FARM SPACE 601

Chapter 601: Stolen Wine

Li Xuefeng returned home with two black jars in his arms. A fashionably dressed but somewhat acerbic woman frowned and asked, "Son, what are you carrying?"

Li Xuefeng said, "This is a health wine given by a friend of mine. She said that after drinking this wine, one could sleep soundly at night and be in good spirits the next morning. After drinking it long-term, one's health will get better.

Mother Li sneered with disdain and said, "Which poor friend of yours gave you this wine? Health wine? What a sham."

Father Li and his son worked in the administrative department, and Mother Li had a very decent job as a university professor. There were other influential people in the Li Family too.

Therefore, there were many people who came to the family to ask for help. They had sent all kinds of gifts. However, she had never seen such shabby gifts as wine in two black jars. They had received a lot more exquisite wines.

Li Xufeng looked a little helpless. Just as he was about to say something, his mother immediately reacted and said, "Son, this friend of yours, is he asking you for a favor?" When she said this, a hint of anger immediately appeared on her face. She said loudly, "How can this friend be so shameless? How can he just give two common black jars of wine? They are not even wines that anyone has heard of.

"Let me tell you, son. We can't make friends with such poor people. Stop interacting with them."

Mother Li was a snobbish person, although she was a university professor and a high-level intellectual.

Li Xuefeng didn't dare to tell her about Zeng Yaozu and Xiao Lingyu, "Mom, this friend didn't ask me to do anything. She heard that your health hasn't been good, so she sent two jars of wine her family brewed."

"Did her family brew the wines themselves?" Dai Guozhen was even more disdainful and contemptuous. She sneered and said, "Your friend is really poor." As she said this, her gaze swept to the black jars that Li Xuefeng was still holding, "Take these two jars of wine out and throw them away. They're an eyesore to me!"

Li Xuefeng sighed lightly and said, "Mom, I believe my friend won't lie to me. Since she said that the wine can be good for your health, why not give it a try?" With that, he put the wine on the table and prepared to open one of the wine jars.

Unexpectedly, his mother seemed to be a little angry and ordered, "Why should I? Who knew what they put inside the wine? Throw it away!"

Li Xuefeng saw that his mother was angry, so he could only grab the two jars of wine and walk out. He had no choice. He was wired to obey his mother. Since his mother was unhappy, he could only obey her.

However, he sighed softly in his heart and felt that he had let down his old classmate.

But since his mother was unwilling to try, there was nothing he could do about it. At that moment, Father Li walked in, and he bumped into his son.

Then, one of the jars instantly shattered into pieces. The broke pieces didn't catch their attention, but the thing that did was...

"It smells so good!" Father Li took a deep sniff. "Son, what is this?"

Li Xuefeng also smelled the fragrance of the wine.

When the wine jar shattered and the fragrance of the wine dispersed, his expression froze. He had never smelled such a fragrant wine before. The fragrance of the wine was not the main point. The main point was that when he smelled the fragrance of the wine, his muddled head immediately became clear.

Li Xuefeng replied to his father, "This is the health wine my friend gave to mom."

Father Li was slightly puzzled and asked, "Health wine? Why is it so fragrant?" This was much more fragrant than normal health wine. Most importantly, when he smelled it, the tiredness from the day's work instantly disappeared.

This health wine wasn't ordinary.

Thinking of this, Father Li immediately said with an excited expression, "Son, quick, pour me a cup. I want to try it. It's the first time I've smelled such a good wine."

Mother Li, "..." She also thought the wine smelled heavenly, but she was too proud to admit it. She reacted and immediately shouted angrily, "You're not allowed to drink it!"

"..." Father Li was stunned for a moment, then asked with some doubt, "Wife, why? I think this wine is not bad." Then, he urged Li Xuefeng, "Son, what are you still standing there for? Hurry up and open the other wine jar and pour it out."

However, Mother Li said angrily, "I said you're not allowed to drink it!" If he did, it would be against her complaint earlier.

Father Li immediately said with a puzzled expression, "Wife, why can't I drink it? This is health wine given by a friend of my son. The fragrance says that it's a good wine." Li Xuefeng quickly poured a glass of wine for his father. He wanted to pour a second glass for himself to try. However, he thought about it and handed it to his mother.

