

Chapter 141: The Tragedy of the Chen Bastard

At the entrance of City Z Central Hospital.

“Damn it, how can they be so evil?”

“This is not a hospital since they’re not going to save lives! This is a crime against humanity!”

“How can these doctors be so vicious and evil? It’s one thing to not save their patients, but they kick their patients out!”

“Why are the lives of us simple folks so hard? This hospital is taking advantage of us! They are only treating people who are rich and powerful!”

“This hospital will kill the patients...”

Lan Erying, Chen Ran’s mother, had messy hair and a thin face. She looked no different from a beggar. She sat at the hospital entrance where people came and went. She pounded the ground with her fists and occasionally pointed at the hospital, crying and cursing.

Other than a few curious individuals who stopped for a while to look, most ignored her. After all, this was already the twentieth day this scene was happening.

Twenty days ago, the hospital urged Chen Ran’s family to pay the hospital bills. Chen Ran’s parents stayed at the hospital, Chen Ran took up space, and they didn’t want to pay the bills. The hospital admin had no choice but to have the security throw them out. When the Chen Family wanted to go back in, they were stopped.

The hospital was not a charity organization. If every poor patient refused to leave the hospital, how was the hospital supposed to run? They would go bankrupt!

Chen Dahua and his wife couldn’t barge into the hospital. They rented a dark and cheap house near the hospital to stay. And then, they brought Chen Ran over to cause trouble every day.

Chen Ran was a proud person, but now he was a puppet for his parents. They carried him over and placed him at a hospital door. There was a broken bowl in front of him.

What did this mean? Naturally, they wanted him to beg.

Lan Erying’s tantrum outside the hospital embarrassed Chen Ran. However, Chen Ran was paralyzed. He couldn’t move or fight back. He could only let his parents arrange everything for him. His heart was bleeding from sadness.

Chen Ran was praised since he was young. He was a good student. After he graduated from university, he stayed in the big city and worked in a big company. He even caught the fancy of his boss’ daughter. But now, he was paralyzed, and his parents used him as a prop to beg people for money. How did this happen?

He could have been the son-in-law of a big company's boss. How did he become a beggar in the blink of an eye?

Chen Ran's eyes were filled with sadness, helplessness, and confusion. However, they were soon consumed by anger and resentment.

The person who did this to him was Xiao Lingyu, the woman he had loved for ten years.

He hated her so much!

After ten years of being together, he had no idea Xiao Lingyu would be so vicious. She took revenge on him and found a powerful man to help her. If not for that man, how could a big company like Huiqing Group disappear just like that? Then, he wouldn't be stabbed by Zhao Wenman.

He lost a lot of blood, and he needed a blood transfusion immediately. However, after his parents came to the hospital, they said they had no money, and no one from his family was willing to donate blood to him. He missed the golden hour.

Due to a lack of blood in his body, his brain didn't get enough oxygen supply. It caused his body to go in shock and eventually paralysis.

Thankfully, the doctor said he could still be cured. However, it would require a medical fee of around 500,000 to 600,000 RMB.

When Chen Dahua and Lan Erying heard the huge figure, they were shocked. They started to make a fuss, and they blamed Chen Ran's illness on the hospital's incompetence. The two didn't know anyone in the big city, and they couldn't find any help.

Therefore, they could only make a fuss. They demanded the hospital return their money and treat Chen Ran, or they would come to cause trouble every day.

However, Central Hospital was the biggest hospital in City Z. What could these two country bumpkins do to it?

The hospital didn't pay them any mind.

After Chen Ran's family was kicked out of the hospital, one became a crying shrew, one became a beggar, and the other watched silently from the side.

Chen Dahua was sitting not far away from the hospital entrance, smoking when his phone rang. He hadn't heard that ringtone for a long time already. Ever since he called his siblings to borrow money, his phone had not rung. He took out his phone and was surprised to see the caller was his third brother.

"Hello..."

"Big brother..."

It was unclear what the other party said, but as he hung up, Chen Dahua's face was dark and gloomy. He threw away the cigarette butt and walked to Lan Erying. "We'll go home now!" The home here referred to the Chen Village.

Lan Erying was surprised, and she said sharply, "Go home? Why? Can't you see our son needs medical treatment? If he doesn't get better, who are we going to rely on when we get old?"

They only had one son. After that, no matter how hard they tried, they couldn't give birth to another son. This made Lan Erying very unhappy.

Fortunately, their son was very outstanding and made them proud. He got into the university and worked at a big company. Every month, he sent back several thousand RMB. Several thousand RMB was more than what a normal villager could earn in a year. Therefore, everyone at the Chen Village bowed down to them.

But now, when they needed money to treat their son, no one at the Chen Village wanted to help. None of them called to ask about Chen Ran. They didn't even answer their calls. Lan Erying wanted to go home to curse all of them. However, they had to consider Chen Ran's situation.

He was completely paralyzed. The hospital in their small town couldn't treat him. Chen Ran's parents still had some money but they had to keep that for food.

Therefore, they would make a scene in front of the hospital every day. Who knows, perhaps the hospital would take in your son again. That was their plan.

Therefore, when Chen Dahua said they were going home, Lan Erying's first reaction was that Chen Dahua had given up on their son. She was angry.

Chen Dahua's face darkened. "What nonsense are you talking about? We only have one son, so we have to treat him! But we don't have money. We have to go home to get the money."

Lan Erying was confused, "But we don't have any money at home either!"

Chen Dahua's face was filled with anger. "But that bitch, Xiao Lingyu has! My third brother just called. That bitch contracted several Mu of land and bought a new car. She spent several hundred thousand. Has she asked our permission before spending our son's money?!"

When Lan Erying heard this, she jumped up from the ground. "That bitch has caused us so much misery. How can we let her enjoy life like that? We need to go back!"

After that, the three of them hurriedly packed up, bought train tickets, and left.

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At the Yan Corporation, Secretary Wang reported to Yan Siming, "CEO Yan, the two people you have us monitor has moved. Chen Dahua received a phone call, and then they hurriedly packed up and went to the train station. It seems that they are going back."

"Oh?" An evil smile appeared on Yan Siming's handsome face. He held a fountain pen in both hands and gently knocked on the table. "Did you hear the content of the phone call?"

Secretary Wang shook his head, "No, but I did hear Chen Dahua tell Lan Erying that they were going back because Xiao Lingyu had contracted some land and bought a car. From the looks of it, they wanted to go back to look for Xiao... Lingyu."

Secretary Wang was very confused. He couldn't tell what his boss was thinking. If he had let go of Xiao Lingyu, then why would he send people to spy on Xiao Lingyu's ex-boyfriend's family? He wanted to know everything.

However, he didn't do anything beyond that.

In any case, as the secretary, he only needed to fulfill his job.

When he heard they were going back to find Xiao Lingyu, the smile on Yan Siming's face became even more sinister. He said, "Hehe, this is going to be interesting." Then, he instructed, "Go and make some arrangements. I need to go watch this show. I'll be back when I'm back!"

"Huh?" Secretary Wang said quickly, "CEO Yan, but you have to sign the contract with the Reiss Group and Osse Group this afternoon and tomorrow morning."

"Have them delay it. I'll sign the contract when I'm back!" Yan Siming stood up, picked up his suit jacket, and turned to leave.

"..." Secretary Wang immediately persuaded. "CEO Yan, these two companies are both foreign companies. The person in charge is only free today and tomorrow!"

Yan Siming simply said, "Get them to wait. If they can't wait, they can go back to Country M. Yan Corporation doesn't lack partners!"

Secretary Wang didn't know what to say.

What to do when you have an unreasonable boss?

Can someone help?

Chapter 142: Squash that Thought

Xiao Lingyu did not take the news of Chen Ran to heart. Due to a large number of people, they managed to plant more than 10 Mu of land in one day.

The next day, the three children had to return to school, and Gu Ziyue and the men had to return to their companies. Therefore, after dinner, the nine departed for the county town.

Gu Ziyue and the men shared one car. Xiao Lingyu drove Xiao Lingye and the kids. They reached the county town in an hour. Xiao Lingye sighed, "Sis, having a car is so convenient. In the past, no matter how quick I was, I would arrive at the county town around evening even if I departed in the morning. But now, it only takes one hour to reach the school."

Xiao Lingyu smiled, "After you finish your exam, you should learn how to drive. After all, you'd be eighteen then. You can drive this car whenever you want!"

"Sis, for real?" Xiao Lingye was excited.

"Of course!" Xiao Lingyu nodded.

“Ye, we’ll take the driving lessons with you!” Ning Weiyi and the other two came over and said. Even though they already knew how to drive, they still hadn’t had an official driver’s license due to their age. They would get their license at eighteen, but they still needed to go through the process. Their families were insistent about that.

“Okay!” Xiao Lingye was very happy.

Xiao Lingyu bid farewell to the children and also Gu Ziyi and the others.

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In the car, Zheng Haiyang said, “Ziyi, have you noticed the strange ways the people at Taoyuan Village look at us?”

Yuan Xuanhao said indifferently, “Of course, they would look at us that way. They thought we were there to pursue Xiao Lingyu.” Due to his family background, Yuan Xuanhao had seen that gaze from many women before. He could tell what the villagers were thinking easily.

Qian Yifan spat out the water he was drinking. He almost got the water on Gu Ziyi’s face.

“No wonder I felt something was wrong!” Zheng Haiyang said. Then, he asked with some doubt, “But why would those people think that way? We are clearly just friends with Xiao Lingyu.”

Yuan Xuanhao said matter-of-factly, “Most villagers are conservative. Xiao Lingyu is single, and she is pretty. We’re all single young men, so it’s natural for them to think like that. Unlike in the city, we can’t make friends without considering their gender.”

“You’re right!” Zheng Haiyang and the others agreed.

Suddenly, Zheng Haiyang thought of something and said with a strange expression, “Hao, when we followed Xiao Lingye to the mountains to play, I heard a woman say that Xiao Lingyu broke up with a man not too long ago, but she was already seducing other men. She called Lingyu some horrible names.” Zheng Haiyang had a great power of hearing. The village woman thought he couldn’t hear her, but he did. Thankfully, Xiao Lingye didn’t hear the woman, or they would be in a fight.

“There’s such a thing?” Qian Yifan was intrigued. “However, isn’t it normal for Xiao Lingyu to have an ex-boyfriend or boyfriend at her age?”

Yuan Xuanhao said, “That is normal, yes. But based on what Haiyang said, Xiao Lingyu just broke up with that boyfriend, so our appearance caused people to gossip.” Only then did they realize the trouble they had caused Xiao Lingyu.

“Now, it makes sense.” Qian Yifan said, “When we first met Mother Xiao and told her we were Xiao Lingyu’s friends, there was a strange and suspicious look in her eyes. She must have thought we were there to pursue Xiao Lingyu. She was full of vigilance. At the time, I thought that was how the villagers treated outsiders, but now I realized she was alerted because she thought we were there for her daughter. Haha...”

They really took Xiao Lingyu as a friend. They were interested when they heard Ning Weiyi and his friends were going to Taoyuan Village to help Xiao Lingyu plant peanuts and soybeans. They were curious, so they followed along. Now that they had analyzed the situation, they felt quite embarrassed.

“Xiao Lingyu is a wonderful girl. If she really wants a boyfriend, I want to pursue her.” Zheng Haiyang said with a serious expression.

Qian Yifan spat out another mouthful of water. “Cough cough...” He patted his chest and asked, “Haiyang, are you serious?”

Zheng Haiyang nodded and said, “Of course I’m serious.”

“But she’s just a farmer and vegetable vendor.” Qian Yifan told Zheng Haiyang. “Plus, would Uncle Zheng agree? I heard that Uncle Zheng is very fond of the daughter of a certain company’s boss.”

Zheng Haiyang immediately said, “I’m the one marrying, not him. If he likes the daughter that much, he can marry her!”

“Tsk tsk, if Uncle Zheng heard this, he would slap you with his shoe!” Yuan Xuanhao said with a smile.

