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“Alright, alright, alright. I’ve already said that you can do whatever you want.” No one had any objections at all, and they were all happy. “The two acres of land we bought from the village chief have been turned over. We’ll help you plant them in the afternoon.”

With the help of his family, many people, and everyone’s deft hands and feet, plus the fact that they didn’t have to plant so closely and had to plant a little more sparsely, the three acres of land were planted in just one afternoon.

They even watered them.

Chunmei’s aunt was weeding in her house. When she saw this, she kept shaking her head. “You guys are really plating the things that Xue Yan and Jiang Yue dug up?”

Xue Dafu and the others only laughed.

Chunmei’s head shook even more.

Xue Dagui happened to be passing by with a small load of firewood, and when he saw what these plants were, he immediately put down the firewood and walked over. Like an old man, he placed his hands behind his back and bent over, carefully examining several sprouts one by one. Only then did he smile cheekily at his third brother, Xue Dafu. “Hehe, Xue Dafu, can I be honest? I’ve never seen these wild things before. Maybe I didn’t notice them usually. Anyway, I think that even if these things grow. Even pigs might not eat them.”

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan was speechless.

“In any case, those raspberries might be able to sell for a bit of money in the end.” Xue Dagui continued to chuckle. “You might as well plant them all over these three acres of land instead.”

After so many days, Xue Dafu's anger had mostly subsided. He said in his usual tone, "I originally bought it for Jiang Yue and Xue Yan to play with. If the pigs don't eat it, then so be it."

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan was speechless yet again.

Seeing that Xue Dafu was talking to him as usual, Xue Dagui was so happy that he wanted to die. His old habit immediately flared up, and he subconsciously blurted out, "Since your family has spare money for Xue Yan and Jiang Yue to play with, why don't you give it me, your younger brother?"

Unfortunately, before he could finish his sentence, Xue Dafu looked over with a warning in his eyes.

"Look at my mouth! Just look at my mouth!" Xue Dagui immediately slapped himself twice. Then, he laughed, "Hehe, don't get mad. Sometimes, I just can't control myself, but I will change. I will really change. I swear I will. When was the last time I annoyed you? I'm really determined to change, trust me. "

"That's enough," Xue Dafu said. He wasn't a stone-hearted person. Although he was quite disappointed in the past, he still had brotherly feelings for this younger brother of his. "If you can really change and not be like the past, I'll acknowledge you as my younger brother."

"Okay, okay, okay." Xue Dagui was overjoyed. He quickly picked up his small load of firewood. "I'll go back and tell Father that you're no longer angry and have reconciled with me. Father will definitely be very happy."

It wasn't until Xue Dagui was far away that Xue Wufu expressed his dissatisfaction. "Father!"

Xue Dafu said, "Alright, alright. I know what you want to say. But if he really changes, it's a good thing. No matter what, he's still your uncle."

Xue Erfu teased, "Wufu, why are you still acting like a child? If Xue Dagui has changed for the better, we'll give Grandpa some face and forgive him. You know how filial he is. Grandpa is stuck in the middle. Although he didn't say anything, he must feel a little bad."

"I'm not unforgiving Xue Dagui!" Xue Wufu was about to jump. "I just don't want to talk to Xue Zhuzi and his mother! Those two really aren't good people!"

Chapter 161: Not happiness, but Hope

“He said he is going to change, so he’ll definitely take good care of his wife and son,” Xue Dafu said.

“If that’s the case, then alright... I guess.” Xue Wufu had no more objections. After thinking for a while, he still unwillingly said, “If he wasn’t so filial to grandpa and still has you in his heart, I wouldn’t have forgiven him!”

“Alright, alright, which one of you wouldn’t?” Liu Guixia also opened her mouth. She even sighed. “Alright, alright. Let’s go back.”

When they got home, Liu Guixia said to Xue Yifu, “Yifu, take a day off tomorrow. Don’t work in the workshop anymore. Go with your wife and Xue Yan to the town’s clinic. We’ve already agreed on this last time.”

“Okay.” Xue Yifu chuckled in agreement.

Jiang Yue walked over and tugged at Liu Guixia’s clothes. “I want to go to town tomorrow too.”

“Okay, you go too.” Liu Guixia agreed without thinking.

Everyone thought that she wanted to play in town and didn’t ask her what she wanted to do there. Only Xue Yan knew that she was going there for the candy.

He hadn’t forgotten that she had suddenly asked Xue Xiaobao and Dabao what they liked to eat last time.

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The next day, Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were reluctant to spend the money to take the ox cart to town, but because the two children, Xue Yan and Jiang Yue, were there, and the town was so far away, they took the ox cart. This was because they were reluctant to let the two children walk with them, let alone whether they would arrive there on time.

However, Tian still had to wait for others to take the ox cart, so he could pull as many people as possible to earn more money. Therefore, they were not in such a hurry to go to the village entrance.

“Hehua, this is ten silver. Take it and keep it well. Don’t lose it and don’t let anyone see it.” Liu Guixia gave Li Hehua 10 silver. “If the doctor asks you to take medicine, don’t be reluctant to spend money on it. This is a big matter. If it can be cured, we must definitely cure it.” If she couldn’t be cured, then there was no other way.

Liu Guixia didn't say the last sentence out of fear that Li Hehua would feel uncomfortable.

"Okay." Li Hehua responded softly, and then hurriedly put the ten silver into her money bag like a treasure. There was a smile on her face. It was not a smile of happiness, but a kind of hope. The hope that she might get pregnant in the future.

"Mother, give them some more copper coins. Yifu and the rest will only be back with the ox cart in the afternoon. They still have to eat in town in the afternoon," Yu Hongyan said.

"Yes, yes, yes, I forgot." Liu Guixia quickly turned around to get more money.

"There's no need for that. Hehua and I still have fifty coins each, and we haven't even used them yet. It won't cost much to eat in town," Xue Yifu said with a smile.

"That's fine, that's fine." Liu Guixia said with a smile. She didn't go to get more money.

Seeing this, Xue Yan asked Jiang Yue in a low voice, "Do we have enough money? Do you want more?"

Jiang Yue also whispered, "We're just buying some wheat and glutinous rice to make it ourselves. We also need to buy some flour or cornmeal to prevent the sugar cubes from sticking together. We're not making a lot of it, so it won't cost much."

She was going to make malt candy.

If they were to buy the caramels directly, the 100 coins that they had would not be able to buy much. However, if they were to make them themselves, the price of each ingredient would be less.

It was just a little troublesome.

However, other than managing the five acres of land from time to time, she had nothing else to do.

So what if it's troublesome?

Xue Yan wasn't surprised that she knew how to do it herself, he just nodded to show that he understood.

"Sister! Sister!" Suddenly, a middle-aged man's voice came from outside.

Jiang Yue was unfamiliar with the voice and had no idea who it was.

Xue Yan knew it was Liu Guisheng when he heard the voice. He whispered to Jiang Yue, "It's my uncle."

"Good?" Jiang Yue asked.

Xue Yan shook his head, "Not really."

Jiang Yue knew what was going on.

When Li Hehua and the others heard this voice, they immediately stopped talking about whether they had enough money to go to the town to see a doctor.

At this time, Liu Guisheng had already strode to the entrance of the courtyard. Seeing that Liu Guixia was in the courtyard, he immediately smiled and said, "Dear sister, what's wrong with you? I was calling for you, why didn't you answer me?"

Jiang Yue looked at the man. He looked very ordinary and had a mischievous smile on his face. However, she already did not have a good impression of him, probably because of what Xue Yan had said.

"What are you doing here?" Liu Guixia said unhappily.

Without waiting for Liu Guisheng to speak, Liu Guixia said, "Didn't you and Mother complain that my family is poor and there are too many people? And you're afraid that I'll go back to Mother's house and eat more of your family's food, right?"

"You're my uncle, right? " Yu Hongyan chimed in and smiled." I'm sorry, I only just recognized you. I'm Erfu's wife, Hongyan. I married late, so I don't know a lot of things, but I heard from the villagers that my mother hasn't returned to her family for a long time. I heard that it was the second year after my sister-in-law married into the village. When the whole family came to your family to pay a New Year's visit, we were chased away. You said that our family was too poor and we couldn't afford to sit with your family and that we should leave."

If Xue Erfu and Xue Wufu hadn't gone out to work with Xue Dafu, the two of them would have been like Yu Hongyan, cunning speakers.

They clearly remembered that it happened to be the first year of Xue Yan's education. Their family was poor at the beginning, but they still gave their relatives a lot of gifts. However, their mother's family still despised them and wanted them to give more. It was as if their money was not hard-earned but fished out of the water.

Although their mother was in charge of the family's money, she had never spent money recklessly. Almost every coin was spent on the younger generation in the family.

Moreover, she had to support Xue Yan's studies at that time, so she was naturally not willing to give more.

Moreover, the year their mother got married, their grandfather passed away. Their grandfather didn't even see their mother get married. After their mother and father got engaged, they suddenly fell seriously ill and died. However, their grandfather prepared a dowry for their mother. It was considered quite a lot in the surrounding villages and many people knew about it. However, on the day of the marriage, their grandmother refused to give their mother a single dowry. She said that it was a waste to give it to a married daughter. This dowry should be left for Liu Guisheng.

Although they didn't see the scene with their own eyes, they often heard some of the older people in the village say that their mother had nothing at that time. She cried for many days when she heard about it.

After their mother married their father, no matter what, they were still family.

Chapter 163: Do You Have Any Shame?

At that time, their family was not that poor yet, but they were already treating them like this. One could imagine how their maternal grandmother and uncle would feel when their family became even poorer after they started supporting Xue Yan's education.

Liu Guisheng's family had quite a bit of wealth in the surrounding villages. They had an acre of land and could be considered one of the better families in the surrounding villages.

The Xue family was so poor, and they didn't know if Xue Yan would really make it in the end.

Her grandmother and uncle naturally didn't have a good relationship with each other.

It was also at that time that their mother let it go and stopped hanging out with her family.

Until today, this very uncle had come uninvited.

Xue Yan also knew about these things, so he naturally had a weary attitude toward this man.

Knowing that Jiang Yue didn't know, Xue Yan took the opportunity to tell Jiang Yue everything while Yu Hongyan was talking.

Jiang Yue naturally didn't have a good impression of Liu Guisheng.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were unhappy as well, but the two of them were honest and acted dumb in this aspect. They didn't know what to say, so they could only look at Liu Guisheng unhappily.

After being criticized by his sister and Yu Hongyan, the smile on Liu Guisheng's face naturally couldn't be maintained. However, he still managed to laugh, "So you're Erfu's wife. We didn't come when you and Erfu got married. We were busy."

