when raw.

“For example, this cabbage. When eaten raw, it feels tender and sweet. Aunties, why don’t you try it? It’s free anyway. Don’t waste the opportunity!”

These uncles and aunties loved free stuff. Some of them quite gathered around the staff. “Will these cabbages really be tasty eaten raw?”

The supermarket staff smiled and said, “Aunties and uncles, you can try them. If they do not taste delicious, you can complain to me. Plus, we won’t feed you things that you can’t eat!”

“You do make sense. Okay, we’ll try it.” Then, some of the aunties and uncles poked a cabbage stick with toothpicks.

Two aunties and uncles found toothpicks troublesome, so they used their fingers directly.

“Wow, so sweet, so delicious!” Someone exclaimed immediately. After all, the taste couldn’t be deceiving.

“But why is this cabbage so delicious?”

“Raw cabbage tastes good too.”

The staff said with a smile. “It’s because all the vegetables here are pure, pollution-free, and grown with scientific planting technology. Not only do our cabbages taste good, but all the other products also taste amazing too. Of course, there are taste tests in the other sections too. You can go and try them. However, there are vegetables that can’t be eaten raw like taro and potatoes.”

“Girl, you really know how to sell a product!” An elder chuckled.

“Welcome to the free taste test!”

Some aunties bought the cabbages, and then they moved to the next free taste test.

Seeing the performance of her employees, Xiao Lingyu nodded secretly. 'Mm, they all performed well. Zeng Yaozu has trained them well.'

Just as Xiao Lingyu was about to go down to the first floor to take a look, she saw Mother Xiao carrying Xiao Tong and looking around. Mother Xiao spotted Xiao Lingyu and walked over. "Child, how can you forget to feed your son?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled a little embarrassedly. Then, she took Xiao Tong and went to the office.

Chapter 559: Luck

After everyone rushed in through the door, they were greeted by a dazzling array of vegetables. They looked exceptionally cute on the shelves.

There were a lot of varieties. Everything looked fresh, tender, and watery. They were clearly different from the ones in the market.

"Have these vegetables been injected with growth hormones? Normal vegetables don't look like this." The customers had not seen such beautiful vegetables before. The vegetables felt like they were taken directly out of a magazine.

"It shouldn't be." Someone picked up the poster in his hand and glanced at it. "The poster says that all the things here are green vegetables. They haven't been injected with pesticides, let alone hormones."

Someone snorted. "Many businesses lie to make money."

"But it shouldn't be the case here. They opened this supermarket for vegetables. They must be planning to do this long-term. They won't lie to the customers because it'd be easily exposed. Then their business will die quickly."

"Come, let's go and take a look. Today, these things are 50% off. After the discount, the things on the first floor are about the same price as the vegetables in the market. We'll buy some today."

"But we'll go to the second floor to take a look first!"

Many customers did the same things. They would buy the vegetables on the first floor, but they wanted to browse the stuff on the second floor. After all, the things on the second floor were more expensive.

Thus, many people rushed to the second floor, causing the second floor to quickly become crowded.

Of course, there were also many people on the first floor, but it was obviously much less than on the second floor.

There were also many people who placed their purchases in their shopping carts before they went up to the second floor. When they reached the second floor, the customers realized that most things there were sold by the unit. Plus, the price was ridiculously high. Even after a 50 percent discount, the price was still several times higher than the price in the market.

For example, the tomato was sold on the first floor at 3 RMB per catty, but it was 3 RMB each on the second floor. One tomato weighed around 3 taels so there would be 3 of them per catty. In other words, the price was 9 RMB per catty. That price caused many people's hearts to tremble. It was so expensive!

The price of pork was only six or seven RMB per catty. These tomatoes cost more than pork.

However...

An old lady asked curiously, "The tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, potatoes, and even cabbage here are sold by the unit. Why is that?"

The supermarket staff explained to them with a smile, "Because these vegetables are all the same size."

"The same size?" Many people asked curiously, "How is that possible?" This was the first time many customers had heard of that. If one or two had the same size, it was possible, but for hundreds of them? There was clearly something suspicious going on.

The staff smiled, "Yes, they are all of the same sizes. For example, the tomatoes are three taels each. There is a scale there. You can weigh them to find out."

Someone grabbed a tomato and put it on the scale. It was indeed three taels. "How is this possible? Did your supermarket specially pick out this kind of tomato to sell?"

The staff smiled, "No. All our first-grade tomatoes are this size. However, the third-grade and second-grade tomatoes will be sold by the catty."

"Why is the price so different? Aren't these the same type of tomato?" He did not understand.

"It's because of the difference in taste!" The supermarket employee smiled and explained, "The better they taste, the higher the price!"

"Oh."

