

### Chapter 561: Popular

After opening for business on the first day, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket blew up.

After all, it was the era of information technology.

Many people liked to take photos and then post them on social forums.

Not many people expected Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket to become popular among young people.

In modern times, even young people would go grocery shopping. They saw the flyers of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket and were quite interested.

Therefore, on the opening day of the supermarket, they went to look. As for whether they would buy it or not, that would depend on the situation. After all, from the promotional posters, they knew that the things here were quite pricey.

However, they didn't expect the variety available at the supermarket. They also didn't expect the items displayed on the posters were already the cheapest. There was even more expensive merchandise there!

Someone picked up his phone and took a few photos of the items and their prices. He then posted them on the forum and ridiculed, "Damn, how can these things be so expensive? It looks like we can't even afford cabbage anymore."

Someone commented. "No way. What kind of cabbage is this? Is it made of gold and silver? Five RMB per catty? And that is already half price!"

"A tomato costs 3 RMB per catty, and that's half price. Is it grown in space?"

"Although I don't go to the market often, I know most things are sold by the catty. I haven't seen people selling vegetables by the unit before!"

"Oh my God, did you see the tofu? It's sold by the piece too. How much is one piece? I didn't see it wrongly. A piece of tofu costs... costs five RMB! Is it stuffed with gold?"

"This is madness!"

"And..."

"OP, where is this supermarket? I'll go take a look tomorrow."

"Right, I plan to go take a look too. I really want to see the expensive products in person. Maybe they're grown on the moon."

"I'm coming too!"

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Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket got famous, especially among the young people of City Z.

This was thanks to the vegetables' prices and taste!

The poster that afternoon was a young woman. She strolled through the supermarket and eventually bought some vegetables that her husband and children liked.

However, she never expected that these vegetables would give her such a big surprise.

The taste of these vegetables was really excellent.

When she was cooking, she couldn't help but take a picture and post it. She said, "I'm still cooking, but the smell is amazing. I'm already salivating."

After she finished cooking, she picked up some chopsticks and tried some. Then, she immediately took a photo and posted it. She said, "I finally understand why the price is so high!"

Then, the comments came.

"Why?"

"Is the taste good?"

"It's not just good. It's amazing! I've never eaten such delicious vegetables before!"

"Really? I've been meaning to go on a weight loss journey, but vegetables taste so boring."

"OP, how great is the taste?"

"Now, I'm even more determined to go to this supermarket tomorrow."

"Me too!"

"+1!"

An Xinyi wasn't the only person who went to the supermarket. She wasn't the only person who made a purchase there.

Many aunts and uncles bought the vegetables and went home to cook. Of course, their purchases were mainly from the first floor, so the taste was weaker than the ones on the second floor. Even so, they were shocked by the taste.

"Grandma, what are you cooking that smells so great?"

"Baby grandson, Grandma is cooking spinach. Will you eat them later?" The grandma smiled.

Her grandson frowned. "Grandma, you're cooking spinach?! When did spinach become so fragrant?"

Grandpa stirred the spinach in the pot. "Come and see. Isn't this spinach?"

When the grandson saw his grandmother plate the spinach, his little face pinched. "But Grandma, I don't like to eat vegetables."

Grandma put down the spatula, picked up the chopsticks, picked up a spinach leaf, and said, "Precious grandson, this spinach is really fragrant. Didn't you smell it just now? It must taste delicious too. Come try it!"

Her grandson didn't like to eat vegetables. That had always been a problem for the family.

In order to let the children eat vegetables, they really tried all kinds of methods, such as squeezing the juice of vegetables, making dumplings with vegetable fillings, and so on. But the kid would spit out anything with a bit of veggie. He'd rather eat plain rice with soy sauce than vegetables.

"Grandma, vegetables are not delicious at all!" The grandson still said with some resistance.

"Just try it, just a little bit," the grandmother coaxed. "If it's not delicious, we won't eat it, okay?"

The child smelled the fragrance coming from the plate. After hesitating for a moment, he opened his mouth and tasted it. Then, the child's big eyes lit up, and the expression on his little face suddenly became lively. Then, he sucked the spinach on the chopsticks into his mouth.

His grandmother's eyes lit up, and then she asked excitedly, "My precious, is the spinach delicious?"

The child nodded and said, "Yes, grandmother!"

The grandmother immediately smiled and said, "Then, do you want them with some rice?"

"Sure!" To her surprise, her grandson actually agreed.

When the child's parents came back from work, they saw that their son, who usually did not touch any vegetables, was actually sitting obediently at the dining table with his bowl of rice and eating vegetables.

The mother of the child was very excited when she saw this.

She immediately took a photo of her son and the half-finished bowl of spinach. She posted it online. "Thank you, Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket. My son is finally willing to eat vegetables!"

Then, someone asked, "Why thank the vegetable supermarket?"

The child's mother replied, "Because the vegetables were bought from that vegetable supermarket. After my mother-in-law cooked the vegetables, my son actually came to ask for the spinach to eat!"

This was happening all over City Z. Many children who didn't favor vegetables tried them for the first time. They even abandoned their favorite meat.

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After a whole day of business, the supermarket closed at 9.30 pm. Mother Xiao and the Xiao Family returned around the afternoon.

Xiao Lingyu had a meeting with Zeng Yaozu in the evening.

"Lingyu, this is the sales report for the vegetables on the first and second floor!" Zeng Yaozu took out a report and showed it to Xiao Lingyu.

“On the first floor, 11,000 catties were sold. Except for some worn-out ones, almost all of them were sold out. The eggs and duck eggs were also sold out. The items on the first floor were almost all sold out.

“As for the things on the second floor, our major consumers are the hotel and restaurant owners. Normal customers didn’t purchase that much.

“Therefore, there are mostly dry goods left on the second floor.” Zeng Yaozu patted his chest and said with a smile, “I was nervous all day today. I was afraid that we wouldn’t be able to sell so many things.

“But my worry was unfounded.

“The vegetables on the second floor were sold out at noon. The vegetables on the first floor were almost sold out at around two o’clock in the afternoon.”

Xiao Lingyu looked at the report and said with a smile, “Why do you have so little confidence in yourself?”

Zeng Yaozu shook his head and said, “I have always been very confident in myself. However, I know the danger of blind confidence.

“After all, this is our first-day opening, and we’re not close to any rich people’s residences. How many people are willing to buy such expensive vegetables?”

“Who would have thought these thrifty uncles and aunties would be willing to spend this money?”

Xiao Lingyu said, “Have you forgotten about our sale discount? We have a promotion on the first three days of opening. The prices of the vegetables on the first floor are similar to the prices in the market. In that case, why would people go to the market and not come here?”

“...” Zeng Yaozu smiled, “You’re absolutely right!”

## **Chapter 562: Progress**

Xiao Lingyu looked at the sales report for the day and made a calculation. Then, she nodded and said, “Except for some dry goods, everything else is sold out. The first day’s opening performance is not bad!”

The corner of Zeng Yaozu’s mouth twitched, and then he nodded seriously and said, “It is not bad. However, we have promotions for the first three days. I wonder if the business will be the same after these three days.”

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, “You are the general manager of this supermarket. Do you have no confidence?”

Zeng Yaozu shook his head and said with a smile, “Sister, I want to have confidence too. However, we’re going the high-end route, and our main market is the rich people. However, our supermarket is located in an ordinary residential area.”

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, “Alright, stop pretending. I know you very well by now. I can see your confidence.”

Zeng Yaozu shrugged his shoulders.

Xiao Lingyu closed the report and stood up. "I'll have to go back now. I'll leave the supermarket in your hands. Try to train as many talents as you can. By the way, did Xinxin say when she will come to work?"

Zeng Yaozu said with a smile, "She said that she would come to work in a few days after she gets her certificate. You know what Xinxin is like now. If she doesn't finish what she needs to learn as soon as possible, she will definitely not be able to sleep."

Xiao Lingyu shook his head and said, "I can't tell what had happened to her. When she was young, she always followed behind me and complained about studying. Once class started, she wanted to sleep. She slept so soundly that even teachers couldn't wake her up."

Zeng Yaozu smiled and said, "People will grow up. In the past, she didn't like to study because she didn't see the point. But now she understands its importance."

Xiao Lingyu looked at the time and said, "You're right. Anyway, I have to go now."

Zeng Yaozu looked at the time and said, "Lingyu, it's already so late. Why don't we stay in a hotel for a night and go back tomorrow? It's very dangerous to go back so late." Zeng Yaozu paused and asked, "Lingyu, why don't you buy a house in City Z? It'll be more convenient."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "I'm actually thinking about that."

Zeng Yaozu advised, "You should stay for the night. It's too late. The child can drink formula. You don't need to worry about him."

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Okay!"

In fact, four-month-old Xiao Tong basically didn't drink breast milk anymore. However, Mother Xiao was worried that Xiao Tong would be malnourished. She insisted that Xiao Lingyu breastfeeds him at least twice a day.

After that, Xiao Lingyu took out a folder from the drawer and gave it to Zeng Yaozu, "This information is about the food businesses in City Z. I've filtered most of it, and there's still some left. If anyone comes to look for you, you refer to this."

Zeng Yaozu took it and flipped through it. He nodded and said, "Okay, I'll take note."

Xiao Lingyu said again, "In the future, these businesses have to book the vegetables one day in advance. And we will demand half of the deposit first. They choose to pay every day, every three days, or every week. You can discuss with them the details, but the most important thing is that we do not accept any debt."

Zeng Yaozu nodded. "Okay, I will explain it to them clearly!"

He suddenly felt that Xiao Lingyu had changed. She had become a lot more money-minded.

Zeng Yaozu accompanied Xiao Lingyu to find a hotel before he returned to his bachelor pad. The apartment was rented.

As for the other employees, Xiao Lingyu had Zeng Yaozu find a high-quality apartment to use as a dorm.

Xiao Lingyu's welfare for the employees was quite good.

The employees were paid over 2,200 RMB a month for food and accommodation. Even the cleaning lady was paid 2,000 RMB a month. One had to know that the treatment for cleaning ladies in other places was only 1,340 RMB.

Therefore, at that time, apart from some aunties and grandpas, there were also some young people who applied for the job of cleaning lady.

