

**Chapter 611: Plan**

When Xiao Lingyu arrived at the village chief's house, he heard someone say loudly, "That place clearly belongs to me. I even planted two trees there as a symbol."

"Those two trees were planted by the battalion when they stopped at our village. When did they become yours? Let me tell you. My family's land is past those two trees."

They were quarreling non-stop.

"Shut up!" The village chief said very calmly and with a dignified tone, "Enough! It's not up to you to decide whose land this is. Take out your family's land certificate and measure the land. What's the point of fighting?"

The village chief's words were not wrong. The villagers quieted down. Their lands were connected. Once they took out their land certificate and did the measurements, everything would be clear. This was nothing to argue about.

However, the problem was that the two families had lost their land certificates. They wanted to renew the certificates, and both families wanted more land. It led to this dispute.

"You have lost your land certificates, but the records are still in the files of the village committee. None of you can get any more land for yourselves," the village chief said sharply.

The faces of the two families turned red, and they were a little embarrassed.

"This... this... I clearly remember that I have 5.6 Fen of land." One of them mumbled embarrassedly, "But now, it's only 5.4 Fen."

"It doesn't matter how you remember it." the village chief said seriously, "We talk with evidence. Or else what kind of rules will we have in the village?"

The others also echoed, "That's indeed the case."

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When Xiao Lingyu and mother Xiao rushed over, they heard such discussions.

Mother Xiao, "..."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

This was nothing serious.

Xiao Liang's anxious words gave them a fright.

The mother and daughter's arrival quickly caught the villagers' attention.

Someone immediately asked, "Lingyu, the land has been measured. When can we get the money?" This was the question that most people were concerned about.

"Yeah. When can we get the money?" Another person asked.

Some of them had calculated before. This time, they would get more than the mountain rental. They could do many things with the money.

As for the share investments, most villagers were not interested. They weren't sure if Xiao Lingyu would succeed or not. If she failed, they would have lost out a lot. Therefore, they felt safer having the money in their hands. If Xiao Lingyu failed, they at least still had the money.

Most villagers made this choice because they were too short-sighted. They could only see the immediate benefits and not the long-term benefits.

"Lingyu, we don't want money. We just want to use this money to buy shares!" Someone heard the analysis of Xiao Lingyu, the village chief, and the others and felt that buying shares were a very feasible thing.

If this project failed, they would not suffer much loss.

But if it succeeded, it would be a good thing for their future generations.

"Lingyu, how many shares can I get with my family's land?"

"Lingyu, can I use only a portion of my rent to invest?"

Without waiting for Xiao Lingyu's response, everyone started asking questions.

Xiao Lingyu waved her hand and said, "Uncles, Aunties, don't be anxious. This matter will be taken care of in the next few days. This takes time. I hope everyone will be patient."

"Of course!" Everyone nodded. Xiao Lingyu was basically giving them money.

Xiao Lingyu rented the lands, but no one needed to move. The land would still be theirs. They could do anything they wanted. They would still farm, but they needed to farm certain specific crops. After all, if this was going to be a tourist destination, aesthetics were important. But the crops would belong to the farmers themselves. Who wouldn't be happy about this?

Xiao Lingyu reminded them again, "Also, I hope everyone can use these days to think carefully. Do you want to take the money directly or use it to invest in shares? Village chief, I'll have to trouble you to make the calculation."

The village chief laughed and said, "It's no trouble. This is my job. Alright. There's no need to stand here anymore. Go home and think about it carefully. Do you want to take the money or invest in the shares?"

The village chief also kindly reminded them, "Actually, I'm suggesting that we all invest in the shares. If we invest in the shares, we can wait to receive dividends every year to benefit our future generations.

"You can take the money now to buy a house, marry a wife, and so on. You might even have leftovers to buy a car.

"But what about in a few years? Will you still have a lot of money?"

"A few years ago, we could only get a few RMB a day, but now we get 30 RMB a day.

“However, this is not an increase. 30 RMB now is not worth more than a few RMB back then. Back then, pork cost only 1.50 RMB a catty, but now it’s 5 RMB per catty. Everything has increased in price. But the money is still the same.

“Three years ago, 10,000 was more than enough to build a house and marry a wife. But now, you can’t do the same with 10,000. Lingyu, what... is this called again?”

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, “This is the devaluation of the currency!”

“Devaluation of the currency?” The villagers were confused.

Xiao Lingyu explained, “It means that you’ll have the same money, but the price of goods is constantly increasing. Of course, this is only the normal growth and devaluation of the economic conditions.

“Just like what the village chief said, three years ago, for 10,000 RMB, you could marry a wife and build a house. After three years, for 10,000, you could only build half a house or marry a wife. Three years later, you won’t even be able to build half a house with 10,000.”

The village chief said, “The investment is more worth it. We are using money to generate money. If you keep the money, it’ll only depreciate in value!”

The villagers were silent. They understood this, but they were worried that Xiao Lingyu would fail. If that happened, all their money would be gone.

“Alright, everyone, go back and think about it carefully. Three days later, come to my place, and we’ll do the statistics!” The village chief said.

After everyone returned, the village chief said to Xiao Lingyu, “Lingyu, is there any problem with this project? I heard that...” he had also heard that this proposal faced some problems with the city council.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, “Village chief, don’t worry. Everything has been resolved.”

The village chief immediately said excitedly, “Good, that’s good. That’s great!”

Taoyuan Village was not an official tourist yet, but there were already a few visitors because of the mountains of flowers. However, Xiao Lingyu did charge a small entrance fee for those who wanted to go up the mountains. After all, these people would inadvertently trample some stuff. Xiao Lingyu wouldn’t suffer the loss for anything.

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Ten days later, Xiao Lingyu received the news that the project had been approved. County leader Qian, the officials, and other friends all came to congratulate her. They also expressed great confidence in the project and would lend any help if needed.

Xiao Lingyu expressed her gratitude.

At the same time, the 30 jars of health wine that were sent to City Z became really popular.

Mother Li was very vain. After she promised others, she forced Li Xuefeng to ask for more health wine.

Li Xuefeng directly ordered 20 jars from Xiao Lingyu. Of them, 12 jars were given by Mother Li to her friends and relatives. He kept the remaining eight jars for his family.

However, after Mother Li's friends and families drank the wine, they were shocked by its effect. In the past, they envied Mother Li for suddenly being young and energetic. Now, after drinking the wine, they also felt the same. They felt that they were getting younger!

Therefore, after knowing that Mother Li still had some jars of wine at her home, they wanted to get them from her.

Mother Li was very protective of the remaining jars. She didn't dare to give them away anymore. Otherwise, she would be scolded to death by her husband and son.

Then, someone wanted to find out the source of the health wine from Mother Li.

However, mother Li didn't know either.

Mother Li also wanted to get the source of the health wine from her son. However, she didn't expect that her son, who had always been obedient to her, would refuse to tell her. She was so angry that she couldn't eat for several days.

Mother Li said, "Son, where did you get this health wine from?"

Li Xuefeng said impatiently, "Mom, I've told you. They're from a normal friend."

Mother Li's face darkened, and said with dissatisfaction, "Son, is there something strange about the source of this wine? Why can't you tell me?"

Li Xuefeng asked sharply, "Mom, so what if I tell you? Are you going to buy them in bulk and give them away again?"

Mother Li said with an embarrassed expression, "Why not? Didn't you say that these wines aren't expensive at all? It's only 200 RMB per jar. If we buy them and give them to our relatives and friends, then we'll earn face and favor. It's killing two birds with one stone. Isn't that great, son?"

Li Xuefeng, "..."

His mother had become younger, but her brain was getting duller.

## **Chapter 612: Have A Taste!**

"OI Fan, why do I feel like you've been getting more and more energetic lately?"

In City J's government family company's courtyard, two old men were playing chess on a stone table. Two old men sat next to them.

The two old men looked to be in their sixties or seventies. Their hair was a little gray. One of them was wearing a navy blue mandarin jacket, while the other was wearing a dark red tang suit with golden edges. Both of them looked very energetic.

The one who asked the question was Elder Ding in the navy blue mandarin jacket. Elder Su immediately added, "Yes, OI Fan. In the past, you and your wife would start complaining about tiredness after

dancing in the square a few times. But you two have danced for an hour, and you don't even lack a breath."

Elder He added, "Have you noticed that Ol Fan appeared to have become younger than before? His face is glowing red.

"Ol Fan, tell me. What kind of magical pill you and your wife have been taking? Why don't you share it with the rest of us?" Of course, he was only joking about the magical pill. The elders were indifferent to death, but who wouldn't want to live longer?

Therefore, many elders would fork out money to buy health products. They would sometimes spend all of their money on some pills claimed to be able to cure all illnesses. There were many such cases on the news.

The elders were not as crazy as those people, but they still bought a lot of health care products. As for the effects...

Now that they saw Ol Fan and his wife getting younger, they couldn't help but ask.

Ol Fan said with a smile. "There's no magical pill. My son has sent back two jars of fruit wine from City Z. The wife and I drink a small cup every night. It helps with sleeping, and we'd feel refreshed the next day."

"What kind of health wine?" Elder Ding asked with a smile. "We've drunk all kinds of health wine before, but we haven't seen an effect as good as yours."

Elder Fan thought about it and said, "Wait here!" He abandoned the match and left.