His mother looked at the wine glass on the table and glared angrily.

Father Li was oblivious. He said, "Son, your mother doesn't want to drink. Let's drink." He then picked up the wine glass and took a sip. Then, he exclaimed, "This wine is really fragrant! Son, is this wine really fruit wine? How can there be such a delicious fruit wine?"

Li Xuefeng listened to his father and also took a sip. His eyes lit up as he said, "Dad, this wine is a fruit wine. Can't you tell it has the aroma of strawberry?"

Father Li took a sniff and agreed, "You're right!" Then, he quickly finished his glass of wine. Heput down the glass, held the wine jar, and said to Mother Li, "Honey, since you don't like drinking this wine, then

this jar of wine belongs to me!" Without waiting for his son and wife to react, he quickly carried the wine back to his wine cabinet and hid it.

Mother Li, "..."

Li Xuefeng, "..." Dad, Mom doesn't want it, but I do. You can't steal it away just like that.

Li Xuefeng opened his mouth but didn't say anything.

In the middle of the night, Mother Li was confused when she saw her husband sleeping soundly. "Usually, OI Li doesn't sleep so well. He can be woken up by a slight movement. But tonight, he slept so well that he couldn't be woken up even after being pushed. Is it really because of that health wine?

"The wine does smell so good, but I was too ashamed to drink it. I regret it not." Mother Li said to herself, "No, I have to taste it while OI Li is asleep."

Then, she lifted the quilt and quietly walked to the place where Father Li hid the wine. Then, she sneakily took the key from Father Li's table and opened the wine cabinet.

Then, holding the wine jar, she carefully went to the study room and sneakily drank the wine.

After one gulp, Mother Li's eyes lit up, and she immediately said in disbelief, "This... What kind of wine is this? How can it be so delicious?"

With that, she poured herself another cup.

Then, another cup followed that!

When her stomach couldn't hold it anymore, she found that there was only half a jar of wine left.

"Oh no, if OI Li finds out, he'll definitely be mad! No, I have to put the wine back now."

Although she had drunk almost half a jar of wine, Mother Li was not drunk. There was only some redness on her face.

Back in the bedroom, she yawned, patted her mouth, and said, "I'm so sleepy!"

Then, she fell asleep as soon as she lay on the bed.

The next day, mother Li heard an angry roar.

"Ah, who drank my wine?" Father Li hugged the jar of wine. He was on the verge of collapse. The thief could only be his wife or son.

When Li Xuefeng arrived, he saw his angry father and asked with some confusion, "Dad, what wine was stolen?" His father had quite a collection of expensive wine.

His father said, "It was yesterday's fruit wine!"

Li Xuefeng, "..."

Chapter 602: Harassment

Zeng Yaozu received a phone call and looked at Xiao Lingyu with raised eyebrows.

Xiao Lingyu was puzzled and asked, "What's wrong?"

Zeng Yaozu said, "Li Xuefeng asked me if you still have that fruit wine. Can he buy two more jars?" However, Xiao Lingyu wouldn't actually ask Li Xuefeng to pay since she needed a favor from him.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "There's no need for him to buy it. I'll send him two more jars later." This would help Xiao Lingyu too.

Zeng Yaozu nodded and then called Li Xuefeng.

After hanging up the phone, Zeng Yaozu said, "He said that he'll ask about the situation in the next two days!"

Xiao Lingyu didn't say anything. She just nodded.

Zeng Yaozu looked at the time and said, "Let's go. It's time for dinner."

After saying that, he picked up his suit jacket. Xiao Lingyu took her bag and walked out of the general manager's office.

After the two of them left the supermarket, a new employee whispered, "Sis, the boss and the general manager are a beautiful couple. Are they really not a couple?"

The old employee immediately reminded her, "Don't talk nonsense. The boss and the general manager are just good friends. Moreover, President Zeng's girlfriend is said to be the boss's sister. Moreover, the boss has already married and given birth. You will be fired if they hear you say things like that. So, you better keep your mouth shut."