Zeng Yaozu, the head of Human Resources, chose four honest aunties for the job.

If the employees didn't require food and accommodation, they would receive an additional monthly allowance of 200 RMB. After all, many of the employees lived nearby. When the applicants noted that the job was at a vegetable supermarket, they became suspicious. They didn't think the business would be good. What if the company went bankrupt? Would they still be paid then? Plus, the employee welfare was too good to be true! It was a trap!

Of course, there were only some who stayed. Now, they were thankful that they had stayed.

For example, these employees who returned to the dorm started to gossip among themselves...

"Damn! I have no idea business at a vegetable supermarket can be so good!" A male employee said in disbelief, "Before this, I was worried that the vegetables wouldn't sell because of their high prices. I didn't expect the expensive stock on the second floor would be sold out in just one morning!"

"I also found it hard to believe," another female employee said. "I was wondering if the boss had a problem building such a big supermarket to sell vegetables.

"There is a large vegetable market less than 200 meters away from the supermarket. Why wouldn't people go to the market to buy cheap vegetables and come to this expensive supermarket instead?

"People are not fools. But we're proven wrong. No wonder we're employees, and the boss is the boss."

"Many things are sold out. Even though there's a promotion, they are still quite expensive. The boss must have made a lot of money!"

"That is a definite. Even the cheapest vegetables on the first floor, like the cabbage, still costs one RMB per catty. How many vegetables were there on the first floor? I estimate there were at least 10,000 catties, so the income would be 10,000 RMB or more. Now there are also the vegetables on the second floor. They are so expensive, but they sell so fast."

"My God, if this is correct. Then, the boss will earn 20,000 to 30,000 per day. That is higher than our yearly income."

"And that is during promotions. The income will double when the prices return to normal."

"If the boss earns more than 30,000 a day, it'll be more than a million a month! In a year, it'll be more than 10 million!" The people were excited.

"Stop dreaming. The vegetables are all sold because of the discount. Three days later, the business will die off."

“Tsk, you sure a downer!” Someone immediately retorted with dissatisfaction, “Don’t you see how the expensive vegetables on the second floor have been sold out? In fact, they were the first to go!”

The person responded, “But they were merely bought by owners of hotels and restaurants.”

“Yes, but they were still sold out, right?”

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Zhang Li and Zhou Xiaolu were washing up in the room. When they heard the quarrel outside, they were a little confused.

“Why is it so noisy outside? Aren’t they tired?” Zhang Li said with confusion, “I’m dead tired after working all day today.”

Zhou Xiaolu thought for a moment and said, “I’ll go out and take a look!”

“I’ll go too!”

When Zhou Xiaolu walked outside and heard them arguing, she was a little speechless. They were arguing about the supermarket’s business. Basically, one party had confidence in the supermarket’s future, and the other party didn’t.

Zhou Xiaolu said, “Xiaolan, Xiaoming, aren’t you guys tired? Is there a need to quarrel over this? Whether business is good or not, we’ll know in a few days.”

Zhang Li chimed in beside Zhou Xiaolu, “That’s right. The whole apartment can hear your arguments. It’s getting late. Others need to rest.”

Xiaolan and Xiaoming blushed.

Li Xiaomei washed her hair and came out. When she saw the two blushing employees and Zhou Xiaolu standing there, she rolled her eyes and smiled. “Xiaolu, we’re not at work now, but you are still going around lecturing people as the team leader. Look at Xiaolan and Xiaoming. They are embarrassed.”

Her words sounded like a joke, but she meant to sow discord.

But...

When she turned around, Li Xiaomei realized everyone was looking at her strangely.

Li Xiaomei, “...” what is going on?

### **Chapter 563: Fame**

After returning to the Taoyuan Village, the Xiao family was very happy when they saw how good the business of the supermarket in City Z was.

However, after a while, they became worried again.

“The supermarket has a discount for the first three days of opening. Will the previous customers be scared away?” Grandma Xiao began to worry again.

Grandpa Xiao didn't have such worries. He said cheerfully, "Old Woman, didn't you say that you trust your grandchildren? Don't worry so much."

"Based on what our eldest granddaughter said, the supermarket is going for the high-end market. The main audience is the rich. The rich don't care about the money for vegetables."

Grandma Xiao relaxed her brows and said with a smile, "Old man, you're right. We don't have to worry."

"Hey, Yu 'Er is back!" Grandma Xiao saw Xiao Lingyu's car driving back.

"Yu 'Er is back for Tong 'Er," Grandpa Xiao said, "But it's not good rushing back and forth like this. It's too tiring."

"Indeed!" Grandma Xiao agreed. "Let's discuss it later and see if we can buy or rent a house in City Z. When Yu 'Er goes to City Z, Qiuying can go with her."

"The weather is still cold. Yu 'Er might get a cold rushing around like this," Grandpa Xiao said, "Yes, we should discuss buying or renting a house with Yu 'Er. If it's a matter of money, we can provide her with our retirement funds."

Grandma Xiao agreed, "Okay! The houses in City Z are expensive, but we can rent a small suite."

While they were talking, Xiao Lingyu drove to the front of the courtyard.

Seeing her grandparents standing at the door, she called out, "Grandpa and Grandma."

The two elders smiled and said, "Yu 'Er, welcome back!"

Xiao Lingyu came back early in the morning and did not have breakfast yet.

Grandma Xiao immediately went to the kitchen and made simple fried egg noodles for Xiao Lingyu. She smiled and said, "Come, have some breakfast."

Although Grandma Xiao's cooking skills were not as good as that of her second daughter-in-law, she was much better than Xiao Lingyu and the others.

"Thank you, Grandma!" Xiao Lingyu said with a smile.

While Xiao Lingyu was eating the noodles, Grandma Xiao said, "Yu 'Er, your grandfather and I were discussing just now. We are going to take out our retirement money and buy you a house in City Z so that you won't have to run back and forth like this anymore."

Grandpa Xiao also nodded and said, "With the big supermarket opening in City Z, you need a place to stay in City Z."

"Of course, we hope we can get to buy a house instead of renting one."

"Even though our retirement funds aren't much, it should be enough for the rental deposit."

Hearing this, Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Grandpa, I was already planning to buy a house in City Z, but how could I use your retirement funds? That would be unfilial."



Grandma Xiao hesitated for a moment and asked, "I heard that the houses in City Z are very expensive. Now that you have invested so much, do you still have the money to buy a house?"

Xiao Lingyu used her money to rent a mountain, build a factory, and open a supermarket. All in all, she had invested tens of millions. How could she still have the money?

Xiao Lingyu said, "Grandpa and Grandma, don't worry. I don't have much money now, but I can still buy a house with a down payment."

With the monthly income of all her stores, a down payment was enough.

Grandma Xiao still wanted to say something, but Grandpa Xiao nodded and said, "Okay, when Yu 'Er needs money, just let Grandpa and Grandma know."

"Okay, thank you, Grandpa and Grandma!"

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Xiao Lingyu also told Zeng Yaozu about buying a house, so she wanted him to go take a look at houses when he had time.

Zeng Yaozu was a little speechless and said, "Sis, aren't you afraid that I will scam you out of your house?"

Xiao Lingyu curled her lips and threatened, "Then you'll never marry my Xinxin."

"You're ruthless!" Zeng Yaozu took a deep breath and said, "By the way, this is extra work. Don't you have to give me a raise?"

Xiao Lingyu rolled her eyes and said, "Aren't you being too greedy? I've already given you 20% of the shares of the supermarket. Your monthly salary is 12,000. What more do you want? Haha."

Zeng Yaozu also rolled his eyes and said, "Hmph, just say that you're stingy. Fine, I'll look around for houses for you. After all, Xinxin will also need a place to stay when she moves here."

Zeng Yaozu was not short of money at the moment. He could buy a house with no problem. Having said that, Zeng Yaozu asked seriously, "Ling Yu, do you think Xinxin will agree to my proposal now?"

Xiao Lingyu suggested seriously, "You can try!"

At this moment, Zeng Yaozu said, "How about this? Can you help me test Xinxin's attitude? And help me persuade her. I... I'm a little old now. I really want to get married.

"But I swear that after we get married, I won't restrict her freedom. She can do whatever she wants."

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and asked seriously, "Zeng Yaozu, as you said, you're not getting younger. Will Xinxin be pressured to have children once she marries you?"

"I remember Grandpa Zeng is quite old already. Doesn't he want a great-grandchild? Plus, once Xinxin marries you, she will be the only mistress. She'll need to take care of many things in the Zeng family.

"Will Xinxin still have the energy to focus on her work? Have you ever thought about this?"

Zeng Yaozu was silent for a moment before he said, "I have thought about all these problems. I will always respect Xinxin's will. If she doesn't want to have a child so soon, then it's fine. I'll handle everything from my family. Plus, my father and grandfather are very open-minded people. They will understand us."

Xiao Lingyu sighed softly and said, "You said that you love Xinxin, so you'll take care of everything. But what about Xinxin? Is she willing to let you sacrifice so many things for her?"

Zeng Yaozu fell silent again.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Forget it. I'll check on Xinxin's attitude first. In fact, my best suggestion is for you to get engaged first.

"After the engagement, she'll be your fiancée. Even if you live together, no one will say anything. As for when to get married, you can discuss among yourselves."

Zeng Yaozu nodded and said, "Okay, I get it!"

Xiao Lingyu put down the phone and smiled.

She had a lot of faith in Xiao Xinxin and Zeng Yaozu. Both of their parents knew that they were in a relationship, and neither parent had any objections. Zeng Yaozu was liked by Xiao Xinxin's parents, and Xiao Xinxin was also liked by Zeng Yaozu's parents.

Therefore, it would be no problem for them to get engaged.

However, the views of the older generation were different from those of the younger generation.

Even if Zeng Yaozu's family and friends didn't urge him to have children right after marriage, Xiao Xinxin's family and friends would.

Zeng Yaozu had a family background and was very handsome. He was devoted to Xiao Xinxin now, but what about the future? Therefore, to keep a man's heart, it was best to give birth to a child to tie him down.

Thinking of this, Xiao Lingyu smiled. Zeng Yaozu and Xiao Xinxin still had a lot to do with regard to their communication with the elders.