"Hey, Ol Fan, we're still in the middle of chess. Where are you going? Plus, weren't we discussing the wine?" Elder Su called out to Elder Fan.

Elder Fan waved his hand and said, "I'm going home. I'll be back soon. Wait for me. Also, I haven't finished playing that game yet. Wait for me to come back."

The three elders asked suspiciously, "What do you think Ol Fan is up to?"

"Do you think..."

They shared a look and agreed on the reason. After waiting for a while, Ol Fan reappeared.

As they guessed, Ol Fan went home and brought the wine over.

"Old Man, bring the wine back!" Ol Fan was followed by an old lady who was yelling at Ol Fan.

Ol Fan said, "I'm going to bring the wine over for those old coots to taste. I'll make them jealous." These elders still liked to show off.

When Madam Fan heard this, she was so angry that she stomped her feet. She said loudly, "There's not much wine in two jars, to begin with. If you let them taste it, how much will we have left? Old man, bring it back, or else..."

However, by then, Ol Fan had already reached the group of elders. Madam Fan was speechless. To preserve her husband's face, she stopped threatening him. However, her eyes were fixed on the wine jar in Ol Fan's hand.

"I say, sister, we'll only have a small taste. Why are you so nervous?" Elder Ding said with a smile.

Madam Fan replied with a fake smile, "Ol Ding, you might not know this, but we don't have much wine left. I'm afraid that the old man will waste it."

Elder He's eyes flashed. This wine had to be something old, or else their sister Fan wouldn't guard this so tightly. Normally, she was very concerned about Ol Fan's face, but today she was yelling at him on the street.

When Ol Fan heard his wife, he immediately said indignantly, "How would I waste it? I'm just going to give these old fellows some wine to taste."

Madam Fan nodded. "Fine. Give me the jar, and I'll serve them." She predicted that the jar would go missing once the old fellows tasted the wine, so it was safer for her to keep it.

Ol Fan held the jar and said, "It's alright. We can do it ourselves." Then, he poured a cup... I mean, half a cup for each of his friends. He was going to pour a full cup, but his wife said, "Since they're only going to taste, half a cup is enough." Then, she glared at Ol Fan.

Being threatened, Ol Fan could only oblige.

The three elders, "... " Staring at the half cup of fruit wine, the three of them thought in unison, 'This is too stingy.'

Plus, they were not even using normal cups but tea cups. Half a teacup was barely a mouthful!

"Hmm. It smells so good!" Elder Ding sniffed at the wine.

"Yes!" The others echoed.

Ol Fan held the wine jar and said proudly, "This wine smells good, right? Let me tell you. This wine tastes even better. All of you, try it!"

Madam Fan saw that her husband was still holding the wine jar. She was anxious. She directly snatched the wine jar and said with a smile, "Since everyone has had a taste, I'll bring this back now!" Then, without waiting for these people to react, she directly carried the wine jar and quickly left.

The three elders, "... " This woman is too stingy. Isn't this just normal health wine? What's so great about it?

However, when they lifted their cup and tasted the wine, their opinion changed.

"This wine is so fragrant and delicious. Don't you feel that once you drink it, your chest will feel like it has opened up?" Elder He said.

"Indeed. I also have the same feeling!" The others agreed.

Then, the three of them faced Elder Fan. "Ol Fan, you're too unkind. How can you hide such a good thing from us? This is a good wine. You should share it with your friends."

"Exactly. No wonder you look energetic and flushed every day."

"Ol Fan, where did you get this health wine? Can you get me two jars to try? Didn't you say that if you drink this wine, you'll sleep well at night? Recently, I've been suffering from insomnia."

"Ol Ding, why are you suffering from insomnia? Are you overthinking things?" Elder He joked.

"I'm getting old. Isn't it normal to have insomnia?"

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"No, we have no more. Hurry up and leave!" The roars came from Ol Fan's house. These days, there had been constant shouting from his house.

Ol Ding, Ol Su, and Ol He had mastered a very thick skin.

"Ol Fan, we just want to drink with you. Do you need to be so stingy?" Ol Ding smiled. "You can always ask Little Fan to buy more for you. Oh, right. Can you ask him to buy some for us too?"

Ol Fan was so angry that he stomped his feet. He pointed at the three old men and said loudly, "How am I stingy? Ever since I gave you a taste of this wine, you thick-skinned people have been coming to my house to report every day. You've drunk so much that my house has less than half a jar left. You have no idea how mad my wife is!"

Ol Fan was a little regretful in his heart.

If he had known that these old fellows were so difficult to deal with, he wouldn't have given them the wine to taste.

Now, after being harassed by them, Ol Fan only had half a jar of wine left. His wife was so angry with him that she didn't want to speak to him anymore.

"Furthermore, do you think this wine is easy to find? If it is, wouldn't I have asked my son to buy more a long time ago?" Ol Fan said angrily, "My son said he is having a hard time buying them too. So if you want to drink the wine, have your children buy them for you!"

"But we don't even know where you can buy the wine!"

"Go and have your children ask around!"

### **Chapter 613: Return to China**

"By the way, have you guys called Little Fan?"

"Yes. Little Fan said he'd try his best to get the wines for us."

"Good. The damn Ol Fan is so stingy. It's just some wine, but he hides it like gold."

"We'll ask for it directly from his son!"

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Inside City Z's city council, the secretary saw Leader Fan's annoyed expression, and she asked very carefully, "Big leader, is there something wrong?"

'Big Leader Fan's expression was a little ugly. Could it be that something bad had happened?'

Leader Fan put down the phone and told the secretary, "It's nothing. Secretary Zhang, you can leave first!"

"Yes!"

After the secretary left, Leader Fan rubbed his forehead and said helplessly, "I knew dad wouldn't be able to keep it a secret!" He had warned his father multiple times to keep the wine away from the others. In the end, the others still found out.

It wasn't that he didn't want to buy the wines, but the wine seller... People could easily misconstrue this as him taking bribes...

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After Xiao Lingyu came out of the space, she opened her phone and saw a missed call.

"Leader Fan, why did you call?" Xiao Lingyu dialed back in confusion. "Leader Fan, there was no signal just now, so I didn't receive your call," Xiao Lingyu said with a smile.

Fan Shili asked directly, "Boss Xiao, how much fruit wine do you have left?"

"..." Xiao Lingyu. It's still about this.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Leader Fan, how much do you want?"

Fan Shili thought for a moment and asked, "How much do you charge for a jar now?"

"It's still 200 per jar!" Xiao Lingyu said.

"Okay, sell me 20 jars!" Fan Shili placed the order and said. He wanted to buy more since it wasn't that expensive.

"..." Xiao Lingyu nodded. "Okay!" After hanging up, Xiao Lingyu said helplessly, "Do I have to specially prepare a shop to sell health wine?" But after thinking for a while, she said, "Forget it."

She would only sell these wines to her friends and acquaintances.

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In the VIP Ward of Saint Deburg Hospital in Country M, a handsome young man was lying on a bed. His face was slightly pale, and there was a tube inserted into his body.

Situ Xing walked into the ward and closed the door.

Then, he sat by the bed and pulled down his mask. He looked at the man lying on the bed and said, "Boss, you've been lying on the bed for almost a year. Don't you miss sister-in-law and your son? If you continue to sleep like this, your wife and son will become someone else's wife and someone else's son."

As Situ Xing said this, he took out a small glass bottle from his pocket.



He unscrewed the bottle cap and pinched Gong Tianhao's tightly pursed lips lightly and accurately. He immediately opened it.

Then, the water in the bottle was poured into his mouth bit by bit. In the end, he poured all of it into his mouth.

After letting go of Gong Tianhao's mouth, Situ Xing continued to speak, "Although your son is only one year old, I heard that he is very smart. He can speak in eight months, walk in nine months, and run in ten months. He is such a genius that he can converse with adults with no problem. Boss, I really envy you. How did you give birth to such a smart and cute son?"

"Boss, I have recently made great progress in the tissue recovery research. With this magical water and my research, I believe you'll wake up soon."

Speaking up to this point, Situ Xing thought for a while and said, "Boss, sister-in-law misses you very much. She wants to fly over to take care of you, but for the sake of your baby, she can only bear with it!"

Situ Xing fed Gong Tianhao some water and nagged a few more words before leaving.

The medicine to repair the tissue cells had made great progress, but it was still too slow for Situ Xing. The longer Gong Tianhao lay there, the greater the possibility of him losing his memory. It would take a long time for him to recover.

Situ Xing sighed. "Boss' love sure is rocky."

After being single for 28 years, he finally fell in love with a woman. He even got married and had a child. However, he instantly had a car accident.

When Situ Xing returned to the research room, his sharp eyes scanned the surroundings and shouted loudly, "Who's there?"

Then, a person walked out from behind the mechanical equipment. Situ Xing immediately said angrily, "Gong Yinxiong, who are you trying to scare? Can't you just wait at the door? What if you destroy my equipment? Do you know the consequences?"

The tall and cold Gong Yinxiong completely ignored Situ Xing's anger.

He said directly, "I'm going back to China!"

Situ Xing, who was about to scold him, suddenly froze.

He asked in a daze, "You... You're going back to China. Why?"

Gong Yinxiong looked at him like he was an idiot.

"Hey, what's with that look?" Situ Xing almost stomped his feet and asked.

He and Gong Yinxiong were always arguing. They had a lot of fights. If not for the urgent situation, they would be in a fight already.