Yu Hongyan didn't give him a way out at all. She said in an aggressive tone, "Forget it. What are you busy with? You know the real reason, don't you? We all know it, and so do others in the village. Our two families haven't been in contact for almost three years. If you're here at this time, you should just tell me what you want!"

She didn't give him any chances!

Liu Guisheng was naturally embarrassed, but in order to achieve his purpose today, he didn't want to argue. Instead, he changed the topic and tried to get close to Xue Yan and Jiang Yue. He felt that Xue Yan and Jiang Yue were still young and should be easy to deal with.

"Xue Yan is already so big? This is Jiang Yue, right? I think I saw you digging up raspberries last time. You really look good, so full of life."

However, no one paid him any attention.

The smile on Liu Guisheng's face slowly froze, but he still tried to smile, "Dear sister, I'm here, aren't you going to invite me in?"

Liu Guixia had already lost her heart when she was chased out of her former home. At this moment, she was a little impatient, so she was more direct. "Our family's house is small, so we won't invite you in to sit. You should just get straight to the point. If there's nothing else, you can leave. We all have things to do and don't have time to go around in circles with you."

In this atmosphere, it wasn't suitable to say his purpose for coming, but he was stuck and had no other choice but to accept the hostile situation. He didn't come for no reason. Liu Guisheng gritted his teeth in his heart and said with a smile, "I heard that your family hunted a bear and bought a few acres of land and barren land. Is your family that rich? Mother said that it was all our fault in the past, and asked you and Xue Dafu to take the children back to see them more often."

The implication of his words was to send more things over in the future. It would be best if it was money, fields, or land.

“You’re shameless!” Yu Hongyan said immediately.

Liu Guisheng couldn’t squeeze out a smile even if he wanted to.

Liu Guixia looked at the ground sadly and sighed. “I know. If our family was still so poor, you wouldn’t have come today. Mother wouldn’t let me go back. You’ve never been like this before...”

Chapter 164: Don’t Regret It

“Mother...” Xue Yan, Yu Hongyan, Li Hehua, and Xue Yifu all looked at Liu Guixia with worry.

“Oh...” Jiang Yue’s eyes were filled with worry.

Liu Guixia quickly wiped her reddened eyes and smiled at Xue Yan, Jiang Yue, and the rest, “I’m fine, I’m fine.”

Immediately, she said to Liu Guisheng, “Guisheng, as your sister, I’ll say something from the bottom of my heart. No one knows better than me what kind of people you and Mother are. I used to think that without a parental family, a woman would definitely be bullied by her in-laws, so it’s better to have a parental family. Your parental family can at least support you a little, so I’ve been tolerating you and giving in to you. It was only until the day you drove us back that I realized that there’s nothing good about having a parental family like yours.”

Since she had already said this, Liu Guisheng stopped pretending. “Liu Guixia, you’ll regret this!”

“Tsk,” Yu Hongyan immediately snorted. “You’re the one who’s regretting it now. Our family’s life is getting better and better. Anyone who sees it would be jealous. No wonder you came.”

Liu Guisheng was furious.

“Good! Good!” Liu Guisheng was so angry that he couldn’t say anything else. He only said clapped in anger, then turned his head and left. When he left the courtyard, he angrily slammed the courtyard door, making a loud bang.

Seeing that he had left in anger, Yu Hongyan immediately smiled at Liu Guixia. "Mother, are you okay?"

"You've got a good mouth," Liu Guixia said with a smile.

"I don't know how you did that," Li Hehua said with a smile.

Liu Guixia smiled and said, "You and Hongyan have different personalities. Why are you comparing yourself to her? She's my daughter-in-law anyway, and dote on all of you."

"That's right, we're not friends. We're family." Yu Hongyan chimed in with a smile.

Everyone was extremely harmonious.

Xue Yan and Jiang Yue both felt much better after the man left.

"Alright, alright. It's time to take the ox cart. Don't wait for Tian to call you. Hurry up and go." Liu Guixia urged with a smile.

"We'll be going then." Xue Yan and the others said.

"We'll be leaving then." Jiang Yue said.

"Good, good." Liu Guixia was all smiles.

Before Jiang Yue and the rest could reach the village entrance, Tian waved his whip and smiled at them, "I was just about to call you guys. We have enough people now, so we can go. Chop chop."

There were more people than the last time Jiang Yue and Xue Yan sat on the ox cart. Li Hehua held Jiang Yue in her arms to prevent her from being squashed.

Xue Yifu sat at the outermost position, protecting Jiang Yue, Xue Yan, and Li Hehua so that no one would fall off the ox cart when it jolted.

By the time they reached the town, Li Hehua's legs were already numb.

Xue Yifu helped her down and found a place to sit down.

Jiang Yue massaged Li Hehua's legs with her two small hands.

Li Hehua's heart almost melted when she saw Jiang Yue's expression.

Xue Yan went to the front to have a look, then came back and said, "Let's take the alley in front and take a detour. It's shorter than the other roads."

Jiang Yue and the others weren't as familiar with the town as Xue Yan, so they naturally followed whatever Xue Yan said.

When Li Hehua's legs were no longer numb and she could walk, she got up and wanted to follow Xue Yan to the clinic. However, at the same time, she subconsciously wanted to carry the little Jiang Yue.

Although Jiang Yue was no longer repulsed by Li Hehua, Li Hehua had been carrying her all the way here for fear that she would fall. She did not want Li Hehua to be so tired, so she said, "You don't have to carry me. I can walk."

Chapter 165: Shen's Medical Center

"That's fine too," Li Hehua smiled and held her hand instead. She was just afraid that she would lose her.

After walking through the alley and taking a detour, Jiang Yue finally saw a clinic called Shen's Medical Center. Presumably, the doctor here had the surname Shen.

The street where the clinic was located wasn't very prosperous, but there were people going in and out of the clinic from time to time. It seemed that business was not bad.

That's right, Xue Yan said that this doctor had a certain reputation, so his business would naturally flow well.

"That's the place," Xue Yan pointed at Shen's Medical Center and spoke.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were illiterate, but the decorations of a typical clinic were different from other shops. They still knew which one was the real clinic, but they didn't know that it was called Shen's Medical Center.

Xue Yan told them, "This clinic is called Shen's Medical Center. My classmate's surname is Shen. He's seven years old, the same age as me. He's his father's son. His father is quite old, so everyone calls him Doctor Shen. You can call him that when the time comes."

"Alright, alright, alright." Xue Yifu and Li Hehua responded in a hurry.

Before they entered the clinic, a child in the clinic saw them and hurriedly came out to greet them. "Young master, please come in. Your friend is not in the clinic now, he's in the school."

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua felt rather proud to be treated with pristine, but they didn't dare to say anything for fear of embarrassing Xue Yan.

Jiang Yue remained calm. She had heard people call Xue Yan young master before.

"I'm not here for my friend." Xue Yan bowed to the child. "Is Doctor Shen in?"

The child hurriedly cupped his hands and bowed at a 90-degree angle in return before answering, "Yes, yes. He's taking someone's pulse in the inner room. Please wait a moment."

The child led them to a few chairs and served them tea. Then, he went to the inner room next to them and told Doctor Shen that Xue Yan had arrived.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were extremely reserved. They only dared to touch the chair with their buttocks, and they were unable to sit at ease.

"Xue Yan, we..." the two of them were clearly too reserved. They felt that they were completely out of place here. They were clearly farmers, but they were enjoying the courtesy of distinguished guests. They were sitting on black round chairs with tea beside them. They had never drunk tea in their entire lives. The blue patterned tea bowls were so beautiful that they didn't even dare to touch them, let alone lift them up and open the lid to drink.

The chair was comfortable, and the paintings were astounding here.

The chairs in their house weren't painted, and they weren't this kind of circular chair, because this kind of circular chair was more troublesome to make than the ones at home.

"You don't have to be so stiff. Doctor Shen is an extremely kind person." Xue Yan smiled.

Xue Yifu felt slightly better.

However, Li Hehua rarely comes to town, so she was really inexperienced and reserved. Seeing this, Jiang Yue got down from her chair and walked to Li Hehua's side.

Li Hehua immediately picked up the little girl and let her sit on her lap. In this way, Li Hehua also sat firmly on the chair, and she was not so restrained, so she naturally felt more at ease.

At this moment, the child came back and said with a smile, "Young master, you have to wait a little longer. The condition of the guest inside is still being assessed."

“Alright, thank you for your trouble.”

After a while, the 60-year-old doctor with a white beard walked out from the inner room and smiled kindly, “Shen Qing has come.”

Sheng Qing was Xue Yan’s nickname.

Although he was not yet twenty years old, his teacher had given him a name in the first year of school. Those who had a good relationship with him in the Academy basically called him Sheng Qing.

“Doctor Shen.” Xue Yan quickly stood up and cupped his hands in greeting.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua shot to their feet. As if their butts were on fire, they stammered out a greeting, “Doctor Shen.”

Li Hehua also hurriedly placed Jiang Yue on the ground.

“Uncle,” Jiang Yue greeted.

“This is my brother and sister-in-law, and this is Jiang Yue,” Xue Yan introduced.

Doctor Shen nodded at Xue Yifu and Li Hehua with a smile before turning to the fair and tender Jiang Yue, who was extremely likable. “You’re Jiang Yue, right? You’re quite energetic.”

“Thank you, uncle.” Jiang Yue said.

“You’re also a sweet talker.” Doctor Shen chuckled as he added.

Even though Doctor Shen was not the only one who praised her, Jiang Yue still felt a little embarrassed.

Doctor Shen said a few more words to her before his line of sight fell on Xue Yan again, he smiled and said, “Since when did your family have such a lovely baby girl? Why haven’t I heard you mention her before?”

Xue Yan explained the situation.

“So that’s how it is.” Doctor Shen understood. “Have a seat,” he said with a smile. “Please, stay for lunch.”

“No, no, no...” Xue Yifu and Li Hehua wanted to say that there was no need, but because they were too reserved, they could only say no after a long time.

“Relax, I won’t bite.” Doctor Shen joked.

This time, the atmosphere was much more relaxed.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua laughed in embarrassment. Slowly, although they were still reserved, they felt much better.

“We’re here to ask you to check on my sister-in-law’s condition only, so we won’t be having lunch here.” Xue Yan smiled.

“What’s wrong with your sister-in-law?” Doctor Shen immediately put on a doctor’s expression and his gaze fell on Li Hehua. Without waiting for anyone to answer, he shook his head and said with a disapproving look, “You’re too skinny.”