Otherwise, the elder's interjection might ruin their relationship.

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As the days passed, the business of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket only increased.

The number of uncles and aunts dropped after the promotional period, but there were more young people.

The youngsters came in droves on the second day of the opening, and they kept returning with friends!

This became a specialty of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket.

The stock, whether it was on the first or second floor, would be sold out in the morning.

The elders were thrifty, but the young people were more willing to spend.

The vegetables every day, whether it was the first or second floor, could be sold out in one morning.

The old people were thrifty and didn't want to spend more money, but the young people of this era were willing to spend. The young people bought vegetables from Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket and posted them online. It attracted the attention of other netizens.

Once they tasted the vegetables, there was no going back. They tasted so delicious, and some of the vegetables could be eaten raw.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, the taste was simply beautiful. Even cabbage could be eaten raw. It was sweet. The youngsters were not quite as fussy about the price.

Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket became more known through word of mouth. The business became better.

The supermarket employees stopped worrying about the vegetables not selling but they were worried about the stock not being enough!

#### **Chapter 564: Reservoir**

Under Zeng Yaozu's planning, the supermarket in City Z flourished.

However, no matter how good the sales were, the daily output was fixed at 30,000 catties.

Zeng Family's vegetable store had 5,000 catties, and the supermarket had 25,000 catties.

Every day, they would buy about 10,000 catties of vegetables from the villagers.

The villagers who had signed a contract with Xiao Lingyu were very happy. Now, they could earn more than 100 RMB a day just by selling vegetables to Xiao Lingyu. This was something that they didn't dare to imagine before.

Those who were worried about Xiao Lingyu scamming them could only watch with regret and envy. But there were some who tried to test Xiao Lingyu.

"Lingyu, these vegetables of mine were also grown from your Little Cattle King's feces. I can sell them to you now, right?" A middle-aged woman said shamelessly, "Look at these vegetables. They're fresh and juicy. You have to buy them!"

Xiao Lingyu looked at the vegetables in her basket and shook her head, "Auntie Liu, it's not that I don't want to accept your vegetables, but your vegetables have been treated with pesticides. You know about my requirements. The vegetables have to be grown using Little Light's manure, and they must not be treated with pesticides."

Auntie Liu was still smiling as she tried to convince Xiao Lingyu. She grabbed a handful of cabbage and said, "Lingyu, look at how tender these vegetables are. Plus, if you don't say anything about the pesticides, how would the customers know, right?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Auntie Liu, the customers won't know." Then she said seriously, "But as the boss, I can't lie to my customers."

Auntie Liu's face darkened when she heard that. She said unhappily, "So you still won't accept them?"

Xiao Lingyu saw Auntie Liu's changed face and said directly, "Auntie Liu, if your vegetables are indeed grown according to my requirements, I'm willing to buy your vegetables even if you haven't signed a contract with me.

"However, your vegetables are not only treated with pesticides, but they are also not grown from Little Light's manure. I can tell from a glance.

"I won't destroy my own branding to benefit a few people. Otherwise, once my customers find out, who will trust the Taoyuan Village brand anymore?"

Auntie Liu said bluntly, "But if you don't say anything, no one will know."

Xiao Lingyu said sharply, "My customers are rich and noble. They have a very discerning mouth. They can taste the slightest difference. Therefore, I will not take such a big risk for your family's vegetables.

"Furthermore, I'm a businesswoman now. What is the most important quality of a business person?

"It's honesty!

"A business person without honesty will go bankrupt eventually. Or Auntie Liu, do you want me to go bankrupt?" Xiao Lingyu shot a sharp gaze at the woman.

Auntie Liu's face turned red from Xiao Lingyu's stare. Especially when she heard the last sentence, she was shocked and quickly said, "Lingyu, of course, I won't hope for you to go bankrupt. It's fine that you don't want to buy my vegetables, but how can you accuse me of that?"

Taoyuan Village was getting rich thanks to Xiao Lingyu. Every family had some money. They could buy meat and new clothes. There were even many families that bought appliances, such as televisions and refrigerators. There were also more vehicles like motorcycles.

In the past, the villagers of Taoyuan Village had to rely on public transport to go to the county town on the market fair day. However, on normal days, they would have to walk.

But that was not a problem now. More families started to invest in a motorcycle. They could use it to go to town or to visit relatives.

When at least half of Taoyuan Village went to the town to purchase motorcycles, the boss was overjoyed. In half a year's time, he had sold so many motorcycles that he had earned hundreds of thousands.

These were contributions brought by Xiao Lingyu. Xiao Lingyu had brought riches to the village. Therefore, who would want to see Xiao Lingyu's business fail?

Although many people were secretly jealous and envious, few really wanted Xiao Lingyu's business to go bankrupt.

Therefore, when Auntie Liu heard Xiao Lingyu's words, she was shocked. If people found out, she would be scolded to death by the villagers.

Auntie Liu quickly put the cabbage back into the basket and said embarrassedly, "Look at the time. I still haven't cooked yet. I need to go back." Auntie Liu quickly ran away.

Xiao Lingyu's eyes turned cold. "These people are really crazy from jealousy. It was their decision not to sign the contract with me at first. They were worried that I'd scam now, but now that the other villagers are making money, they feel uneasy.

"They think they can sneak the low-quality vegetables into my supermarket. Do they think I'm stupid?"

If Xiao Lingyu didn't reject Auntie Liu, more people would follow in her footsteps and force their low-quality crops on Xiao Lingyu. If Xiao Lingyu said no, she would offend the whole village. Therefore, no matter who it was, as long as the crops didn't fit her requirements, Xiao Lingyu would not take them!

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The tales of Auntie Liu soon spread throughout the village. The other villagers who had the same idea changed their minds. Since Xiao Lingyu didn't accept Auntie Liu's crops, she wouldn't accept the others. Because they didn't fit Xiao Lingyu's requirements.

Xiao Lingyu was a principled person. Auntie Liu's failure made the onlookers disappointed.

"How can Xiao Lingyu be like this? These vegetables look so good. She refused to accept them just because they were treated with pesticides. It's really infuriating."

"You can't blame her for this. Back then, she had already said she'd take any vegetables that were planted according to her request. You didn't want to listen to her. How is it her fault now?"

Auntie Liu said unwillingly, "But... but these dishes are so good-looking."

"Sigh, no matter how good-looking they are, she won't want them. Plus, if you really think so highly of your cabbages, you can go to sell them in town."

Auntie Liu said with an unpleasant expression, "Why would I do that? It's difficult to sell them in town, and it's time-consuming to travel there. How can there be any profit?"

"Then, you have to eat them yourself or feed them to the chickens."

Auntie Liu, "..."

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Xiao Lingyu did not care about these discussions.

After City Z supermarket had steadied, she turned her gaze to a reservoir in Taoyuan Village.

The reservoir was very large, about 500 to 600 acres wide, and it was sandwiched at the foot of the two mountains.

"What? You want to contract the reservoir at Mali Slope?" The village chief's eyes widened when he heard Xiao Lingyu's words.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "That's right."

The village chief asked in puzzlement, "Why?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Village chief, of course, I'm contracting the reservoir to raise fish. Why else would I contract a reservoir?"

The village chief frowned slightly and said, "Lingyu, two years ago, someone contracted this reservoir to raise fish, but in the end, they lost a lot of money. So, I really want you to think this over carefully." The village chief was really surprised by Xiao Lingyu's request. For him, Xiao Lingyu had planted vegetables, contracted hills, set up a company, and so on. She had already done a lot.

But now, she wanted to contract a reservoir to raise fish. Did she have too much money?

### **Chapter 565: Negotiation**

Xiao Lingyu's decision to contract the Mali Slope Reservoir surprised everyone in the village.

Someone had contracted the reservoir for fish farming in the past. The person did it for three years and lost money every year. This happened not only to one boss but three bosses. In other words, whoever contracted the reservoir to raise fish would suffer a loss.

But there were also people who believed in Xiao Lingyu.

In the past, people had failed to raise strawberries, but she had made a fortune from them.

"Yu 'Er, are you really going to contract the reservoir to raise fish?" Father Xiao asked with a frown.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes! I've thought about this for a long time."

"But Yu 'Er, many people have contracted that reservoir before, and they all suffered a loss," Father Xiao said.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Dad, just because others have failed, it doesn't mean that I'll fail too."

Father Xiao suddenly thought of something. "You mean..." The spring water!

Xiao Lingyu nodded. "Don't worry, Dad. This won't fail." After saying this, Xiao Lingyu said to Father Xiao, "Dad, I need you to discuss with the village chief and see who is willing to raise chickens, ducks, geese, and pigs. As for the cows, I plan to raise them myself."

Father Xiao was dumbfounded when he heard this.

Father Xiao asked incredulously, "Yu 'Er, how... how do you plan to do this? You can't..." give the ranchers the spring water, right?

Xiao Lingyu said helplessly, "Dad, what are you thinking? Am I such a stupid person?" The spring water was her secret. How could she be so generous as to give it to others casually?

Xiao Lingyu said, "Dad, listen to me. I'm trying to form a circulation system.

"Think about it. We have planted so many vegetable fields. The only vegetables that can be sold are the fresh and tender ones.

“The old vegetables can be fed to the poultry. The manure from the poultry can be used to grow vegetables.”

Father Xiao frowned, but he said with some doubt, “But will the manure still be effective? If they aren’t...”

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “They will be effective.” She had confirmation from Xiao Ling. Xiao Ling said that this world was too ordinary. The animals and people had poor physiques. It was difficult for them to absorb the Qi in the spring water completely. Therefore, Xiao Lingyu came up with this circulation system.

As for the fish farm, she would make the fish food herself. With such a large reservoir, it shouldn’t be a problem to raise tens of thousands of fish.

Father Xiao said, “Alright. Dad will always support you.”

Xiao Lingyu said, “Dad, once the reservoir is contracted, I need to hire a special person to look at the fish and feed them.”

Father Xiao nodded and said, “That’s no problem. I’ll help you look for a candidate first.”

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The village chief came to the Xiao family and told Xiao Lingyu, “Lingyu, that reservoir doesn’t only belong to Taoyuan Village. It is also part of Shangshui Village. I brought Village Chief Li from Shangshui Village with me today.”