The new employee immediately shut her mouth and nodded. "Okay, okay. I won't say anything rash in the future." She had relied on her connections to get this job. It wasn't easy for her to get in, so she had to cherish it. She had to be careful about what she said.

Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu came to the Jun Hao Hotel to eat.

Just as Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu entered the hotel lobby, Yan Siming happened to drive past. He looked at Xiao Lingyu's back and frowned. He was a little confused, "That looks like Xiao Lingyu. Is the person next to her the general manager of her supermarket?"

Yan Siming's fingers touched the steering wheel. Then, he got out of the car and handed it to the hotel doorman to park. He took big strides and chased after Xiao Lingyu.

However, there were many people in the hotel and many people getting on the elevator. After a while, the two of them disappeared without a trace.

Yan Siming thought for a moment and pressed the number for the second floor. It was impossible for them to come here for business based on the timing. They were probably there for dinner.

In the past few months, the business and reputation of the Jun Hao hotel had been getting better and better. Moreover, they had cooperated with Xiao Lingyu, so it was not unusual for Xiao Lingyu to come here to eat.

Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu went to the restaurant on the second floor and found an empty seat to sit down.

Zeng Yaozu moved the stool for Xiao Lingyu in a gentlemanly manner. After Xiao Lingyu sat down, he took off his coat, put down his suit, and sat down.

Zeng Yaozu said with a smile, "We're really lucky today. There's an empty seat as soon as we come here. You know, we usually have to wait in line to eat here. So, it's all thanks to you."

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "You're really getting better at sweet-talking. I remember how Xinxin was scared by you when you two first met."

It was all because Zeng Yaozu was a gangster at that time.

But it had to be said that love was really great. From the moment Zeng Yaozu met Xiao Xinxin, he was destined to have an extraordinary future.

Xiao Lingyu had helped, but the biggest factor was love.

Zeng Yaozu immediately waved his hand and said, "You're embarrassing me. If I didn't meet Xin 'Er, I would still be a gangster." But he'd be a principled gangster.

When Zeng Yaozu and Xiao Lingyu stepped into the restaurant, Xiao Lingyu's beauty quickly caught the eyes of many men.

When they saw Xiao Lingyu, who was so exquisite and beautiful, and had a good figure, their eyes immediately lit up. Some of them even had a dark look in their eyes.

Most of the customers who could here to eat were famous people in City Z. A normal family couldn't afford the price point there.

After all, the food here was too expensive.

"Director Chu, who is that woman? Do you know her?" A bald but slightly plump middle-aged man asked director Chu across from him.

Director Chu naturally noticed Xiao Lingyu, so he naturally understood who the woman director Ge was referring to was.

Director Chu looked at Xiao Lingyu, frowned slightly, and said, "I don't know this woman."

Director Ge said, "Director Chu is a handsome man who knows all the beauties in City Z. You should have seen this woman before."

Director Chu smiled and shook his head. "Director Ge, I've never seen this beautiful woman before." He smiled and said, "Director Ge, if you wait a moment, I'll go talk to this woman and see if I can set you up!" Director Chu was tempted to keep this woman for himself, but he had a 30 million project to discuss with Director Ge. They were still negotiating the contract. If he could use this woman to get the old fox to sign the contract, it was worth it.

At worst, in the future... he could take the woman back.

Director Ge was very satisfied with Director Chu's flattery and tactfulness.

He held his wine glass and said with a smile, "Then I really have to thank Director Chu. Don't worry, after the matter is done, and we'll sign this 30 million contract immediately. In the future, we can also work together for a long time."

Hearing that, Director Chu said happily, "Then, Director Ge, please wait here. I'll be right back!"

Then, he came to the table of Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu with a glass in his hand.

Almost all the customers in the restaurant were paying attention to Director Chu's movement. The men were curious and eager, while the women showed some contempt and jealousy.

Most of them were in the same circle and knew each other. Some men wanted to take action, but since Director Chu had made the first move, they sat back in their seats and waited to see the situation.

Not long after Zeng Yaozu and Xiao Lingyu sat down, a man came over with a glass of wine. Both of them frowned.

It seemed that this man was...

Zeng Yaozu asked politely, "Sir, what can I do for you?"