She was like a bamboo pole.

Li Hehua was indeed as thin as a bamboo pole.

Jiang Yue nodded in her heart as she understood what Doctor Shen had left unsaid.

Xue Yan didn’t rush to answer but looked at his brother, “Yifu, you can say it.”

“Okay.” Xue Yifu nodded, then stammered, “My wife... is skinny. She’s been married to me for four years, but she still can’t get pregnant. We came to find you, just for this.”

In the end, that was all that could come out.

“Let’s go to the inner room, I’ll take her pulse first.” Doctor Shen nodded.

“Okay!” Xue Yifu immediately agreed.

After entering the inner room, there was a table with pulse pillows and other things on it. This table was Doctor Shen’s consultation table. Doctor Shen sat on one side, and Li Hehua sat on the other side opposite him.

Jiang Yue, Xue Yan, and Xue Yifu just stood there and watched.

Seeing that Doctor Shen had started to take his wife’s pulse, Xue Yifu’s two large hands involuntarily clenched together. Other than being reserved, he was more nervous than before.

Seeing how nervous Xue Yifu was, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan exchanged glances, but neither of them said anything.

Doctor Shen closed his eyes and carefully checked her pulse for a while before he retracted his hand and opened his eyes. "She's too skinny." Immediately after, he looked at Xue Yifu with a reproachful look. "Your wife is so thin, and you still want her to get pregnant and give you a child?"

Chapter 167: All My Fault

"Ah..." Xue Yifu did not expect to be reprimanded. He was at a loss for words.

Li Hehua immediately became anxious. "Doctor," she hurriedly said, "My pregnancy has nothing to do with my husband."

"Is that so? But why is it that you're so thin, but he's not thin at all and is quite strong?" Without waiting for anyone to answer, Doctor Shen continued, "I know that your village is poor. Usually, the men who do manual work eat more food. The women who don't do manual work drink watery food. They save as much as they can. You've lost so much weight. You must have been drinking watery food like this for a long time."

Li Hehua was speechless.

She used to drink diluted water, but ever since Xue Yan suddenly came back from town and said that he would no longer go to school, everyone in the family started to more food.

"You should blame me for this." Xue Yan forced a smile. "If my family didn't pay for my education, we wouldn't have been so poor and saved up."

"Xue Yan!" Li Hehua and Xue Yifu were getting anxious.

"Doctor, Doctor, it's my fault, it's all my fault!" Xue Yifu hurriedly said. "It has nothing to do with Xue Yan! I'm the eldest brother. I'm not capable, that's why my family was like that before!"

Who knew that Doctor Shen would laugh, "Shen Qing, look at you, you have a good big brother and good sister-in-law."

Xue Yan nodded with a smile.

Just now, Doctor Shen was not reprimanding them. In fact, he wanted them to understand the situation. It was just that his eldest brother and eldest sister-in-law did not understand.

Doctor Shen continued to smile, "Alright, alright, I'm not trying to blame any of you. I just want you to know the reason," as he said this, he looked at Xue Yifu and continued, "Let's not talk about anything else. Your wife was willing to stay with you for three to four years and let all the men in your family eat the food. You can't forget this sacrifice. No matter how your family lives in the future, you have to be good to your wife."

"Yes, yes, yes." Xue Yifu quickly nodded, but his eyes could not help but redden. His wife had suffered too much with him and had not had a good day. It was only recently that her days had gotten better.

Li Hehua saw that Xue Yifu's eyes had turned red, and she could not help but tear up as well.

Jiang Yue felt that the doctor was quite wise.

"Don't cry, I can't bear to see tears, or I'll cry with you." Doctor Shen said with a fierce face.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were immediately amused by his words. They quickly wiped their eyes and replied with a smile, "Okay!"

Only then did Doctor Shen say, "Hehua, there's actually nothing wrong with you. You're just too thin. Go back and eat more delicious food to nourish your body. Originally, I wanted to give you some tonic medicine to eat, but medicine might also be poisonous. If you can avoid taking medicine, it's better not to take medicine. It's better to eat well. Eat better every day, you can't become fat with one bite. Take it slow, don't worry, and don't overstress yourself. When your body is better, you'll naturally be pregnant."

"Really, doctor? Just like that, I can ..." Li Hehua couldn't help but be overjoyed. She also couldn't believe it.

Xue Yifu couldn't believe it either.

"I'm a doctor. You have to believe me," Doctor Shen said patiently. "If you don't believe me, why did you come to me to take a look? In this world, there are many diseases that I can't cure, but I've seen many of yours. You can rest assured. You're just too thin. If you do as I say, you'll get pregnant sooner or later. If you can't get pregnant, I'll give my Yuxuan to you. I only have one son, Yuxuan. Is that okay?"

Chapter 168: Don't Have to Use Money

The last sentence was obviously a joke.

Doctor Shen laughed as he spoke. He only had one son at his age, so he couldn't bear to give him away.

He just wanted to prove that what he said was true.

Li Hehua and Xue Yifu laughed as well, naturally believing that it was true.

However, Jiang Yue kept it in mind. Xue Yan's classmate, who was also Doctor Shen's son, was surnamed Shen, and his name was Yuxuan.

Seeing Doctor Shen's attitude towards Xue Yan, she knew that Xue Yan and Shen Yuxuan had a good relationship. Sooner or later, she would see Shen Yuxuan.

As for the nickname Shen Qing... It must be because of his writing right?

To have calligraphy before the age of 20, and to be called that by others, it was enough to show that Xue Yan had been in the limelight at the Hanlin Academy.

Xue Yan... Shen Qing...

'No matter which one it was, they all sounded good.' Jiang Yue thought.

"Thank you, Doctor Shen. Thank you so much." Xue Yifu first thanked Li Hehua happily before asking, "Doctor Shen, how much does it cost to see a doctor?" As she spoke, she took out the money.

Doctor Shen laughed. "Let's not talk about the fact that you're Shen Qing's family. I've already told him about this before. I often do volunteer medical consultations. There's no reason for me to make money. I won't take it. Just put it away."

"This..." Xue Yifu still wanted to take it.

"Sheng Qing, why don't you talk about your big brother?" Doctor Shen looked at Xue Yan with a smile.

When Xue Yan chose to come here, he had already anticipated that Doctor Shen would not want the money. All he did was take her pulse, it was obvious that he would not want it even more.

He would repay this favor in other ways, and it didn't have to be money.

So, when he heard Doctor Shen ask him to speak, he smiled at his big brother and said, "Since Doctor Shen told us not to, we shouldn't."

"This isn't good, is it?" Xue Yifu still felt apologetic.

"It's nothing bad," Xue Yan said with a smile. "When Yuxuan comes to our house one day, we'll make him a few more good dishes."

Doctor Shen immediately stroked his beard and smiled, "This is good, this is good. I've earned more from this. My pulse-taking isn't worth a few good dishes. Shen Qing, Yuxuan was still making a fuss about going to your house to find you yesterday. If it wasn't for the fact that it's not yet time for him to take a break from school, I would have really let him go."

Xue Yan smiled, "Don't let him go if he hasn't taken a break. Otherwise, you'll hit his palm again. Even if you have many disciples, he's the only one getting hit."

"Isn't that so?" When he said this, Doctor Shen laughed. "He just can't study well," he said. "His mind is always on something else. When I asked him to identify herbs, he recognized them accurately and couldn't forget them. He often sees me practicing medicine. Now, he can barely treat diseases. I told him that he didn't need to study for the imperial examination, but just to learn how to read. Even I know that he's not good at studying. I've talked to him, and he's okay with that and said he would work extra hard."

"Yuxuan will definitely be able to inherit your mantle and become a good doctor," Xue Yan said with a smile.

Doctor Shen laughed, "Of course, that would be for the best. Actually, I didn't think too much about it. It's just that I'm already so old and he's my only son. I don't want to force him too much. Since he's the same as me and is interested in practicing medicine, then I'll let him learn from me."

After they left the clinic, Xue Yan and the others brought Jiang Yue to a wonton stall and ordered a bowl of wonton each.

Xue Yan and Jiang Yue naturally had small bowls.

Chapter 169: Do It

Whether it was a big or small bowl, a bowl of wonton was quite expensive for farmers. Fortunately, they did not come to town every day, so Xue Yifu and Li Hehua did not feel too bad eating it.

Moreover, Doctor Shen already said that Li Hehua needed to nourish her body.

The reason why he chose to eat wonton was that Li Hehua had told him about it before. He didn't know what wonton tasted like, so he remembered it. This time, Li Hehua could have a taste.

"Xue Yan, Jiang Yue, do you have anything you want to buy? If not, let's go to the ox cart after we're done eating. Tian said that he'll be going back earlier this afternoon." Xue Yifu asked Xue Yan and Jiang Yue as he ate.

Xue Yan swallowed the wonton in his mouth and said, "Jiang Yue and I have something we want to buy."

"What are you buying?" Li Hehua asked.

Jiang Yue also stopped eating her dumplings and said, "We want to buy some wheat, glutinous rice, flour, or rice flour. Xiaobao and the rest helped us dig up the raspberries last time. We heard that they like to eat candy, so we wanted to make some for them."

"Ah, you guys know how to make candy?" Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were both very surprised. They stopped eating their wonton and looked up at their two precious children.

"I don't, but Jiang Yue does," Xue Jie said.

Jiang Yue said, "My mother loved to make food. Before she was in poor health, she saw that there was a shop selling malt candy in town, so she thought about making it herself. She really managed to make it. However, later on, her health was so poor that she couldn't even afford to take medicine. She didn't have the money to buy things to make malt candy to sell even until she was gone. However, I was always by her side at that time and saw it. That was how I knew how to make candy."

The host's mother liked to cook because she had learned how to cook when she was a girl, and the dishes she made were delicious. Later, she got married and became a cook. In this village, anyone who needed a decent meal would always ask the host's mother to cook.

The host's mother naturally didn't feel at ease leaving her child alone at home, so she would naturally follow her and ate a lot of good food.

The reason why the host was raised to be so fair and tender had a lot to do with this.

“Your mother did like to cook,” Li Hehua said. “Everyone in the surrounding villages knows that your mother’s cooking is delicious. Previously, some young wives and I wanted to go to your house to learn how to cook from your mother, but because your mother’s health was getting worse and worse, we gave up.”

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“Jiang Yue, I feel that your memory is similar to Xue Yan’s. They’re both very good.” Xue Yifu pursed his lips. “When Xue Yan was your age, he could also remember many things. Since you know how to do it, then you can do it with him. Xiaobao and the others have helped our family, so we should repay them.”