Xiao Taiyang pointed at village chief Li who was beside him.

“Village chief Li!” Xiao Lingyu greeted.

“Please come in!” Mother Xiao invited them. Father Xiao went to make tea.

After sitting down, Xiao Taiyang said directly, “Lingyu, village chief Li heard that you want to contract the reservoir. But, he wants to know the details of the contract.”

Xiao Lingyu asked, “Then, village chiefs, how did you have the contract with the other bosses in the past?”

Xiao Taiyang said, “We have rented the reservoir to three bosses before. The rent of 280 RMB per Mu each year. This reservoir has an area of 580 MU.”

At this time, village chief Li said, “However, I heard that the rent of the reservoir has increased. It’s 300 RMB per Mu.”

Xiao Taiyang then asked, “Li Changchun, who told you that the rent has increased to 300 RMB per Mu? Why haven’t I heard of it before?”

Village chief Li explained calmly, “There’s a reservoir in Ma Jia village in Tian Xin Town. It’s rented out for 300 RMB per mu. If you don’t believe me, you can go out and ask.”

Xiao Taiyang said a little angrily, “...You.”

Just as Xiao Taiyang was about to bargain with village chief Li, Xiao Lingyu said, "Village chiefs, I can pay 300 RMB per Mu, but I want a contract for ten years."

"Ten years?" Xiao Taiyang and village chief Li were obviously surprised.

Xiao Taiyang reacted and said, "Lingyu, other people usually only contract for three years. Isn't ten years too long for you? What if..." the business failed and lost money? It would be impossible to get the money back.

After all, the money from the contract had already entered the pockets of the villagers.

Father Xiao said, "Lingyu, why don't we contract for three years first? We can always renew the contract after three years."

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "No, Dad, I want to contract for ten years, or at least ten years." Xiao Lingyu knew very well that she would not fail with the spring water. She would make a lot of money. Then, she would definitely attract the envy of some people.

These people might pull some tricks in the background, like forcing the village chiefs to raise the rent during the contract renewal. Then again, the rental would rise naturally after three years.

Take Mo Li Slope reservoir, for example. A few years later, the rent would increase to 800 RMB per Mu. Some of the areas would even reach 1000 RMB per Mu. Xiao Lingyu knew about this, so naturally, she had to take advantage of it.

When village chief Li heard that Xiao Lingyu wanted to rent for ten years, his expression was happy for a moment, but then he asked sharply, "Ten years? I heard that when you rent those hills, the rent will increase by 20 percent every three years. If you were to rent the reservoir for ten years, will you do the same?"

As the chief of Shangshui Village, village chief Li had to fight for the best interests of his villagers.

Shangshui village was bigger than Taoyuan Village, with more than 200 households.

Due to the lack of transportation, Shangshui village was also a poor village.

Previously, Taoyuan Village was the poorest village in the county, but ever since Xiao Lingyu returned, everyone in the village had become rich.

Now, Shangshui village had probably become the poorest village. As the village chief, Chief Li felt shame.

Village chief Li's request was actually very reasonable. Even Xiao Taiyang could not refute it.

Xiao Taiyang only looked at Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "That's not a problem. I will increase the rent by 20 percent every three years. However, within the ten years of my lease, party A and party B must compensate each other ten times if they break the contract. This clause must be written on the contract."

Xiao Lingyu was preventing people from going back on their words in the future. She knew how the villagers would operate. If a contractor came to offer them a higher price than she did in the future, they wouldn't hesitate to betray her. After all, these people only cared about money.



However, if the compensation for breaching the contract was high, who would dare to betray her? They had to pay ten times the violation fees!

When village chief Li heard Xiao Lingyu's words, his brows furrowed. He was obviously not very satisfied.

The reason why village chief Li was not satisfied was the same reason Xiao Lingyu wanted to have this clause. He also wanted to renege on the contract when he got a better offer in the future.

At this moment, Xiao Taiyang chimed in, "Yes, that clause needs to be included. When we contracted the land and mountains, we had the clause. Li Changchun, this is only reasonable."

Village chief Li thought for a moment and said, "I still have to go back and have a meeting with the villagers before I can give you a reply."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "That's not a problem."

Based on the current situation, no one else would be willing to contract the reservoir other than Xiao Lingyu. She was offering them money, and they would be eager to accept it. Why would they think about the future? They only wanted the money now! Therefore, Xiao Lingyu was not worried.

After village chief Li left, Xiao Taiyang said to Xiao Lingyu and the others, "Our village also has to have a meeting."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Of course!"

Although the villagers of Taoyuan Village had already tasted the benefits of Xiao Lingyu's businesses, they still had to go through the necessary procedures.

### **Chapter 566: Sign the Contract**

In less than two days, village chief Li of Shangshui village returned. He was accompanied by village officials and a few village representatives. They were all villagers with relatively high prestige in the village.

Xiao Taiyang was the representative from Taoyuan Village.

This meeting was held at the village committee.

Xiao Lingyu's father, Eldest uncle Xiao, third uncle Xiao, fourth uncle Xiao, Grandpa Xiao, and Grandma Xiao all went to attend the meeting. After all, contracting the reservoir was also a big matter. They were worried that Xiao Lingyu would be bullied.

The reservoir was jointly owned by the two villages, so it involved two villages. After Chief Li had a meeting with his villagers, he returned to talk to Chief Xiao. After all, this involved their common interests.

Although Xiao Taiyang was partial to the Xiao family, he still had to take care of the benefits of the majority of the villagers.

Village chief Li said to Xiao Lingyu, "After I had a meeting with the villagers, we agreed to your contract. Today, a few of our village representatives came over to discuss the contract with you."

After a few bosses had contracted the reservoir at a loss, the villagers of Shangsui Village were worried that the reservoir would be left unattended in the future. Therefore, when they heard that Xiao Lingyu was willing to contract the reservoir, most of them agreed unanimously. Only a few of them wanted to wait and see. However, the minority had to listen to the majority. Most villagers didn't want to wait because they didn't think anyone other than Xiao Lingyu would contract the reservoir.

Besides, Xiao Lingyu was very famous in the neighboring villages. Everyone knew that Xiao Lingyu was very rich. Plus, she had made Taoyuan Village rich alongside her. They didn't need to worry about Xiao Lingyu owing them the rent. If anything, they were worried that Xiao Lingyu might change her mind and find another reservoir. Therefore, Shangshui Village accepted the contract readily.

To prevent other accidents, the villagers urged Chief Li to come to solidify the contract with Xiao Lingyu after the meeting.

Village chief Li said, "Xiao Lingyu, at present, we have no objection to renting the reservoir for 300 RMB per mu per year. However, can you really guarantee that our rent will be paid and increase by 20% once every three years?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Village Chief Li, Taoyuan Village and Shangshui village are neighbors, right?"

"When I was young, I went to Shangshui village many times. I know many villagers there, and many villagers also know me.

"I always keep my word. The day the contract is signed is the day I give you the rent. I think that our village chief uncle and a few Taoyuan Village elders will attest to that."

"That's right. Lingyu has always been very trustworthy. You can trust her," Xiao Taiyang said with a smile. The elders of Taoyuan Village also nodded in unison. "She has done the same for our land and hills."

Village chief Li and the others finally felt relieved. Village chief Li said with a smile, "In that case, there won't be any problems for the villagers and me. The biggest problem was the issue of the rental payment."

Xiao Lingyu said, "That's fine. I hope that the contract will be signed as soon as possible. Spring is coming soon. I want to have the fish inside the reservoir before spring."

Village chief Li and the others nodded and said, "Okay."

"Alright then. I'll call someone to draw up the contract. It can be done tomorrow at the earliest," Xiao Lingyu said seriously. "After the contract is done, I'll need the official seal of your village and the signatures of your representatives."

"Okay, no problem." Village chief Li nodded and said.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and then asked, "Village chief Li, village chief uncle, do you know where to find fish spawns?"

Village chief Li thought for a moment and said, "I do know a few people who sell them. But what kind of fish spawn, and how many of them do you need?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "How many fish can we raise in the reservoir?" She had not done this before, so she really didn't know.

Village chief Li and the others, "..."

Village chief Li thought for a moment and asked with some doubt, "Don't you know how to raise fish?" This was basic knowledge.

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

"If you don't know how to raise fish, why are you contracting a reservoir?" A villager from Shangshui village could not help but ask, "Aren't you afraid that you'll suffer losses like the previous owners?"

Village chief Li and the others, "..."

The Xiao Family, "..."

"Hey, how can you say that?" Fourth uncle Xiao said unhappily, "Who says that people who don't know how to raise fish can't contract the reservoir? Who says that people who don't know how to raise fish will definitely lose money if they raise fish?"

The villager was a little embarrassed. He lowered his head and did not say anything else. He did not want to make things worse!

Xiao Lingyu did not explain. She said, "I have never raised fish before, but I can always learn."

Everyone, "...". Such was the power of money. It could move the world.

At this moment, Father Xiao said, "Yu 'Er has already asked me to go look for someone who knows how to raise fish and look after the reservoir. I've found said person. When the contract is completed, I'll have him go over and access the situation."

Everyone, "..."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Alright then, Dad, I'll leave this matter to you."

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Xiao Lingyu got someone to finish the contract the next day. After Xiao Lingyu carefully looked at the contract, she talked to the Taoyuan Village Chief and Shangshui village chief Li to confirm the time for signing the contract.

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For the next two days, the villagers of Shangshui Village were very happy.

"I thought no one would rent this reservoir anymore. I didn't expect Xiao Lingyu of Taoyuan Village will rent it!"

"Yeah. The village chief said that the reservoir would be rented to Xiao Lingyu at 300 RMB per mu. After three years, the rent will increase by 20%. Speaking of which, Xiao Lingyu is really rich."

"That's right. She's really rich!" Many people's eyes flashed with envy.

“Xiao Lingyu has been working hard since she was young. When she was admitted to the university, she was the county’s top scorer. It caused a sensation. At that time, who didn’t know that Taoyuan Village had a female top scorer who was very good at studying?”

“Speaking of which, education is very important. Even when she’s farming, she can make a wonderful career out of it.”

“Xiao Lingyu is very capable. I heard that she married a very rich husband.”