Director Chu ignored Zeng Yaozu and said to Xiao Lingyu with a smile, "Hello, beautiful lady. I am the general manager of Heng Tian Group, Chu Liren. May I know your name, Miss?"

Although he was already middle-aged, he had a mature charm. His face was handsome, his physique was well-maintained, and he had an elegant demeanor. With his power, he had charmed many women. He assumed that Xiao Lingyu would fall to his charm too.

Since the man hadn't done anything too out of place, Xiao Lingyu answered him out of politeness to avoid offending him unnecessarily. "My surname is Xiao! Director Chu, what's the matter?"

Director Chu was delighted because the beauty seemed to have fallen for him.

He smiled and said, "Actually, I just want to invite Miss Xiao to our table for a drink as a way to make friends. How about that?"

Everyone knew what he meant when he said that. He just said it in a nicer way.

A woman who wanted money would have agreed to go with him.

Before Xiao Lingyu could answer, Zeng Yaozu rejected him first. "Director Chu, I'm sorry. My Sister is still breastfeeding. She can't drink."

Nursing a baby?

This woman had a baby?

She had a baby and got married?

Some people had a moral bottom line. Hearing that a beautiful woman got married and had a baby, they immediately dismissed the idea.

However, Director Gu seemed to be more interested.

He gave Director Chu a wink.

Director Chu thought that they didn't hear his introduction clearly, so he repeated it heavily, "I am the general manager of Heng Da Group, Chu Liren. Little brother, I just want to make friends with your sister. If she can't drink, we can sit and chat."

Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu secretly rolled their eyes.

They had heard his intention clearly before, so there was no need to repeat it again.

Chapter 603: Hard Way

After being rejected by Xiao Lingyu, Director Chu's expression immediately turned ugly.

He looked around and saw many mocking gazes. He felt a little embarrassed, and naturally, he was a little rude towards the two siblings who had offended him.

Director Chu asked with a dark expression, "It looks like the two of you would rather do this the hard way, yea?"

Unfortunately, when he said this, he was heard by Yan Siming, who had just arrived.

Yan Siming's bewitching and beautiful face suddenly revealed a mischievous smile that could not be ignored. He said, "Director Chu, may I know who has offended you? I want to see who is so audacious to offend Director Chu." Yan Siming had arrived at Xiao Lingyu's table.

He glanced at Xiao Lingyu from the corner of his eyes, then looked at Director Chu of the Heng Tian Group with an ambiguous smile.

Yan Siming's sudden appearance shocked everyone in the restaurant.

Most of the people present had some status and power, and most of them knew each other. Everyone knew Yan Siming.

He was the most powerful single man in City Z. Although he looked beautiful, he was a ruthless and merciless person in the business world. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been called the King of Hell by the businessmen.

Of course, there were always some people who were very excited about Yan Siming's appearance.

After all, Yan Siming was a shining figure. He was the center of attention in any situation. Moreover, if they could take this opportunity to get to know him, it would be a great opportunity and luck.

Therefore, many people were eager to make introductions. However, no one took any action for the time being.

When Director Chu saw Yan Siming's appearance, he was also very excited. If Yan Siming chose to cooperate with Heng Tian Group, they would rise to a higher level.

Director Chu glanced at Xiao Lingyu and then revealed a fawning smile as he turned to Yan Siming, "Chairman Yan, why are you here?"

Yan Siming raised his eyebrows and retorted, "It's dinnertime now. Can't I have a meal here? Director Chu, which blind person offended you?"

Director Chu smiled and said, "Actually, it's nothing. It's just that I find this lady familiar. She reminds me of a distant relative of mine, so I want to invite her to sit at our table and make friends with her.

"Come, Miss Xiao, let me introduce you. This is chairman Yan of the Yan group in City Z!" Director Chu pretended to be familiar with Xiao Lingyu. His purpose in doing this was, of course, to gain Yan Siming's good impression and make him pay attention to Xiao Lingyu. At the same time, he let Xiao Lingyu know Yan Siming's identity. If the two paired up, Director Chu would be the matchmaker, or rather the pimp. If Yan Siming were happy, it would be a great help to the Heng Tian Group.