Gong Yinxiong said, "I received orders from the old master to go back and secretly protect sister-in-law."

“Ah?” Situ Xing asked with some confusion, “Haven’t we already sent people to secretly protect her? Why is the old master sending you over personally? Could it be...” Situ Xing suddenly widened his eyes and revealed a worried look. He said, “Could it be that some people in the capital have found out about sister-in-law’s identity?”

Gong Yingxiong frowned and said, “The old master said that sister-in-law’s business is getting bigger and bigger. Moreover, everything she produces is extraordinary. Someone has been watching her in secret.”

Situ Xing suddenly came to a realization and said in disbelief, “Do you mean...”

The person the old master mentioned was definitely not an ordinary person. It must be someone with a certain level of power and status.

Gong Yinxiong nodded and said, “Yes!”

“Damn those bastards!” Situ Xing suddenly cursed, “Do they still need money? Why would they have their eyes on a few countryside land? How much would they earn from it?”

After Situ Xing finished cursing, he noticed Gong Yinxiong looking at him like he was an idiot.

Situ Xing was baffled. He asked, “What kind of look is that?”

Gong Yinxiong asked, “How long has it been since you’ve seen the Chinese News? Do you know how much the land you mentioned is worth now?”

“Huh?” Situ Xing was confused and asked, “How much is it?”

“It’s worth hundreds of millions now!” Gong Yinxiong hit him hard. “In just two to three months, it went from a countryside farm worth tens of millions to a tourist farm worth hundreds of millions!”

100 million was only one-thousandth of what the Gong group was worth. However, the Gong Group had years of background and power behind it. It had taken more than ten years to build to this scale.

However, Xiao Lingyu started her business from scratch. Plus, she was only starting. Therefore, she had accrued hundreds of millions of assets from nothing. All of them came from her extraordinary agricultural products. There would be people who would buy those things no matter how expensive they were.

She could set a higher price, and people would still buy them. Naturally, Xiao Lingyu was being targeted by others.

If she only had normal people targeting her, it would be fine. Xiao Lingyu would be able to resolve it by herself.

The business world was like a battlefield. Xiao Lingyu would have to adapt to it eventually.

However, there were some threats that could endanger her family. These had to be resolved by Old Master Gong’s people.

The reason why grandfather Gong sent Gong Yinxiong back to protect Xiao Lingyu was that he had received news that a few families with a certain amount of power wanted to make a move against Xiao Lingyu.

Grandfather Gong couldn't send people around him to protect Xiao Lingyu. This would alert those who had been keeping an eye on the Gong family.

Therefore, Old Master Gong sent Gong Tianhao's people.

After Gong Tianhao's accident, Gong Yingxiong immediately returned to the headquarters of the Dragon Group and made some preparations. He also had to protect Gong Tianhao at all times. He had already taken down a few people who tried to assassinate Gong Tianhao.

Therefore, Gong Yingxiong hadn't been idle for the past year. He had been busy.

He felt easy leaving because he had scared back most of the assassins. Plus, the Dragon Group and Situ Xing would be there to take care of Gong Tianhao.

Gong Yingxiong said, "I'll go and protect sister-in-law. I'll leave Boss's safety to you."

Situ Xing nodded seriously and said, "Yes, I'll definitely protect Boss's safety!"

#### **Chapter 614: Changes in Taoyuan Village**

The current Taoyuan Village was no longer a poor and backward village but a thriving tourist village. Every family had entered a well-off life. Every family had built a new house, and many families had bought new cars.

The young people who worked outside had long returned.

Now that their families were not short on money and they could earn money at home, naturally, most of them were willing to return. This meant that the elders had more free time to stroll around.

The large camphor tree at the village entrance was the place where these elders gathered to chat. At the same time, it also became the place where tourists would rest and take photos.

When the peach blossom bloomed in the village, it attracted many tourists. Many people could not help but be attracted by the beautiful scenery here. In the era of advanced Internet technology, many people liked to share the most beautiful scenery.

It was how Taoyuan Village became known to the outside world. More and more visitors came. There were backpackers, organized tour buses, and even business vacation groups.

Before the development started, the village was already becoming famous for its tourism. Even though Taoyuan Village had not officially opened for business yet, groups of tourists came one after another.

The tourists had to buy a ticket to visit the orchard, but they could visit the other places for free. They were not allowed to visit the orchard when new seeds were being planted. To Xiao Lingyu, every plant in the orchard was very precious.

Some of these tourists were very well-mannered, and they would pay attention after a reminder.

However, some tourists were not well-mannered, and they thought that since they had bought tickets, they were entitled to everything. Naturally, they didn't pay much attention to the crops.

In the proposal, Xiao Lingyu's orchard would become one of the tourist attractions. Therefore, before the tourist farm opened for business, Xiao Lingyu had planned out all the tour routes of the orchard. The route allowed the visitors to appreciate the natural beauty of the orchard while taking care of the plants.

In these three months, the orchard, the Water-spitting Lion, the fungus-picking, the terraced fields, the sea of flowers, and all kinds of planned crops in the fields had all become the features of Taoyuan Village.

In order to make the village more unique, some of the old houses were kept to provide that rustic feel.

These thatched cottages were rented for the tourists to stay in, but they were very clean and tidy inside. The wooden beds, tables, and chairs were painted red. There were some old antiques like washbasin rack and so on. There was a layer of straw under the mat. It was very soft and comfortable. This was the most simplistic comfort of the countryside.

There were also two types of thatched cottages.

One was for short-term tenants!

The other was for long-term tenants!

Short-term tenants would stay for one or two days and leave.

Long-term tenants could stay for much longer. They would be given a plot of land to farm and they could take away any of the crops grown by themselves.

Most of the short-term tenants were tourists.

As for long-term tenants, most of them are those who have money and power or retirees.

After they retired, they had nothing to do, so they could come here to recuperate. They could also farm to kill time. This was a real rural life, but it was a lot less taxing than actual farming work.

Many tourists are particularly interested in this experience.

However, to experience this kind of life, the price was quite high too.

Short-term lodging cost 299 RMB per night, including four meals.

Long-term lodging cost 9999 per month. Other than four meals per day, they were given two Fen of land. During the period of tenancy, the right to use the land was with the guest. They could do anything they wanted. If the guest had to leave during this period, they didn't need to worry. Their rooms would be reserved and their land would be taken care of. Furthermore, those who could afford the long-term lodging didn't really care about the price.

Many were extremely interested in the thatched cottage and the whole package. There were many people who wanted to live in such cottages. However, Xiao Lingyu only built 30 of these thatched cottages.

15 short-term guest cottages and 15 long-term guest cottages. There were single rooms, double rooms, and family houses. The price was different based on the sizes.

30 thatched cottages were not enough for guests. Therefore, whether it was short-term or long-term, the guests had to book the place in advance. How long was the waiting list? It depended.

Compared to short-term lodging, long-term lodging was more difficult to book.

Generally speaking, those who booked thee long-term lodging didn't lack money. They found this life to be quite interesting. Therefore, they would stay for a long time. Thus, the waiting list was very long.

However, Taoyuan Village was a place with beautiful mountains and rivers. The scenery was pleasant, and it was very suitable for relaxing. Even if it became a tourist destination, it wouldn't affect the place's natural wonder. Therefore, many people were willing to wait.

Of course, other than the thatched cottages, Taoyuan Village also offered village houses to rent. These were where the real villagers lived.

When the villagers built new houses, many of them listened to Xiao Lingyu's advice and built a few more rooms so that they could let tourists stay in the future.

Like what Xiao Lingyu said, if the project was successful, all of them could be bosses. They could open small hostel, fishing ponds, small shops, restaurants and so on. Of course, whether they would succeed or not depended on themselves.

However, Xiao Lingyu also repeatedly ordered that the phenomenon of cheating customers was absolutely not allowed. Once it was discovered, they would be punished by fines. Repeat offenders would be kicked out or worse. Xiao Lingyu would never allow a single stain to ruin the image of the brand.

There was also a youth tour guide group in Taoyuan Village.

As long as the tourists needed it, this group of youth tour guides would appear. Of course, this youth tour guide group was only limited to holidays. Usually, the children had to attend classes.

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"Xiao Tong, slow down!" When Mother Xiao saw the boy running on the ridge, her heart almost jumped out of her chest. "Don't fall down!"

The young Xiao Tong waved his hand at mother Xiao who was chasing behind him and said, "Grandma, I'm fine. I already know how to walk and run very well. Don't worry, Grandma. You can go back. I'll go play in the fields!"

Mama Xiao asked in amusement, "You're only a little over one year old. Even if you can run, jump, and talk, it doesn't change the fact that you're a child. An adult has to look after you. What if you bump into something? Plus, the weather is so hot. We should go back."

The weather in June and July was hot and dreary. People didn't wear that much.

Xiao Tong should be wearing diapers. However, Xiao Tong was different since he was young. He was smarter and more sensible than other children his age. He would use words to express himself after eight or nine months. He had long stopped wearing diapers.

From the moment he could speak and walk, he had learned to read. In just half a year's time, he was able to memorize an entire dictionary. This simply surprised everyone.

This child was too smart.

He was only a little over one year old. Moreover, was dictionary so easy to memorize?

Most villagers couldn't memorize a page, let alone an entire book.

However, Xiao Tong had a photographic memory. He memorized the whole dictionary like it was nothing.