At this moment, he looked at Gu Ziye, who had a serious expression and had not said a word. He asked in puzzlement, “Ziye, what’s wrong? Why aren’t you saying anything?”

Gu Ziye explained, “When I first met Xiao Lingyu, I saw her talking and laughing with Jiang Tao. They were very close!”

“Jiang Tao?” Qian Yifan said, “Our cold-faced chief?”

“Yes!” Gu Ziye said, “Jiang Tao has been our police chief for three years already. Have any of you seen him being close to a woman and even laughing with them?”

Three years ago, Jiang Tao appeared out of nowhere and became the police chief in Xing Yin County. There was a rumor that Jiang Tao came from a powerful background and he was just here to gain experience. However, none of them could find out more about his family.

That meant that Jiang Tao’s family was very powerful. For the sake of safety, most local families had their children interact with Jiang Tao. If they couldn’t befriend him, they shouldn’t offend him.

Of the four, Gu Ziye was the only lucky one to have interacted a few times with Jiang Tao. Their connection was through Uncle Chen. They met a few times at Master Chen’s place, and Gu Ziye would go to greet Jiang Tao every time. But Jiang Tao was cold. Of course, he heard that Jiang Tao was cold to everyone.

The only time he saw Jiang Tao be relaxed and amicable was when they had dinner with Xiao Lingyu. At the time, Gu Ziye wanted to discuss cooperation with Xiao Lingyu. He half-joked that Jiang Tao was his friend. To his surprise, Jiang Tao laughed and helped him along.

In their circle, no one had been able to gain any favor from Jiang Tao before!

Jiang Tao was an upright police chief. He was also cold and unfeeling. He would always reject those who wanted to flatter him.

However, Gu Ziye met an exception.

The other three were silent.

Zheng Haiyang pretended to be confused and asked, “Ziye, what do you mean by that?”

Gu Ziye said seriously, “Xiao Lingyu is very likely to be Jiang Tao’s girlfriend!”

Zheng Haiyang pouted and said, “You said, very likely. Maybe she is not.”

Gu Ziye said, “Regardless, Haiyang, we can’t afford to offend Jiang Tao. You’ve heard of Jiang Tao’s background.”

Gu Ziye had to squash his friend’s thoughts before it was too late. If Zheng Haiyang pursued Xiao Lingyu and she was really Jiang Tao’s girlfriend, it would be a tragedy.

Zheng Haiyang was silent.

Yuan Xuanhao added, “Haiyang, what Gu Ziye said makes sense. We can’t afford to offend Jiang Tao. You’d better give up this idea!”

At this moment, Zheng Haiyang said with a smile, “Haha, I was just joking with you guys.”

“That’s good!” The others heaved a sigh of relief.

Other than the fear of offending Jiang Tao, there was another reason they didn’t want Zheng Haiyang to fall for Xiao Lingyu. They were incompatible with her. Even if they liked Xiao Lingyu, their families wouldn’t.

“Why are you guys looking at me like that? I swear I was only joking!” Zheng Haiyang saw the disbelief in his good friends’ eyes. He immediately rolled his eyes. “However, we need to be careful when we interact with Xiao Lingyu, especially at Taoyuan Village. We have appeared unannounced today. Who knows how much trouble we’ve caused her?”

Yuan Xuanhao rolled his eyes and said, “You really need to take your own advice. We need to watch ourselves in the future. It doesn’t matter because we’re men, but Lingyu is a woman. Reputation is important.”

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Xiao Lingyu was not privy to the conversations between Gu Ziye and the men. She also didn’t know another big trouble was coming.

She was tired because she hadn’t done any fieldwork for a long time already.

She had been back home for a month, but she was only helping out around the house. This was her first time working the fields since she came back.

She teleported into the farming space to take a look when she reached the rental.. Then she showered and slept.

Chapter 143: Wreaking Havoc at the Xiao family

“Xiao Lingyu, you bitch, come out now!” A series of sharp curses rang out in the Taoyuan Village in the middle of the night. The villagers were woken up. That included Father Xiao and Mother Xiao.

Mother Xiao sat up with a grunt. She looked at the dark sky outside and then looked at the time. It was 2 am. When she heard someone scold her daughter, she thought it was a dream. Then, she realized it was not a dream. Someone was really cursing their daughter.

“Dear, wake up!” Mother Xiao shook Father Xiao.

“What’s wrong?” Father Xiao was still a little fuzzy.

“Someone is scolding our daughter outside our house!” Mother Xiao said while putting on her clothes. “Let’s go out and see what’s going on!”

Father Xiao heard the loud curses, and his face turned up with anger. “Who is so crazy to curse people in the middle of the night?” They walked into the yard and were about to open the gate when Mother Xiao pulled her husband back. “Wait!”

“What’s wrong now?” Father Xiao asked with some confusion.

Chen Qiuying frowned and said, “That sounds like Lan Erying.”

“What?” Father Xiao was confused. “Lan Erying? Let’s go see.” If it was really Lan Erying, he had some choice words for her too. Why was she cursing their daughter in the middle of the night?

By the time Father Xiao and Mother Xiao opened the yard door, there were already villagers standing outside. Someone was trying to persuade Lan Erying, “Sister Erying, what are you doing? Why do you have to come to people’s houses to shout in the middle of the night?”

“Dahua, you should persuade Erying!” Someone advised Chen Dahua, “This is midnight. You should go back and rest. We can talk about this tomorrow.”

“That’s right. Chen Dahua, Lan Erying, you are making it impossible for us to sleep. Can’t you talk about this tomorrow morning?”

“I don’t care if you people can sleep or not!” Lan Erying was stubborn. She pointed at these people and scolded, “You people from Taoyuan Village are horrible people. You bastards are shameless!”

The villagers were angry, being scolded for no reason.

“Lan Erying, what’s wrong with you? You are the one who came to shout nonsense in the middle of the night, and we’re the ones who are horrible?”

“Lan Erying, Chen Dahua, you two don’t want to sleep, but we need to sleep. You are disturbing the peace of the village. Who are the ones being unreasonable?”

“That’s right! Bring your loud mouths back to the Chen Village!”

After Father Xiao and Mother Xiao appeared, Lan Erying immediately turned her focus on the two. “Xiao Zhengyang, Chen Qiuying, you finally show up.” She looked behind them and couldn’t see Xiao Lingyu. She demanded, “Where is Xiao Lingyu, that bitch?”

“You’re the bitch!” Mother Xiao was furious, and she fired back. “Lan Erying, you bitch, who are you to talk about my daughter like that?”

Lan Erying said, "Your good daughter hooked up with some man to harm my son. Xiao Lingyu, come out now!" Lan Erying shouted, "You harmed our son so badly. You deserve to give us an explanation!"

"Lan Erying, are you high?" Mother Xiao said anything. "What does your son have to do with our daughter?"

Lan Erying suddenly pointed in a direction. Everyone looked and was shocked. There was a person lying there, covered by a thin flower quilt. However, it was too dark to tell the identity.

"Is that a person?"

"It appears to be. But who is it? Why would Chen Dahua and Lan Erying carry that person here?"

"Could it be Old Madam Chen?"

"Why would Chen Dahua and Lan Erying bring Old Madam Chen? And how can she remain so immobile when it's so noisy. Something's not right."

"Oh no! I remember it now!"

"What is it?"

"When I returned to Chen Village, I heard from my relative that..." She lowered her head and said softly, "The Chen Family kid was paralyzed!"

"That's the Chen Family kid? No way!"

People were shocked.

"How can this be?"

Lan Erying said, "Xiao Lingyu, you coward, what are you doing hiding at home? You don't care to come to face what you've done?"

"Lan Erying, stop your bullshitting. My Yu 'Er has done nothing wrong. Why would she be hiding from you?" Chen Qiuying scolded back. "If you want to act crazy, go back to your house. Don't come here and disturb our peace and quiet."

Lan Erying pointed at Chen Qiuying and cursed, "Chen Qiuying, let me tell you. I found out everything at City Z. It was because your good daughter hooked up with a man that this happened to my Ran 'Er. My Ran 'Er exposed their affair, and to cover it up, they attacked Ran 'Er... My poor Ran 'Er. Xiao Lingyu and her man are so ruthless. They caused my Ran 'Er's paralysis..."

She paused before continuing, "Dear villagers, you have to help me! Xiao Lingyu cheated on my son. When Ran 'Er found out, she hired someone to stab Ran 'Er. After she came back, she turned the story around and made my Ran 'Er the bad person. If you were me, wouldn't you come to demand an explanation from the culprit?"

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying didn't expect to find out anything at City Z. However, Chen Ran was a special case. The news of a big company being suddenly purchased was big news. Furthermore, the chairman of Huiqing Group and his daughter both tried to kill someone. The daughter even heavily injured her new husband. This was sensational news. That was how Chen Dahua and his wife got the 'truth'.

They confirmed that Chen Ran did marry the daughter of a big company's boss. However, they couldn't find out why the new couple turned on each other.

In the end, it was Chen Ran who filled them in the 'details'. This was before Chen Ran was paralyzed. He was still waiting for surgery.

Chen Ran's version of the story went like this: Xiao Lingyu brought a man to harm him and his new in-law.

Xiao Lingyu cheated on Chen Ran when they were in a relationship. Chen Ran found out about the affair. He was extremely angry and pained. He still pleaded with Xiao Lingyu to take him back, but Xiao Lingyu refused.

In his down moments, he was touched by the concern of his boss' daughter. Therefore, he agreed to be with her, and they got married.

However, he didn't expect Xiao Lingyu to get insane after the news of Chen Ran's wedding came out. In order to take revenge, Xiao Lingyu had her man buy out his father-in-law's company.

That man had power and influence, and he could control everything in City Z. His father-in-law's company was bought not long after because of that man's order.

In order to save his father-in-law's company, he went to Xiao Lingyu to plead for mercy. However, his wife found out and misunderstood. In a fit of anger, she stabbed him.

Chen Dahua and his wife didn't know anything, but they knew their son wouldn't lie to them. When they heard the 'truth', they were burning with anger. They wanted to come back immediately and chop Xiao Lingyu into pieces.

However, Chen Ran said he needed to focus on healing first. He would settle the score with Xiao Lingyu later. Chen Ran had no idea his family wouldn't be paying his hospital bills to save his life. His surgery went smoothly, but due to a lack of post-surgery treatment, he was paralyzed overnight. This was his family's fault because they refused to pay the hospital.

After that, his parents started a ruckus at the hospital until Chen Dahua received that call.

Lan Erying said hatefully, "Chen Qiuying, your daughter is indecent and vicious. She harmed my son. When she came home, she slandered my son's name. How hateful! Xiao Lingyu, come out now! If you don't give us an explanation, we're not leaving!"

People were sympathetic to the weak. Furthermore, many people didn't know the truth.

When Lan Erying said Xiao Lingyu was the reason Chen Ran was paralyzed, they naturally sympathized with Chen Ran.

"Sister Erying, is what you said true? Your kid is paralyzed because of Xiao Lingyu?"

"Of course!" Lan Erying confirmed, "Xiao Lingyu, that bitch and his man worked together to harm my son."

People were shocked.

“This is horrible. Chen Ran is such a wonderful young man, but he’s paralyzed now. What will he do in the future?”

“Indeed! Poor Chen Ran!”

People didn’t name Xiao Lingyu, but they were clearly talking bad about her.

Mother Xiao was so angry she almost fainted. Mother Xiao said loudly, “Lan Erying, stop talking nonsense. Chen Ran did this to himself. It has nothing to do with my Yu ‘Er!”

Lan Erying scolded angrily, “Chen Qiuying, we’ll know if I’m talking nonsense when you get Xiao Lingyu to come out here! We’ll ask her if she has collaborated with a man to cause my Ran Er’s company to be ruined!”

They didn’t know the whole truth, but Chen Ran did tell them Xiao Lingyu had brought a man to mess with his father-in-law’s company. The doctors and nurses also verified that part of the story.

“Lan Erying, stop adding your own imagination to the truth. The collapse of Chen Ran’s company has nothing to do with my Yu ‘Er!”

“In that case, why don’t you let her come out to face us?”