Yan Siming frowned when he heard Chu Liren. He said, "Yu 'Er, others have openly bullied you like this. Are you still going to pretend you don't know me? Am I that embarrassing for you?"

Once Yan Siming said that the scene became unusually quiet.

Yan Siming's wronged expression...

And who was Yu 'Er?

It couldn't be?!

Everyone looked at Xiao Lingyu and then at Yan Siming.

This...

They... Did they know each other?

When this guess came to mind, many people silently prayed for Chu Liren of the Heng Tian Group. Then, they mourned for him for another three minutes.

If their guess was correct, Chu Liren's action had completely offended Yan Siming. Based on Yan Siming's reaction, he not only knew the beauty but also had a close relationship with her.

Soon, their guess was confirmed.

Zeng Yaozu smiled and said, "President Yan, we aren't pretending not to know you. You didn't even give us any chance to speak!"

That showed the closeness of their relationship. Everyone felt bad for Chu Liren. Yan Siming had seen him bully Xiao Lingyu with his own eyes.

Director Ge, who had signaled Chu Liren to come over to Xiao Lingyu, immediately took out a handkerchief and wiped the cold sweat on his forehead. He had no idea the woman he had his eyes on was actually Yan Siming's lover.

No matter how lecherous he was, he wouldn't dare to lay a finger on Yan Siming's woman. Wouldn't that be courting death?

Director Chu's face turned pale, and he stammered with an embarrassed expression, "President... President Yan, you... Do you know Miss Xiao?"

Yan Siming's sharp eyes shot toward Chu Liren as he said, "Director Chu, I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you. Miss Xiao, who you wanted to introduce to me, is my younger sister." Immediately after, his face changed as he asked in a gloomy and cold voice, "So, just now, who were you trying to warn?"

When Director Chu heard the signs of Yan Siming's anger, he was so scared that his legs went soft.

With a pale face, he bowed his head and apologized, "Chairman Yan, it's me... I was warning myself. I was blind for not recognizing Chairman Yan's sister!"

At this moment, he had to endure the humiliation. Otherwise, he really couldn't imagine the consequences if he got Yan Siming mad.

When Yan Siming saw Chu Liren's terrified look, he gave him a miserly look.

He looked at Xiao Lingyu with a smile and said, "Sister, how about I take revenge for you?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Brother Yan, thank you very much."

Director Chu's heart tightened, and his face turned even paler. He blurted out to Xiao Lingyu, "Miss Xiao, I apologize to you. It's my fault for not recognizing you. I almost offended you. I apologize to you. I'm sorry. Please forgive me this time. Please ask Chairman Yan to let me off. I won't do this again."

Xiao Lingyu looked at Chu Liren and sneered, "Director Chu, the most valuable thing in this world is 'sorry'. The most worthless thing is also 'sorry'. "Actually, I'm very curious to ask, if brother Yan didn't come, what kind of hard way have you planned for me?"

Chu Liren opened his mouth but couldn't answer.

Of course, he had the punishment in mind, but Yan Siming was there. He couldn't say it out loud now, could he?

Chapter 604: Donation!

Director Chu broke out in a cold sweat after being questioned by Xiao Lingyu on the spot. At the same time, he felt extremely regretful.

He really did not expect Yan Siming to know this beauty. If he had known, he wouldn't have dared to threaten Xiao Lingyu.

Director Chu smiled apologetically, "Miss Xiao, I'm really sorry. I really did not know that you were chairman Yan's friend."

Xiao Lingyu raised her eyebrows and asked in a cold and sharp voice, "So, if I'm not Chairman Yan's friend, what do you intend to do to me?"

Director Chu, "..."

Everyone, "..."

'Isn't the woman too pushy? If she's not Chairman Yan's friend, she would be tossed in someone's bed already!'

However, since Director Chu had apologized, why was she so stubborn and unwilling to let go? This was bullying? Why didn't she show Director Chu face?

Director Chu's expression changed. He felt a little resentful, but he couldn't show it on his face.

He smiled apologetically and said, "Miss Xiao, I have offended you, so I will apologize now. Please be magnanimous. Miss Xiao, as long as you are willing to accept my apology, feel free to ask for anything!"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Director Chu, I'm just a small fry. Since you have already apologized, if I continue to harangue you, it will be my fault."