Xue Yan had a photographic memory, but his memory was much worse than Xue Yan’s.

Of course, Jiang Yue did not say this out loud.

Jiang Yue nodded in agreement.

“Wouldn’t it be too much trouble to make it yourself?” Li Hehua said. “Why don’t we just buy some? The place we passed by just now seemed to have a place that sold the malt candy.”

“The same amount of money can’t buy much,” Jiang Yue said. “But if we make it, we can make a lot more.”

“I see,” Li Hehua said immediately, “Then let’s do it.”

“Yeah,” Jiang Yue replied.

After finishing the wonton, Jiang Yue asked Xue Yan where she could find the things she needed.

“There’s no such thing on this street, but there’s a rice store near the other street. As long as it’s grain, they sell it there.”

And whether it was wheat, glutinous rice, flour, or cornmeal, they were all grains.

Thus, the four of them went to the rice shop on the next street.

The people here did not know the theory behind the production of malt sugar. They only knew how to do it. However, Jiang Yue knew that after the wheat germinated, it would produce a type of malt enzyme. This enzyme could decompose the starch in glutinous rice into malt sugar.

Therefore, they needed to buy wheat to germinate the candy.

They also had to buy glutinous rice.

However, because this was the South, most of the crops were rice and not wheat. The wheat had to be transported from the North, so wheat and flour were quite expensive here.

In the North, one could buy half a kilogram of wheat for ten coins, and in the South, it was about fifteen coins.

The flour was made from wheat, so it was even more expensive. In any case, it was more expensive than rice powder.

Jiang Yue decided to buy rice flour instead of flour to prevent the sugar cubes from sticking together.

However, rice flour was also twenty coins per half a kilogram. Because it was manually ground or animal-powered, it had to be first removed to become polished rice and then ground into flour. It took a lot of effort, and there were no machines in this world.

Due to the low production of glutinous rice, few people planted it, so the price was high. It was 30 coins per 500 grams.

No matter what it was, in this town, the lowest selling price was 600 grams.

If you buy 300 grams, they won't sell it to you at all.

Originally, Jiang Yue planned to buy 1200 grams of glutinous rice, a little wheat, and a few cornmeal. This was because the ratio of glutinous rice to barley for the authentic recipe of malt candy was 40 to one.

This way, the cost would be lower.

However, this was not the fully automated sugar-making process in her original world, where the fermentation temperature and proportion were controlled to the most appropriate range. It was all manually controlled. In order to ensure full fermentation and to achieve the ideal sugar output as much as possible, the amount of malt needed to be more. The proportion could be ten to one, one to eight, or four to one. The proportion could be changed anyway.

It was all because the amount of malt used was less than glutinous rice.

There must not be more malt than glutinous rice, or else the malt sugar made would be sour.

In fact, rice could be used to make malt sugar instead of glutinous rice, but the amount of starch in glutinous rice was higher than that in rice. Moreover, the malt sugar made from glutinous rice would taste better.

With that in mind, Jiang Yue said to the owner of the rice shop, "One thousand two hundred grams of glutinous rice, 600 grams of wheat, and 600 grams of cornmeal please."

At that time, she would not need so much wheat and rice flour. She had no choice.

"Alright," The owner of the rice shop hurriedly asked the waiter to weigh it. "That's ninety-five coins in total."

Jiang Yue was quite glad that Xue Yifu and Li Hehua paid for the wontons and the ox cart just now. Otherwise, how could she and Xue Yan have enough money?

It was her fault for not thinking it through. She didn't expect that no matter what kind of food they bought in this town, they would have to buy more.

Xue Yan took out his money bag and was about to pay.

"Do you guys have enough money?" Xue Yifu and Li Hehua also took out their money bags, afraid that they would not have enough money, so they gave them some.

"We have enough," said Xue Jie.

After giving out the money, there were only five coins left in Xue Yan's purse.

Jiang Yue looked at Xue Yan's purse which had deflated. If one didn't look carefully, they wouldn't know that there were five coins inside.

Xue Yan looked at her.

Jiang Yue coughed dryly, which was a rare occurrence, and said to him uneasily, "We'd better ask your mother for some money to keep with us."

Although she didn't feel like she needed money, she still needed to buy something sometimes.

Without money, there were fewer problems now.

“Yes.” Xue Yan also thought so.

With the adults around, Xue Yan and Jiang Yue didn't have a chance to carry anything. Anyway, things like the glutinous rice were in Xue Yifu's hands, and he was the one who held them.

After leaving the rice shop, they all walked to the place where Tian parked the ox cart.

Li Hehua held Jiang Yue's hand and looked at the things Xue Yifu was carrying. She then asked, “Jiang Yue, how many pieces of caramels can you make with these?”

“We don't need that much wheat and cornmeal,” Jiang Yue said. “We need to use all the glutinous rice. We can probably make a little more than five hundred grams of caramels.”

The starch content in the glutinous rice was between 75 to 80 percent. No matter how well she controlled the conditions here, it was impossible to convert all the starch into malt sugar.

Converting all of them was an ideal situation, which could not be achieved here.

“A little more than five hundred grams?! “Li Hehua and Xue Yifu were both shocked. “That many? During the new year, someone gave Grandpa a small pack of malt candy. It was not much, but I heard that she said that it cost her twenty coins.”

Jiang Yue wanted to say that she had spent almost a hundred coins on the malt candy...

It wasn't much. Buying the ingredients and making it herself only had a minor difference. She had nothing to do anyway, so she would save as much as she could. But if she made a large number of caramels, it would be more cost-effective.

The people who came with Tian in the morning also knew that he would go back early today and were already waiting at the ox cart. When Jiang Yue and the others arrived, the ox cart finally left.

When the sun was still high up in the sky, Jiang Yue and the others were about to return to Locust Village.

“Yifu? Sifu?” Suddenly, Li Hehua pointed at the back of a young man wearing coarse clothes, who was walking on the side of the road with a cloth bag on his back and an earthen jar in his hand.

"It's Sifu!" Xue Yifu was pleasantly surprised. "Sifu, Sifu!" He immediately shouted happily.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were basking in the sun, and the ox cart was swaying. In addition, Li Hehua and Xue Yifu were looking after them, so they were more or less relaxed and a little sleepy. When they suddenly heard Li Hehua's voice, they looked at the roadside in front of the ox cart, and it was indeed their fourth brother.

Their fourth brother was walking, so he wasn't as fast as the ox. The ox cart had already arrived next to their fourth brother within the blink of an eye.

Xue Sifu acted as usual, he didn't even have to turn around to look, but he already had a smile on his face. When he saw Li Hehua and Xue Yifu, his smile immediately widened, "Yifu! Oh and the kids!"

Seeing that Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were also on the ox cart, he was even happier, "Come down and walk back with me. We're almost at the village entrance, you can't sit for long."

Xue Yan and Jiang Yue got off the ox cart.

Xue Yifu and Li Hehua also hurriedly got off the ox cart.

"Sifu, if you're coming back, why didn't you take the ox cart?" Tian chuckled.

Xue Sifu naturally couldn't bear to part with that one coin, so he walked back, but he wouldn't say that. Instead, he smiled and said, "I didn't know that you'd be returning to the town this early! Don't you usually take two hours from now to return?"

"Something came up at home, so I came back earlier," Tian said with a smile.

"Then, you should go back quickly. We'll just walk back. We've reached." Xue Yifu took out four coins and handed them to Tian as he laughed.

They were only a hundred steps away from the village entrance.

"Alright, alright, alright." Tian took the four coins and continued to drive the ox cart forward.

Xue Yifu subconsciously went to help carry the jar in Xue Sifu's hands.

His big brother usually took good care of his little brother, and the earthen jar wasn't heavy, so Xue Sifu let his big brother carry it over. He said, "This is the restaurant's leftovers again."

Even the leftovers in the restaurant were delicious, so Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were naturally happy that they could eat such good food at home again tonight. However, the two of them couldn't help but worry. "You're taking food from the restaurant again, will your manager scold you? Next time, don't take it back."

There was a tree right next to them, and the shade was enough to cover everyone from the sun. They stood under the shade and were not in a hurry to go back.

"It's fine. If I don't take it back, they'll throw away the leftovers." Xue Sifu said. "MY manager knows about this. Today, he specially asked the kitchen to give me more leftovers. There was more than half a duck in it. He said that I should quit. I've been in the restaurant for more than three years and I'm the most diligent one there. He gave me the rest of the leftovers to lessen the decision."

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan both knew that Xue Sifu was a very opinionated person, so they weren't surprised at all when they suddenly heard that he wasn't going to work in the restaurant anymore.

On the other hand, Xue Yifu and Li Hehua were so shocked that they immediately asked, "Why are you quitting? How many people are working in the restaurant?"

Xue Sifu laughed, "Xue Yan can make 500 coins by copying a book. It doesn't even take a few days. My monthly salary is only 450 coins. Anyway, I can't continue working anymore. I have to find something else to do. It's better than this and I can earn more money somewhere else. It's not like I'll work there forever, I won't be able to do it for many years. I can't do this for my entire life, so sooner or later, I'll have to come back and find something else to do."

"That's true," Xue Yifu and Li Hehua both felt that it made sense, so they didn't say anything else.

However, Xue Yan knew that Sifu was not speaking the whole truth.

That was, when he heard that his family wanted to provide for his education, he immediately went to the restaurant in town with Sanfu to find a job without saying anything. However, only Sifu stayed at the restaurant at that time.

Now that he had stopped studying, Sifu did not need to spend any money on the family for the time being. It was as if Sifu was free and wanted to do what he wanted to do.

In his previous life, Sifu's life... No, everyone's life in the family revolved around him. In this life, he wanted everyone in the family to have their own lives.

“Sifu, you said you want to find something else to do. Have you ever thought about what kind of thing you want to do?” Xue Yan asked.

“Not yet,” Xue Sifu said with a smile. “But I want to start a small business. If I can open a stall in town, it will earn more than me as a waiter. Anyway, we’ll see. It’s just an idea and I haven’t thought of a business yet.”

Business?

Xue Yan suddenly had a flashback.

It was as if he had returned to his previous life.

In his previous life, Sifu managed his family’s assets after he became an official. Sifu had used his family’s assets to do business and made his family’s assets grow. In the end, the family’s wealth could be comparable to a country’s.

Sifu was extremely talented in doing business.

Chapter 173: Personal Fortune

Jiang Yue noticed Xue Yan’s absent-minded expression and guessed that he was thinking about his past life again.

It seemed that the events of his past life had left a huge impact on him. That was why he couldn’t control himself and kept thinking about it. It was like torture to him.