Someone immediately added in a sinister tone. “Xiao Lingyu has already driven to the county town with a group of men!”

“What!” A sharp scream cut through the night sky.

Chapter 144: Meeting

Yan Siming drove for a whole day and arrived at Xing Yin County around nighttime. He found a hotel to settle down. It was the Gu Family Hotel.

He rested for a while and felt hungry, so he went down to the restaurant to eat. But when he arrived at the restaurant, he was stunned. The restaurant was filled with people.

‘What is wrong with these people? They don’t have any table manners at all. Men are fighting with women, and women are fighting with children...’ He looked around and noticed there was no empty table. If he wanted to eat, he would have to share a table with others. He was confused. ‘Is the food here so delicious?’

But no matter what, he didn’t like sharing a table with strangers. “Waiter, do you have any empty tables or private rooms?” Yan Siming asked.

The waiter answered politely, “Sir, I’m sorry, but we don’t have any empty rooms. If you’re not in a hurry, you can return to the room to wait. When there is an available table or booth, we’ll call Sir. Is that okay?” Then, the waiter added, “If Sir is in a hurry, we apologize, but you’ll have to share a table with other guests.”

Yan Siming thought for a while and said, “I’ll go to my room to rest then. Call me when there’s a booth available. I am in Room 8888.”

“Yes, Sir! But, Sir,” The waiter answered respectfully, “If you plan to wait, you might not get to taste our hotel’s specialty dishes.”

Yan Siming raised his eyebrows and asked, “Specialty dishes?”

The waiter said, “That’s right, our hotel serves vegetarian dishes as a specialty. They are different from normal vegetarian food. I promise you have not had our kind of vegetarian dishes before.”

Yan Siming looked around, and every table had vegetarian dishes, and they were the ones people fought over. Yan Siming was confused. He had no idea vegetables would be so popular. Wouldn’t the most popular dishes at big hotels be expensive ingredients like sea cucumber and abalone?

Yan Siming’s face revealed a bewitching smile as he said, “Oh, that’s interesting. However, there is no problem with them, right? I heard that some restaurants have resorted to using poppy shells as a seasoning to attract business.”

The waiter said very politely, “Sir, don’t worry. The Gu Family Hotel has been operating in Xing Yin County for thirty years already, and we have a clean reputation. However, many guests have similar questions as yours, but after they have a taste, they know the truth.”

After all, poppy shells had no fragrance.

The waiter politely asked again, “Sir, would you like to have a taste of our specialty?”

Yan Siming said, “Alright, let me see how special your hotel’s specialty dishes are! Prepare some and bring them to my room!”

The waiter smiled, “Alright. Sir, please take a seat and make your order.” The waiter led Yan Siming to the lounge and handed him a menu.

When Yan Siming opened the menu, he saw that all the specialty dishes were indeed vegetables. However, the price was ridiculously high, even higher than the five-star hotel in City Z.

Yan Siming looked at the menu, “Stir-fried cabbage is 88 RMB, braised eggplant is 98 RMB, stir-fried meat with chili is 108 RMB, ... and tomato salad is 68 RMB...”

‘Is this hotel trying to rob people? These vegetables cost more than meat!’

In a five-star hotel in City Z, stir-fried cabbage went for 40 to 50 RMB, but here it was almost double as expensive.

‘Are the dishes really that delicious?’

Yan Siming was interested. The man had many interests. Food was one of them. Since the restaurant had such good business despite the prices, then the food had to be good.

Yan Siming ordered all the vegetarian dishes, but the waiter told him that most of them had already sold out.

Yan Siming’s face darkened, and he said unhappily, “What’s wrong with your hotel? Shouldn’t you buy more ingredients to prevent something like this?”

The waiter said apologetically, "I'm sorry, Sir. We have a limited source of vegetables. Therefore, our dishes are also limited in quantity."

This intrigued Yan Siming again, "There's a limitation to the vegetable source? This is the first time I've heard something like that!"

The waiter explained, "It's because the vegetables are not ordinary and the farmer has limited supply!" At least that was what President Gu told them.

Yan Siming put down the menu and said, "Alright, then bring me the dishes that you have."

"Okay, Sir. Please go back to your room and wait." The waiter left.

Soon after Yan Siming returned to his room, the waiter delivered the dishes.

The moment the waiter opened the lid, a light fragrance assailed his nostrils. Yan Siming sniffed and was immediately attracted by this light fragrance.

There were three dishes, stir-fried cabbage, tomato salad, and stir-fried pork belly with garlic sprouts.

The waiter said very politely, "Sir, here are all your orders. Is there anything else I can help you with?"

Yan Siming shook his head and said, "No, thank you!"

After the waiter left, Yan Siming picked up a piece of cabbage with the chopsticks and tried it. Then, he looked very surprised and sighed, "This tastes amazing! No wonder it is sold at such a high price."

Soon, Yan Siming finished all the dishes. The three plates emptied. He put down the chopsticks and burped. He finished three dishes and two bowls of rice. This was the best meal he had eaten in a long time.

Yan Siming felt his lethargy disappear. He was in great spirit. Yan Siming didn't have any friends in this small town, so he didn't plan to go anywhere. He had the waiter bring him a few books. Soon, he fell asleep.

Yan Siming had the habit of waking up early to exercise.

When the sky was still slightly bright, he got up and wore his sportswear to go for a run.

However, when he came downstairs, he immediately narrowed his eyes.

'Is that... Xiao Lingyu? Why is she here?'

Yan Siming took a few steps forward and then heard someone talking.

"Miss Xiao, you should have asked me to get the vegetables. I can't trouble you to bring them here." Manager Wang said, "It's so early in the morning, and this is quite a large load. It must be tiring for a girl."

Xiao Lingyu smiled. "I'm not as weak as I look. Plus, I need to rush back home, so I came to deliver the vegetables myself." Yesterday, they planted a lot of peanuts, soybeans, and vegetables. She had to go back to water them with the spring water.

Manager Wang said, "Regardless, you should have called me. I could go there early to grab the vegetables."

Xiao Lingyu laughed and chatted some more before she turned to leave.

"Xiao Lingyu!" She heard someone call her and the voice was very familiar. Xiao Lingyu was shocked. 'No way! Has he followed me here?!" Xiao Lingyu pretended not to hear anything and walked away. Yan Siming shouted again, "Xiao Lingyu, don't you dare take another step!"

Manager Wang turned around and saw a very handsome but somewhat evil man walking over.

Manager Wang was a discerning man. He noticed that Xiao Lingyu didn't want to talk to this man, so he immediately stopped in front of Yan Siming and said, "Sir, I'm afraid you've got the wrong person."

Yan Siming didn't care about him at all. He told Wang Zhimin coldly, "Get out of my way!"

Xiao Lingyu took a deep breath, then turned around and said with a smile, "Mr. Yan, what a coincidence! Why did you come to Xing Yin County?"

Yan Siming said with an evil smile, "Xiao Lingyu, why ask something you already know? I came here especially for you!"

Manager Wang, who was standing next to him, was surprised when he heard that. He was slightly curious and guessed, 'Is this man Miss Xiao's boyfriend? He is... very handsome!'

Xiao Lingyu immediately said, "Mr. Yan, I'm flattered. But there are many women waiting for your favor in City Z. I'm just a simple country girl. Why waste so much time on me?"

Yan Siming smiled brighter, but this time, it had a hint of mockery. "Actually, I'm here looking for you because I want to watch a show."

Xiao Lingyu was embarrassed. But she quickly calmed down.

"Watch a show?" Xiao Lingyu didn't understand. "What do you mean?"

Yan Siming said, "You don't know yet? Your ex-boyfriend, Chen Ran, is back!"

"What?" Xiao Lingyu was really shocked this time. She just heard from Auntie Chen that Chen Ran was paralyzed. How could he return so soon?

"Surprised?" Yan Siming said with glee. "His surgery was successful, but he didn't receive a blood transfusion in time. His pituitary gland bled out, and he went into shock. It was how he was paralyzed. His parents stayed at the hospital entrance to cause trouble every day. They laid Chen Ran out like a beggar. Yesterday, Chen Dahua received a phone call. They immediately packed up their things, bought train tickets, and left."

Xiao Lingyu couldn't believe her ears, especially when she heard Chen Ran's parents had used him as a prop. How could they use their paralyzed son as a begging tool?

"I heard they came back in a hurry because they received news that you have contracted some land and bought a car."

“What?!” Xiao Lingyu was shocked.

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“I knew Xiao Lingyu is a slut. She just broke up with my Ran ‘Er, and she’s now hooking up with different men. My poor Ran ‘Er. He is forced to spend the rest of his life in bed, and he needs his parents to clean up his refuse. Is there justice left in this world?” Lan Erying lay on the ground and cried loudly, “It was Xiao Lingyu who cheated on my Ran ‘Er. However, she came back to frame him for cheating on her. She is so vicious. Why hasn’t heaven punished a slut like her?”

Lan Erying and Chen Dahua had caused this ruckus from midnight to dawn. Since Lan Erying heard from Zhang Chunjiao that Xiao Lingyu had left with a group of men, she got a new stack of ammo. She started to curse and slander Xiao Lingyu.

When Mother Xiao heard this, she was so angry her face turned green. She retorted loudly, “Lan Erying, you really know how to twist the truth. Chen Ran took a liking to a rich lady, but he didn’t want to end up with a bad reputation, so he drugged and framed my Yu ‘Er. Where does he find the face to say it was my Yu ‘Er who framed him? If heavens have eyes, they will punish that brat first!” Thinking back to Xiao Lingyu’s confession, Mother Xiao was furious, especially since Lan Erying had twisted everything out of context.

“Chen Qiuying, you are naturally biased towards your daughter. I am the one telling the truth!” Lan Erying was the epitome of being unreasonable. She made a big fuss. She wanted the Xiao Family to pay for Chen Ran’s hospital bills and Xiao Lingyu to look after Chen Ran for life. “Chen Qiuying, if you don’t give us an explanation and pay us the money, we will not let this matter rest!”

Father Xiao stood forward with a cold face. He sneered and asked sternly, “Chen Dahua, Lan Erying, so the reason you’re here is for money after all.”

Chen Dahua didn’t back down. He looked at Xiao Zhengyang with hatred and said loudly, “Your daughter has ruined my son. Shouldn’t you compensate us?” He said loudly, “You’ll pay for his medical bill, and your Xiao Lingyu also needs to marry my Ran ‘Er and take care of him for his whole life. This is what Xiao Lingyu owes my Ran ‘Er.”

“Chen Dahua, in your dreams!” Mother Xiao said angrily, “Your son did this to himself. It has nothing to do with my Yu ‘Er! Plus, isn’t Chen Ran married already? Get his wife to look after him!”

Chen Ran betrayed their daughter for glory and wealth. He didn’t even hesitate to use despicable means to frame Yu ‘Er. Yu ‘Er only retaliated. Chen Ran brought this upon himself. It had nothing to do with Yu ‘Er. Chen Dahua and Lan Erying were crazy. They wanted the Xiao Family to compensate them with money and free labor! It was crazy!

Speaking of the marriage, Lan Erying was furious. Her daughter-in-law stabbed Chen Ran, and she was still in prison. If not, she would have dragged her out to serve Chen Ran.

Of course, Lan Erying wouldn’t bring up that their daughter-in-law was in prison.

Lan Erying said in a sharp voice, "You sure have thick skin! If it weren't for Xiao Lingyu, my Ran 'Er would be living a good life with his wife. All of this is because of Xiao Lingyu."

"As if! Lan Erying, you sure are shameless!" Mother Xiao snorted coldly and said with disdain, "If your good son didn't try to frame my Yu 'Er, he would have a good life with his wife. So he deserves what he gets. He can't blame no one but himself!"

"Chen Qiuying, I will kill you and make you pay for what you did to my son!" Lan Erying went crazy. She roared angrily, "If we don't have a good life, your family won't have one either!" She charged at Chen Qiuying, planning to knock the latter to the ground.