Hearing this, Director Chu immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

Fortunately, he was forgiven. Otherwise, he would have angered Yan Siming. He really didn't know what would happen next.

However, he didn't expect to be forgiven so quickly.

Director Chu said excitedly, "Then I really have to thank Miss Xiao for your magnanimity."

If Yan Siming hadn't arrived, he would have taken advantage of the situation to bully her. So, he was both lucky and unlucky.

Xiao Lingyu said with a faint smile, "Director Chu, don't thank me yet. Since you want to apologize, you should at least show some sincerity, right?"

Everyone, "..." I knew the apology wouldn't be accepted so easily. At the end of the day, the woman is after money.

Chu Liren was stunned for a moment before he reacted. He immediately smiled and said, "Of course, of course!" If he could spend some money to settle this matter it was worth it.

But...

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "I heard that Director Chu and Director Ge seemed to be signing a contract for 30 million. How about this? Give me the profits from that big business deal."

Everyone, "..."

Chu Liren, "..."

This woman had such a big appetite! A rose has many thorns! She actually asked for the profits from the business deals. For a deal of that scale, the profits would be at least tens of millions.

Director Chu's face turned pale, and his expression was a little shocked. 'This bitch has such a big appetite. I've worked so hard for this deal. Is it all going to waste? But if I don't agree, Yan Siming will...' Chu Liren thought about saying something else, "Miss Xiao..."

Xiao Lingyu didn't wait for him to speak. Instead, she directly said to Yan Siming, "Brother Yan, I may have to trouble you with this problem."

Yan Siming nodded in surprise. "No problem. I'll supervise them like before. Don't worry. Every penny from the deal will be used for hope primary school and the orphanage."

Everyone, "..."

Chu Liren, "..."

From what they heard, Miss Xiao had donated to a charity foundation many times, and it was under Yan Siming's supervision.

Miss Xiao didn't want the money for herself, but she wanted to donate it to charity.

Everyone looked at Chu Liren with sympathy and pity. He had to cough up the money even if he didn't want to. The donation was his, but the reputation would be gained by someone else.

Director Ge, who was sitting with President Chu before, wiped the cold sweat on his forehead with a handkerchief.

He didn't want to sign the contract with Director Chu so soon, but now that Yan Siming had interfered, he had no choice anymore. If he didn't sign the contract, how would the donation happen?

The woman had insisted on the cooperation for the donation. Director Ge had to do it unless he was not afraid of offending Yan Siming. But how could he not? He was just a small fish. Was he not afraid of offending a big shark like Yan Siming? This was impossible.

However, what made him secretly glad was that this woman only wanted Chu Liren to donate Chu Liren's part of the profit, and she didn't mention anything about his part. The matter was settled with Chu Liren spending a lot of money.

Many people had recognized this woman by Yan Siming's side. They guessed, 'Could this be Yan Siming's lover? The younger sister could be all a front. However, based on their attitude, that didn't seem to be the case.

'The woman was not after money. Moreover, looking at her attitude toward Yan Siming, she really treated him like an ordinary friend.'

Yan Siming ignored everyone's guess and directly pulled out a stool and sat next to Xiao Lingyu.

He then said with a slightly aggrieved tone, "Xiao Lingyu, why don't you tell me every time you come to City Z? Am I that unimportant in your eyes?"

Xiao Lingyu said somewhat speechlessly, "I say, chairman Yan, although we are friends, I don't need to greet you every time I come to City Z, do I?"

Since her shop was located here, it was normal for her to come to city Z from time to time.

"Besides, you are the boss of a large corporation, and you are busy with work every day. How can I bother you?" Xiao Lingyu said.

"Yu 'Er, you know that I really like you to bother me," Yan Siming said shamelessly.

Everyone who was listening pricked up their ears, "..." Chairman Yan, are you pursuing this girl? But it was not right. Haven't the woman already said she's married and has a child? Is it possible that Chairman Yan doesn't know that?

Yan Siming glanced at Zeng Yaozu and said to Xiao Lingyu, "Are you here for the supermarket again?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "No!"