"You are welcomed to taste!" The staff was quite happy. They thought that they wouldn't have many customers since the prices were so high. However, on the opening, many people swarmed in. They tasted the free samples and bought the vegetables without hesitation.

The supermarket staff had bonuses on top of their base salaries. The bonuses were dependent on their customer reviews.

The best employee would get one month's salary. In other words, the best employee would receive a double salary. Their base salary was 2,100. Adding the bonus would make their monthly salary 4,200 RMB, which was equivalent to a white-collar worker's salary.

Therefore, they tried their best to satisfy the customer. Otherwise, if the customer complained, they would lose points.

Therefore, every employee was very dedicated!

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Boss Pang waited for a while in the general manager's office but did not see anyone come in. He could not help but feel a little flustered.

However, he realized that Xiao Lingyu was entertaining Yan Siming, so his worries subsided slightly.

He thought about it and walked out of the office. When he arrived in the corridor and saw the situation in the supermarket, he was stunned. 'How is the business so good?

'Before the supermarket opened, the aunties and uncles were complaining loudly about the prices.

'But it hasn't been long since the doors opened! These aunties and uncles had changed their minds and were fighting to buy things.'

He knew those aunties and uncles very well. They liked cheap and beautiful things. But the things in this supermarket were definitely not cheap. Seeing the stock being quickly depleted, Boss Pang was anxious.

Even ordinary people were fighting over these expensive vegetables. He wondered how that would affect his deal negotiation.

Then, Boss Pang noticed a few familiar faces surrounding the general manager of the supermarket, trying to curry favor with him.

Boss Pang couldn't help but wipe his sweat.

Boss Pang wondered if he should go and find the Boss or Boss Zeng. However, this was their grand opening. They were definitely busy. It would be rude to disturb them. However, if he didn't do anything, what if he lost out to his competitors?

While he hesitated, Xiao Lingyu came out after feeding the baby.

She saw Boss Pang, who was pacing back and forth in the corridor, and shouted, "Boss Pang, please come with me!"

She had asked him to wait in the general manager's office earlier. She intended to have Zeng Yaozu negotiate with him but she forgot about that after she ran into Yan Siming. In that case, she might as well talk to him herself.

At that moment, Boss Pang felt like Lady Luck had smiled upon him.

Chapter 560: Differences in Cooperation

Boss Pang and Xiao Lingyu came to the general manager's office.

"Boss Pang, please have a seat!" Xiao Lingyu spoke to him politely after they arrived at the office. "Boss Pang must already know I am the real boss of this supermarket."

Xiao Lingyu did not beat around the bush with him. She only continued, "Previously, you said that you wanted to discuss business cooperation with Boss Zeng. Boss Pang, what kind of cooperation do you have in mind?"

When Boss Pang heard this, his face lit up with joy, and his heart was filled with joy. The negotiation was very promising. Boss Pang calmed himself down and said, "Since Boss..." he did not know how to address Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and introduced herself, "My surname is Xiao, and my name is Xiao Lingyu."

Boss Pang said very seriously, "Since Boss Xiao has said so, then I'll get straight to the point. The main reason I'm here is to buy organic vegetables from your farm in Taoyuan Village."

The revival of the Zeng Family's vegetable shop and the expansion of the Jun Hao hotel had stirred up the people in the food business. They all wanted a piece of the pie.

Earlier, someone had exposed the source of these vegetables online, so many bosses went to Taoyuan Village to broker a contact. However, they all came back rejected. It was very strange. No matter how good the deal was, they were rejected.

Later, when they turned their sights on the Zeng family's vegetable shop, the products were already booked by the other hotels and restaurants. It was useless no matter how upset they were.

However, the thing that puzzled them the most was why the family who owned Green Fresh refused to deal with them. They didn't even want to see them.

They didn't know that the Xiao Family had a big accident with Gong Tianhao being in a coma. Everyone was too sad to have a business meeting. These people were too unlucky.

Later, when they found out the boss would open another vegetable supermarket, their hope was reignited. Of course, some only found out when they saw the flyers. In any case, they all waited for the shop to open.

Xiao Lingyu said seriously, "Boss Pang, I'm sure that you've heard that I only work with Zeng Family's vegetable shop and Jun Hao hotel, right?"

Boss Pang must have done his homework before coming here. He nodded and said, "Yes, I've heard of it."

"Alright, I'll tell you the truth," Xiao Lingyu said, "This cooperation with the vegetable farm is impossible."

Boss Pang immediately asked in confusion, "Why? Didn't you grow your crops for sale? Why don't you want big cooperation?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I have other plans."

Boss Pang, "... this is getting stranger and stranger.

However, Boss Pang was smart enough not to ask further.

He just looked at Xiao Lingyu and continued to listen. "However, while you can't cooperate with Green Fresh Farm, you can cooperate with our supermarket." Xiao Lingyu said, "Boss Pang, you must have heard the details of this cooperation deal already, right?"