Jiang Yue wanted to comfort him, but when she opened her mouth... nothing came out.

It was best for him to walk out of this on his own.

Xue Sifu didn’t look at Xue Yan anymore. Instead, he looked at Jiang Yue, because he realized that Jiang Yue didn’t say anything. Li Hehua was holding her little hand, and she was looking at them.

Then, he crossed his arms with one hand and touched his chin with the other. “Jiang Yue, you haven’t said anything.”

He was expecting her to excitedly call for him like how she did the first time.

Jiang Yue knew that he was teasing her, but she still played along and said, “Hello.”

“Good girl.” Xue Sifu complimented her and rubbed her head. “I also got paid today. I bought you and Xue Yan some good food. It’s here.” He patted the bag on his back. “I’ll give it to you when we get back.”

“The good food should be given to the rest at home. Hongyan has two mouths to feed. Hehua went to town to see a doctor today. The doctor said that she is too thin and needs more nourishment. When she gains weight and her body is better, she will be able to get pregnant.” Jiang Yue said.

Xue Yan also nodded.

Li Hehua was very happy that the two children in her family were so sensible, “Look at how sensible our Jiang Yue and Xue Yan are. However, I brought this back for the both of you. How can you just reject me like that? We can always make more food at home”

“Did you see a doctor?” Xue Sifu was a little surprised. “No wonder you guys came back from town. I was just about to ask why you guys came back from town.”

Li Hehua was a little embarrassed.

“I did. That doctor was very kind. He didn’t even charge me a consultation fee.” Xue Yifu sneered. Alright, let’s go back quickly. Everyone is probably waiting at home for us.”

“That’s right, Mother would definitely want to know how Hehua’s consultation went. Let’s go, let’s go back.” Xue Sifu also urged.

When he got home, Liu Guixia didn’t work in the fields today. She was waiting anxiously at home.

Yu Hongyan comforted Liu Guixia from time to time, saying that everything was going to be okay.

Xue Dafu and the others were a little more unfeeling. Even though they also hoped that Li Hehua could be cured, they still went to the fields and were not at home.

After learning that Li Hehua was just too thin and that she could be cured by eating well and nourishing her body, Liu Guixia was elated. She kept pulling Li Hehua’s hand and said a lot of things, even complaining to Xue Yifu, “You went to town. Why didn’t you bring back the meat?The doctor said that she needs to be fed more, right?”

When she heard that Xue Sifu wouldn’t be working as a waiter anymore, Liu Guixia sighed. “Xue Yan is not in school anymore. You’re already eighteen, what can we do? As long as you don’t do bad things, I, as your mother, have no objections. It’s just that your father...”

Xue Dafu happened to return from the fields with a shovel, so he continued, "What can I do? You've already made up your mind. Just like your mother said, as long as you don't do bad things, in the future no matter who wants to do it, it is up to you. The children and grandchildren will have their own fortune, your grandfather often told me this."

"Thank you, Father!" Xue Sifu immediately expressed his thanks.

Chapter 174: Neither Old Nor Young

Xue Yifu and the others were very happy as well.

With their father's words, they would have more freedom to do whatever they wanted in the future.

"Yifu, what are you holding in your hand?" Xue Dafu put down the shovel and asked.

Xue Yifu laughed awkwardly. "These are the leftovers that Sifu brought back. These are the glutinous rice, wheat, and cornmeal that Xue Yan and Jiang Yue bought for Xiaobao and the others to make caramels. Xiaobao and the others helped to dig up raspberries last time, so Xue Yan and Jiang Yue want to thank them."

After saying that, he put down the things in his hands.

Xue Dafu, Liu Guixia, and Yu Hongyan all looked at Jiang Yue and Xue Yan in surprise. "You guys know how to make caramel?"

Xue Sifu was also quite surprised.

However, at the same time that he was surprised, he immediately thought that since Xue Yan and Jiang Yue knew how to make that, should he try to start a business of making caramel candy?

Before Jiang Yue and Xue Yan could say anything, Xue Yifu chuckled and explained, "Jiang Yue knows how to make it. Didn't Jiang Yue's mother always know how to cook when she was alive? She has also thought about this before. When Jiang Yue sees it, she will remember it and know how to cook it." "Yes," Li Hehua agreed. "I heard from Jiang Yue that these things can be used to make a little more than a pound of caramel candy. It's much cheaper than buying it directly."

"This... Good, good, good." Liu Guixia and Xue Dafu were very happy.

Liu Guixia was more attentive and quickly said, "Didn't you just give me ten silver back? Where did you get the money to buy it? Xue Yan, Jiang Yue, have you spent all your money? Come, come, come, come, follow me in, I'll give you more. Look at the things you've bought, it's also to make caramels for the other kids to eat, but you're not even willing to buy a piece of caramel for yourself. Poor you, even us adults aren't as thoughtful as you. This time, I must give you more so that you can have enough for yourselves too."

In the end, Liu Guixia's heart ached for her two precious children.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan looked at each other as they were led into Liu Guixia's room. It was good. They didn't need to say anything and were getting money.

This time, Liu Guixia gave Jiang Yue and Xue Yan two silver.

It was still Xue Yan who kept it.

When they came out of Liu Guixia's room, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan each had an oil-paper package in their hands.

"I bought you some delicious food. Hurry up and eat." Xue Sifu laughed. Then, he put the other paper bag aside. "This is for Grandpa. Mother, I didn't buy any for you. I didn't have that much money. I'll buy some for you when I earn more money."

Liu Guixia and the others laughed. "We're neither old nor young. What's there to buy? It'll just be a waste of money. We can't buy it even if we have money."

Seeing that Jiang Yue and Xue Yan didn't want to open the package, Liu Guixia and the others smiled and urged them, "Hurry up and eat. It's a big chicken leg. Sifu loves you, but don't let the children who pass by see it. If another child takes a bite, Sifu will be in a terrible mood. He bought it especially for you. Quickly. Hurry up and eat. We have our own food and there's more than enough for everyone. This is for you two."

If they didn't eat, they would really be letting down Sifu's kind intentions.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan had no choice but to slowly open the oil paper bags in their hands.

Sure enough, there was a big chicken leg in the oil-paper bag that was originally quite crispy, but now it was cold and not so crispy. Only the layer of flour on the surface was still a little crispy.

“It’s delicious, right?” Xue Sifu looked at them expectantly.

“Yes.” Jiang Yue and Xue Yan both nodded.

“It’s more delicious when it’s fried on the spot.” Xue Sifu laughed. “I’ll take you to town one day and let you eat fried food. I’ll go to Grandpa’s place and give this to him. I haven’t seen him in a long time.”

With that, Xue Sifu took the paper bag and was about to head over to Xue Da’s place, but before he could even take two steps, he turned back and yelled at Xue Dafu, “Father, before I came back, I went to Sanfu’s place to take a look. He said that he won’t be back for the time being. He’ll probably only be back after half a month.”

“Alright, I got it,” Xue Dafu replied.

Two small stools were placed in the corridor outside the central room. Li Hehua let Jiang Yue and Xue Yan sit on the small stools and continue eating chicken legs, while the others began to do their own things.

Everyone was very happy. Naturally, it was because Li Hehua only needed to eat to supplement her body.

While eating the drumstick slowly, Xue Yan looked at the cloth bag on the table in the central room, which contained three things — glutinous rice, wheat and rice flour.

“Can you tell me how to make this caramel candy?”

Jiang Yue gave a simple explanation.

The rough idea was to let the wheat germinate first, then steam the glutinous rice, mix the chopped malt with the glutinous rice, and ferment it. Then, filter it, and boil it. Finally, pull the boiled sugar. When pulled, air bubbles will form and the malt sugar will turn white. The more it was pulled, the harder it became, becoming the candy that was smashed and sold in the town.

Xue Yan immediately understood.

He knew that the first step was to let the wheat germinate, and that it would be easier for the wheat to germinate after soaking it for a night. He said, “Then let’s finish eating and go soak the wheat.”

“Yeah,” Jiang Yue replied.

After eating the chicken leg, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan took out a portion of the wheat and placed it in a large bowl. Then, they poured cold water into the large bowl and soaked the portion of wheat.

He would harvest the other wheat, as it might be useful in the future.

“Let’s find another sieve.” Jiang Yue said. “Tomorrow morning, we’ll spread the soaked wheat on the sieve and pour water on it two or three times a day. According to the current weather, it should be able to sprout in three or four days. He was using a bud to prevent the true leaves from sprouting. This candy also has another name, malt candy, which means this.”

Xue Yan nodded.

There was a wooden round sieve at home that could be used to sieve the crumbs from vegetable seeds and sesame seeds. The size was just right.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan took a sieve and put it aside for later use.

At this moment, Xue Erfu and Xue Wufu, who had scattered plant ashes in the field, returned. Plant ashes could prevent pests and could also be used as fertilizer. When they heard that Li Hehua could be cured by eating nutrients, they were very happy. When they heard that Xue Sifu was back, Xue Wufu immediately ran to Xue Da’s place to find Sifu. He couldn’t go by himself, but he brought Jiang Yue and Xue Yan with him.

They did not return even after dinner.

It was Xue Erfu who had called him back.

When Xue Erfu left, he also brought a bowl of food. These were the leftovers that Xue Sifu had brought back. He also gave it to Xue Da, who was so happy that his heart filled with love.

It wasn’t because there was good food, but because of the filial piety of the younger generation.

The next morning, after washing up, Jiang Yue took the sieve and spread the soaked wheat in it with Xue Yan.

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The wheat spread out, and a cloth was used to cover the sieve to prevent light from coming in.

Finally, she placed the sieve covered with a cloth in a cool and ventilated place, sprinkled water two or three times a day, and waited for the seeds to germinate.

Xue Sifu watched without blinking the entire time.

Xue Wufu was also curious about Sifu's reaction. He ran over like a monkey and bent over as he watched Jiang Yue and Xue Yan carry on with the business as usual.

"Sifu, what's there to see?" Xue Wufu asked after reading it.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan also looked at Xue Sifu. To be honest, they didn't expect Sifu to follow them around. Was he trying to learn the steps and open up a business with this?

Xue Sifu looked at the sieve that had been placed in a cool and ventilated place before smiling, "I'm not going to be a waiter anymore. Of course, that means I'll just have to find something to do. Since Jiang Yue can make caramel candy, I was thinking if I should open a business for that."

"Alright!" Xue Wufu agreed without thinking, thinking that he could make money if he helped.

Jiang Yue didn't mind. If Xue Sifu really wanted to make caramel candy to sell, she would also support it.