“I heard that the husband is very rich.”

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“Hey, how much money do you think we can get from renting the reservoir this time?”

“We own 480 Mu of the reservoir. One Mu is rented for 300 RMB, so the rent will be... let’s see, it should be over 100,000 RMB, right?”

“Yes, 144,000 RMB,” someone said at the side. “There are 220 households in our village, so each household can get 654.5 RMB, which is 80-90 RMB more than before.”

“Only 650 RMB?” someone said in disappointment. “I thought I could get a few thousand.”

“But that is only for one year. Three years of rent is almost 2,000 RMB,” the villager added.

“That is almost equivalent to half a year’s income from farming.”

“No wonder the villagers at Taoyuan Village have made a fortune from renting their hills.”

“Yes. They got their rents based on population. Everyone got several thousand each. Think about it. A family has at least two or three people. That’s at least tens of thousands.”

“And they get paid once every three years, and the rent will increase by 20 percent every time.”

“Xiao Lingyu will contract the reservoir for ten years. Are we getting the same contract as the hill rentals from Taoyuan Village?”

“It’s the same. Village Chief Li has said so.”

“Oh, that’s good. Next time, we can get more than two thousand.”

“But, when can we get the money?”

“We have to sign the contract. After signing the contract, we will get the money.”

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“Village chief Li, village chief uncle, this is the contract. Please take a look at it carefully. If there are no problems, this contract will be finalized.” Xiao Lingyu showed them the contract that had already been prepared.

Village chief Li took the contract and skimmed through it. Then he said, “Xiao Lingyu, can I take this contract back and slowly read it?” Actually, he was going to the town to consult the relevant professionals.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Of course, there's no problem. After you've finished reading it, if there's no problem, you can sign the contract."

"I'll go to Shangshui village to get the signed contract. Is there any other problem?"

"No problem, of course, there's no problem!"

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After leaving Taoyuan Village, Li Changchun told the other elders, "Let's take the contract to the town and ask the relevant professionals to see if there's any problem."

An elder smiled and said, "Village chief, is there a need to be so serious? We didn't even do that when the previous bosses contracted the reservoir."

However, Village chief Li said very seriously, "The previous few times we signed the contract, it wasn't so formal, and on the issue of compensation, it wasn't so serious either."

"But this time, it is different. This contract is very formal, and it contains a lot of legal jargon. We have to be more cautious."

"Don't you believe Xiao Lingyu?" Elder B asked very seriously.

However...

"It's not that I don't believe Xiao Lingyu. It's that I have to be on the lookout for the villagers, and I need them to take this seriously," Village Chief Li said earnestly. The three elders fell silent.

Village chief Li's words implied that he was worried that the villagers would go back on their words in the future. As they consulted a professional, the villagers would take this contract more seriously. In other words, Village Chief Li showed that he had confidence in Xiao Lingyu's success.

"Village chief, are you so confident in Xiao Lingyu? Are you sure that she won't be like the few bosses before her?" Elder A said with a smile.

Village Chief Li said, "Xiao Lingyu is a capable person. Even if she fails in her first year of fish farming, there will still be a second and third year."

"She is already very rich now. She doesn't care much about the small amount of money invested in the reservoir. However, since she has already set her sights on this reservoir, she must be aiming for success. In any case, she'll find a use for this large reservoir."

"Village chief, you're right!" The elders nodded.

They came by motorbike, two motorbikes and four people.

After going to town, they found the relevant departments and professionals.

Not long after, they left town with smiles on their faces.

Two days later, Xiao Lingyu, Xiao Lingyun, and Father Xiao went to Shangshui Village with over 400,000 in cash. Xiao Lingyu signed the contract with the village committee and a few village representatives.

She was not responsible for handing over the individual rent payment. To be careful, she handed the money to the village chief in front of all the village elders.

After signing the contract, Xiao Lingyu took the contract in her hand and said very seriously, "Village chief Li, from now on, the right to use the reservoir belongs to me. I hope the villagers can restrain their children and be careful around the reservoir. If something happens, I won't be responsible."

Every year, many children went to the reservoir to play. Xiao Lingyu had heard of many accidents over the years. Now that she was responsible for the reservoir, she would attach great importance to safety.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Village chief, for the sake of safety, from tomorrow onwards, I will have people put iron fences around the reservoir. If the villagers need to go to the reservoir to do anything, please let me know."

Village chief Li nodded and said, "Okay, I got it. I will inform them later."

"Okay, then thank you, Village chief Li," Xiao Lingyu said.

After Xiao Lingyu left, the villagers of Shangshui Village came to get their rent.

After giving out the money, Village Chief Li gave the announcement.

"Since this reservoir has been contracted to someone else, it belongs to Boss Xiao now. Just now, Boss Xiao said that from tomorrow onwards, she will put an iron fence around the reservoir."

"Ah? Then how will we be able to wash our clothes? Usually, we go there to do our laundry!"

Village chief Li's face darkened, and he said, "Can't you do it at home? Don't you have a well at home? Besides, the reservoir has been contracted to raise fish, not for you to do your laundry!"

"But we've been using the reservoir to wash our clothes!" A woman said unwillingly, "We could still do that in the past when the other bosses contracted the reservoir."

"So that's why those bosses lost money," The village chief said sharply, "Their fishes were poisoned to death by your detergent."

The villagers, "..."

"But we..."

Village chief Li raised his hand. "If you want to use the reservoir for laundry, then give back the money that you have put into your pockets."

Hearing this, the villagers were stunned at first. Then, they quickly covered their pockets.

One of the villagers immediately smiled embarrassedly and said, "Village chief, so we won't do our laundry there in the future. Why the need to be so serious?"

The others nodded.

Village chief Li said seriously, "Also, you have to watch your children. Don't let them go to the reservoir to play. If something bad happens, the boss won't be responsible."

“Okay!”

### **Chapter 567: Uncle Zhao and Silly Zhao**

“Yu ‘Er, this is Uncle Zhao from the Zhao family village!” A man in his forties stood in front of Father Xiao.

“Hello, Uncle Zhao!” Xiao Lingyu greeted him. Xiao Lingyu had already heard stories about Uncle Zhao from her father. Uncle Zhao’s full name was Zhao Xiaojun. There was a certain distance between Taoyuan Village and Zhao Family Village.

Uncle Zhao served in the army when he was young. He was injured in a mission and was discharged from the army. Thus, he returned home. However, before he returned home, his parents died in an accident. The family asset was taken by his uncle and auntie, and they refused to return it to Uncle Zhao.

Zhao Xiaojun was in the army, so, of course, he wouldn’t be bullied. He slammed the table, and his uncle and auntie immediately returned him the family asset.

They were furious, but they were no match for a veteran. Therefore, they resorted to verbal violence. They would mock Zhao Xiaojun whenever he limped past. They called him an ingrate for abandoning his parents. His uncle and auntie had taken care of everything, but the moment Zhao Xiaojun returned, he kicked them away. He even scolded and hit them.

In the simple village, the people believed the elders. Therefore, Zhao Xiaojun’s reputation was ruined. Furthermore, he was a former soldier, so the villagers were scared of him. He couldn’t find a match in the local village, so he turned to the matchmaker. The matchmaker found him a girl from a far village but the girl’s family demanded a high betrothal gift. Zhao Xiaojun obliged.

After a year of marriage, she gave birth to a son.

At this time, Zhao Xiaojun felt very satisfied with his wife and son by his side, even though his wife was very dissatisfied with him and called him a cripple all day long.

Zhao Xiaojun endured.

However, when his son was one year old, Zhao Xiaojun went out to work and asked his wife to take care of their child. However, his wife left the child alone at home and went out to flirt with other people. She did not even know that the child was sick and had a fever.

When Zhao Xiaojun rushed back at night, his wife was not at home. The child’s fever had reached more than 40 degrees. Zhao Xiaojun immediately rushed his son to the village clinic. The village clinic didn’t dare to take his case, so Zhao Xiaojun ran for more than 20 miles overnight to the town hospital.

After the town hospital’s doctors saw him, they said that the child’s fever was too severe. They said there would be complications, but they would do their best to lower the child’s temperature. After working all night, the fever subsided. However, due to the long delay, the fever had burned the boy’s brain. He had a high possibility of cerebral palsy. The doctors suggested that Zhao Xiaojun bring the child to the county city for a check-up and treatment.

Zhao Xiaojun immediately obliged. The town hospital doctors were right. The child had cerebral palsy. With the medical skills at the time, it would cost a lot to possibly treat this illness. The result was not even guaranteed!

Zhao Xiaojun had spent most of his veteran payment on the betrothal gift. The rest of his earnings were spent by his wife.

In order to save the child, Zhao Xiaojun borrowed 20,000 RMB from his family, friends, and former comrades and went to the Beijing Children's Hospital for treatment.

However, this kind of illness was not easy to treat. It was a bottomless pit. The hero was brought down by the common need for money.

After spending so much money, the child's condition didn't improve. The doctors at the hospital said that Zhao Xiaojun would need at least 100,000 RMB to continue the treatment.

Zhao Xiaojun was at a dead end. None of his friends and families was willing to lend him money anymore.

For the sake of his son, the iron-willed man knelt on the street to beg. However, he was treated as a swindler. He didn't earn much.

After being a beggar for a few months, he was chased away by the city management. Zhao Xiaojun endured the humiliation.

Later, a reporter recognized his veteran medal and interviewed him. The reporter even went to the hospital to visit the child. After the article came out, many people donated to Zhao Xiaojun. Zhao Xiaojun spent it all on treating his son.

After a few months of treatment, the doctor said that there was little hope for his son to recover. At least he could walk on his own for now. Future improvements like talking and so on would have to depend on the parents.

Zhao Xiaojun thanked the doctors and carried his son home.

When he returned home, Zhao Xiaojun saw that the house was empty and covered in dust. He didn't feel anything when he realized his wife had taken everything and left.

To take care of his son, Zhao Xiaojun didn't dare to leave too far from home to work. He would often ask his neighbors for help too.

Zhao Xiaojun helped his son with rehabilitation every day. Every day, he would take great pains to make the child talk. Zhao Xiaojun was very reticent in the past, but for his child, he became very chatty.