Father Xiao pulled Mother Xiao out of harm's way. Lan Erying brushed past Chen Qiuying. Due to inertia, she was unable to stop. She rammed into the stone stairs. The sound was loud, and it showed how hard she was charging. She really intended to hurt Mother Xiao.

"Ah!" She collapsed. Her forehead hit the stone and bled. Her forehead was bruised.

When Chen Dahua saw this, he was livid. He pointed at Xiao Zhengyang and his wife with one hand and said angrily, "Xiao Zhengyang, you... you have gone too far this time!"

After Lan Erying hit her forehead, she didn't get up. Instead, she lay on the ground and began to cry. "Dear God, please help me. Xiao Zhengyang and his family are vicious people. Why haven't you punished them? Xiao Lingyu, that slut is a vicious person. She harmed my son and caused him to go into paralysis. She has cursed the whole Chen Family. How can she still live so well? Let the bitch suffer some retributions. Have her choke on her food and be run over by a bus..."

Mother Xiao also lost her rationality. She walked up the stairs and raised her hand to slap Lan Erying. She scolded, "You're the one who should receive retribution!"

Chen Dahua stepped forward angrily and raised his hand to slap Mother Xiao. Father Xiao blocked him. He grabbed the man's hand and shouted, "Chen Dahua, what are you doing?"

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying were not as tall and strong as Xiao Zhengyang and his wife. In addition, they were exhausted after camping outside the hospital for weeks.

Chen Dahua was unable to move in Father Xiao's grasp.

"You people are too much of a bully!" Lan Erying got up and pounced on Mother Xiao. She tried to scratch Mother Xiao's face. "Chen Qiuying, I'm going to fight to the death with you today!"

Of course, Mother Xiao wouldn't stand there and be hit. She grabbed Lan Erying's hair and shouted angrily, "You crazy woman. If you want a fight, I'll give you one!"

Lan Erying was caught in Mother Xiao's handlock. She was unable to scratch Mother Xiao's face. In contrast, Mother Xiao smacked Lan Erying around.

Seeing his wife at a disadvantage and that he was grabbed by Xiao Zhengyang, Chen Dahua shouted at the surrounding villagers. "Why are you people standing there? Hurry up and stop them. Do you want Chen Qiuying to kill my wife?"

No one from Taoyuan Village moved. One, they supported Mother Xiao. Two, they couldn't stand Chen Dahua.

"You... people from Taoyuan Village are too much!" Chen Dahua was angry and anxious.

At that moment, a voice shouted, "Big Brother, what's going on?" It was Chen Dahua's third brother, Chen Sanhua.

Behind Chen Sanhua was a group of Chen family members, some villagers from the Chen family village, and some people from Lan Erying's family.

They received a call from Chen Dahua last night saying that they would go to Taoyuan Village to demand compensation from Xiao Lingyu. He wanted Xiao Lingyu to marry Chen Ran and take care of him for the rest of her life. They would torture Xiao Lingyu forever. Chen Dahua knew he and his wife were no match for the Xiao Family so he asked Chen Erhua and Chen Sanhua to bring people. Lan Erying also called her family.

Initially, Chen Dahua and Lan Erying's families had broken off relations with them due to the money borrowing issue. But when they heard Chen Dahua and Lan Erying wanted to demand compensation from Xiao Lingyu, they discussed it among themselves and finally decided to help. The reason was simple, the Xiao Family was rich.

They had contracted land and bought a car. Even those who had bad math knew they had spent a lot of money on these two things. If Chen Dahua really got the compensation, the rest of them could split the money. In short, they came for money.

Chen Sanhua saw this, and he was angry. He shouted angrily, "Xiao Zhengyang, how can you bully my big brother and sister-in-law?" He punched Xiao Zhengyang in the face. Father Xiao tried to dodge, but he was too late. Immediately, blood flowed out of his nose.

When Chen Qiuying saw this, her eyes widened. "Dear!"

She immediately let go of Lan Erying and ran to Xiao Zhengyang. She held Xiao Zhengyang and asked, "Dear, are you okay? How are you?"

Now that Chen Dahua had the number's advantage, naturally, they wouldn't let this opportunity slide. Chen Dahua kicked Xiao Zhengyang in the stomach. Xiao Zhengyang doubled over. Chen Qiuying quickly moved to shield her husband. Lan Erying grabbed a stone from who knows where and swung it at Chen Qiuying's head.

"Quick, someone stops her!"

Chapter 146: Ugly Duckling

"Xiao Lingyu, slow down!"

Xiao Lingyu was worried once she heard what Yan Siming said. She knew Chen Dahua would bring trouble to her family.

Not long after Yan Siming told her that, Xiao Lingyu received a call from Xiao Chengbang. He said Chen Dahua and his wife had brought Chen Ran over. They were cursing in front of Xiao Lingyu's house in the middle of the night. Xiao Chengbang told Xiao Lingyu not to come back because they were looking for her.

But how could Xiao Lingyu not come back? Besides, it was not even her fault.

Xiao Lingyu immediately drove back to Taoyuan Village. Seeing the nervous expression on Xiao Lingyu's face, Yan Siming jumped into the car, ignoring Xiao Lingyu's objection. However, Xiao Lingyu's driving skills scared him.

"Xiao Lingyu, you need to stop! I'll drive! I don't want to die here!" Yan Siming said with a serious expression.

Xiao Lingyu said unhappily, "I didn't ask you to come with me. If you want to live, then get down." Xiao Lingyu stepped on the brake, indicating the man to leave.

Yan Siming got out, but he held the door just in case Xiao Lingyu drove away. He walked to the front of the door and demanded, "Xiao Lingyu, get down now!"

Xiao Lingyu sneered, "Yan Siming, what is the meaning of this? My family drama is so interesting that you'd risk your life for it?"

"..." Yan Siming helped her out of the car and said, "That's right. But I'm worried more about our lives now. You are too unstable to drive!"

Xiao Lingyu did intend to drive away once Yan Siming got down, but the man saw through her plan. Yan Siming took the driver's seat and Xiao Lingyu the passenger seat.

The car moved, and it shook violently. Yan Siming growled, "What kind of horrible car is this?"

"CEO Yan has been living in the lap of luxury since he's young. Naturally, you won't be used to driving a rundown car that only costs several ten thousand RMB." Xiao Lingyu said.

Yan Siming's dace darkened, and he chuckled, "Girl, since this morning, you've been so hostile to me. Don't forget that I'm your benefactor. If not for me, do you think you can take your revenge so successfully? Zhao Wenman and her father wouldn't be in jail, and Chen Ran wouldn't be paralyzed. Are you burning bridges now?"

Xiao Lingyu's face turned red. She was embarrassed. Yan Siming was right. He had helped her with a big favor. If not for Yan Siming, even if she had a plan, her plan wouldn't have gone so smoothly. Furthermore, if she had to take on Chen Ran and Zhao Wenman alone, it would be incredibly difficult. To put it bluntly, she'd be the egg crashing against a stone.

Before she could take revenge, Zhao Wenman and her father would have chased her out of City Z already. However, the reward Yan Siming asked for was too difficult to accept, so she had to treat him like this.

Xiao Lingyu grumbled, "This is your fault for asking that of me."

Yan Siming raised his eyebrow. "What do you mean?"

“Well... you...” Xiao Lingyu found it difficult to say, “It’s...”

“The request for you to be my woman?” Yan Siming finished her words with an evil grin. Then, he snorted, “Don’t you realize that I was only joking? Do you really think Young Master Yan will fall for an ugly duckling like you? Don’t flatter yourself, okay?”

“I didn’t even have the chance to explain myself before you left the hospital while still injured! Just how highly do you think of yourself?”

“Since we met today, you have been speaking in barbs. Do you think my skin is made from metal? I won’t hurt?”

Xiao Lingyu, “...”

Yan Siming’s ridicule embarrassed Xiao Lingyu greatly. Her red was red, and she wished there was a hole for her to hide. However, she didn’t want to back down. She defended. “You can’t blame me for this. You made it sound so ambiguous. I can’t risk staying and having to be your mistress. I don’t even like you. If my mom found out, she’d break my legs. Why would I stoop to be someone’s mistress?” Xiao Lingyu knew Yan Siming wasn’t the marrying kind. If she was to be his woman, it was as his mistress.

“...” Yan Siming suddenly felt a little discouraged.

He really thought that Xiao Lingyu was playing hard to get earlier. However, Xiao Lingyu had not made a single move after a month. He was the one who got anxious first. Therefore, when he heard the news about Chen Dahua and his wife, he found the perfect excuse to come over.

Yan Siming looked at the country girl, and he sneered, “Hehe, you sure have a wild imagination. You think too highly of yourself, ugly duckling!”

Xiao Lingyu, “...” How can a man’s tongue be so unforgiving?

According to the rumors she heard, Young Master Yan wasn’t a sharp-tongued and narrow-minded person.

“Well, I’m glad we got that out of the way!” Xiao Lingyu heaved a sigh of relief. She patted her chest and said, “You should have told me earlier. You made me live in fear for so long!” If Yan Siming really wanted to pursue her, Xiao Lingyu really didn’t know how to react.

Yan Siming, “...”

Seeing Xiao Lingyu really didn’t take him to heart, his eyes deepened.

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The situation at Taoyuan Village was chaotic. Chen Dahua and Lan Erying’s family joined the fight.

When the villagers of Taoyuan Village saw this, they tried to break up the fight. However, the people from the Chen Family and Lan Family punched and kicked the negotiators. It turned into a brawl.

The young people of Taoyuan Village surrounded the Chen Family and the Lan Family and beat them up. They came to Taoyuan Village to attack Taoyuan Village’s villagers. They were asking for a beating!

“Qiuying, are you alright?” Zhou Yan took advantage of the chaos to help Mother Xiao. She pulled her out of the mob. However, when she saw the blood on Chen Qiuying’s face, she was shocked and asked worriedly, “Qiuying, are you okay?”

Mother Xiao held her stomach with a pained expression. She shook her head and said, “I’m fine. Don’t worry!”

Zhou Yan looked at her and knew she wasn’t fine at all. She said, “Qiuying, your face is full of injuries. How can you be fine?”

Mother Xiao shook her head. “Zhou Yan, you have to help me contact Yu ‘Er. Tell her not to come back. These people have gone insane, and they will kill her!”

Zhou Yan nodded, “Okay, I’ll go call her now!”

At that moment, a worried voice said, “Mom, Dad!”

Xiao Lingyu ran over. When she saw her mother covered in blood, she was shocked. “Mom, what happened to you? Are you alright?”

“Yu ‘Er, why did you come back?” Mother Xiao asked.

“I...” Xiao Lingyu didn’t have the chance to answer because she saw the people from the Chen Family and the Lan Family punch Xiao Zhengyang in the chest. Father Xiao coughed out blood. Xiao Lingyu shouted, “Dad!” She rushed towards the crowd, but she was stopped by Yan Siming. “Are you crazy? Those lunatics will kill you.”

“Yu ‘Er!” Mother Xiao saw Xiao Lingyu wanted to rush into the fight. She immediately stopped her. “Yu ‘Er, you can’t go there!” The Chen Family was there to look for her daughter. If Yu ‘Er rushed in, the Chen Family would tear into her. They wouldn’t care that she was a woman.

Xiao Lingyu said anxiously, “But what should we do? What should we do?” Then she shouted, “Stop! All of you, stop!”

Lan Erying heard the voice and walked out from the crowd. When she saw Xiao Lingyu, she felt as if she was looking at her nemesis. She cursed loudly, “Xiao Lingyu, you bitch, you still have the face to come back. I’ll tear your face off!”

The woman rushed over with her disheveled hair. She was like a banshee. She lashed her nails. She grabbed at Xiao Lingyu’s face. “You bitch!”

Before Lan Erying could reach Xiao Lingyu, a powerful leg kicked her back.

“Ah!” Lan Erying cried out in pain.

Only then did everyone notice Yan Siming, who had arrived with Xiao Lingyu.

When they saw his face, they were stunned. His face was beautiful. If not for his majestic aura, people could easily mistake him for a woman.