The reputation of the genius child also slowly spread outside of Taoyuan Village.

Many people were envious and jealous of the Xiao family.

Xiao Baotou's family was really lucky. They must have collected a lot of karma in their previous lives. Why else would their descendants be so promising?

Xiao Baotou and his wife were getting younger and younger. Other than helping their family a little, they spent their days strolling around the village happily.

Of course, their greatest joy was to play with their great-grandchildren.

Xiao Lingyun's two daughters, Xiao Rourou and Xiao Lulu, were already in second and first grade. They were busy in school unless it was holiday. Therefore, the two grandparents could only play with Xiao Lingyu's son, Xiao Letong.

However, Xiao Letong was too smart and lively. Ever since he knew how to walk, he had been running everywhere. Moreover, he ran very fast. If an adult didn't pay any attention, he would disappear without a trace.

The first time he disappeared, the Xiao family members were as anxious as ants on a hot pan. They searched everywhere. Even the entire village went out to search.

In the end, they found him on the camphor tree at the village entrance.

No one would have thought that a one-year-old child would actually climb up the tree.

Xiao Tong later climbed down and said he fell asleep on the tree because it tired him out after the climbing. He had no idea that everyone was looking for him.

When he woke up, he heard everyone calling his name. Only then did he realize that he had actually fallen asleep on the tree.

The people who were looking for the child were speechless. What could they say?

Xiao Tong was one year old but he could run away on his own. On top of that, he could climb up the tree without being discovered by anyone. They were really shocked.

He was such a young child. They couldn't bear to scold him.

While the others couldn't bear to scold him, someone had no such worry. That was the first time Xiao Lingyu lost her temper. She knew that her son was very sensible and understood everything she said.

"Xiao Letong, do you know how worried great-grandfather and the others were? Do you know how dangerous it is for a little kid like you to climb a tree?"

Xiao Lingyu picked up the child and placed him on her lap. Then, she slapped his little butt.

Xiao Lingyu moved too quickly. By the time everyone reacted and saved the child from Xiao Lingyu's lap, he had already been hit.

"Wah Wah..." this was the first time Xiao Letong was spanked by his mother. He cried out in shock and embarrassment.

"Oh, Xiao Tong, don't cry."

"Xiao Tong, be good. Don't cry. I'll buy you candy later!"

"Xiao Lingyu, Xiao Tong is still a child. Why did you hit him so hard? So he did something wrong. You can just reason with him. Why do you need to hit him? I've never hit you since you were young, but now you're hitting my grandson!"

Xiao Tong's cries caused everyone's heart to break.

Xiao Tong was cute since he was young. His sweet smile had captured the hearts of many people. They really loved him. Moreover, Xiao Tong was a very smart child. From the moment he could speak, his mouth was as sweet as honey. He went around greeting people wherever he went.

The entire village loved Xiao Tong from the bottom of their hearts.

Seeing that Xiao Tong had been beaten by his mother, their hearts ached.

"Lingyu, Xiao Tong is still a child. Why did you hit him?"

"Look at his butt. It's swollen."

"Little Tong, don't cry. We'll go eat candy later."

Xiao Lingyu, "... her heart hurt too, but she couldn't say anything.

Xiao Lingyu took a deep breath and said sternly, "This child is too naughty and reckless. We must teach him a lesson.

"He is only one year old. How can he run away to sleep on a tree? What if he was kidnapped by a bad person? Xiao Letong, don't you know that everyone will be worried about you? Do you know your mistake?"

She needed to be stern, otherwise Xiao Tong would never learn his lesson.

"Sob... Mommy, I know my mistake!" Xiao Tong answered between chokes.

Xiao Tong was held in Mother Xiao's arms. His eyes were red, and there were two teardrops on his long eyelashes. His little face was red, and he looked a little wronged.

He explained, "I... I just wanted to go on a run. I saw a bird on the tree, so I climbed up the tree to catch it. After climbing up the tree, I felt too tired and fell asleep."

When Xiao Tong said this, he motioned for mother Xiao to put him down. Then, he walked to Xiao Lingyu and said sincerely, "Mother, I know I'm wrong. Don't be angry, okay?"

He carefully pulled Xiao Lingyu's sleeve and looked at Xiao Lingyu with sparkling eyes.

"..." Xiao Lingyu took a deep breath. She squatted down and patted his little head. Then, she said seriously, "Xiaotong, I know you're very sensible. In the future, you can't run away alone. Once you run away, everyone will be worried. They'll be worried that you'll be in an accident and that you'll be taken away by bad people. Do you understand?"

Xiao Tong nodded and said, "Yes, I understand, mother. In the future, I will never be like this again."

### **Chapter 615: Happy Child**

"Let's go! Everyone quickly finds a place to hide. The enemy is right in front of us. When they come, we will catch them off guard!"

A fair and tender child who was not even as tall as an adult's legs was standing on the tallest haystack. He was wearing a pair of short-sleeved shorts. A fair and chubby little hand was raised high up. The words he spoke were young and full of vigor.

This person was a one-and-a-half-year-old Xiao Tong. He stood on the tall haystack with the bearing of a great general.

Under the haystack stood some four-or five-year-old children. Their tender faces were drenched in sweat, and their faces were red from the sun. Their clothes were stained with dirt from playing, and their clothes and hair were a little messy.

However, they didn't care about this. They were playing very happily.

At this moment, their eyes were bright as they looked at the child on the haystack. There was even a look of worship in their eyes.

They were now playing a war game. The youngest, Xiao Letong, was their supreme commander.

"Yes, boss. Quick, everyone, quickly find a place to hide!"

The eight or nine children below immediately shouted excitedly.

"Quickly hide so that the enemy can't see us. When they arrive, we'll capture them!"

"Boss said that if we capture an enemy, he'll give us a piece of candy!"

"No, where did boss get the candy? I remember his mother saying that he's not allowed to eat candy?"

"That's right, where did boss get the candy?"

Xiao Letong, "... We're in the middle of a war. Why are you discussing where I get my candies?"



Xiao Letong's eyes turned sharp, and then he shouted in a very dignified voice, "Why are you still standing there? The enemy is coming. Are you waiting to be caught?"

With the reminder from boss, the soldiers immediately jumped up and hurriedly looked for places to hide. If they were caught by the enemy, they had to give the enemy a piece of candy. They were not willing.

Xiao Tong stood on the high ground and saw where the soldiers were hiding and was speechless again.

Hey, Soldier One, do you have to stick your head out so obviously?

Soldier Two, it's a good idea to hide behind a tree, but you have to find a tree that can hide your body. Why do you have to find a tree that's only a little bigger than your own leg? Half of your body was exposed.

Soldier Three, you are standing in the middle of the road with your eyes closed. Do you think that the enemy can't see you?

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Xiao Tong rubbed his forehead and covered his small face. He didn't know what to say. 'Forget it. If they're captured, I'll only lose some candy.'

"Xiao Letong!" Just when Xiao Letong was deciding where to hide, a roar came.

Xiao Letong's body, which was about to move, suddenly froze. Then, he looked at his two cousins with an embarrassed and fawning expression. He smiled and called out, "Big Sister, second sister!"

His two cousins, Xiao Rourou and Xiao Lulu were eight and seven years old. They were both wearing pink dresses with two small braids and two pink bows. They looked beautiful and cute.

However, the two beautiful and cute girls had their hands on their waists. Their eyes were fierce as they glared at their little cousin.

Xiao Rourou raised her hand and pointed at Xiao Letong. She shouted sternly, "Come down!"

The girls were normally so gentle, but they exploded like a volcano around their little cousin.

Scared by his sisters, Xiao Letong quickly slid down from the haystack. Then, he walked in front of his two cousins and said with a smile, "My two good sisters, I'm down here now. Don't tell Grandpa, Grandma, and mom, Okay?"

After saying that, he even stretched out his two small claws to grab Xiao Rourou's sleeve.

Xiao Rourou immediately swatted away his two small claws and said loudly, "Your hands are very dirty. Don't grab my clothes! Second Grandma bought these clothes for us recently."

When Xiao Letong heard this, his eyes lit up. He then stretched out his little claws again. He said with a smile, "Big Sister, your skirt is really beautiful. I really want to touch it!"

Xiao Rourou immediately jumped up and said loudly, "Don't touch it!"

Xiao Letong didn't put down his claws but started to bargain. "I won't touch your dress, but you have to promise that you won't tell on me."

"No!" The two sisters immediately refused.

Xiao Rourou said with a very serious expression, "Xiao Letong, what if you fall from the high haystack? You must know how dangerous that is!"

Xiao Lulu nodded and agreed, "Brother, aunt warned you severely that you can't climb trees, walls, or swim in ponds. You should be obedient. You're still young. What if you hurt yourself?"

Xiao Letong immediately said, "Second sister, I'm obedient. I didn't do any of those things."

"But you climbed the haystack!" Xiao Lulu said.

"But mom didn't say that I can't climb the haystack, did she?" Xiao Letong said with a smile, "Eldest sister, second sister, look at this haystack. It's not that tall. It's only as tall as an adult. And even if you fall from it, it's fine. Look at the hay below. Also, look, I have so many brothers and sisters below to catch me, right?"

If there were adults around, they would be able to tell that Xiaotong was trying to fool his two sisters.