Zeng Yaozu opened his mouth and wanted to say something, but in the end, he didn't say anything.

Yan Siming noticed Zeng Yaozu's expression, and a glint flashed in his eyes. It seemed that Xiao Lingyu was hiding something from him.

After that, the three of them chatted like normal.

The surrounding onlookers were shocked. It seemed that their relationship was really close.

While the three of them were eating, the general manager of the Jun Hao Hotel, Wan Congsong, walked over.

He walked straight to Xiao Lingyu's table.

Everyone, "..." Is Wan Congsong trying to use this opportunity to befriend Yan Siming? But isn't Yan Siming a regular here already? Plus, this timing isn't right.

"Boss Xiao, CEO Zeng, why didn't you tell me when you came to my hotel for a meal?" Wan Congsong said with a smile, "I would have reserved a private room for you."

Everyone, "..." Manager Wan, isn't your discrimination too obvious? Also, can't you see Yan Siming? Why are you only greeting the woman?

However, some were shocked. 'Wang Congsong knows this woman?! Plus, from his attitude, he seems to be very familiar with her. Moreover, he is very respectful towards her. Who is this woman? She has a good relationship with both Yan Siming and Wan Congsong.'

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "Manager Wan, I don't want to trouble you. I'm just here for a meal." However, she still had attracted trouble.

Wan Congsong said with a smile, "Why would you say that? You're my savior! I have to treat you well. Why don't we go to the private room now? I'll add two more dishes. We need to have a good chat."

Xiao Lingyu looked at the people around her who were craning their necks and listening intently. She could only say helplessly, "Alright!"

She had already attracted the attention of others. If she did not leave, she would only be treated like a monkey for others to watch.

Chapter 605: Find Out More!

After the group left, the people present immediately began to discuss.

"Who is that woman?" Someone asked doubtfully. "She actually knows CEO Yan and Manager Wan."

"She should be famous in City Z because she's so beautiful and knows so many powerful people. So how come none of us knows about her?"

"Yeah. She appears to have materialized from thin air."

"It doesn't matter who she is. We just have to remember to treat her with respect. Don't be like some people and offend people for no reason!" Of course, they were talking about Chu Liren.

Chu Liren's face turned red. He was embarrassed and angry at the same time. He was really unlucky. How would he know the woman was someone he shouldn't provoke. If he had, would he have gone to court death?

However, no one cared about Director Chu's thoughts. The discussion continued.

"Speaking of which, why do I feel that the younger brother sitting across from that woman looks familiar?"

"I also feel that he looks familiar!"

"Wait, I remember now. Isn't he CEO Zeng from Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket?" With their status in the business world, they wouldn't have paid any attention to a small general manager of a supermarket. However, these people were foodies. Plus, the stock at the supermarket sold out so easily. Even if they sent their nannies to line up early in the morning, they wouldn't be able to get anything most of the time.

Of course, they wanted to connect with the general manager and see if they could make a reservation every day.

However, the supermarket only worked with a few businesses. They didn't accept reservations from others. They worked on a first come, first serve basis.

They were angry, but there was nothing they could do. They couldn't force people to work with them, right?

They heard that on the opening day of this supermarket, Yan Siming had personally come to congratulate them. With that, people knew they couldn't offend the owner of this supermarket.

"CEO Zeng of Taoyuan Village's Green Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Supermarket?" Someone said, "I think Chairman Yan has brought a flower basket to the supermarket on its opening day."

"I remember that too!"

Chu Liren and Director Ge, "..." Who had they offended? How could she be Yan Siming's friend? Thankfully, the woman didn't press further and only wanted them to make a donation.

Or else...

The two of them could not help but wipe the cold sweat off their foreheads!

In the future, they would have to take a detour whenever they saw them.

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Xiao Lingyu and the others went to the private room.

"Manager Wan, your hotel's business is really getting better and better," CEO Zeng said with a smile. "Congratulations!"

Manager Wan said, "It's all thanks to you and boss Xiao. Otherwise, my hotel's business wouldn't be so good."

Even if the other hotels had cooperated with the supermarket, Jun Hao Hotel had already made a reputation. Most of the old customers still returned to the Jun Hao hotel to eat.