“Xiao Lingyu, you actually brought your adulterer back.” Lan Erying scolded, “You bitch, you’ve caused my son so much trouble, and you have the face to bring your man back with you.” She turned to Mother

Xiao and scolded, "Chen Qiuying, this is the daughter you've taught. She is shameless and slutty. She was hooking around with another man when she was in a relationship with my Ran 'Er. How shameless!"

Mother Xiao shouted, "Lan Erying, stop talking nonsense!"

"Everyone stop!" At that moment, the village chief arrived with a megaphone. Behind him were the anxious Xiao Mingyang and Liu Chunhwa. "Stop right now!"

Xiao Mingyang rushed into the fighting crowd without thinking. Liu Chunhwa ran over and was shocked when she saw the blood on Mother Xiao. "Sister-in-law, are you alright? If I knew this would happen, I wouldn't have brought Mingyang to return to my maiden house!" If they were around, Father Xiao and Mother Xiao wouldn't be bullied so badly.

The Chen Family and Lan Family had the upper hand at first, but they were at Taoyuan Village.. As the number of villagers gathered, the two families were overwhelmed. So when the village chief arrived, they raised her hands and shouted, "Okay! We're not going to fight anymore!"

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"Stop, I've already called the police!" The village chief shouted again with the loudspeaker.

The Chen Family was being beaten up when the village chief arrived. Everyone stopped when they heard the village chief.

For the people of Taoyuan Village, other than Father Xiao and Mother Xiao, the others didn't suffer much harm. On the other hand, Chen Dahua and the other people from the Chen Village fared worse.

The people from Taoyuan Village helped Father Xiao up. When Xiao Lingyu saw her father, who was clutching his stomach and limping, she immediately went forward to help him and asked worriedly, "Dad, how are you? Are you alright?"

Xiao Lingyu saw Mother Xiao, whose face was covered in blood, and then Father Xiao, who was doubled over in pain, she cried, "Dad, Mom, I'm sorry, I'm sorry..."

Father Xiao said, "Girl, this is your fault! They were too unreasonable!"

Mother Xiao concurred, "Yu 'Er, that's right. Don't feel sorry."

Mother Xiao noticed the man beside her, and she asked, "Yu 'Er, this is..."

Before Xiao Lingyu said anything, Yan Siming introduced himself, "Auntie, I'm Xiao Lingyu's friend in City Z. My Name is Yan Siming. Auntie, Just call me Siming!"

"City Z!" Mother Xiao was a little surprised. She then said gratefully, "Mr. Yan, thank you so much for what you did earlier. If it weren't for you, my Yu'er would be attacked."

When Mother Xiao heard the man was from City Z, she was alerted.

“Xiao Taiyang, the people of Taoyuan Village is too much!” Chen Dahua got angry and scolded the village chief. Chen Dahua’s face was swollen like a pig’s head. He said angrily, “The entire Taoyuan Village surrounded us and beat us up! I’m going to sue all of you!”

Xiao Lingyu’s said through tears. “Chen Dahua, if you want to sue us, go ahead. You better make sure that you sue us.” Then she paused before continuing with anger. “Because I’m telling you. I’m going to sue you for trespassing, intentional injury, and attempted murder!”

“Xiao Lingyu, you bitch, what right do you have to sue us?” Lan Erying shouted hysterically, “This is all your fault. If you hadn’t betrayed and framed my Ran ‘Er, he wouldn’t be paralyzed. I’m telling us, you are going to pay us 500,000 RMB right now and marry my Ran ‘Er to take care of him. Otherwise, we are never going to leave!”

Xiao Lingyu didn’t get angry, but she scoffed. “Auntie, are you still asleep? Even if you’re dreaming, you shouldn’t be making such a beautiful dream.”

Chen Dahua’s face was dark as he shouted angrily at Xiao Lingyu, “Xiao Lingyu, we’ve found everything in City Z.” Then, he faced everyone present and shouted, “Xiao Lingyu is a shameless woman. She is a mistress. You all know what that means, right?”

“Huh?” Everyone present was surprised and looked at Xiao Lingyu in disbelief.

Chen Dahua’s gaze turned back to Xiao Lingyu, and he said angrily, “You... Because of that, you betrayed my Ran ‘Er! He was disappointed in you, and it was the boss’ daughter who came to comfort him. It was why they fell in love and got married.

“However, you couldn’t allow my Ran ‘Er to marry another woman, so you asked the powerful man to buy out Ran Er’s father-in-law’s company.

“Ran ‘Er went to you to beg for mercy. His wife thought he was returning to you. In her anger, she stabbed Ran ‘Er. Now, Ran ‘Er’s father-in-law lost his company, and his wife was captured. My Ran ‘Er is paralyzed because he can’t receive treatment in time.

“Xiao Lingyu, you have harmed my whole family. You’re a horrible person. If it weren’t for you, would our family be in such a miserable state? Now, we’re only asking you to compensate us with 500,000. It’s too easy for you.” At this point, he said mockingly and contemptuously, “Your man must have given you a lot of money. 500,000 shouldn’t be a problem for you.”

Everyone exploded.

“How is this possible? Ling Yu is such an honest child. How can she be someone’s mistress?”

“You can’t judge a book by its cover! Xiao Lingyu has just contracted lands and bought a car. How much do they cost? Even if she worked for years, she shouldn’t have so much money.” The person didn’t state explicitly that Xiao Lingyu was someone’s kept mistress, but that was the meaning.

“Don’t spout nonsense! We watch Ling Yu grow up. Would she do such a thing? Also, aren’t you still using Little Light’s manure? Don’t take advantage of her and then speak ill of her!”

Mother Xiao was already furious when she was taunted by Lan Erying. Now when she heard Chen Dahua, she trembled from anger. She shouted angrily, "Chen Dahua, what nonsense are you talking about?!"

Xiao Lingyu immediately smoothed her mother's chest and said, "Mom, don't be angry. An innocent person will be innocent no matter what."

Xiao Lingyu looked around and found that there were many strange expressions. Then, she looked at Chen Dahua and sneered, "Chen Dahua, your story is really nice. You didn't make it up, did you? Only your good son can come up with such a ludicrous story.

"You said I'm someone's mistress. Do you have evidence? If you don't have evidence, then I will sue you for slander and libel!"

"You..." Chen Dahua indeed didn't have any evidence, but he had a smart mind. "Haha. I can ask you the same thing. You said my son betrayed and framed you in the past. Where's your evidence? If you don't have it, I'll sue you for slander and libel too!"

Chen Ran must have gotten his brilliance from somewhere. Lan Erying was too stupid, so he got it from Chen Dahua.

"..." Xiao Lingyu did have evidence. It was the video from the hotel. However, the video was not appropriate to show before the villagers. Because in the countryside, a girl's reputation was very important.

Looking at Chen Dahua, Xiao Lingyu hesitated. She wanted to show that video. After all, she lived not for her reputation but for her family.

Just as Xiao Lingyu took out her phone, she heard a voice say, "Of course there is evidence!"

Chen Dahua then noticed Yan Siming, who had been standing behind Xiao Lingyu. He narrowed his eyes and asked sharply, "Who are you?"

At this moment, Lan Erying's sharp voice sounded, "Who else could it be? It must be another man this bitch had hooked up with. Xiao Lingyu, ever since my Ran Er's accident, how many men have you hooked up with? I heard that four or five men came yesterday, right? Two more men came not too long ago. So this is the real reason you abandoned my Ran 'Er.'" She heard these things when she arrived at Taoyuan Village.

"Lan Erying, I'm going to tear off your mouth!" When Mother Xiao heard this, her hatred could not be quelled.

"Smack!" Lan Erying was slapped heavily. Her originally ugly face instantly turned into a big pig's head.

Many people present widened their mouths in shock.

How can such a handsome man be so violent?!

Yan Siming said coldly, "Your words are not nice. You slander my name. A slap is a light punishment."

Chen Dahua was stunned at first. After he reacted, he stood in front of Lan Erying and asked loudly, "Who are you? What right do you have to hit my wife?"

A devilish smile appeared on Yan Siming's handsome face. This smile was as beautiful as a poppy flower, attractive and deadly.

He looked at the person lying on the ground in the corner sarcastically and said, "Your good son should know who I am."

After he said that, Yan Siming walked up to Chen Ran and wrinkled his nose. He took a few steps back and said with a sneer, "How long has it been since you've changed his diapers? It's disgusting!"

The others smelled it too. They didn't pay attention to it earlier due to the fight, but now everyone smelled it.

Only then did Lan Erying and Chen Dahua realize they hadn't changed Chen Ran's diaper for a whole day already. Once they returned from City Z, they came to the Xiao Family to wreak havoc.

Chen Dahua's expression was ugly, but no matter what, Chen Ran was still his son.

He stood in front of Yan Siming and asked angrily, "Who are you? What do you want? Let me tell you, with me here, don't even think about hurting my son."

Yan Siming said sarcastically, "I've already told you. You should ask your son who I am. Right, Chen Ran?"

Chen Ran, who was lying under the blanket, was furious and resentful the moment he saw Yan Siming. There was also a sense of embarrassment and humiliation in his eyes. He looked at Yan Siming with hatred and made this 'Wu Wu' sound.

"Chen Ran, you've come up with such a good story!" Yan Siming's faint voice sounded exceptionally terrifying in Chen Ran's ears, "But do you think I, Yan Siming, is so easily manipulated? Have you forgotten why your father-in-law's company was acquired? I'll remind you then. It was because your wife, Zhao Wenman, called me a male prostitute! Then, poof, the company disappeared."

Yan Siming was calm, but Chen Ran was very agitated. His eyes were filled with terror and unease.

"But, somehow, you've reversed the truth for your parents and insulted me. You know... I know about your condition. Your paralysis can be cured. Once I believe you've learned your lesson, I'll have someone come to treat you, so you can become a better person. But now..."

Yan Siming's eyes were ice-cold, and his expression showed faint mockery and contempt. He continued, "You've ruined that opportunity yourself."

Chen Ran felt his blood go cold. This was yet another regret that would follow him for life!

Chapter 148: Xiao Lingyu's Anger

Yan Siming's words were like a bomb that blew up the ground. Even Mother Xiao and Father Xiao were shocked. This was the man who helped their daughter in City Z?

Mother Xiao and Father Xiao blocked Xiao Lingyu behind them. Their bruised faces were full of vigilance.

The people, who were not dumb, could tell that this was the man whom Chen Dahua and Lan Erying said had kept Xiao Lingyu as his mistress. The man had the power and influence to cause Chen Ran's father-in-law's company to go bankrupt.

For a moment, everyone looked at Yan Siming with a strange gaze. There was curiosity, doubt, and surprise. At the same time, there was a faint sense of fear, nervousness, and embarrassment.

Chen Dahua was frightened by Yan Siming's imposing manner and took a few steps back. His eyes were filled with fear and unease. He stuttered, "You... What do you mean by that?"

Yan Siming smiled evilly. "Don't you understand simple words? Alright, I'll just say it directly." He looked at Chen Dahua with a disdainful look and said coldly, "I'm the man who you said had kept Xiao Lingyu as a mistress in City Z. I'm responsible for making Chen Ran's father-in-law's company disappear overnight. Do you get me now?"

Chen Dahua's eyes widened when he heard the man's admission. He said angrily and in disbelief, "Xiao Lingyu, so what Ran 'Er said is true. You've brought this adulterer with you! Xiao Lingyu, you're so vicious!"

"You are the ones who are vicious!" Yan Siming shouted sternly, "Xiao Lingyu is innocent. When Xiao Lingyu found out that your good son was having an affair with the boss's daughter, Xiao Lingyu and I met for the first time. We didn't know each other before that." Yan Siming's sharp gaze shot at Chen Ran. The corner of his mouth revealed a hint of playfulness as he said, "Chen Ran, thank you for introducing me to Xiao Lingyu! Xiao Lingyu knew what you were up to after you and Zhao Wenman plotted against her. In order to take revenge, she found me by the roadside. She asked me for a favor, and I agreed.