"Sifu, there's a limit to opening this business," Xue Yan said.

"What?"

"Because there are still many people in the Imperial Court who are greedy, the use of grain is very strict. For those who have land, at least half of their fields are used to grow grain, and they are not allowed to grow anything else. Making this requires a lot of grain, just like making wine. The government will control your production. If you want to do this business, it won't be a problem to buy glutinous rice to make caramel candy, but if you buy more than sixty kilograms, without the permission of the government, they will arrest you, beat you up, exile you, or kill you."

He had been part of the regent in his previous life and was in charge of the entire Da Ling, so he knew all this like the back of his hand.

Even in troubled times, when people would go hungry and food was even more scarce. The Imperial Court intervened in these matters to reduce the waste of food and to maintain the stability of Da Ling.

Jiang Yue felt that the Imperial Court's intervention was not unreasonable. After all, one would not starve to death even if one did not eat or drink wine. However, one would starve to death if they did not have grain.

Moreover, in this world, the production of food was not particularly high, so food was scarce.

It was just that some people didn't care and still wanted more.

If there was a year of disaster, there would definitely come a time of famine and people would starve.

Xue Wufu was not as calm as Jiang Yue, and he was immediately shocked. "Is it really that serious? Then Sifu, it's better if you don't go into this business. Our family hasn't gotten permission from the government."

Xue Sifu was much braver than Xue Wufu and didn't mind at all. "What are you afraid of? Didn't Xue Yan say that only the government would only care if its sixty kilograms or more? Then I'll just buy fifty-nine kilograms of glutinous rice to make caramels. Including the amount of wheat and rice flour used, it won't exceed sixty kilograms. I'll just earn whatever I can. I don't know what to do now either. I just want to earn some money and do something. I'll just treat it as practice."

Xue Yan had known Sifu for so many years in his previous life, so he knew him very well. He expected this reaction, so he was not surprised.

Jiang Yue was not surprised. A quick-witted and opinionated person would usually have the courage to try even if there were difficulties.

However, to be able to make such a decisive decision without being affected by others was not only his own opinion and courage, but also a kind of courage that could make or break someone.

Chapter 177: More Shrewd

She could already foresee that in the future, Xue Sifu would definitely be the most capable compared to Xue Yifu, Xue Erfu, Xue Sanfu, and Xue Wufu.

She wouldn't comment on Xue Yan, she could see that this person just wanted to live a peaceful and ordinary life.

As for her third brother, Xue Sanfu, although she had never met him before, she had heard a little about him from her family. She knew that he was impulsive and straightforward. No matter how capable he was, there was a limit to such a personality.

She still couldn't see Xue Sifu's upper limit.

During breakfast, Xue Sifu told his family that he wanted to buy 45 kilograms of glutinous rice to make caramel candy. However, the salary he was given yesterday wasn't enough, so he asked his family for some money.

Xue Dafu and the others trusted Jiang Yue and Xue Yan, so they naturally believed that the caramels could be made. They didn't have any objections to Xue Sifu's words.

He didn't let Xue Sifu pay for it himself, he used the money from Liu Guixia to buy ingredients like glutinous rice, wheat, and rice flour.

Jiang Yue only wanted to make some caramel candy for Xue Xiaobao and the others to express her gratitude. She guessed that it would only be this one time, so she did not buy the gauze. She planned to borrow it from her uncle's family when she filtered it.

The oil mill of the eldest uncle's family was now open for business, so they needed a lot of gauzes to filter the oil. She was sure that if she asked, they would happily give her one.

However, since Sifu was venturing into the caramel candy business, it would not be a bad thing to have some gauze at home. With this in mind, Jiang Yue said, "You should buy some more gauze. It needs to be filtered."

"Of course, I will." Xue Sifu naturally didn't have any objections.

After breakfast, Xue Sifu asked Xue Erfu to accompany him to town to buy these things. He didn't want to go by himself. He promised his family that he would take the ox cart, but the two of them still didn't take the ox cart and left.

After Xue Sifu and Xue Erfu left, Jiang Yue whispered to Xue Yan, "Sifu seems smart."

Unlike the other people in the family who had been with her for some time and slowly believed that she could make anything she said she could, he was the first to want to learn from her. She had not even made the caramel candy yet, but he told her that he wanted to learn how to make it and start this business. Now, he was even going to buy the ingredients himself to get started.

Understanding her meaning, Xue Yan smiled, "He can be even more shrewd than this."

In his previous life, they had thought that Sifu was just smart and quick-witted, but ever since they went to the capital and he started to manage the family's assets for them, his true potential was finally revealed.

He had never seen someone who was better at doing business than Sifu.

Now that Sifu wanted to start this business, they could naturally see how smart Sifu was.

"It's good to be more refined, so you won't suffer losses." Jiang Yue said.

"That's true." Xue Yan nodded with a smile. In his past life, Sifu had never suffered a loss. No one had ever been able to take advantage of Sifu.

When Xue Sifu and Xue Erfu returned, it was already afternoon.

Also, because Xue Sifu wanted to sell caramel candy, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan soaked some wheat, but there was still a lot left. Because there were only two pots at home, one big and one small, they could only make 15 kilograms of glutinous rice a day at most. Since the glutinous rice was already sprouting, it couldn't be done in a day. They had to soak a little bit of wheat today to germinate them, then soak some more tomorrow for more.

The whole process went by very quickly. If it grew well in a day, then they would be able to make the candy quicker. The remaining wheat would grow leaves, and then it wouldn't be called malt anymore, but wheat seedlings.

Chapter 178: I'll Do It

The wheat seedlings would consume a large amount of their own malt enzyme. If there was too little malt enzyme, it would naturally affect the process of the starch being decomposed into caramel sugar.

The wheat that Jiang Yue and Xue Yan had with the sieve to distribute at the beginning only took three days to complete. They could now start making caramel candy.

It just so happened that they had found out about it early in the morning. When Li Hehua and Liu Guixia were making breakfast, they conveniently cooked the glutinous rice as well.

One pot was for breakfast, while the other was for glutinous rice.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were processing the caramel while Sifu was watching them carefully. He was afraid of missing out on any details and even gave them a hand from time to time.

The roots of the wheat had penetrated through the holes under the sieve. Jiang Yue asked Xue Yan to bring a wooden basin to catch the roots, then she pulled out all the wheat in the sieve and put them in the wooden basin.

The wheat needed to be washed. The roots of the wheat were a little dirty. Afraid that the two children couldn't carry the water bucket, Xue Sifu quickly went to get a bucket of water. There was a ladle swimming in the bucket of water.

"Just wash this clean and cut it into pieces. The more crushed it is, the better." Jiang Yue said. "It'll be good to mix it with the glutinous rice."

With both hands in the basin, Xue Yan washed the wheat carefully. "Okay."

"I'll do the chopping." Xue Sifu, who was also squatting down, laughed as he scooped more water for them.

"Alright," she said. Jiang Yue and Xue Yan had no objections.

When breakfast was ready, the glutinous rice was also ready. At this time, the glutinous rice was still very hot and could not be mixed with the chopped wheat. They had to wait until the glutinous rice was warm enough to be mixed.

Jiang Yue and the others took the opportunity to have breakfast.

After breakfast, the glutinous rice was almost dry. Jiang Yue poured the crushed wheat malt into the glutinous rice and wanted to mix the two well.

"Let me do it, let me do it." Xue Sifu hurriedly said.

After Xue Sifu used a spatula and chopsticks to mix the malt and glutinous rice very well, Jiang Yue said, "Pour it into the pot again."

"Alright," he said. Xue Sifu quickly poured it into the pot.

With Sifu's help, Xue Yan could only stand aside and watch.

Liu Guixia and the others were also curious, so they stood by and watched.

"Cover the pot," Jiang Yue said.

"Alright."

Jiang Yue replied, "This has to be left here for about four hours, it'll probably be ready by then. It's best to leave fire as is."

Yes, the fire needed to be there.

If the fire was too high and the temperature in the pot was too high, the malt enzyme would denature and there would be no way to decompose the starch into caramel sugar. However, if the temperature was too low, it would not work either. The activation temperature of the enzyme would not be enough, so naturally, it would not fully decompose the starch.

She was afraid that Xue Sifu and the others wouldn't understand, so she didn't say it out loud.

However, it was impossible to keep the temperature within the most suitable range by manually controlling the temperature at all times. In any case, it was impossible for the starch in the glutinous rice to be completely decomposed into caramel sugar in the end.

She had no choice because of the limited conditions.

"Alright," he said. Xue Sifu agreed. No matter the reasoning, as long as he knew the steps, that would be enough.

Liu Guixia and the others also couldn't help but agree, "Alright."

"Xue Yan and I will look after the fire. If you have anything to do, you can go and do it."
"Jiang Yue said.

It would still take about four hours to ferment, so Liu Guixia and the others went to work in the fields. The accumulated ash at home had not been scattered for many days. Not only did they have to scatter it on the ground, but they also had to scatter it on the field.

Chapter 179: Especially Strange

They haven't done it because they helped Jiang Yue and Xue Yan to scatter the seeds on their five acres of land.

They were also afraid that the two children would not be able to take care of it well, so they helped as much as they could.

Apart from Jiang Yue and Xue Yan, Yu Hongyan, Xue Sifu, and Xue Yifu were at home.

Xue Yifu was naturally busy working under the shed.

Xue Sifu stared at the fire for a while to make sure how small the fire was before he went to help.

Yu Hongyan also stared at it for a while. Although she was pregnant, she still wanted to help. She usually took on the task of sitting in front of the stove and burning the fire. It was not tiring, so she just let her do as she pleased at home. She thought that she would only make so much sugar today. The two precious children at home could take care of the fire, but they would start making sugar and selling it tomorrow. The rest of the glutinous rice was placed in the central room.

After she had seen it clearly and determined how small the flame was, Yu Hongyan went to the door of the central room and sat down, doing her needlework.

While Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were paying attention to the flame in the stove, they also looked around the yard. There was no other flora except for the small piece of green from the vegetable garden.

She couldn't help but feel like planting flowers.

Although they were going to build a big house when the bricks and tiles are delivered, there was nothing bad about having something to look at now.

With this thought in mind, Jiang Yue handed the fire stick to Xue Yan, "Look after the fire, I need to go back to my room."

Xue Yan, "Okay."

Jiang Yue returned to her room. Then, she entered the space.

Just as she was about to enter the high-tech room, pick some flower seeds from the console, and let them enter the all-purpose nursery to start growing the seedlings... She realized that on the black wasteland, there was now a small piece of grass that was the size of her fist.