Hard work paid off.

The child slowly learned to walk, although he did not walk well. He learned to speak, although he spoke slowly and was unclear. He even learned how to use the toilet on his own.

To earn a living, Zhao Xiaojun learned how to raise fish. This was because there was a pond close to home. He rented a pond and raised some fish.



He had a good start, but he couldn't leave home to sell the fish. He had no choice but to sell them cheaply to the nearby villages. The income was not as high as in farming.

However, Zhao Xiaojun didn't give up easily. His skill became better, and he gradually became famous. Every family who had a banquet would buy from him. Eventually, he started to earn money. However, the moment he had money, he would pay off his debts.

However, in the eyes of others, he had earned a lot of money, which made some people envious and jealous.

Once, a family had ordered a few hundred catties of fish. However, when Zhao Xiaojun went to the pond, all the fish were dead. He knew that someone had poisoned the pond and killed all the fish.

At that moment, his uncle and auntie jumped out to lecture him. They said this was God's punishment. They punished him by killing the fish and making his son an idiot!

This was karma!

Zhao Xiaojun couldn't finish his order. He could only compensate and apologize. He immediately contacted another fish farmer for his client.

Fortunately, the client didn't mind. He understood Zhao Xiaojun's character. He even felt pity and sympathy for him.

Zhao Xiaojun was crippled, his expensive wife packed up her things and left, his son was dull, and now his fish pond was poisoned.

Zhao Xiaojun's uncle and auntie didn't stop mocking him.

Zhao Xiaojun was also ruthless. He didn't say anything and just called the police.

When the police officer came to grab his auntie and uncle, everyone was shocked. The officers said that Zhao Xiaojun had called the police because he suspected his auntie and uncle of poisoning the pond.

The villagers scolded the uncle and aunt, but they also said that Zhao Xiaojun was heartless, cold-blooded, and so on. Did he need to call the police for a pond of fish?

The villagers became afraid of Zhao Xiaojun, and his business dried up. Usually, when Zhao Xiaojun went on a slightly longer journey, he would ask the villagers to help him take care of his son, but no one was willing to help him anymore. What if he suddenly called the police on them?

Zhao Xiaojun was helpless. He started to stay at home more often. If he had to go on a long journey, he would bring his son with him.

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"Uncle Zhao, I'll have to trouble you with the fish in the reservoir in the future!" Xiao Lingyu said politely.

Uncle Zhao said, "You give me the salary, and I'll work. There's no trouble at all!"

Xiao Lingyu, "... This man is too straightforward.

Uncle Zhao then said, "However, if you want me to work here, I'll have to bring my son with me. Don't worry, my son is very sensible and won't cause trouble. This shouldn't be a problem, right? Zhengyang promised me that it'll be fine!"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Of course, it won't be a problem." Then, she said, "I remember there's a small house next to the reservoir. Is it occupied now, Dad?"

Father Xiao said, "No. That house belongs to a family in Shangshui village. That family later moved to the town, so this house became vacant."

Xiao Lingyu said, "Dad, can you contact the owner of that house? We'll rent it for Uncle Zhao and his son to live in. If they don't want to rent it, we'll build a house ourselves."

When Uncle Zhao heard this, his eyes turned red. He said, "Thank you!"

The reason why he agreed to Xiao Zhengyang's request was that his son was too discriminated against in the village. His son became so depressed that he stopped speaking. Uncle Zhao wanted to give him a new environment.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Uncle Zhao, the salary is 1500 RMB a month. Is that okay?"

"Of course!" Uncle Zhao said excitedly. "I don't mind the amount of salary. My son and I only want a place to stay!"

Besides, 1500 per month was already very high for the countryside. It was a year's living expenses for the father and son.

Xiao Lingyu looked at Uncle Zhao. She felt sympathy and pity, but more than that, she admired him.

This man had encountered so many difficulties and setbacks, but he still did not give up on his child. He was a great father.

He did not ask for pity. He didn't feel sorry for himself and led a strong life with his son. Moreover, his character was upright, and his outlook on life was also correct.

Xiao Lingyu felt that there was nothing wrong with this person. Now, it all depended on his fish farming skills.

If he failed, Xiao Lingyu would arrange another job for him.

Xiao Lingyu turned to her father. "Dad, after the house is arranged properly, let Uncle Zhao and his son move in. For now, we'll have them stay in the company dorm."

"Okay!" Father Xiao nodded.

"Uncle Zhao, do you need to pack anything? I can drive you back." Xiao Lingyu offered.

Uncle Zhao rubbed his hands and said, "My son is still at home. Zhengyang said that he would bring me to see the reservoir, so I didn't bring my son here. Boss, thank you."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Uncle Zhao, you're too kind. I'll drive you back now. For the time being, you can stay in the company dormitory."

“Okay!” Uncle Zhao did not refuse. There was nothing waiting for him back at Zhao Family Village, but he had a lot of things to do at the reservoir, so he wanted to get started as soon as possible.

“Boss, shall I go check on the reservoir first?” Uncle Zhao said.

“Uncle Zhao, there’s no rush!” Xiao Lingyu said, “We should bring your child over here first. It’s too unsafe to stay at home alone.” Plus, he was a special child.

“Thank you!” This time, Uncle Zhao was very grateful. His eyes were slightly red, and his voice was choked with sobs.

All these years, he had seen the faces of humanity as he brought his son along with him on his jobs. His family treated him badly, but it was these strangers who gave him warmth and help.

Back when he was penniless and had to beg, it was the strangers who donated to help save his son.

They helped him to get through the most difficult times. He used a notebook to write down the names of those benefactors.

In the future, when he had the ability, he would repay them. He also remembered the anonymous benefactors.

He would also teach them to his son. He would read his son the names of their benefactors every day.

Today, a few more names were added to the benefactor list.

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When Xiao Lingyu brought Uncle Zhao back to Zhao family village, she saw a scene that made her very angry.

“Haha, The Fool is waiting for his crippled father to come home again.”

“Haha. Idiot! Your father doesn’t want you anymore. Your mother has abandoned you too.”

“I... I... My... father... would... would... wouldn’t... wouldn’t... not... abandon me.” Silly Zhao stuttered.

“Hmph, clearly, he doesn’t want you anymore.” While these children were mocking and scolding, they picked up the stones on the ground and threw them at Silly Zhao.

Silly Zhao instinctively held his head to shield it from the stones. Even though it was painful, he didn’t say a word.

This was nothing compared to the pain he suffered in the hospital. He was already used to it.

“Haha, the idiot doesn’t feel pain! Let’s continue pelting him!” One of the children shouted loudly. A few children picked up the stones on the ground and threw them at the fool.

With a whoosh, Xiao Lingyu quickly stepped on the brakes.

“Stop!” Uncle Zhao quickly opened the car door and shouted anxiously.

The moment the children saw Uncle Zhao, they all dispersed. They had never expected that Silly Zhao’s crippled father would come back in a car.

If he had come back on foot, they would have seen him from afar. They would not have dared to hit Silly Zhao in front of Uncle Zhao.

Xiao Lingyu also got out of the car very quickly. When she saw the child in Uncle Zhao's arms biting his lips with red eyes, her heart ached terribly.

She quickly rolled up the child's sleeves. There were bruises all over his arms. There were some new scars and old wounds.

Xiao Lingyu immediately shouted angrily, "These children are too much. Where are their parents?"

At this moment, Silly Zhao raised her head and looked at Xiao Lingyu innocently. She said, "Sis... sis... I... I don't... Feel Pain! No... No... Don't... Get Angry!"

Xiao Lingyu covered her mouth, and tears immediately flowed down. She sobbed, "This child is too sensible!"

Uncle Zhao hugged the child and cried silently.

### **Chapter 568: Fruit Tree Blossoms 1**

Xiao Lingyu looked at the wounds on Silly Zhao's body and thought of Xiao Tong in her previous life.

From the moment he was born, Xiao Tong was called a bastard. Children and adults in the village bullied him, causing him to be injured every day. Xiao Tong's heart was always bleeding. However, Xiao Tong was unusually sensible. In order to not let the adults in the family worry, he always said that he fell and injured himself.

Of course, Mother Xiao didn't believe it. However, Xiao Tong never sold out his bullies.

It was not until one time when Mother Xiao came back from working and saw the scene of her grandson being bullied that her eyes flamed. Then, she grabbed the ax and went to demand an explanation. The villagers really got their lesson then.

Mother Xiao warned, "If I hear any of you scold my grandson, hit my grandson, and throw stones at my grandson again, I will sew your mouths and break your limbs. We'll see who will regret it then."

Everyone in the village knew Chen Qiuying's character. She was a woman of her words.

Therefore, everyone in the village told their children, "Don't provoke and hit Xiao Letong. If Auntie Chen breaks your legs, we can't help you."

The children had no idea why they couldn't bully Xiao Letong anymore, but they still heeded the adults' warnings. They stopped scolding Xiao Letong... at least in front of him.

Silly Zhao was in the same situation as Xiao Tong, or perhaps even worse. Back then, Xiao Tong had Mother Xiao to protect him, but Silly Zhao couldn't have his father around him all the time.

Due to various reasons, the villagers at Zhao Family Village liked to bully Silly Zhao. No one was really close to Uncle Zhao. Whenever he went away to work, the villagers would gather to bully Silly Zhao. When Uncle Zhao returned, they would disperse. Uncle Zhao saw the wounds on his son and knew the

truth, but he had no evidence. His son was very sensible and never complained to his father. He knew his father already had a lot of things on his shoulders.

Silly Zhao made Xiao Lingyu cry.

Uncle Zhao held the child with red eyes and cried silently.

Xiao Lingyu did not know how to comfort Uncle Zhao and his son. She said, "Uncle Zhao, pack your things and come to my place. I believe that your son will definitely get better, and your days will also get better."

Xiao Lingyu could only console them this way.

Her spring water had the effect of treating all kinds of diseases. Silly Zhao's fever damaged his brain, and the spring water should be able to heal his brain. However, it would take a long time, perhaps two to three years. Of course, she could not give him a cup of water to drink daily, as she did with Gong Tianhao. Instead, she'd treat them to her family's food.

After Uncle Zhao brought Silly Zhao home, apart from packing up his clothes, he also took some things with him.