"I don't think I need to tell you what happened at Huiqing Company. I thought after such a big lesson, you'd have learned how to be a better human, but why do you insist on being evil? I was going to give you a chance to stand back on your feet again, but you have to ruin it. Why?" His words were for Chen Ran and also everyone else present. He proved Xiao Lingyu's innocence.

"You're talking nonsense!" Chen Dahua did not believe Yan Siming. The only truth Chen Dahua believed was Xiao Lingyu had betrayed Chen Ran and became someone's mistress and they harmed Chen Ran together. The main reason Chen Dahua's family was suffering was Xiao Lingyu.

Yan Siming curled his lips and said with a smile, "I have evidence to prove my words. You called me an adulterer. Do you have evidence?"

Chen Dahua roared angrily, "Evidence? What kind of evidence do you have? I don't care who came first or later. My Ran 'Er is such an outstanding man, so why can't he pick a better woman? Why does she have to stick to an old maid like Xiao Lingyu? But Xiao Lingyu, this vicious woman, decided to take revenge because Ran 'Er chose another woman? How will she find a husband when her heart is so dark?"

Xiao Lingyu was certain that Chen Ran was Chen Dahua's son because they were both equally despicable. Even now, he was trying to slander her name.

Xiao Lingyu argued, "Chen Dahua, you are twisting the truth, without distinguishing what's right or wrong. Yes, Chen Ran is free to find a better woman. I will not stop him. As long as he broke up with me properly, I won't even bother him after that. But that man, to preserve his own name, didn't want to break up with me. To endear himself to Zhao Wenman, he chose to ruin my reputation. For that, he chose to have me suffer the name of the betrayer. He sent someone to drug me and gifted me... to an old man."

Xiao Lingyu was tearing open her wounds for all to see.

"Yu 'Er, stop!" Mother Xiao said with heartache, "Don't say it anymore."

"Mom, I have to, or people will think I'm really someone's mistress and betray that despicable Chen Ran." Xiao Lingyu said firmly, "I don't care what people think of me anymore."

When the people heard Chen Ran drugged and framed Xiao Lingyu, they could guess what happened.

All of a sudden, many people looked at Xiao Lingyu with sympathy, pity, and contempt.

Xiao Lingyu continued to say, "Chen Ran and Zhao Wenman planned to arrange for me to be raped by a man who could be my father. Fortunately, I was able to escape from that man's room before he arrived."

Many people secretly heaved a sigh of relief when they heard that Xiao Lingyu had escaped. They thought Xiao Lingyu was safe.

"However, the drug they gave me was too powerful. While I managed to escape from the clutches of the old man, I couldn't..." Xiao Lingyu's tears fell.

"Yu 'Er, stop! Please!" Mother Xiao shook her head with tears.

"I couldn't escape from the effect of the drug. Chen Ran took pictures of this and spread them at work. He wanted me to die in humiliation so he could be on the moral high ground." Xiao Lingyu sobbed as she told the story. "In ancient times, I would be drowned in the water by now. Chen Ran wanted me to die. So why can't I take revenge for what they did to me?"

Xiao Lingyu knew that her stomach would grow bigger, and the truth would eventually be exposed. Rather than have people talk behind her back, she decided to tell everyone the truth. After all, she didn't plan to marry. After her rebirth, she was not afraid of being criticized anymore. This was her life. If she had to live it by another person's rules, it would be so tiring.

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying didn't know the truth, but Xiao Lingyu's words were harmful to them.

Xiao Lingyu looked at them angrily, "Shouldn't I take revenge on the man who drugged me and wanted me to get raped? He can plot against me, but I can't retaliate?"

"You... you..." Chen Dahua pointed at her and did not know how to refute.

"So what if you were raped?" Lan Erying said in a sharp voice, "Women have always opened their legs to be fucked. You were raped because you were stupid. Your reputation is nothing compared to my Ran 'Er's. So how can you ruin my Ran Er like that? Xiao Lingyu, your life is ruined, so you should just die! You're a ruined woman, so go and die!"

Many people frowned. Lan Erying's words were too harsh. Like other villagers, Zhang Chunjiao was watching the show from the crowd. She suddenly shouted, "I heard from other villagers that one of their girls was raped by a gangster. She was so ashamed. Her family also felt ashamed of the daughter. The next day, they found her hanging from the rafters." Zhang Chunjiao's meaning was clear. She wanted Xiao Lingyu to commit suicide like that girl.

However, no one knew that Xiao Lingyu in her previous life did attempt suicide. Xiao Lingyu in this life didn't think it was worth it at all.

"Zhang Chunjiao, stop adding fuel to the fire." Auntie Zhou was furious. "Before you got married, you slept with a married man. So why don't you go hang yourself then?"

Before Zhang Chunjiao married and moved to Taoyuan Village, she already had a bad reputation. She only married here because Taoyuan Village was far from her maiden home, and no one knew of her bad reputation here. After a decade, Zhang Chunjiao thought everyone had forgotten about that. However, Auntie Xiao brought it up again. Zhang Chunjiao looked at Xiao Fugui beside her guiltily. When she saw the anger in Xiao Fugui's eyes, she didn't dare to say anything again.

Mother Xiao angrily went forward and gave Lan Erying another big slap.

She looked at the swollen face of Lan Erying and shouted angrily, "Lan Erying, when you go back, you should spread your legs and let other men fuck you then! Since you don't care about it, right?"

Chen Dahua's eyes were spitting fire as he shouted loudly, "Chen Qiuying, what did you say?!"

Father Xiao stepped forward, "Chen Dahua, my wife was merely returning your wife's words to her. If it weren't for your good son, would my daughter suffer such great humiliation? This is Chen Ran's own doing! Chen Ran did such a despicable thing. I'm already being kind for not killing him." Father Xiao felt so useless because he allowed his wife and daughter to be bullied so badly.

At this moment, a few policemen came over. When they saw the large group of people, they asked, "Who called the police?"

"I did!" Xiao Lingyu came over and said.

Everyone present was stunned.

They thought that the village chief had called the police.

The station chief, Liu Heng, looked around. Many people had wounds. It was clear there had been a brawl.

Liu Heng looked at Xiao Lingyu and asked seriously, "What's going on?"

Xiao Lingyu pointed at Chen Dahua's people and said, "I want to sue them for trespassing, intentional injury, attempted murder." Then she pointed at Chen Dahua and Lan Erying. "I also want to sue these two for slander!"

They were not in ancient times anymore, but the Chen Family was still terrified when they had to face the police.

Liu Heng looked at the people from Chen Village and then people from Taoyuan Village. He asked sharply, "Was there a brawl?"

"Officer, it was the people from Chen Village who started the fight. They were beating two of us. We had to stop them to save our people." Xiao Chengbang said. He pointed at Xiao Zhengyang and his wife. "Look at how serious their injuries are. The Chen Family came and gave Zhengyang a direct punch. Then they kicked and assaulted him. Zhengyang was already on the ground, but they refused to stop. And look at the injury on her head. She was smacked with a rock and kicked a few times."

"Officers, the people of Taoyuan Village were acting in self-defense. It was to stop these people from committing more crimes." Xiao Lingyu said, "If not for these uncles and auntie's help, they would have beat my parents to death. These people are guilty of intentional injury and attempted murder. Uncle, please investigate this!"

Uncle Liu Heng, "... Do I look that old now? I am only in my thirties.

Liu Heng had yet to speak, but the Chen family was almost scared out of their wits.

Someone said, "We... We didn't do it on purpose. We... We just wanted to teach them a lesson!"

The police, "..."

Well, that was a quick confession. Originally, they needed to start an investigation to verify the girl's words. However, the man had confessed to the crime just like that.

Liu Heng's sharp gaze looked at them and said seriously, "Don't you know that hitting people is against the law? Since you've already admitted to the crime, then all of you should come with us."

The people from Chen Family and Lan Family panicked.

A villager grabbed Chen Dahua's arm and said nervously, "I don't want to go to jail." Then, he told the police, "Sir, I was... asked to come by Chen Sanhua. We were supposed to fight the Xiao Lingyu until Xiao Lingyu coughed up the money. I don't want the money now. Can you not arrest me?"

Then a second person piped up. "I was also invited by Chen Sanhua and his brother to help. We were told to beat up Xiao Zhengyang and his family. We would be paid 30 RMB afterward."

"Lan Hongxing told us the same. This is none of my business. I don't want to go to jail."

All of the sudden, the people from Chen village and Lan village shirked the responsibility.

Liu Heng looked at them and sneered, "Bring them all to the station. Come on, get in the car!"

Some people from Taoyuan Village, Mother Xiao, Father Xiao, and Xiao Lingyu, also went with them.

Other than to give statements, they had to go to the hospital. Father and Mother Xiao were heavily injured. Xiao Lingyu wanted to bring them to the county hospital.

However, there were too many people involved. The police only sent over two cars. Xiao Lingyu's car could bring two more people. The rest had to go on their motorcycles. There was no chance of escape because their names and pictures had been taken. If they tried to escape, they would be charged with another crime!

However, Chen Dahua and Lan Erying were unwilling to leave. They begged, "Police comrades, please don't arrest us, okay? We still have a paralyzed son who needs our care." They pointed at Chen Ran.

Liu Heng looked at Chen Ran, who was lying on the ground. He frowned and said, "Then bring your son with you to the station. Do you think you can escape your crime because your son is disabled?"

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying were so imposing before Xiao Lingyu, but they were meek before the police.

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying carried Chen Ran into the police car.

The officers had a bad impression of the parents when they smelled the stench. The parents didn't even provide their son with a blanket, and they didn't even clean his feces and urine. What kind of parents were these?

However, the police officers were well-mannered to say nothing.

Chen Dahua and his wife were reserved in the police car.

After some time, Chen Dahua said, "Officer, my son hasn't eaten anything since yesterday night. We... also haven't eaten anything. Can we stop to eat first?"

Liu Heng said, "But you weren't hungry when you were fighting and causing trouble? Fine, I'll get someone to buy some food when we get to town."

When they arrived at the town, Xiao Lingyu brought her parents to the town hospital. Mother Xiao was okay. She only suffered external injuries.

However, Father Xiao was kicked and punched heavily. There were heavy bruises on his chest. He needed a CT scan to confirm if he had internal injuries.

However, the town hospital didn't have a CT machine, so they could only bandage his wounds. Xiao Lingyu feared the worst, so she told the officers what happened and drove to the county hospital.

The officers knew Father Xiao suffered a lot in the brawl, so they didn't make things difficult for them. They could come back to give the statement after the visit to the hospital.

Xiao Lingyu was too unstable to drive, so the responsibility fell to Yan Siming.

Xiao Lingyu saw the injuries on her parents. She blamed herself and started to cry. "Dad, Mom, I'm sorry." Xiao Lingyu's tears kept flowing. "How can they be so vicious? I was really blind in the past to think that Chen Ran is a good person." This time, she would never let them go. She had connections.

Mother Xiao sighed with heartache. "It's okay, Yu 'Er, don't cry."

Yan Siming just wanted to watch a show. He didn't expect things to turn out like this. He had mixed feelings.

Through the rearview mirror, he saw Xiao Lingyu crying her eyes out, and his gaze deepened.

After arriving at the county hospital, they went through a series of examinations.

Mother Xiao's injuries were superficial. All she needed to do was to bandage her wounds and change the dressing on time.

However, Father Xiao's injuries made Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao break out in a cold sweat.

The doctor said, "The patient's lungs are injured, and there is bleeding. He needs to undergo surgery immediately. Thankfully, you sent him over in time, or else the consequences will be unimaginable."

Xiao Lingyu said firmly, "Doctor, please do the surgery immediately!"

While Father Xiao was in surgery, Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao waited outside the surgical room. They were very nervous.

When Xiao Lingyu sat on the lounge chair, her hands were clenched into fists, and her eyes were filled with hatred. In her previous life, the Chen Family already caused her family a lot of trouble. Even after her rebirth, the Chen Family still caused her family plenty of tragedy, and they almost killed her father. She would make them all pay.

Xiao Lingyu and her mother were silent.