The small pool of water had also become larger, almost as big as the mouth of the small rice bowl she usually used to eat.

It was especially strange.

Jiang Yue was silent for a moment, but she still walked over.

Without even squatting down, she realized that the soil with a small patch of grass was no longer black wasteland, but yellow soil. She did not know what kind of soil it was.

Only a small piece of it had turned into yellow soil. The rest of it was just black wasteland.

Jiang Yue still had no idea what was going on, but since this small piece of land was no longer black wasteland, could something be planted in this small piece?

If she could plant on it, of course, she would be happy if this small piece could become a big piece, and then, an even bigger piece.

She didn't care about the reason.

With that thought in mind, Jiang Yue entered the high-tech room and took out two strawberry seeds. Then, with the two seeds in her hand, she planted them on the yellow soil.

The yellow soil was loose, and Jiang Yue could plant the two strawberry seeds in it with her fingers.

They were planted on the yellow soil where the two blades of grass had been pulled out before.

Then, she also used her hand to get some water from the small bowl-sized puddle of water and sprinkled it on it to see if the strawberry seeds could take root, sprout, and grow.

After that, Jiang Yue went to the operating table and selected some seeds for the all-purpose nursery to start growing.

After that, she came out of her space.

There was not enough water in the space for her to wash off the dirt on her hands, so Jiang Yue walked out of the room and returned to the kitchen.

Chapter 180: Turning White

She didn't say anything but stretched out her two small hands in front of Xue Yan.

Xue Yan immediately understood and put down the fire stick. He got up and went to get some water. He poured it on Jiang Yue's hands and let her wash them.

Xue Yan didn't ask her why she was covered in dirt after a trip to her room.

Jiang Yue felt that this was a good thing. She had met many people in this world, but the only time she felt relaxed was when she was with Xue Yan.

Then, the two of them sat at the entrance of the stove again, holding the fire sticks and taking care of the small fire.

By the time Liu Guixia and Li Hehua came back to make lunch, the fermentation process was still not done.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan used a small pot, while Liu Guixia and the others had to use a big pot to cook. Although the pots were different, they were connected to the same stove. The bigger pots needed a bigger fire. When they started cooking, the temperature of the small pots would also rise a little. Therefore, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan put out the fire under the small pot in case the temperature in the small pot was too high and affected the enzyme that could denature the enzyme.

When Liu Guixia and the others were about to finish preparing lunch, the small pot was also done fermenting. Xue Sifu also came back and immediately came over to help.

Xue Yan was left to watch the process from the side.

Jiang Yue was only left with the task of commanding.

“Take out everything from the pot and filter it through the gauze,” Jiang Yue said. “Just take the juice and the residue can be used as fertilizer for the field.”

Xue Sifu quickly followed Jiang Yue’s instructions.

Xue Wufu also came back. He quickly washed his hands and came over to help with the filtering.

Li Hehua helped to wash the small pot.

After the filtering was done, the residue was put aside to be scattered in the fields. The juice that was filtered in the basin and was poured back into the small pot and began to boil.

In the beginning, they could use a large fire, but later on, in order to avoid burning it, they changed to a smaller fire.

They also had to constantly stir the sugar with a spatula to make the water in the sugar syrup evaporate faster. Of course, this was also to prevent it from sticking to the pot.

Fortunately, it was made from one kilogram of glutinous rice, so the work was not too overbearing. After only two hours, there was no more water left in it, and it was all caramel sugar.

However, the caramel candy was still very hot and especially soft.

She took it out from the pot and placed it in a big bowl.

The caramel candy was still dark brown in color.

Jiang Yue picked up a pair of chopsticks, one in each hand, and dipped some caramel candy into the big bowl. She pulled, rolled, and folded the caramel candy with the chopsticks, and soon, the caramel candy turned white.

“It’s turning white!” Xue Wufu, who was always loud, immediately shouted.

Xue Dafu and the others were overjoyed. They didn’t expect it to turn white like this.

“D*mn, it seems to have grown bigger too!” Xue Wufu exclaimed in surprise.

Xue Dafu and the others were even happier.

Jiang Yue actually wanted to say that this was because the rolling process would allow air to fold in with the mixture. The density of the caramel sugar decreased, so the volume naturally increased. There was so much brown caramel sugar in the bowl, so it could be turned into a lot of white caramel sugar, but it would still be heavy.

Because the caramel sugar had been mixed with the air, it became opaque and looked white.

However, she was afraid that Xue Dafu and the others wouldn’t understand, so she didn’t say anything.

However, she had briefly explained it to Xue Yan when she was fermenting the minced caramel and glutinous rice in the morning. She couldn’t help but glance at Xue Yan.

Xue Yan was as calm as usual.

Xue Wufu shouted again.

Xue Sifu really couldn’t stand his brother lying on his shoulder. He stretched his neck to watch Jiang Yue use chopsticks to pull at the malt candy while calling out in his ear.

Because it was right next to his ear, he even had a ringing noise after.

He pushed his brother's head away with one hand and laughed, "Wufu, can you stop? You're always the loudest here. Doesn't the town sell that candy as well? That candy seller probably doesn't even know how to make it that white and big, he only knows how to do it."

"That's right," Xue Erfu laughed and said, "We don't even know why the seeds germinate when we grow crops. Why do we care so much? We just know what to do. Jiang Yue, do you need help?"

"Yes." Jiang Yue nodded. "It's faster to use your hands."

Xue Sifu quickly washed his hands.

Xue Erfu was afraid that his fourth brother couldn't carry so much on his own, so he went to wash his hands and split the candy in half for each of them.

Xue Yifu and the others wanted to help as well, but they no longer needed their help.

Only then did Jiang Yue ask Li Hehua to help with the rice noodles.

After the rice flour was cooked, the malt would be placed in the rice flour to prevent them from sticking to each other.

The malt had not been completely cooled, so it was placed on a plate like a round cake, which was also easy to store. The shops in town usually made round cakes like this. If you bought malt candy, they would break the round cake and weigh it for you.

However, she wasn't going to make it for sale, and she didn't make much either. She didn't plan to make it into a round pancake. Instead, she planned to cut it into small pieces when it was still soft after pulling it out. It would be as easier to eat that way.

Seeing Sifu and Erfu pulling more and more things out of the small handful in their hands, Xue Wufu couldn't help but get excited and shout, "Look at that!"

Xue Dafu and the others were also stunned.

"That's a lot..." Li Hehua and Yu Hongyan could not help but exclaim.

"Jiang Yue, when will it be ready?" Xue Erfu asked.

"Just pull a few more times and it'll be fine." Jiang Yue said.

"Alright." Xue Erfu and Xue Sifu pulled a few more times.

There was already a new anvil on the table. It was quite big, and there was no problem rolling noodles on it. It was made by Xue Yifu, and he had taken quite a few days to

complete it. The old anvil was not completely broken, so Liu Guixia and the others were reluctant to change it. However, they took it out today and washed it especially clean.

It had also been dried and had no water stains.

Jiang Yue poured the rice flour stir-fried by Li Hehua onto the new anvil, then had Xue Erfu and Xue Sifu place the stretched caramel on the rice flour.

Afraid that everyone would think that she was a child and could not hold the knife well, Jiang Yue asked Li Hehua to quickly cut the candy into small pieces while it was still soft.

Li Hehua had already washed her hands, but she was still afraid that her hands were not clean, so she quickly washed them again. After she wiped them dry, she came back to cut them.

At this time, Xue Dabao and Xue Xiaobao arrived with Xue Gouzi, who had refused to come prior.

Seeing Xue Gouzi, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan looked at each other. Because Xue Gouzi was weak and afraid, the two of them had originally planned to secretly give him the candy, but now that they were here, they couldn't do so.

Xue Xiaobao and Xue Dabao pulled Xue Gouzi into the courtyard and said happily, "Great-grandfather asked us to come. Gouzi was afraid and didn't dare to come, so he asked us to bring him here instead. I heard him say that Jiang Yue and Xue Yan are going to give us candy. Is that true?"

Chapter 182: Ready to Eat

"It's true, it's true." Liu Guixia laughed. She quickly went over to bring the three children over. "What are you afraid of? We're family, not some random stranger. Don't be afraid. You're safe here."

"Yes, good child." Xue Dafu patted Xue Gouzi's head.

Xue Gouzi lowered his head, looking a little timid.

"Ya, there's really candy!" Xue Xiaobao had already seen Li Hehua cutting the rest, so he immediately ran over, put his hands on the table, and stared at it without blinking. "There's many..."

He was almost drooling at the candy on the anvil.

Although Xue Dabao was strong, he was much more sensible than Xue Xiaobao. After all, he was older than Xue Xiaobao, and he even knew how to say his thanks to Xue Yan and Jiang Yue.

Xue Yan and Jiang Yue both shook their heads, indicating that there was no need to be thanked.

When Xue Xiaobao heard his brother thanking the two, he suddenly remembered this matter. He quickly thought of something and also thanked Xue Yan and Jiang Yue. He said happily, "Jiang Yue, Xue Yan, why are you two so kind?"

Liu Guixia and the others were amused.

Xue Xiaobao was already five years old, older than their Jiang Yue, but the feeling he gave them was that he was younger than their Jiang Yue.

After Li Hehua finished cutting the caramels, Jiang Yue quickly covered the caramels with rice flour so that the caramels wouldn't stick to each other.

Moreover, the rice noodles were cooked and could be eaten now.

Every small piece of caramel was stained with white rice flour, making them look more like flour paste.

However, it tasted good.

Xue Gouzi, who had his head lowered, couldn't help but steal a glance and secretly swallowed his saliva.

Xue Dabao and Xue Xiaobao, on the other hand, didn't hold back at all, and they couldn't stop drooling at the candy.

Xue Wufu also couldn't help but swallow his saliva just like the kids. He hadn't eaten candy many times in his life.

Jiang Yue noticed that everyone except Xue Yan was staring at it, not knowing if it could be eaten, so she said, "You can eat now."

"Yay!"

Xue Wu Hu immediately cried out in joy.

"Eat, eat." Only then did Liu Guixia enthusiastically take a small piece for Xue Xiaobao, Xue Dabao, and Xue Gouzi.

After that, she gave Jiang Yue and Xue Yan a small piece each.

Then, Xue Wufu followed. Although he was 14 years old, he still acted like a child.

Li Hehua and Yu Hongyan were next. Both Hehua and Hongyan needed to be nourished.

As for the others, Liu Guixia wasn't in a hurry to have a taste. Instead, she took four small bowls that she had prepared earlier and placed them on the side. She filled each small bowl with small pieces of caramels coated in rice flour. Each small bowl was filled to the brim.