However, even though Xiao Rourou and Xiao Lulu were older than Xiao Tong, they were only seven or eight years old. They were still very naive. After listening to their little cousin's words, they looked around and felt that what he said made sense.

"Sister, what brother said makes sense," Xiao Lulu looked at her sister and said.

Xiao Rourou frowned. She felt that something was wrong, but she couldn't tell what it was.

In the end, she still insisted, "But little brother, climbing the haystack is very dangerous. You can't do it!"

"..." Xiao Letong. It looks like I can't fool them forever.

Just as Xiao Letong was about to speak, a soldier below shouted, "Boss, the enemy is here. Should we hide?"

"Boss, hurry up and hide. You're so small. If you don't hide, you'll definitely be the first to be caught. That won't be good."

Xiao Rourou and Xiao Lulu, "..."

When Xiao Letong heard this, he immediately ran away and said loudly, "Sisters, I'm not going to talk to you guys anymore. I'm going to go hide."

The two sisters, "...". What just happened?

"Hey, little brother, come back here!" Xiao Rourou stamped her feet and shouted loudly.

Xiao Lulu looked at her sister with a puzzled expression and said, "Sister, do we still have to tell aunt about little brother climbing the haystack?"

Xiao Rourou said, "Hmph, of course, we have to. That was so dangerous!"

Xiao Lulu said with hesitation, "But if we tell aunt, will little brother be beaten again?"

Everyone in the Taoyuan Village was reluctant to scold Xiao Tong. However, there was one person who was always ready to spank Xiao Tong. That person was Xiao Tong's biological mother.

Xiao Rourou bit her lips and didn't say anything.

She didn't want her brother to be beaten either.

But... But..

Xiao Lulu looked around and said in a low voice, "Sister, why don't we just pretend that we didn't see little brother?" Then, they wouldn't need to lie.

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

Then, the two little sisters held hands and left.

Xiao Letong saw their receding figures and immediately patted his small chest, saying, "I was really scared to death. If the two sisters really told Mom about this, my butt will not be safe."

"Haha, I caught You!" Suddenly, an excited and tender voice sounded in Xiao Letong's ear, "Haha, I caught the boss! Quickly come out and surrender!"

Xiao Letong, who was caught, covered his ear with one hand and then shouted at that person, "So what if you caught me? Do you need to shout? It's so loud! You have almost deafened me!"

However, he was a little depressed in his heart. He was the first one to be caught, and he was the boss. He felt so ashamed. So he looked quite unhappy.

"Ah, Boss, is your ear okay?" The person who had been yelled at did not get angry. Instead, he was very anxious as he kept looking into Xiao Tong's ear.

"Boss, what's wrong with your ear?"

"It's all your fault, Changsheng. You yelled so loudly that it broke Boss' ear."

"Yeah, Changsheng, it's all your fault. I won't play with you anymore."

"I won't play with you anymore either!"

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Xiao Changsheng was only five years old. Because he broke Boss' ear, his little friends all said that they wouldn't play with him anymore. His little face instantly became scared and panicked.

And then...

"Wah Wah..."

Xiao Letong, "..."

This was the bad thing about being a child. He was surrounded by other children who'd cry at the drop of a hot.

However, returning to his mother's side as a child was really good!

## **Chapter 616: Joy of Children**

"Stop!"

In the evening, a small figure was looking around and listening in all directions. However, when he heard this voice, he immediately became nervous.

Xiao Letong immediately straightened up. When he saw his mother standing in the middle of the courtyard, he immediately smiled and said, "Mom, why are you here?"

"Hehe..." Xiao Lingyu gave a sinister sneer and said, "This is my home. Why can't I be here? But you, where did you go? Why are you back so late?"

Xiao Letong had always loved cleanliness since he was young. Even when he was playing with other children, he would come back very clean. He would come back in the same clean outfit he wore in the morning. Therefore, Xiao Lingyu often couldn't find any faults with him.

Xiao Long saw his mother's serious face, and he answered truthfully, "Mom, I went out to play hide-and-seek with the little ones. I went into hiding, but those silly kids couldn't find me, so I stayed out late, waiting for them to come to find me."

Xiao Lingyu was speechless when her little kid called the other kids, little ones. She rubbed her forehead and said, "Where was your hiding spot anyway? Your little friends couldn't find you, so they ran home and cried bitterly, saying that they've lost you."

"Huh?" Xiao Letong was stunned, and then he said speechlessly, "Why would they come to that conclusion?" Then, he said confidently, "Hmph, a genius like me won't get lost so easily!"

Xiao Lingyu glared at him and patted his little head, "No matter how talented you are, you can't change the fact that you're only one and a half years old. At your age, most people are in diapers and only learning how to speak and walk."

Xiao Letong countered, "But I could speak when I was eight months old, walk when I was nine months old, and run when I was eleven months old. I'm different from those silly kids."

Xiao Lingyu, "...". She had given birth to a genius son, so what could she say now? Her kid was more like an adult than an adult.

Sometimes, Xiao Lingyu was confused too.

Although she did not have much contact with Xiao Tong in her previous life, she knew from her mother and younger brother that although Little Tong was smarter and more sensible than other children of the same age, he wasn't precocious.

However, the current Xiao Tong was so much smarter than even some adults. She wondered if Xiao Tong had been reborn too. But it didn't make sense.

When Xiao Tong passed away in her previous life, he was only five. Even if he had been reborn, he would only have a five-year-old's intellect. A kid that age wouldn't know how to hide his emotions.

Plus, he would only be slightly cleverer than his peers. However, Xiao Tong was not slightly cleverer than his peers. It was more than that. Who had heard of a child who could memorize the entire dictionary when he was one and a half years old?

However, it had happened with her child. In fact, he not only knew how to memorize them but also how to write them. Even though his handwriting was crooked, people could read what he wrote.

Therefore, Xiao Lingyu did not know whether to be happy or worried about her son who was born with such a monstrous talent.

She was worried that her son would suffer some kind of hardship because of his intelligence.

No matter what, she had to work hard to become strong. Only when she was strong could she protect the people she wanted to protect.

Xiao Lingyu lowered her head to look at the white, tender, and confident face. It was just that... This child was too mischievous.

He was only a little more than one year old, but he had already become the king of the children in the village.

With a wave of his small hand, he was able to command all the children. All the children followed his lead.

As long as the children had something fun or delicious to eat, they would definitely share it with Xiao Tong.

Xiao Lingyu still didn't understand how her child, who was only at the other children's knees, could lead the other children.

Also, even though the child was only one-year-old, he had done all sorts of mischievous things.

One time, the villagers saw Xiao Tong standing on the wall. They were terrified. They coaxed him down. Then, they saw Xiao Tong jumping into the river alone. The people working dropped their work and rushed to wade into the river. They carried Xiao Tong to the shore, but the kid was having a great time in the river.

He frightened the villagers so much that the villagers had become numb to it. They had gotten used to Xiao Tong's sudden actions.

They were used to Xiao Tong sliding up and down a tree, carrying a small bird chirping for food.

They were used to Xiao Tong flailing about in the pond to catch loaches.

They were used to Xiao Tong using a toy snake to scare an adult.

In short, you had to have a strong heart to be around Xiao Tong.

However, many people loved Xiao Tong.

This child was extremely smart and loved cleanliness. Most importantly, he was cute and beautiful. He had big round eyes that looked at you with innocence and cuteness. It would soften anyone's heart.

Even if Xiao Tong was mischievous, no one had the heart to scold him. Even his great-grandparents and grandparents, who were stern with their children, had their principles taken by the wind when they dealt with Xiao Tong.

They doted on Xiao Tong unconditionally.

Therefore, as the only person who was still rational, Xiao Lingyu had to be ruthless in educating her son. She would scold and beat him when necessary.

However, she suffered a lot because of it. Everyone seemed to have a problem with her.

Xiao Lingyu, "...” What was wrong with her educating her son?

"Xiao Lingyu, what are you doing again?"

Just then, another roar came.

"Did you hit my precious grandson again?" Mother Xiao's exasperated voice came from afar. "Xiao Tong, come to Grandma. Grandma will protect you!"

Xiao Lingyu, "...” How did she become the bad guy?

Then, Xiao Letong's little mouth twitched. He ran behind Grandma and said, "Grandma, I didn't make any mistake today!"

When Mother Xiao heard that, she immediately scolded, "Xiao Lingyu, the child didn't do anything wrong. Why did you hit the child?"

Xiao Lingyu touched her forehead and said helplessly, "Mom, I didn't hit Xiao Tong!"

Hearing that, mother Xiao looked at Xiao Lingyu suspiciously. Then she looked at Xiao Tong and asked, "Did your Mom hit you?"

Xiao Letong shook his head and said, "No, no. This time, Mom didn't hit me!"

However, Mother Xiao was not satisfied and said, "Xiao Lingyu, how can you do this? You always hit and scold Xiao Tong. Can't you see how old he is? Isn't it too early for you to educate him?"

"..." Xiao Lingyu defended herself, "Mother, I don't beat him often. I only teach him a lesson if he makes a mistake and doesn't admit it. Last time, he caught a real snake to scare Xiao Fei. He scared Xiao Fei so much that his face turned pale. Shouldn't he be taught a lesson?"

"But you can't beat him," Mother Xiao defended herself. "Besides, Xiao Tong is not afraid of snakes when he's 1, but Xiao Fei is so afraid of snakes when he's ten. So who's fault is that?"

Well, that was a strange argument.