At this moment, Yan Siming bought two boxes of lunch over, saying, "Auntie, Lingyu, you have to eat something. If you don't, you won't have the energy to take care of Uncle."

Mother Xiao said, "Thank you, Mr. Yan. However, I really don't have the appetite right now." Since Mother Xiao knew Yan Siming's identity, she was cautious around him. However, since the man helped them so much, Mother Xiao couldn't be rude and chase him away.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Mr. Yan, you must eat too."

Yan Siming frowned. "Xiao Lingyu, you haven't eaten anything since this morning. You can't starve yourself." Then, he handed the box lunch to her.

"Thank you. I'm not hungry yet." Xiao Lingyu's tone was filled with suppressed anger and worry. Her father was in surgery. She was too worried to eat.

"Mr. Yan has been busy since morning. You really should go back to rest." Xiao Lingyu told him. She already owed Yan Siming a huge favor before, and now, there was another one. So she didn't want to trouble Yan Siming anymore. She had no relations with Yan Siming, so no matter his motives, she still thanked him. But she kept him at arm's length.

Yan Siming felt that it was a little inappropriate for him to stay.

Yan Siming nodded and said, "Then I'll go back to the hotel first. If there's anything you need help with, give me a call."

"Okay!" Xiao Lingyu replied.

After fourth uncle and fourth aunt Xiao made their statements at the police station, they rode their motorcycles to the county town. When they arrived, Father Xiao had just finished surgery, and he was moved into the ward.

"Second sister, Lingyu, what's going on? How is second brother?" Xiao Mingyang asked worriedly when he saw Father Xiao, who had fallen asleep. "His injuries were so serious that he needed surgery?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "Dad was kicked in the lung. The doctor said if we were a bit later, the consequences would be unimaginable."

"Those bastards!" When fourth uncle Xiao heard this, he immediately scolded, "I'm going to kill them!" After saying that, he was about to rush out.

"Enough," Mother Xiao shouted, "Have you lost your mind? If you go and attack them, we're going to be the ones in the wrong."

Liu Chunhua pulled Xiao Mingyang back. "Don't be rash. They are all locked up in the police station now. You can't reach them." Then, Liu Chunhua said guiltily, "This is my fault. Why did I choose to go back yesterday? If I didn't, this wouldn't have happened!"

Mother Xiao shook her head. "Chunhua, this is not your fault. Don't blame yourself. Even if you were here, they came in such a large group and started to beat us up without any warning. We were all caught off guard. If they aren't so cunning, do you think the villagers of Taoyuan Village will let them attack us?"

Mother Xiao turned to Xiao Lingyu, "Yu 'Er, most of the villagers helped us fight with the Chen Village. Some of them were injured. When we go back, we have to thank them properly. For those who are injured, we have to compensate them for their medical expenses."

"Of course, Mom!" Xiao Lingyu nodded.

"As for those who fanned the flames, we will cut them off. We'll not even let them come near Little Light again!" A trace of anger flashed across Mother Xiao's eyes. Then again, how could she not be?

Normally, Mother Xiao didn't care about these conflicts because it was very tiring. However, she had to care about what happened today. These people took advantage of them but also wanted to bully them. They were despicable. Did they really think the Xiao Family was so magnanimous?

"Okay!" Xiao Lingyu replied. She was not a saint. Why would she be nice to people who harmed her family?

Xiao Mingyang and Liu Chunhua stayed in the hospital for a while and then went back.

Since Father Xiao was hospitalized, Xiao Mingyang went back to pack some daily necessities. Liu Chunhua returned to the farm to watch the work.

Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao stayed. Xiao Lingyu rented a house in the county town. It had all the things they needed. They would take turns to watch over Father Xiao.

In the afternoon, the officers from Xing An Town came. When they saw Father Xiao had just finished surgery, they decided to come back the next day.

However, they needed Xiao Lingyu to come back with them.

Xiao Lingyu was worried about leaving Mother Xiao alone. After all, she was injured too.

The police thought about it and said, "We have found out everything. The people from the Chen Village and Lan Family were ordered by Chen Sanhua and Lan Hongxing to wreak havoc at your house. Chen Sanhua and Lan Hongxing said they were only following Chen Dahua and his wife's commands.

"So, Chen Dahua and his wife were the main culprits, while the others were accomplices. However, Chen Dahua and Lan Erying's son is paralyzed. They need to take care of him. They wonder if you can show them mercy?"

Xiao Lingyu asked sharply, "Officer, what do you mean by showing mercy? Murder and arson are punishable by death. I don't care if it's Chen Dahua or Lan Erying or their villages' people. Since they came to my parent's place and injured people for no reason, then they are criminals. Criminals need to be punished by law, right, officers?" Even now, Chen Dahua and his wife thought they could be easily pushed. Xiao Lingyu would never let them go.

"Besides, did you not see my father? He just escaped the door of death! If not for the help of our neighbors, my parents would be dead already!" Xiao Lingyu said sharply, "That is intentional injury or, in this case, attempted murder. Just because their son is paralyzed, so they can go around killing people? If that is the argument for every criminal, then what's the point of having the law? The law is supposed to be impartial!"

The police, "... You've already said everything... What else can we say?"

"Alright, we understand." The police nodded. "I hope you don't mind. We're merely doing our job to pass on the words."

Xiao Lingyu said politely. "I understand. Thank you for your hard work, officers."

After the officers left, Xiao Lingyu made a phone call.

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On the same day, the people at Chen Village and Lan Village heard the news. Those people who had been asked to help bully the Xiao Family had all been arrested.

They heard the news that they were all arrested due to intentional injury and attempted murder. When people heard the news, they exploded in anger.

They surrounded Chen Erhua, Chen Sanhua, and Lan Hongxing's houses to cause a ruckus. This was because their families were called by these people to join the troupe to intimidate the Xiao Family. In the end, they were arrested at the police station and became criminals.

"Lan Xiuying, if your man doesn't get my man out, I'll burn down your house!" The people of the Chen Village shouted outside Chen Sanhua's house. Lan Xiuyang said with a cold face. "My man is also inside the station. How is he supposed to get your man out? If you want to get him, go to the station yourself!"

In her heart, she hated Chen Dahua and his wife.

This pair of troublemakers made the family restless the moment they came back.

She forgot that she was the one who instigated Chen Sanhua to bring people to the Xiao Family yesterday.

“I don’t care. I only want my man home. If he’s not, I’ll smash everything in your house.”

“You wouldn’t dare!”

“Why would you think that?”

The same thing was happening at the Lan Village.

Lan Hongxing’s mother, Zeng Xiaolan, pointed angrily at Lan Baocai. “Lan Baocai, look at your good sister. She’s really a jinx. Once she’s back, she sends Hongxing into the slammer.

“I’m telling you, if Hongxing can’t return, I’ll never forgive you. Also, those people who followed Hongxing, their families are coming to raise ruckus daily. They said they’d ruin our house if we didn’t help them.

“Lan Baocai, tell me what we can do now? How many times I’ve told you to ignore your good sister? She is bad news. You thought you were already the best for having a son. You don’t even respect me, your wife, anymore. Now, let me see how you’ll handle this.”

Lan Baocai smoked his cigarette. His face was dark, and he didn’t say a word.

“Say something!” Seeing this, Zeng Xiaolan was really furious.

A moment later, Lan Baocai said, “Tomorrow, I’ll go to the police station and pull some strings. Some money can always grease the palm.” He couldn’t care about the others, but he had to bring back his son. After all, his Hongxing hadn’t even married yet! How could he marry in jail? He still needed to continue the Lan Family lineage.

The Lan Family had connections in town, and they knew the police station’s deputy chief. If not for this connection, Lan Hongxing, the gangster, would have been arrested so many times already.

Lan Baocai went to Xing An Town with some money, two packs of cigarettes, and two bottles of good wine.

However, when Lan Baocai arrived, he was turned away. After he begged at the door, the deputy chief came and told him, “Brother, it’s not that I don’t want to help you. But your son has offended someone higher than me. I can’t do anything.”

This was a thunderbolt!

Chapter 149: Resolution

The next day, both Chen and Lan Villages were notified that their people had been detained for 15 days and fined 500 RMB for fighting and inciting a brawl. In addition, every person involved in the fight had to pay Xiao Zhengyang and Chen Qiuying 200 RMB for medical expenses, injury expenses, and so on.

Chen Sanhua and Lan Hongxing instigated the brawl. They were detained on account of intentional injury. They would be prosecuted and sentenced in court!

Chen Dahua and Lan Erying, as the main culprit, were detained for crimes of intentional injury, slander, libel, and attempted murder. They would be prosecuted and sentenced in court!

The two villages were in an uproar. They were anxious, worried, angry, embarrassed, and ashamed. Most of their people were locked up. In the eyes of the public, they were criminals. This would affect their future generations. However, the most imminent impact was marriages. Good families wouldn't mix with criminals.

This was not an issue of one or two families but two large villages. Therefore, those with children in the middle of discussing marriage were extremely angry. They had already set a date but the matchmakers suddenly sent a message saying that the other family's children were going off to work and they would discuss this matter in the future.

"Bullshit!" They had already discussed everything. The date was even set. However, now their children were busy? But what could they do even if they were angry? They knew very well that no parents would want their children to marry a family of criminals. It would affect their children's future greatly.

Therefore, these families went to the main culprits to vent their anger. The families who had members in prison had to face many problems. They had to endure the scolding from other villages, think of a way to get their family out of jail and deal with the compensation fees for Xiao Zhengyang. The police told them that if they didn't want to pay, their family members would only stay longer in prison. It could be as long as half a year.

"Dad, what should we do?" A woman asked her father-in-law anxiously. "The head of the family can't be locked up for that long."

Her father-in-law's face was dark. He took a puff of his cigarette and said coldly, "We'll go to the source!"

The woman then understood what she had to do.

The next morning, the woman bought some fresh fruits and took the money to the hospital to visit Xiao Zhengyang.

"I'm sorry, Brother Xiao, Sister Xiao, my man was impulsive and did such a stupid thing. I came to apologize to you," Zhao Xiaochun said to mother Xiao and father Xiao with guilt and sincerity, "This money is to compensate you. Please accept it."

Mother Xiao didn't have a good face for these people. She snorted coldly, "Just because he was impulsive, he could go around hitting people? How about I send people to hit you and apologize to you later and say it was because I was too impulsive? Will you forgive me?" At this point, Mother Xiao wiped her tears. "Your man almost killed my husband. If we came to the hospital a little later, my man would have..."

Hearing this, Zhao Xiaochun said guiltily, "I'm sorry, Sister Xiao."

"Alright, you can go!" Mother Xiao didn't want to listen to Zhao Xiaochun anymore.

After Zhao Xiaochun left, many others came to the hospital. It was unknown whether they were sincere or not. Some of them brought over a few rotten apples on the account that they were poor. Could Mother Xiao forgive them for their poverty and let their men come home because they were poor?

Mother Xiao was so angry that her face turned red.

In the end, it was Xiao Lingyu who chased them out. She said, "Why didn't you people think of that when you beat up my parents? Now you want to cry after you are demanded compensation?"

If they didn't want to pay, that was fine. They would be punished. The men would be locked up for a few more days.

These people were really shameless. They were the ones in the wrong, but they somehow made it look like they were the victims.

But Xiao Lingyu wasn't going to forgive them so easily. They injured someone, so they had to pay the medical bill. That was logical. After that, Xiao Lingyu blocked anyone from coming to disturb Father and Mother Xiao.

"Mom, Dad." Xiao Lingye studied at school, so no one contacted him and told him what happened. He called home and wanted to ask his sister to come to pick him up when he heard they were in the county town and their father was hospitalized.

"Mom, why didn't you tell me?" Xiao Lingye's eyes were red. "I was kept in the dark while Mom, you were injured, Dad was hospitalized, and Sis had to handle everything on her own?"

Mother Xiao said, "Ye 'Er, we're fine now, aren't we? Your dad is healing too. The most important thing now is your university entrance exam. Get into a good university, and we don't need to worry about your anymore."

Xiao Lingye choked. "I don't care. The exam is not more important than Dad's surgery and hospitalization! I needed to be there for you!"