Boss Pang was slightly stunned, then he nodded and said, "Yes!"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and continued, "Boss Pang, my supermarket will cooperate with other businesses like how Boss Zeng from Zeng Family's vegetable shop cooperates with the other business people. No matter how much you buy, the price will be similar to the retail price. The price won't go higher or lower." She was also a major shareholder of Zeng Family's vegetable store.

Boss Pang was confused by Xiao Lingyu's arrogant and independent way.

He did not understand at all. What was the difference between working with the farm and the supermarket? She owned both of them.

However, it soon came to Boss Pang.

He could not help but sigh softly.

So there was really a difference.

The difference was that Boss Xiao owned the farm alone, but she shared the company with others. She would use shares of the company to reward those outstanding executives and employees. All the benefits of the supermarket were not hers alone. And as a business, she had to consider the interests of the shareholders.

"Boss Pang, if you want to cooperate with the supermarket, the prices of those things sold to you will be exactly the same as the prices of the supermarket," Xiao Lingyu said truthfully. "I hope you will consider this carefully."

Boss Pang frowned and said, "Boss Xiao, there's no need for consideration. I will definitely agree." The business was hard. He had no choice but to agree.

The price of these vegetables was a little expensive, but the things sold in the hotel were not cheap either. He could increase the prices, so there was no problem at all.

Xiao Lingyu held a pen and said, "Boss Pang, don't agree just yet. The vegetables in our supermarket are different from those in Zeng Family's vegetable shop. Our products are divided into three levels. The price of each level was different. As for the different pricing, I suggest Boss Pang go and find out yourself. Then we can talk about the cooperation, how about it?"

"Alright!" Boss Pang was also very responsible.

This negotiation was very different. Normally, the farmers had to come to beg the hotels and food companies to buy their crops, but this time, it was the other way round.

It couldn't be helped. Boss Xiao was the overlord in this industry. Her vegetables could greatly improve a business' profit. No one wanted to fall behind.

Not long after Boss Pang left, Secretary Wang, Yan Siming's righthand man, came over.

Secretary Wang said, "Miss Xiao, this is the information on the businesses in the food industry that Chairman Yan asked me to send you."

Secretary Wang handed the folder in his hand to Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu took it and thanked him. "Thank you!"

Secretary Wang said, "If Miss Xiao has any questions, feel free to call me!"

With that, Secretary Wang handed Xiao Lingyu a business card!

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Thank you!"

Secretary Wang said, "Miss Xiao, if you need any help in City Z, feel free to ask. I have some connections in City Z too."

Xiao Lingyu thanked him again.

No matter if he was sincere or just saying it out of courtesy, he had given Xiao Lingyu enough face.

After Secretary Wang left, Xiao Lingyu flipped through the documents and started reading.

The documents that Secretary Wang sent over were very detailed. Not only were there introductions of the various businesses, as well as information about their reputation, but there were also introductions of the legal persons of the various businesses, as well as information about the person-in-charge.

Xiao Lingyu didn't question the authenticity of the information. Neither Yan Siming nor Secretary Wang had a reason to scam her.

After flipping through these documents, she picked up a pen and sifted through them. She had a rough idea in her mind. She put down the pen and locked the documents in the drawer.

Then, she went out to check.

Xiao Lingyu saw Mother Xiao carrying Tong 'Er and talking to her grandparents in the corridor.

Grandmother Xiao saw Xiao Lingyu coming out and said with a wide smile, "Yu 'Er, I didn't expect the supermarket to have such a good business on the first day of opening."

Grandpa Xiao, who was beside her, laughed and retorted, "Old Woman, you're the only one who's worried. All you've been saying is, what if the things can't sell?"

Grandmother Xiao also laughed and retorted, "Old man, don't you talk about me. Don't think I didn't notice how worried you were too."

Grandpa Xiao smiled and said, "I wasn't worried. I never worry about my granddaughter. I know she will prevail."

"Yes, you're right. Our grandchildren will always be successful." Grandma Xiao echoed

Xiao Lingyu, "... she was a little embarrassed.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Grandpa, Grandma, I'll go out and take a look. You guys can chat here or go back to the guest room."

Grandma Xiao shook her head and said, "We don't need to rest. How about we go with you?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Okay, but you have to be careful. There are many people."

"Okay!"

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“There are quite a lot of things sold here. This supermarket looks so big, but it fills up very nicely with so many selections.”

“There are peanuts, red beans, soybeans, corn, and so on. I heard from the supermarket staff that they are all local products. I wonder if these things are as delicious as the other vegetables.”

“It’s a shame that these things are raw and can’t be tasted.”

“Have you tried the tofu? It’s really delicious!”