Xiao Lingyu said weakly, "Mom, it's normal for Xiao Fei to be afraid of snakes when he's ten years old. Many adults are afraid of snakes, not to mention Xiao Fei, who is ten. Not everyone is like this brat. He's fearless and dares to play with anything."

"Listen, you're scolding him again." Mother Xiao flared up. "You only know how to hit and scold Xiao Tong!"

Xiao Lingyu was stunned and asked, "When did I scold him?"

Mother Xiao said matter-of-factly, "You just called Xiao Tong a little brat!"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Just as she was about to say something, Grandma Xiao's beaming voice was heard.

"Come, Xiao Tong, let's go take a bath first. After that, we'll eat."

Xiao Tong smiled and replied, "Okay, great-grandmother!"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

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"My family lives on the Loess Plateau..."

Early in the morning, people could hear the wailing of ghosts... or singing.

The voice was young but very imposing.

"Haha. Xiao Tong is singing on the haystack early in the morning again," a villager said with a smile, speechless.

Xiao Tong was extremely intelligent. In the eyes of other children, their king was an omnipotent existence.

He could do anything flawlessly... other than singing.

No one could destroy a song as much as Xiao Letong.

Logically speaking, Xiao Letong's voice was still young, so his voice must be young and tender. Even if he didn't know how to sing, he wouldn't be able to sing like a ghost.

However, he was a special case. His singing was worse than a banshee's wail.

This made his little friends laugh.

Their omnipotent king finally had something he couldn't do.

However, Xiao Tong was stubborn. He refused to fail at anything. Therefore, he started to train his singing. To do that, he would stand on the haystack at the end of the village every morning and sing.

He could sing by himself, but he wanted an audience, so he'd capture a few kid listeners every morning.

They would only be released after they nodded and praised him.

## **Chapter 617: So Cute**

"Wow, is this Taoyuan Village? It's so beautiful!"

During the summer holidays, there were more tourists coming to Taoyuan Village than usual. For tourism, the winter and summer holidays were the hot seasons.

"I heard that Taoyuan Village is beautiful for its peach blossoms." A group of boys and girls walked over. They looked like students who had just finished their university entrance exam. Therefore, they were ready to unwind. The students were all from City Z.

When Taoyuan Village rose to fame, they were working hard day and night to prepare for the exams. They didn't have the time to come play. Therefore, once the exam was over, they came immediately.

"There are a lot of peach blossom trees. It's just a pity that the time isn't right. If we came over during the Peach Blossom season, we would definitely see the Peach Blossom Forest in full bloom."

"It's really a pity! But I hear that there are many other beautiful sceneries here. They have interesting activities too!"

"Come. Let's go in and take a look."

"Speaking of which, do we need a tour guide?"

"Tour guide? I heard from a relative of mine that the tour guides here are all children in their teens. They are also known as youth guides!"

"Indeed, that has become a feature here! Why don't we call for one?" Someone suggested. Without a tour guide, they didn't know what to do and might miss out on some secret places.

"Okay, let's call for one!"

Everyone agreed to call for a tour guide.

Then, the group of people entered the village and walked to the tour guide desk beside the entrance. Just as they were about to ask for a tour guide, a child suddenly jumped out and sat directly on the desk.

He was wearing a yellow short-sleeved shirt and yellow shorts. His small face was round, and his eyes were big. He was white, fat, and tender. He was extremely cute.

"Wow, where do you come from? You're so cute and beautiful!" The girls almost screamed.

Xiao Letong said seriously, "Big sisters, I'm a boy. Boys are handsome, not beautiful. You should say, wow, such a cute and handsome little brother!" He held his face with his hands when he said that.

"Ah, this child is too cute. I want to take him home!"

"Me too!"

"Little brother, how old are you now?"

"I'm one year and six months old!"

"What?" The girls were shocked. "And you can already speak so well?!"

"That's impossible, right? My cousin's child is two-and-a-half years old now, and he doesn't speak as fluently as this little brother."

"My cousin is almost three years old, and she only knows how to cry all day long. She's so annoying. How can she be as sensible and cute as this little brother?"



“Little brother, are you really only one-and-a-half years old. You’re not lying to us, right?”

Xiao Letong said loudly, “It’s true! I’m only one and a half years old now. If you don’t believe me, you can ask them!” Xiao Letong pointed at the few youths behind him.

The youth tour guide immediately nodded and said, “Big Sisters, Big Brothers, Little Brother didn’t lie to you. He’s only one and a half years old now.”

Xiao Xiaohui said very proudly, “He’s my nephew. He might be one and a half years old, but he speaks fluently. But do you know what’s the most impressive thing about him?”

The brothers and sisters, “...” this is our first time here. How would we know?

Xiao Xiaohui continued, “My nephew can memorize and even recite the entire dictionary!”

“What?” The brothers and sisters were stunned.

“This little brother can recite the entire dictionary?” They didn’t believe it. Even they had to rely on dictionaries during revision. They couldn’t memorize it in their heads. Therefore, they found it hard to believe that a one and a half years old kid could do something they couldn’t.

Xiao Xiaohui said proudly, “My nephew is a genius. He has a photographic memory. Memorizing a dictionary is still a piece of cake.”

The brothers and sisters, “...” How is that a piece of cake? They suddenly felt devastated.

“Oh, right. Brothers and sisters, do you need a tour guide?” Xiao Xiaohui asked after a moment of pride.

“Yes, we are here to find a tour guide,” someone replied.

“Then I’ll be your guide,” Xiao Tong immediately volunteered, “I grew up in the village. I know everything about the flowers, plants, and animals here. I’ll definitely take good care of you.”

Xiao Xiaohui carried Xiao Tong down from the information desk and said seriously, “Xiao Letong, my big sister, your mother, has said that you’re not allowed to lead the team! Otherwise, she’ll spank your buttocks again!” Then, he looked at the teenagers and smiled innocently. “Let me lead the team and be your guide!”

The brothers and sisters, “...”

### **Chapter 618: Show of Wealth**

After that, these tourists really saw the eloquence of the young tour guide, or rather, the eloquence of the small kid.

If they had not seen and heard it with their own eyes, no one would believe that a one-and-a-half-year-old child could speak so fluently. He even managed to include some poems in his tour introduction.

The students were shocked.

It was one thing for a one-and-a-half-year-old child to be able to speak fluently, but he was also able to quote the classics so skillfully.

It felt like they had wasted their time studying for the past decade.

Although Xiao Letong was not allowed to lead the team alone, he could follow the team with his brothers and sisters in the village.

Even though he was young, he didn't like to be carried. He wanted to walk on his own. He hopped along the rest, causing the big brothers and sisters to be worried.

"Guide Xiaohui, is there really no problem with your little brother not being carried?" Someone asked.

Xiao Xiaohui shook his head and said, "It's no problem. He might look young, but he can easily climb up to the top of a tree. Don't worry. There won't be any problems with him. He won't fall behind!"

Brothers and sisters, "... " what kind of child is this? And what kind of parents did he have? Aren't they too relaxed? And is the child still human? Why would he climb to the tree top? Is he a monkey?

Xiao Lingyu and Xiao Tong had no idea what these tourists were thinking.

"Brothers and sisters, how many days do you plan to stay here?" Xiao Xiaohui asked.

"Hmm?" The group of tourists looked at each other and didn't make a decision immediately.

Xiao Xiaohui said, "If you're staying for a day, we can go to the orchard, the waterfall, and the valley to pick mushrooms."

The tourists frowned and asked, "But I heard that there are many other programs here."

Xiao Xiaohui nodded, "That's right. You can go fishing in the pond, fly kites, and barbecue in the wild. Of course, on a hot day, barbecuing isn't very good either. Actually, it's just some very ordinary programs."

The tourists, "... "

Other tourist spots strongly recommended their own tourism features and various programs. However, the guide here directly said that the programs were very ordinary.

A girl smiled and asked, "I heard that the thatched cottages in the peach blossom village are very special. Can we stay there?"

Xiao Letong shook his head and said, "Big Sister, you can't. We only have fifteen thatched cottages for short-term guests. All of them are occupied now, and there's a long waiting list. Sister, if you want to stay, you need to book in advance!"

The thatched cottage had obviously become one of the most unique and popular spots in Taoyuan Village.

It was unknown whether other tourist spots would follow the trend in the future, but at the moment, there were quite a number of tourists who had booked the thatched cottage in Taoyuan Village.

This made the villagers rather confused. They couldn't understand the minds of the city people. They didn't want to stay in a luxury hotel but preferred a thatched cottage.

Of course, for the visitors, this was just for the novelty of it.

Furthermore, the thatched cottages were not actual thatched cottages. It had a rustic appearance but all the modern amenities.

The thatched cottage in Taoyuan Village was warm in winter and cool in summer. It was well-equipped, clean, hygienic, and had good ventilation. It was much more comfortable than staying in a high-end hotel.

Therefore, even if the price was a little higher, people were willing to pay.

“Actually, the other option is the Yuelai Inn!” Xiao Letong began to introduce the place, “The Yuelai Inn is also run by my Mommy. It’s very comfortable to stay there as well. The waiters in the inn are all beautiful brothers and sisters.”

The group of tourists, “...”

“Little Brother, what do you mean by the inn is run by your mother?” The girl who asked earlier, Li Xinxin, suddenly reacted and said.