Xiao Lingyu saw Uncle Zhao pick up the iron pot and said in amusement, "Uncle, you don't have to bring these things. I'll get someone to buy new ones.

"You can leave these things at home. It'll be easier for you to cook when you come back. I heard that you'd planted three Mus of land. You must come back from time to time to take a look."

Uncle Zhao thought for a moment and said, "Okay, you're right."

He was indescribably touched and said, "Boss Xiao, thank you."

Uncle Zhao was silently packing inside the house, but outside, it was bustling. Many villagers heard that Zhao Xiaojun had come back in a car. They thought that Zhao Xiaojun had struck it rich. Otherwise, how could he come back in a car?

Over the years, there were less than ten people who came to visit Zhao Xiaojun on motorcycles, much less in a car. And most of them were debt-collectors.

"Who came to his house?"

"I don't know. As soon as they got off the car, Zhao Xiaojun and his son started to pack their things. It looks like they are going to leave."

The villagers were slightly puzzled. "Leave? Where are they going?"

"Who knows?"

"I'll go ask him!" A villager said. The moment she walked into the house, she saw a very beautiful woman who was helping Zhao Xiaojun to pack. She was stunned and very surprised. "She is so beautiful. Does she want Zhao Xiaojun to be her in-house husband?"

'But Zhao Xiaojun is disabled and old. He also has an idiot son. Who would want him? Especially not someone as beautiful as this woman.'

The woman said in a mocking tone, "Zhao Xiaojun, why are you and your son packing? Are you going to be this woman's in-house husband?" Then, she didn't wait for Zhao Xiaojun's reply and continued, "I need to advise you. With your conditions, if you marry over, you'll be treated like a slave. Besides, the idiot won't have a good life with you. You should just stay at home to farm the land and raise your fish."

These words sounded kind, but they were plain sarcasm and contempt.

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

"..." Zhao Xiaojun looked at her coldly and said, "Thank you for your good intentions. However, I'm not going to marry. I'm going to work."

When the neighbor heard this, she was shocked and said, "Work? Where are you going to work that you need to pack up your things and bring idiot alone? Doesn't your boss mind the idiot child?"

At this time, Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "I'm sorry, Auntie. I'm Uncle Zhao's new boss. I don't mind the cute child coming to work with Uncle Zhao."

The neighbor was stunned. "You are..."

Someone outside immediately thought of something and said loudly, "I remember now. A few days ago, Xiao Zhengyang from Taoyuan Village came to look for Zhao Xiaojun. He said that he wanted to ask him to raise fish. Could it be true?"

The neighbor blurted out, "Zhao Xiaojun, you're not really going to Taoyuan village to raise fish for Xiao Zhengyang's family, are you?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "That's right."

Hearing Xiao Lingyu's words, the villagers looked at Xiao Lingyu in confusion. "Who are you?" An older woman outside asked loudly.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Oh, let me introduce myself. My name is Xiao Lingyu. I'm the daughter of Xiao Zhengyang from Taoyuan Village. Uncle Zhao was hired by me to raise fish.

"This is long-term work, so naturally, Uncle Zhao needs to stay there for a long time. The child is very sensible. I'm sure he won't be a burden."

The villagers were shocked that the beautiful woman was Xiao Zhengyang's daughter. The villagers knew of Xiao Zhengyang. After all, he was the richest man in the neighboring villages.

When Xiao Zhengyang came to Zhao Xiaojun and asked him to help raise the fish, no one believed it. They didn't think Xiao Zhengyang would want to hire a disabled person to work. However, Xiao Zhengyang's daughter came to fetch Zhao Xiaojun personally, so how could it be false?

Someone immediately asked suspiciously and tentatively, "Miss, how many fish do you have in the pond that you have to hire some to move there to look after them?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "I contracted a reservoir not long ago. I don't know how to raise fish. I heard that Uncle Zhao has experience in raising fish, so my Dad hired Uncle Zhao."

"A reservoir!" Someone exclaimed. "You contracted a large reservoir?!"

"Yes, Auntie, is there a problem?"

"Then how much do you pay per month for someone to look after the fish?" Someone asked.

Xiao Lingyu smiled, "I pay the same amount as the other bosses."

How would these villagers know how much the other bosses pay? In the past, there were people who had asked Zhao Xiaojun to raise fish, but they paid him by the days. They mainly asked Zhao Xiaojun to make fish food.

The villagers wanted to probe for information, but Xiao Lingyu expertly deflected all of them. This made the villagers even more curious.

"Boss, we're done packing. We can go now!" Zhao Xiaojun said.

He was holding the snakeskin woven bags that were normally used by the villagers to store pig feed. These bags were filled with his and his son's clothes and daily necessities.

"Zhao Xiaojun, you've packed so many things. Don't you plan to come back anymore?" Someone asked curiously.

Zhao Xiaojun nodded, "I will come back to look at my fields." He was telling the villagers that he'd come back from time to time. Those who wanted to steal from him should weigh it again.

The villagers immediately got his meaning.

Back then, when his fish died, everyone thought that it was an accident. But Zhao Xiaojun turned and called the police. The truth was his uncle and auntie had poisoned the pond. They were locked up for a few days, and they needed to pay Zhao Xiaojun compensation. Every villager knew about it.

Zhao Xiaojun was a ruthless person. If the things in the field were stolen when he was not at home, he would definitely report it to the police.

The villagers didn't want to end up like Zhao Xiaojun's auntie and uncle. Their money was very precious, and they wouldn't be dumb enough to waste them on police fines.

Zhao Xiaojun and the other two quickly left Zhao Family Village.

After getting into the car, Zhao Xiaojun said gratefully, "Boss Xiao, thank you so much!"

Xiao Lingyu drove the car and shook her head. "Uncle Zhao, there's nothing to thank. It's just a small favor."

Xiao Lingyu sent Zhao Xiaojun to the dormitory and said to the father and son, "Uncle Zhao, you can stay here for now. Let us know if you need anything."

"Okay, thank you, Boss!" Zhao Xiaojun nodded.

After that, Xiao Lingyu left.

Silly Zhao stood beside him and looked at Xiao Lingyu. "Dad, Sis... sis... is... a... Good... person! A... Good... Person!"

Zhao Xiaojun nodded and said, "Yes, you're right. A good person like her will be rewarded."

After that, Xiao Lingyu left the reservoir for Uncle Zhao to take care of.

The reservoir was installed with a thin iron fence to prevent children from getting into the water.

There were 15,000 fish in the reservoir and many kinds of freshwater fish.

Xiao Lingyu would go to the reservoir to take a look from time to time. In fact, she would take the opportunity to pour some spring water into the reservoir.

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After the supermarket opened and the reservoir was contracted, spring arrived. The flowers bloomed.

Over one night, peach, pear, apricot, and other flowers all bloomed.

"Yu 'Er, Yu 'Er, the fruit trees planted last year on the mountain have all bloomed," Xiao Zhengyang, who had gone around the mountain, said excitedly to his daughter the moment he returned home.

All the fruit trees on the mountain had been planted last summer. Furthermore, because of the hot weather, Gong Tianhao had specially invited two planting experts and professors from the Beijing Academy of Agricultural Sciences to come over and guide them.

Xiao Lingyu knew that the fruit trees would bloom around this time.

"I thought they wouldn't bloom so early. Even if they did, I was only expecting a few blooms. But actually, the whole mountain is blooming!" Xiao Zhengyang could not help but say excitedly.

How could he not be excited?

Among all the projects that Xiao Lingyu had invested in, fruit trees were the ones with the largest investment.

They had contracted six mountains, covering an area of more than 10,000 Mus, and planted more than 10,000 fruit trees.

Some of these fruit trees were more common in their areas, such as peaches, oranges, and grapefruits.

There were also some fruit trees that were not common in their area, such as arhat fruits, ginseng fruits, and so on.

But no matter what kind of fruit tree it was, Xiao Lingyu valued it very much, so naturally, the members of the Xiao family also valued it.

After Xiao Zhengyang was excited for a while, he came back to his senses and asked, "Yu 'Er, some fruit trees will only produce better fruits after three years. Our family's fruit trees are only one year old. Will the fruits taste good?"



Xiao Lingyu said, "Our fruit trees are prime selections. Their fruits will taste amazing." In reality, she was telling Father Xiao that the trees were raised with spring water, so there was no problem.

Father Xiao said with some worry, "Yu 'Er, the things our family grows are so special. I don't think Little Light will be a sufficient excuse anymore."

Xiao Lingyu nodded. "Dad, it'll be fine. I've thought about this problem before, and I'll think of a way to deal with it. In the future, we'll take it one step at a time and see how far we can go!"

Father Xiao said worriedly, "Yu 'Er, why don't we take a low profile for now or else..." something bad might really happen.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Dad, it's already very difficult to stop now. If we stop now, won't it make people more suspicious?" At this point, she comforted Father Xiao and said, "Dad, don't worry. We have Grandpa Gong and Tianhao's men protecting us now. Nothing will happen."

Xiao Tong, who followed his grandmother outside to look at the flowers, magnified his spiritual sense and heard the conversation between his mother and Grandpa. He thought to himself, 'I have to become strong as soon as possible. However, to become strong, I have to enter my mother's space. But how to do that...'

## **Chapter 569: Fruit Tree Blooms 2**

The fruit trees in the mountains were blooming.

The flowers covered the mountains with bright red and pure white. At a glance, it was a beautiful sea of flowers.

What if a beauty appeared in the Sea of Flowers?

Was she a flower fairy?

A tourist inadvertently took a picture of this scene.

A girl dressed in plain clothes stood beside the peach tree, looking at the pink peach blossoms in full bloom.

The peach blossom was beautiful, and the beauty was smiling!

When this photo was posted on the social forum by the tourist, the internet was impressed and curious about this photo.

"OP, did you photoshop this picture? Where did you find so many peach blossoms?"

"I agree. I bet my forum karma that this picture is photoshopped!"

"Yes!"

"I've traveled all over the country. I haven't encountered a place as beautiful as this. So this has to be photoshopped!"

"It's so beautiful. Are those peach blossoms? This is the first time I've seen so many peach blossoms."

“Did you notice the beauty in the picture? She’s amazing.”