Afraid of the candy sticking, she also scattered some fried rice noodles on the surface.

The three small bowls were for Dabao, Xiaobao, and Gouzi to express her gratitude, and the other small bowl was for Xue Da.

After she was done, she saw that there was only a small bowl left. She grabbed a handful and walked to the side of the courtyard wall. She placed a stool on it and shouted towards Chunmei's house on the other side of the courtyard wall.

"Yes? What's the matter?" Chunmei replied as she quickly walked out of the house.

"Come, come, give this to your child." Liu Guixia stretched out her arm.

When Chunmei's eyes saw past the wall of her own courtyard, she subconsciously took the thing. Seeing that it was a handful of white and pink caramels, her eyes immediately widened."Where did you get the good stuff? No, no, no, that's too expensive. You have a child at home too, give it to her instead."

Chapter 183: Doesn't Care

Without waiting for her to finish, Liu Guixia smiled and said, "I have more at home. Just now, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan made it themselves. They made a lot. You can give it to your child. Ah?"

"Alright then, thank you."

"What's there to thank me for?"

Liu Guixia came back from giving the candy and let Xue Dafu and the others eat. Xue Dafu and Xue Yifu couldn't bear to eat it, wanting to leave the remaining candies for Jiang Yue and Xue Yan.

Xiaobao and the others had a small bowl, but how much did Jiang Yue and Xue Yan have?

Li Hehua and Yu Hongyan were also reluctant to eat them and had already silently put them back.

It was Xue Sifu and Xue Erfu who laughed, "Aren't we going to make more tomorrow? Don't we have a lot right now? Father, you should try it too. Look, Xue Yan and Jiang Yue haven't eaten it either. They're all looking at us."

Xue Dafu and the others took a look and realized that Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were only holding onto the caramels in their hands, not eating them. They were indeed looking at them.

"Alright, alright, alright. Let's try it too." Xue Dafu and the others took a piece each and started eating. They were all very happy. Their two precious children were indeed different. They knew how to care for their elders.

"This thing is really delicious."

"It's really sweet."

"The powder on this can also be eaten."

"That's right."

"I didn't expect that we would still be able to eat candy at our age."

Jiang Yue saw that they were all very happy, so she also started to eat it as well. The caramel had not completely cooled down and was still a little soft, but the taste was just the same.

Xue Yan also started to eat.

After Xue Xiaobao, Xue Dabao, and Xue Gouzi had finished eating the small pieces of candy in their hands, Liu Guixia gave each of them a small bowl.

Xue Xiaobao looked at the small bowl in his brother's hand, then looked at the small bowl in his own hands. He blinked. Even though he was young, he still realized that something was wrong. "Isn't that too much?"

Liu Guixia laughed. "No, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan made this for you. Take it, take it all!"

“Oh, oh.” Xue Xiaobao nodded and didn’t ask any more questions. He didn’t know what else to ask, so he happily took a piece of candy from his bowl and put it in his mouth.

It was so sweet that his eyes curved into slits.

Xue Xiaobao and Xue Dabao happily took their small bowls of caramels back home, but Xue Gouzi didn’t return home.

After struggling for a long time, Xue Gouzi finally mustered his courage and raised his head, asking in a low voice, “Can... Can your family not tell anyone about Xue Yan and Jiang Yue giving me candy?”

Without waiting for anyone to speak, he lowered his head again and continued in an even softer voice, “My mother and brother will beat me and won’t give me anything to eat. Although my father has never beaten me, he will at least give me some food. But when my mother and brother are bad to me, my father... My father won’t care...”

At this point, he lowered his head and started to wipe his tears. “If I bring all this back, my mother and brother would definitely snatch them away and not give me a single one...”

Hearing this, Jiang Yue and Xue Yan exchanged a look.

They had originally planned to give Xue Gouzi a few words of advice so that Xue Gouzi would not be bullied when he returned home. That way, he can keep the candy that doesn’t belong to Zhang Meili and Xue Zhuzi. Now, Xue Gouzi had his own intention expressed. Although he was weak, he was not really that st*pid. Since Xue Gouzi said this, he must have his own way, and they did not have to meddle.

Chapter 184: I Can’t Help You Forever

Naturally, they didn’t need to remind him of anything. Moreover, they could help Xue Gouzi for now, but they couldn’t help him forever.

In the end, Xue Gouzi had to solve the problem and protect himself.

Xue Gouzi’s head was still lowered as he sobbed softly, “Xue Yan and Jiang Yue gave this to me. I don’t want them to take it... I-I want to leave it with Grandpa so that he could keep it for me...”

“There there.” After hearing Xue Gouzi’s words and seeing him like this, Liu Guixia’s heart ached. She hurriedly hugged Xue Gouzi and said, “Fine, fine, fine. Just leave it with him. We won’t tell anyone. Don’t worry, don’t worry.”

Xue Dafu and the others also said the same thing.

Xue Gouzi smiled through his tears and happily nodded.

This was the first time Liu Guixia and the others had seen Xue Gouzi smile so brightly. They wanted to scold Zhang Meili and Xue Zhuzi for being b*stards for bullying this child.

Liu Guixia wanted to give Xue Da a small bowl of candy, so she asked Jiang Yue and Xue Yan to take Xue Da’s small bowl of candy and accompany Xue Gouzi to see him.

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The next day, the family started to make more caramel candy.

Because he had made so much, Xue Dafu and the others didn’t even go to the fields. They were all helping out under the cooking shed. Xue Yifu was under a shed on the other side, continuing to make the things needed for the workshop.

“Xue Yan, take Jiang Yue out to play. Sifu has learned everything from you. If we do something wrong, he can point it out. Be good and go play, it’s hot under the shed.” Liu Guixia said with a smile.

The shed wasn’t that big since all the adults were there, so it was a little crowded with the two children. Since he had learned how to make it, he didn’t need their help, so Xue Yan and Jiang Yue came out of the shed but didn’t go to play.

Jiang Yue thought that the all-purpose nursery should have already grown all the flowers and plants she had chosen into healthy seedlings, so she lowered her voice and said to Xue Yan, “I want to plant some flowers and plants in our yard.”

Xue Yan immediately understood that they were going to pretend to go to the mountain to dig flowers and plants, so he nodded and carried a basket on his back.

Then, he took a small shovel and a small hoe and put them into the basket.

He turned around and realized that Jiang Yue was nowhere to be seen.

Xue Yan then asked Xue Yifu, who was the closest to him, “Yifu, where’s Jiang Yue?”

“In her room.” Xue Yifu’s hands did not stop moving as he laughed. “Are you guys going out?”

Xue Yan said, "Yes, we will go to the field and see if there are any beautiful flowers on the mountain to plant. Jiang Yue and I have nothing to do."

"Sure, Jiang Yue is small. Anyway, you should take care of her more."

"Yes."

While Xue Yan was talking to his older brother, Xue Yifu, Jiang Yue returned to her room and entered the space.

She wanted to take out the strong seedlings that had been cultivated in the all-purpose nursery room. Only by taking the strong seedlings out of the all-purpose nursery room could she start planting them.

As long as she thought about it, this strong seedling would appear in her hands out of thin air.

However, if the seedling was in the all-purpose nursery, she would not be able to take it out of the space.

However, before she could take the strong seedlings out of the all-purpose nursery, she saw two strawberries growing on the small piece of yellow soil that she had pulled out, leaving only two stalks of grass. They had also borne fruits. The fruits were red and ripe, the kind that could be picked and eaten.

On each plant, there were about eight punnets of strawberry fruits.

It was a little like the yield of a harvest.

"This..."

Jiang Yue was stunned.

Didn't they just plant the seeds at this time yesterday? How did the strawberry plants grow so big today? And it even had fruits on it?

What was speeding up the process?

The all-purpose nursery room could only produce strong seedlings in a day, but this small piece of yellow soil could produce ripe fruits in a day.

Jiang Yue walked over while thinking about this. She squatted down and stared at the two strawberries, as well as the rest of the bright red fruits. She frowned slightly.

At first, she had only suspected that this was not black wasteland but yellow soil. Perhaps something could grow here, so she planted two strawberry seeds to try. She did not expect that not only did they germinate, but they also bore fruit ...

Since that was the case, she naturally looked forward to this piece of yellow land becoming bigger and bigger.

However, compared to yesterday, there was no change in the yellow soil. She didn't know if there would be any changes in the future, but it was already a big surprise to her that it could bear fruit in one day.

Jiang Yue plucked a bright red strawberry and played with it in her hand.

This strawberry was quite big, and there were so many of them. It was obvious that it had almost finished its life in one day.

However, after the strong seedlings were cultivated in the all-purpose nursery, the strong seedlings would remain in a strong state and would not grow again. What about the things that were grown on this small piece of yellow land? Would it remain in this state after it bore mature fruits? Would the fruits always be hanging fresh unless she picked them?

If she wanted to know if that was the case, she naturally had to do an experiment.

The experiment was very simple. She let the fruit continue to stay on the plant. The fruit had ripened, and if it was not picked, it would rot in a few days. If it did not rot after a few days and still looked the same, wouldn't it prove her hypothesis?

However, there was no need to hang so many fruits on the plants for the experiment. Two bright red strawberries on each plant would be enough.

With that thought in mind, Jiang Yue began to pick the rest of the strawberries.

Only two fruits were left on each plant.

She put aside the strawberries she had picked.

It was not good to share it with other people in the family, but she could share it with Xue Yan. Xue Yan knew something special about her.

Feeling that there was no need for the two blades of grass to be there anymore, Jiang Yue pulled them out as well.

Then, she went to the all-purpose nursery to pull out the strong seedlings of the cultivated flowers and plants and put them aside.

Although she wanted to plant the flowers in and outside the courtyard, she only planned to plant a few for now. Therefore, she only cultivated a few strong seedlings.

After she was done, she took another look at the strawberry plant that had two fruits on each of its branches before leaving the space.

When she walked out of the room, she saw Xue Yan talking to Xue Yifu. Xue Yan was already carrying a basket on his back, and the handle of a small hoe could be faintly seen in the basket.

She walked towards Xue Yan.

Xue Yan didn't say anything when he saw her. As usual, he treated her like a baby girl and held her hand to make the adults at home feel at ease.

They went up the mountain and looked at their five acres of barren land.

The barren land was scattered with plant ash, and his family also helped to water it. Compared to the others, his family was really diligent.

The things that were planted on the wasteland were all full of life.

The people in the village thought that they were all wild seeds, so they didn't bother too much with this activity.