Xiao Letong spread his hands and said, “Didn’t I tell you? This whole farm is owned by my mother. The thatched cottages, Yuelai Inn, and so on are all built by my Mommy.”

The group of tourists, “...”

Was this a blatant display of wealth?

So this extremely smart and cunning child in front of them was actually the owner of the farm?

If they kidnapped this child now, was there the possibility of getting tens of millions in ransom?

“Pa!”

As soon as Xiao Letong finished speaking, Xiao Xiaohui patted his head and said very seriously, “Xiao Letong, do you want a spanking again? I’ll tell your mother and sister about it. How many times has your mother warned you from revealing your family wealth? What if you’re targeted by bad people?”

The tourists, “...” Don’t look at us. We’re just talking in hypotheticals. We don’t dare to really kidnap a child.

Speaking of which, the child’s mother was really courageous. Was it really okay for the child to be openly flaunting his wealth like this? What if he attracted the attention of some bad people?

Xiao Letong touched his head that had been patted and pursed his lips. Then, he crossed his arms over his chest and said confidently, “There isn’t anyone in the world who is capable of kidnapping a peerless genius like me!” He had already entered the second level of the Qi cultivation stage. If someone dared to kidnap him, they would be courting death.

The tourists, “...” What is this confidence? No matter how clever you are, it doesn’t change the fact that you’re still a kid. Kidnapping you really didn’t require much effort.

Li Xinxin thought for a moment and kindly persuaded him, “Little brother, we all know that you’re very smart! But you have to be careful too. Don’t let the bad guys target you.”

Xiao Letong raised his signature cute smile and said, "Thank you, big sister. I'll definitely be careful."

Xiao Letong secretly curled his lips and smiled, 'That is not an issue for me. If someone really wants to die, I don't mind helping them. After all, I've already killed quite a number of people in the cultivation world.' Therefore, he wasn't worried about being exposed at all, nor was he worried about being kidnapped.

He just wanted to let everyone know how capable his mother was. She built such a big business from nothing, and she even raised such a cute and handsome son.

Xiao Xiaohui continued, "Brothers and sisters, we also need to book a room in advance at the Yuelai Inn. Of course, if the Yuelai Inn doesn't have rooms, you can stay at the farmhouse.

"As early as half a year ago, the entire village has been remodeled. Every family built a few rooms to entertain the guests. Don't worry. These rooms are clean and comfortable, and the prices are not high, so if there are no rooms at the Yuelai Inn, you don't have to worry about sleeping on the streets."

The tourists, "... " At the end of the day, they were being sold accommodation.

Li Xinxin discussed it with her companions, and after that, she became the representative of this group of people.

She smiled and said, "Since that's the case, let's stay at the Yuelai Inn for one night!"

Hearing this, Xiao Xiaohui asked seriously, "Do you guys really don't want to consider staying at the villagers' farmhouses?"

Xiao Letong was not happy.

He said, "Xiao Xiaohui..."

"Call me little uncle!" Xiao Xiaohui immediately corrected him. "Don't be rude."

"..." Xiao Letong said, "Little uncle, the brothers and sisters clearly come together. It's more convenient for them to stay together. There are more than a dozen of them. They won't be able to fit into one farmhouse."

'What is wrong with little uncle? Why is he pushing business to other people when mommy's inn can use the business?'

Xiao Letong didn't know that Xiao Xiaohui was following his sister's instructions. Yuelan Inn had a lot of guests, but the villagers needed guests.

Li Xinxin said with a smile, "We'll stay at the Yuelai Inn for now. If we stay for another night, we can go to the farmhouse to experience staying there!"

They were, after all, children of the big cities. Although they were not against staying in the farmhouse, they were not used to it.

After all, in their impression, the countryside was dirty and smelly.

Since the guests had already decided, Xiao Xiaohui did not say anything else.

He nodded and said, "Alright. Please wait a moment!"

Just as he was about to dial his cell phone, he asked again, "Sister, how many rooms do you want to book? There are single rooms, double rooms, and family rooms."

Li Xinxin looked around and said, "There are twelve of us, six men and six women. Let's book six double rooms!"

"Okay!"

### **Chapter 619: No Rent**

Xiao Lingyu was in the office of the General Manager of the company's headquarters.

Someone knocked on the door.

"Please come in!" Xiao Lingyu said loudly.

The one who walked in was An Xiaohui, who was wearing a black business suit.

After more than half a year of experience, An Xiaohui had turned from a rookie into a capable female elite.

An Xiaohui handed the document to Xiao Lingyu and said, "President Xiao, this is the resume of the recruitment from the talent market and the interview tomorrow!"

Xiao Lingyu flipped through it and asked, "Are there five people for the interview tomorrow?"

An Xiaohui nodded and said, "Yes, although they didn't graduate from a famous university, they are very driven individuals." Xiao Lingyu had three recruitment principles, first was their character, the second was their ability, and the last was their university degree.

Since they were mostly new graduates, there would be a three-month probation period. The fittest survive!

Those who should stay would stay, and those who should leave would naturally not stay!

If they were unwilling to leave, they would have to move to another department and start another probation period. If they still failed, there was no other solution than to ask them to leave.

Xiao Lingyu looked at the resumes of these five people and said to An Xiaohui, "Then let them come to the company for an interview at 10 am!"

An Xiaohui nodded and said, "Okay, I'll inform them immediately."

Green Fresh Company was becoming more and more famous in City Z. As a result, more people came to apply for work. Unlike in the beginning, Xiao Lingyu didn't need to go to the talent market anymore. In less than a year, they had transformed from a small company no one cared about to a company with hundreds of millions of assets. Moreover, they were still growing.

After An Xiaohui left with the resumes of the five people, Xiao Lingyun hurried over with a contract document in her hand.

“Sis, the landlord of the house for our second supermarket chain in City N called and said that they are not going to rent us their house anymore,” Xiao Lingyun said.

Xiao Lingyu frowned and asked in puzzlement, “Why?”

Xiao Lingyun said, “The landlord said that another shop owner has taken a fancy to his place, and the rent is 20% higher than what we offered.”

At this point, Xiao Lingyun asked hesitantly, “Sis, shall we raise our offer too?”

Xiao Lingyu raised her eyebrows and asked with a smile, “Yun ‘Er, do you think that the landlord’s words are credible?”

“Huh?” Xiao Lingyun immediately reacted, “Sis, do you mean this is their way of scamming us?”

Xiao Lingyu nodded. “Yes, we often open our shops at locations that have little customer traffic because the most important thing to us is the ample parking space. This means that the rent is usually cheap.

“This landlord is lying to us by creating another owner who is interested in his shop. He wanted us to raise our offer. I believe he is a clever person. He probably has asked around and knows that we can afford to give a higher rent.”

Xiao Lingyun understood and said in surprise, “So, this landlord is lying!”

“It’s very possible!” Xiao Lingyu nodded. “But we can’t rule out the possibility there is another owner interested in the shop!”

Xiao Lingyun frowned and asked, “Then, sister, what should we do now?”

“Call the landlord directly and tell him that we’re not renting his place anymore. Let him rent it to someone else. We’ll find another spot!” Xiao Lingyu said straightforwardly.

Xiao Lingyun said with some hesitation, “But is this okay? Won’t we waste more time finding another spot?”

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, “No, the one who will waste time is the landlord and not us!”

Xiao Lingyun took a deep breath and said, “Okay.”

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, “Tomorrow, a group of people will come for an interview. The day after tomorrow, Zeng Yaozu and I will go to City N to take a look. As for the landlord, give him the reply I told you!”

“Okay!” Xiao Lingyun then left the general manager’s office.

City N was the capital city of the Southern Province.

Taoyuan Village’s green fresh fruit and vegetable supermarket would open its eleventh store in City N. Other than City Z, which had two stores, the other cities only had one store each.

Xiao Lingyu was going to open her second supermarket in City N. City N was the capital city of the province, and there were more rich and powerful people. With a bigger market, they could afford a

second supermarket. Of course, based on the sales number, they could get away with a third supermarket.

But, Xiao Lingyu's principle was that she would only have a maximum of two of her stores in one city.

Xiao Lingyu sat in her office and rubbed her forehead.

Although she was very successful, she knew that she had been targeted. Her sixth sense had become very sharp.

From the moment she started her fourth supermarket in City S, she felt like someone had been watching her... or rather her supermarkets.

She immediately became alert and repeatedly reminded her subordinates to be extremely careful. They had to be more suspicious of those who were asking too many questions. The employees had to be careful not to be taken advantage of by others.

She had to be careful of insiders too. Therefore, the first thing she looked for when she recruited new employees was their character. She couldn't tell that at the beginning, but after the probation period, she would be able to know a thing or two about their character.

Therefore, Xiao Lingyu would not let people stay if their character did not pass the test.

The people who stayed behind had good characters and were practical in their work. It would be hard for people to look for a loophole.

What made Xiao Lingyu puzzled was that the people in the dark hadn't made any move even though her supermarket chain had already reached the eleventh store.

However, Xiao Lingyu did not dare to let her guard down. She would deal with the threat as they came. She would be ready for any attack. For now, she'd focus on her work.

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In a room in a high-end residential area in City N, a woman in her fifties was pacing back and forth in the room, rubbing her hands. She seemed to be a little flustered.