“What is this place? Does this paradise really exist?”

“OP, tell us. Where is this place?”

“I also want to go to Peach Blossom Paradise!”

“Beauty, peach blossom, I’m coming!”

After seeing these comments, the OP silently wrote down the address and said, “Taoyuan Village, it’s really a paradise.”

“So is this place called Taoyuan Village?”

“Hey, does anyone know where the Taoyuan Village is on the map?”

“Taoyuan Village, I’m coming!”

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Xiao Lingyu was a little troubled at this moment.

Why?

Over these past few days, Xiao Tong had been overly attached to her. This was something that had never happened before.

Before this, Xiao Tong was basically raised by his grandmother. Xiao Lingyu loved her son, but she spent more time on her work.

Mother Xiao tried to grab Xiao Tong away, and Xiao Tong started to cry again. She frowned and said worriedly, “What’s wrong with Tong ‘Er? Normally, he doesn’t stick to you that much. Why is he crying non-stop when he can’t see you, hug you or hold you these few days?”

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

Mother Xiao glared at her and immediately said in a threatening voice, “You’re the mother. How could you not know?”

Xiao Lingyu, “...” Mom... You’re the one who has been taking care of Xiao Tong most of the time. You should know Xiao Tong the best.

But at the same time, Xiao Lingyu’s became a little gloomy. They were also filled with guilt. She had been Xiao Tong’s mother for two lifetimes.

In her previous life, she had ignored her responsibility as a mother.

In this life, she swore to love Xiao Tong, but the sudden car accident changed everything. It made her realize that she needed to be strong. To get stronger, something had to be sacrificed. In this case, it was time with her son.

Xiao Lingyu sighed and said, “Mom, perhaps Xiao Tong wants me to accompany him.” Xiao Lingyu was silent for a moment. She thought for a while and said, “Xiao Tong is already six months old. This is when

most kids are growing their teeth. They'll become quite clingy then. Do you think that's what is happening with Xiao Tong?"

Xiao Lingyu lowered her head, but Xiao Tong pursed his lips tightly. His big bright eyes were staring at Xiao Lingyu.

"Xiao Tong, be good. Come, open your mouth. Mommy wants to look at your teeth. Are they growing?" Xiao Lingyu coaxed him softly.

Xiao Tong did not open his mouth.

After that, Xiao Lingyu coaxed him a few times, but Xiao Tong still refused.

Xiao Lingyu said helplessly, "Mom, if Xiao Tong doesn't open his mouth, I won't be able to do anything."

Mother Xiao said, "Xiao Tong is usually very sensible. He'll listen to us. Why is it that he's not listening to you?" Without waiting for Xiao Lingyu to answer, Mother Xiao scolded again, "Xiao Tong must be blaming you for not spending enough time with him. That's why he is throwing a tantrum and is not willing to listen to you."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

It wasn't that she didn't want to spend time with him on purpose.

She... she just wanted to be strong!

And the only way to be strong was to be rich!

After lecturing Xiao Lingyu, Mother Xiao turned to Xiao Tong and said gently, "Tong Tong, come on. Open your mouth. Let Grandma see your teeth teeth."

Xiao Tong really wanted to roll his eyes when he heard the babyism.

He was not a little baby. He had lived for thousands of years and was older than all of them.

But...

Xiao Tong sighed and thought to himself, 'But I am indeed a little baby now.'

Normally, Xiao Tong would obey his grandmother.

But this time...

"Eh, Xiao Tong didn't want to open his mouth?!" Mother Xiao was really a little surprised when she saw her grandson's disobedience. Then, a worried expression appeared on her face.

She reached out and touched Xiao Tong's forehead, then touched his back. She frowned slightly and said, "There's no fever. There's no cough, runny nose, or anything like that. But why is Xiao Tong acting so abnormally? Is it because he's teething?"

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Mother Xiao examined Xiao Tong's entire body and did not find anything strange. She could only blame the mother.

Xiao Lingyu, "... I don't know anything.

Xiao Tong, "... I didn't do it on purpose.

"Come, Xiao Tong, be obedient. Open your mouth and let Grandma take a look, okay? It won't hurt you," Mother Xiao said gently again.

"..." Xiao Tong. Perhaps Grandma is right. Xiao Tong used his tongue to touch his gums. It felt hard and sharp.

Then, Xiao Tong was very obedient and opened his mouth.

Xiao Lingyu, "... did this little brat have to be so rude to his mother?

No matter how she tried to coax him, he would not open his mouth. However, when it was her mother's turn, after coaxing him twice, he obediently opened his mouth.

"Eh, he's really teething." Mother Xiao looked at the child's gums and saw that there was a little bit of whiteness. She touched it with her hand, and it was very hard. They were new teeth.

Mother Xiao said, "Yu 'Er, it is very uncomfortable when the child is teething. That's why he's so clingy to you. These few days, don't go up the mountain. Stay at home and take good care of the child."

Her words were clearly an order that had no room for negotiation.

Xiao Lingyu was silent for a moment before she nodded and said, "Alright. I'll take care of the child these few days."

Ever since she gave birth to Xiao Tong, she did not seem to have taken care of him properly for a single day. Since he was so clingy to her now, she might as well take a break and accompany her son.

When Mother Xiao heard Xiao Lingyu's promise, she sighed in relief. Then she warned, "Then, you better do a good job. If I find out you've mistreated my eldest grandson, I'll smack you."

"..." Xiao Lingyu was a little speechless as she said, "Mom, Xiao Tong is my son, so why would I mistreat him?"

"You still have the face to say that!" Mother Xiao glared at her. "You haven't taken good care of Xiao Tong since he was born. It must be why he's sticking so close to you now." After saying that, Mother Xiao pinched the tip of Xiao Tong's little nose gently and scolded him with a smile, "You little devil, Grandma has been taking care of you for half a year, but you still stick to your mother when you're teething." Her tone was obviously a little jealous.

Xiao Tong, "..."

'I'm sorry, Grandma.

'You're my favorite and most beloved Grandma. Of course, I want to be close to you.

'It's just that as mom's farming business grows bigger and bigger, it'll definitely attract the attention of others.

'So, in order to properly protect you and Grandpa, as well as everyone else, I need to enter Mom's space to cultivate. At the very least, I need to reach the stage where no one can harm us anymore.'

Xiao Tong's plan was to stick to Xiao Lingyu, because eventually, she'd bring him into the farming space. The time flow inside the space was different from outside. He could cultivate well there.

Actually, ever since Xiao Tong was born, Xiao Lingyu would occasionally let him enter the space to take a look and recuperate.

Xiao Ling said that the spiritual energy in this space could strengthen the child's body. However, she was worried that it would not be good for Xiao Tong's body if she stayed for too long, so she often stayed there for only a short period before she carried him out again.

This meant that Xiao Tong wouldn't have the chance to absorb enough spiritual energy before he was forced out by his mother.

Therefore, it made the child feel a little depressed.

However, he was just a little baby and could not do anything.

But now, overhearing the worries of his grandfather, Xiao Tong had to work hard and cultivate in the space to become stronger. Therefore, he had been throwing a tantrum. He would cry whenever his mother didn't carry him!

It pained his heart to do this to his grandmother.

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Since Xiao Lingyu had decided to take care of the child properly, she had to deal with the matters at hand first. She made many phone calls. "Hello. Yaozu, I'm not going to City Z this week. Push the house-viewing to later. Oh. It's Xiao Tong. He's teething, and he refuses to let me go. I plan to accompany him. Okay. Good..."

Xiao Tong sucked on the bottle as he listened to his mother make the calls one by one. Xiao Tong nodded in satisfaction.

After Xiao Lingyu hung up the phone, she saw that Xiao Tong had just finished drinking the milk.

She took off the bottle that Xiao Tong was holding and pinched his little nose. She smiled and said, "You're so clingy. Now mommy will accompany you properly, okay?"

Then, she mumbled to herself. "Where shall we go to play?" Suddenly, she felt the pain around her neck. She lowered her head and saw Xiao Tong holding onto her jade pendant tightly.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Xiao Tong, let go. You'll hurt mommy pulling on the necklace so hard."

However, Xiao Tong didn't listen. He pulled harder. He wanted to yank the jade pendant down.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Xiao Tong, let go. Do you want to play with the pendant? Okay. Mommy will take off the pendant for you once you let go."

Xiao Tong seemed to understand.

He really let go.

Xiao Lingyu secretly let out a sigh of relief. If Xiao Tong continued to drag her like this, her neck would really break.

She did not know how an infant at such a young age could have such strength.

But the jade pendant on her neck was not something that could be played with casually. What if the jade pendant broke?

However, when Xiao Lingyu met her son's big, shiny eyes, she could only sigh softly and say, "Alright, I'll let you play with it, but you have to be careful."

Xiao Lingyu moved to remove the jade pendant. But at that moment, Xiao Tong suddenly jumped up in excitement. His two chubby hands reached out to grab the jade pendant.

Xiao Lingyu was shocked and immediately hugged the child with both hands. But before she could hold the child properly, the child's hands closed around the jade pendant.

But before she could react, Xiao Tong was gone.

Gone!

Xiao Lingyu panicked and shouted, "Baby, where are you?"

After shouting, she looked down at the jade pendant on her neck and calmed down.

She thought to herself, 'Could it be that Xiao Tong can enter the space by himself?' No, I better go in and take a look.

Then, Xiao Lingyu entered the space as well.

After entering the space, she saw Xiao Tong lying on the lawn. He was looking at Xiao Ling and giggling loudly.

Xiao Ling squatted on the ground and played with the child. When she saw Xiao Lingyu enter, she asked, "Master, Little Master is so cute now! He even knows how to laugh."

Xiao Lingyu picked the child up from the ground and said, "Baby, you suddenly disappeared. It really scared me to death. I didn't expect you to enter the space on your own."

Xiao Ling was stunned when she heard that.

Then, he asked in surprise, "Master, what do you mean by that? Do you mean that you didn't send little master into the space, but he came in on his own?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "That's right!"

How was that possible? Xiao Ling was the spirit of the space, and he knew that no one could enter this space without the permission of his master. So how did his master do this?

Xiao Ling stared at the cute face of the Little Master with confusion.