He could not imagine how worried his mother and sister were when his father was in the operating theater. No surgery had a 100% success rate. Moreover, Father Xiao's surgery was not considered minor surgery.

Mother Xiao gently touched his head and said, "Alright, it's all in the past. Your father is fine, right? There's still only one month to your exam. You don't need to worry about us. Your sister and I are here. As for you, you need to study hard and get into a good university, understand?"

"Mom, don't worry. I've studied everything. If I do well, I should get into a good university. Let me take care of my dad for the next two days. You and Sis need to rest." Xiao Lingye said.

"No!" Xiao Lingyu refused. "Xiao Lingye, your most important task now is to study hard. I will take care of Mom and Dad."

Xiao Lingye couldn't resist since his sister was so insistent. In the end, he sighed, "Okay. But I'll move to the hospital for the next two days. You two need to go home in the day, and then you can come to take over at night." He was concerned about his mother and sister, and their inability to take a good rest. If he was at the hospital in the morning, at least his sister and mother could go home to rest.

“Alright!” Xiao Lingyu and her mother agreed.

Once Xiao Lingyu found out his parents were injured, it meant that his three roommates found out too. Once they found out, it meant Gu Ziyue and his friends knew that as well.

Therefore, over the next two days, many people came to visit Mother Xiao and Father Xiao. However, most of them were handsome and imposing men. The patients in the same ward looked at this procession strangely.

When the Xiao Family wasn't around, they started to gossip.

“It looks like the girl in this family is a real player. Look at the way those men were dressed. They should be rich!”

“The girl danced around so many men without feeling ashamed. She was able to chat and laugh with them at the same time.”

“I couldn't believe someone could be so shameless. I feel sad for her parents for bringing up such a slutty daughter.” The tone was sour with hints of envy.

The men looked rich. Any of them could bring a woman up in the world.

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Xiao Lingyu helped Father Xiao walk around the hospital.

It had been three to four days since the operation. His wound was healing, and the body was recovering well. In addition, Xiao Lingyu would use the spring water to clean Father Xiao's body. She also mixed the spring water with the hospital water for them to drink.

Father Xiao and Mother Xiao recovered so quickly that the hospital was surprised. They did some examination, and their conclusion was both Father Xiao and Mother Xiao were hard workers, so their hale physique allowed them to heal quickly.

After three days, Father Xiao was discharged. He would come back one week later for a check-up. Xiao Lingyu drove her parents home. Yan Siming had already returned to City Z.

He went back the day after Father Xiao was hospitalized. After all, he was in charge of a large company. He couldn't stay away for too long.

In addition, his secretary kept calling him to go back.

Seeing Yan Siming leave, Mother Xiao and Father Xiao both heaved a sigh of relief.

Ever since Father Xiao and Mother Xiao found out that Yan Siming was the man who had helped Xiao Lingyu, their hearts were tense. They couldn't help but be wary around him.

This made Yan Siming a little speechless. ‘Am I that scary? Besides, I've already told Xiao Lingyu that I was only joking when I said I wanted her to be my woman. So why are they still so defensive around me?’

Well, that was because Xiao Lingyu didn't have the time to explain that to her parents. First, her parents were beaten up, and then, her father was hospitalized. She was too busy to remember this detail.

On their way home, Mother Xiao finally found the chance to ask Xiao Lingyu about Yan Siming. For example, why did he suddenly come to find Xiao Lingyu? Was it to ask her to be his mistress and so on. Mother Xiao warned Xiao Lingyu that if she really became the man's mistress, she would disown her.

Xiao Lingyu was a little speechless, so she told her the purpose of Yan Siming's visit. She told her that Yan Siming was only joking about the mistress thing. She wouldn't contact him anymore. Even if they had contact, they would be ordinary friends.

Mother Xiao was suspicious. "Did he really come here this time because he knew that Chen Dahua and his wife would come to cause trouble?" Mother Xiao felt that it was strange.

"Yes." Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Mom, don't think so much. Yan Siming has already gone back. I won't return to City Z in the future, so I won't see him again."

"Okay then."

Chapter 150: Mother Xiao's Declaration

As Xiao Lingyu passed through the town, she discovered there was a group of people working on the road from the Taoyuan Village to the town.

Mother Xiao looked at them and smiled. "That young man, Gong Tianhao, is really not bad. He said that he would build a road for us, but I didn't expect him to go to work so quickly."

Father Xiao said, "He's doing a good deed. Road is instrumental to a good economy. This means that life at Taoyuan Village will get better. In the future, it'll be more convenient for us to travel. After this road is built, more vegetables and fruits can be sold, and they won't be left to rot in the fields. It was so wasteful."

Mother Xiao smiled. "That's right. After all, Taoyuan Village gets its namesake from peaches. Many villagers grow peaches, and they are crispy and sweet.

"However, due to traffic reasons, other than one or two families who could afford to drive to the city, others could only sell their harvest around the village. Naturally, the sales won't be good since many villagers have their own peach trees." The peach sellers calculated the price of gasoline, it wouldn't make up for the profit. No one was willing to do business that would make them lose money. However, now that the road was getting fixed, they'd get more business opportunities in the future.

When Xiao Lingyu brought her parents home, she saw many villagers with smiles on their faces.

"Village chief, Chengbang, where are you going?" They bumped into the village chief and Xiao Chengbang on the road.

The village chief said with a smile, "The construction team has arrived. We're going to see if there's anything we can help with. We are also sending them some tea and food."

“Zhengyang, Qiuying, you’re back.” The village chief asked, “Are you alright?”

Father Xiao smiled and said, “I’m fine. After a quick rest, I can get back to work.”

Xiao Lingyu immediately cut in. “Dad, the doctor said that you have to rest for at least half a year. Mom, you have to monitor Dad in the future! Don’t let him do any heavy task.” Most hard workers couldn’t sit idle, Father Xiao was no exception. It was also because of Father Xiao’s diligence that their family life got better.

Mother Xiao smiled, “Yes, I’ll definitely monitor him closely.”

Xiao Chengbang laughed, “Zhengyang, you have to listen to your wife and daughter. You need to rest. You can work when you’re allowed to.”

“That’s right!” The village chief chimed in, “Zhengyang, Qiuying, go back and rest well. Qiuying has quite serious injuries too. You should hurry and go back home. Chengbang and I will send these things over to the construction crew.”

When Xiao Lingyu and her parents arrived home, it was lunchtime. As they were about to enter the courtyard, Liu Chunjiao ran over with a brazier. She said loudly, “Wait, second brother, sister-in-law! You have to step over this brazier to chase away the bad luck!” This was a custom at the countryside. They believed that stepping over a brazier would leave the bad luck outside.

The three walked over the brazier and entered the front yard.

Liu Chunjiao said excitedly, “Second brother and sister-in-law, you’re finally back. It’s wonderful to see you back safely. I’ve already prepared the meal. Let’s eat first.”

“Dad, you can’t eat spicy food yet. You need to eat something light.” Xiao Lingyu stopped Father Xiao from picking up the spicy chicken. Father Xiao didn’t have any dietary preference, except he adored spicy food. He couldn’t survive without spices.

When he was at the hospital, they didn’t give him any spicy good. Now that he was home, he thought he was allowed to eat spicy things again. But his daughter stopped him.

Father Xiao pleaded, “Yu ‘Er, I’ll only take one bite. Just one bite. I haven’t had any spicy food for so long. I just want to eat a little bit.”

“No. Dad, you can eat whatever you want when you are recovered.” Xiao Lingyu said seriously, “But not now!”

Xiao Lingyu’s father immediately pouted. “I’ll only have half a piece, no, wait, a quarter! Just give me something to relieve my itch!”

“No!” Xiao Lingyu said firmly, “Dad, you should eat this instead, it’ll be good for your recovery.” Xiao Lingyu served him the stir-fried pork liver and garlic sprouts.

“Dear, pork liver replenishes blood. You’ve lost so much blood, so you must eat more.” Mother Xiao smiled and placed another piece of pork liver in her husband’s bowl.

Father Xiao looked at the non-spicy liver and frowned. Then, he moved the pieces from his plate into Mother Xiao's plate. He said, "Dear, you've lost plenty of blood too."

Mother Xiao, "..."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

"Haha..."

Other than the fact Father Xiao didn't get to have his spicy food, the lunch was enjoyable.

At dinner, the villagers close to Xiao Zhengyang's family arrived. Of course, they didn't come empty-handed. Some brought eggs, others brought old hen, some carried white sugars and fruits.

"Zhengyang and Qiuying, we knew you were injured but we didn't know you'd need surgery. When we heard about it, we were shocked and worried." Zhou Yan said, "It's good that you're back safely." In the countryside, as long as someone was involved in surgeries, they felt things were extremely dangerous.

Xiao Taiyang said, "Most of the village was worried about you. Thankfully, you're back safe."

Xiao Zhengyang said gratefully, "Thank you for your concern. Speaking of injuries, I still have to thank everyone for extending a helping hand. Otherwise, I might really die that night."

Mother Xiao also said, "I also need to thank everyone. If you didn't help to stop those people, I really didn't know what would've happened."

Xiao Lingyu stood up and bowed at all the uncles and aunties. She said gratefully, "Uncles and Aunties, thank you for your help. Otherwise, the consequences would be unbearable. I couldn't imagine what I'd do if something happened to dad."

"Lingyu, you're being too polite." Zhou Yan said kindly, "Do you think we're going to stand there and watch your father get beaten up? We are from the same village, so naturally, we need to help each other."

"That's right, Lingyu." The other concurred, "As neighbors, we can't just watch them assault your parents like that."

Xiao Lingyu nodded. "No matter what, I will always remember this kindness. If you need my help in the future, please do ask."

"Lingyu, you're too kind!" Many people were quite happy when they heard that. For them, Xiao Lingyu was cultured, knowledgeable, and had a wide range of friends. There was a high chance they would need her help in the future.

Then, Xiao Lingyu asked, "Village chief, who else is injured in the fight?"

Village Chief frowned, "Lingyu, why do you want to know that?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled. "I'm grateful for their help. I have to help pay the medical expenses for the injured villagers. I will visit them tomorrow and thank them in person."

The village chief said happily, "Lingyu, you have such a good heart. I'll ask around and give you the list tomorrow."

There were people injured in the brawl. As Xiao Lingyu said, she was grateful for their help. She had to thank them. For those injured to save her parents, she should pay their medical fees. It was the least she could do.

Xiao Lingyu nodded. "I'll have to trouble you again then, village chief." Technically, this was her family's business but she didn't have time to visit the families one by one.

The village chief guffawed, "This is nothing."

At that moment, Mother Xiao said, "Village chief, this is a big incident that happened this time. I really need to thank the villagers. My family is finally safe and sound, but..." She paused as her expression turned stern and cold, "I do remember the villagers who were there to fan the flames. Since village chief and many people are here tonight, I will make things clear. In the future, these few families are not allowed to come pick Little Light's manure anymore. They are not going to gain any favor from my family."

Mother Xiao wanted the people present to spread this news for her.

"I know who those families are. I hope they know their position and don't be shameless to come to take advantage of my family anymore!" Mother Xiao added, "I don't want to fuss over small conflicts, but this time, they have gone overboard. They tarnished my Yu 'Er's reputation. I will not tolerate that. They have been benefiting from my family, but they still want to slander my family? Do they think we're a family of fools?"

Back then, if those people didn't mention the other men who came to visit Xiao Lingyu, Chen Dahua and Lan Erying wouldn't have so many things to say.

These horrible people wanted to make Xiao Lingyu into an indecent, shameless slut. It was too much.

Mother Xiao didn't want to argue with these people, it was meaningless. The Xiao Family was the richest family in Taoyuan Village. They had contracted land and bought a car. The other villagers would have more favors to ask of them.

"You're right. Those people are too much!" Zhou Yan said indignantly, "Qiuying, as long as they still want their face, they won't dare come here again!"

That night, many villagers were present, and they knew who the instigators were.

The village chief added, "Alright!"

Every village always had a few bad seeds.