"What should we do now? What if they really don't want to rent our place?" At this point, her eyes revealed a hint of anger, "Bastard, I just raised the rent, and you have already back down. What a stingy, poor person. If you don't have the money, why would you open a shop? If I rent you the place, I'm sure you won't pay me the rent!"

While she was swearing, a man in a suit and gold-rimmed glasses, who was of medium build, walked in.

The woman immediately smiled and said, "Husband, you're back. Why are you back so early?" She looked at the time in confusion. It was only three o'clock in the afternoon.

The man ignored her question. As soon as he came in, he frowned and asked, "I heard you swearing outside. What are you swearing about?"

The woman thought for a moment and said, "It's that old house of ours. That black-hearted boss said she wouldn't rent it anymore."

The man was stunned and asked in confusion, "But we had such a good discussion. Why wouldn't she rent it anymore?" At this point, he looked at the woman suspiciously, "Did you do something extra? Otherwise, why did they suddenly back out? You have to know that the rental will be a huge source of income for our family. "If the boss doesn't want to rent it, who else is going to rent it?"

Their old house was not in the city center, nor was it within the scope of demolition. Therefore, the value was not very high, and no one wanted to buy it. Therefore, they could only rent it out.

Of course, if people wanted to buy, he wasn't willing to sell either. The housing price was rising. He wanted to sell when the price was higher.

Therefore, he had to rent it out for now.

Their house was very old-fashioned, and the building area was quite large. It had four floors, and each floor was 600 to 700 square meters. In total, there were two to three thousand square meters.

There was also an empty flat land around it, which also belonged to his family.

If it were not for the fact that they had moved to the city, the old house would be a spacious and comfortable family villa.

But his family wanted to move to the city.

However, the price of housing in the city center was ridiculously high, and the expenses were also huge. Just his salary alone and the retirement pensions of his parents were not enough to cover the expenses of the family.

Therefore, it was imperative to rent that old house.

His luck was not bad. Not long after he put up the rental notice, someone took a fancy to the house. The boss offered a rental of 36,000 per month.

That was already more than what the owner expected. The family really needed this.

But now... the boss said that she didn't want to rent the place anymore.

## **Chapter 620: Interview Error**

"What did you do to make them bow out?" Lu Qingliang asked sternly.

"I... I..." Mrs. Lu became nervous since she sensed her husband was about to lose her temper. Then she said with some grievance, "I... I just wanted them to increase the rent. Who knew they would be so stingy and withdraw just like that?"

Lu Qingliang asked with a dark face, "We've already discussed everything. Why would you suddenly increase the rent?"

Mrs. Lu said, "After they rented our place, I went to check on our renter's background." At this point, Mrs. Lu suddenly became excited and asked, "Hubby, do you know who our renter is?"

"Who?" Lu Qingliang asked indifferently, and then he said, "No matter who it is, it's wrong to raise the rent randomly."



Mrs. Lu said, "The renter is the manager of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket!"

"Who?" Lu Qingliang thought he heard wrong and couldn't help but ask again.

Madam Lu said, "They're the people from Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket! They're renting our place to open a second supermarket here!"

"I knew their business would be good even though the location of our place is remote. After all, the things in that supermarket are extremely expensive. However, people fight to get them. Their business is profitable, and their income is hundreds of thousands a day.

"They clearly have money, so I thought of increasing the rent. Who would have thought that they would pull out the moment I mentioned it? What a stingy boss!" The more she said, the angrier Mrs. Lu became.

"Enough!" Lu Qingliang rubbed his head, "Business people usually value honesty the most. Since we have agreed with the rent already, how can we suddenly raise the price?"

Mrs. Lu said indifferently, "But I'm not a business person."

"Does that mean you can be dishonest?" Lu Qingliang yelled at his wife, "Wang Yuqin, let me tell you, if they really don't want to rent our house, you can just wait to sleep on the street outside."

The idiot caused the family to lose 36,000 RMB a month. How did he marry such a stupid wife?

Mrs. Lu was furious. She questioned loudly, "Lu Qingliang, what do you mean by this? What do you mean by sleep on the street? I gave birth to a pair of children for you. Have you forgotten about that?"

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Xiao Lingyu faced the five fresh university graduates.

"Hello, let me introduce myself. I'm Xiao Lingyu, the general manager of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket." Xiao Lingyu stood in front of them in professional attire. "Now, please introduce yourself!"

"Hello, I'm a graduate of South University, Qi Jiacheng!"

"Hello, President Xiao, I'm a graduate of Cheng University, Gao Beibei!"

"President Xiao, Hello, you're a graduate of Huali University, Xiang Guohua!"

"Hello, President Xiao, I'm a graduate of J Province Agricultural University, Zhang Lele."

"President Xiao, Hello, I'm a graduate of Shanghai University, Jiang Mingyu!"

When Xiao Lingyu heard this, she frowned. "These are all famous university graduates. Didn't An Xiaohui say that there are two applicants from normal universities? Did she hand me the wrong resume? That shouldn't be. An Xiaohui wouldn't make such an amateur mistake, right?"

Xiao Lingyu took out her resume from the table and looked at it. She asked, "Wu Guixiang from City vocational university and Chen Minghai from City G business school, are they here yet?"

The five applicants looked at each other in confusion.

Xiao Lingyu read it again and asked, "Do any of you know these two people?"

Three of them shook their heads and said, "CEO Xiao, we don't know them." Two didn't say anything.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Please sit here for a while. I'll be back in a bit." She took the resume and walked out to give An Xiaohui a call.

"An Xiaohui, what's going on? Why are there two applicants not matching the resumes?" Xiao Lingyu asked sternly.

An Xiaohui was shocked. She found her copies of the resumes and asked in confusion, "CEO Xiao, can you tell me who are the applicants?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "They are all graduates from prestigious universities. An Xiaohui, there shouldn't be any mistakes in the recruitment process.

"Also, their contact numbers and resumes are obviously different. Why would there be such a mistake like this?"

An Xiaohui was stunned. She also didn't understand what was going on.

An Xiaohui suppressed her doubts and said, "CEO Xiao, I'll go in with you and take a look at them!"

It was another person from the HR department who led the five applicants to Xiao Lingyu's office. Technically, they should all be vetted already. Regardless, An Xiaohui was in charge of the recruitment after all. If she made a mistake, it was her responsibility.

"Let's go!" Xiao Lingyu nodded.

The moment An Xiaohui entered and saw the applicants, she remembered meeting them at the talent market yesterday. Two of them graduated from a prestigious university, and they had haughty and disdainful expressions on their faces when they handed their resumes to her. An Xiaohui immediately rejected them in her mind. So why were they here today?

An Xiaohui had a good memory.

She pointed at a girl and asked, "You're Gao Beibei, a graduate of Cheng University, right?"

Gao Beibei gave An Xiaohui a disdainful look and nodded in response. "Yes, my name is Gao Beibei!"

"You're a Shanghai University graduate, Jiang Mingyu, right?"

Jiang Mingyu's face was a little red. Perhaps Jiang Mingyu was embarrassed.

Jiang Mingyu nodded and said, "Yes, I'm Jiang Mingyu!"

An Xiaohui looked puzzled and asked, "I remember that I didn't inform you two to come for the interview. So why are you here today?"

Gao Beibei and Jiang Mingyu looked guilty.

Xiao Lingyu immediately understood and asked directly, “Do you two know Wu Guixiang and Chen Minghai?”

Gao Beibei said, “I know Wu Guixiang.”

Jiang Mingyu said, “I know Chen Minghai!”

An Xiaohui reacted and immediately asked, “Did they not want to come, or did you guys do something to prevent them from coming over?”

The two immediately shook their heads and waved their hands. “Miss An, you misunderstood.”

Gao Beibei said, “I didn’t do anything. Wu Guixiang received a call from another company in City Z for an interview. She couldn’t come here, so she asked me to come in her stead.” Gao Beibei paused for a moment and then said shyly, “Actually, I’m very interested in your company’s development prospects and would be very happy to work in your company.

“I just don’t know why Miss An didn’t like me in the talent market. However, I still wanted to work hard and give myself a chance.” At this point, Gao Beibei raised her head and looked at Xiao Lingyu with sparkling eyes. “CEO Xiao, I like to eat the vegetables that your family grows. I also like working in this beautiful place. Please hire me.”

Xiao Lingyu raised her eyebrows and asked with a faint smile, “It sounds like you’ve done your homework.”

Gao Beibei lowered her head slightly and said with embarrassment, “I’ve heard many friends talk about Taoyuan Village, so I’ve always wanted to come here. It would be great if I could work here.”

Xiao Lingyu didn’t say anything and just nodded. Then, she looked at the other person and said with a faint but majestic voice, “What about you?”

Jiang Mingyu said, “CEO Xiao, my situation is similar to hers. Chen Minghai also received a call from another company for an interview, so he went over directly.

“However, he didn’t inform your company. I felt indignant because I think highly of your company. I wanted to enter your company, but in the talent recruitment market, Miss An also rejected me. I was unsatisfied, so I came here directly.”

An Xiaohui, “...” Somehow they made it sound like it’s my fault. The people she picked skipped out on the interview; the people she rejected attended the interview on the absentees’ behalf.

An Xiaohui’s heart was filled with displeasure.

She looked at Xiao Lingyu. “CEO Xiao, this...”

Xiao Lingyu said, “Give those two another call!”

An Xiaohui replied, “Yes!”

“Tell them there’s no need to come anymore!”