The business of other hotels slowly declined, but the business of the Jun Hao hotel was not affected much.

Xiao Lingyu said, "I believe in Manager Wan's character, so I'm willing to cooperate with you!"

Manager Wan said happily, "Thank you for your trust, Boss Xiao. Come, let me toast to you." At this point, he seemed to have thought of something. "Oh, boss Xiao can't drink. Let me pour you a glass of fruit juice." Then, he opened a bottle of grape juice and personally poured a glass for Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu raised the glass and said with a smile, "Then I wish Manager Wan good fortune! Cheers!"

Manager Wan said with a smile, "Boss Xiao, the same goes for you!"

Yan Siming, who had been ignored all this time, was obviously unhappy.

He glanced at Wan Congsong with a slightly dissatisfied expression.

"Ahem..." Yan Siming coughed twice.

Wan Congsong heard the coughing sound and immediately looked over. When he saw Yan Siming covering his mouth and coughing, he immediately reacted. He just realized that he had forgotten about Yan Siming.

Wan Congsong reacted quickly and immediately poured himself a glass of wine. Then, he said very respectfully, "Chairman Yan, I would like to propose a toast to you too. Thank you so much for taking care of my business!"

Yan Siming was somewhat satisfied with Wan Congsong's tactfulness.

He raised his glass and said very arrogantly, "Hmph. Manager Wan, I'm only frequenting your hotel because of your cooperation with my little sister. It has nothing to do with you."

Wan Congsong, "..."

Xiao Lingyu and Zeng Yaozu, "..."

This man seemed to be the tsundere type.

Wan Congsong also gave Zeng Yaozu a toast. After all, they were partners in names.

"Boss Xiao, this is your first time coming to our hotel for a meal, right?" Wan Congsong asked after putting down the glass and sitting down.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "It is indeed my first time here. I usually don't have time to come over for a meal."

Wan Congsong nodded and said, "That's true. Boss Xiao, you're a busy woman. So how long do you plan to stay in City Z this time?"

Wan Congsong knew that Xiao Lingyu often traveled between City Z and Peach Blossom Village. Most of the time, she went back on the same day.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "I'm here to do something. I'll go back after the matter is settled. However, it's hard to say when the matter will be settled."

Wan Congsong immediately said, "Boss Xiao, may I know what it is? If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask."

Yan Siming immediately glared at him and then fawningly said, "Yu 'Er, if you need any help, you can come to Brother Yan. Brother Yan has connections in basically every field."

Wan Congsong was confused at first, but then he realized Yan Siming was trying hard to endear himself to Xiao Lingyu.

Wan Congsong was very surprised, but he did not show it on his face.

Xiao Lingyu knew that it was more convenient to ask Yan Ziming for help. However, she didn't want to trouble him. She had already owed him many big favors, and she hadn't returned them yet. It was not that she did not want to return them, but she did not have the opportunity to do so.

Regardless, she didn't want to trouble him with such a small matter.

Xiao Lingyu said, "I need someone to help me inquire about something. It's just a small matter. I don't want to trouble you, Brother Yan. However, if I need Brother Yan's help, I will definitely ask."

Yan Siming was satisfied with this answer. Xiao Lingyu didn't forget him.

However, it still puzzled Yan Siming that Xiao Lingyu had to come personally from Taoyuan Village to City Z for this matter. Plus, she had to stay a few days for it.

Of course, Yan Siming didn't continue to ask.

He knew that Xiao Lingyu would naturally tell him when she wanted to. Since she didn't want to tell him, it meant that she didn't want him to know for now.

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After Xiao Lingyu gifted the two jars of health wine, there were finally some results.

"I heard from my vice leader that it was our leader who blocked the proposal." Li Xuefeng said seriously. "There are two reasons. One is that the project will occupy farmland, and two is that the project doesn't have enough funding."

Xiao Lingyu said in surprise without thinking, "How is this possible? I clearly stated in the project proposal that the development of the Taoyuan Village tourism base would not occupy any farmland.

"As for the lack of funding, it's even less likely. I've made a detailed budget list and the source of investment."

She had a feeling that there must be something fishy going on. Could it be that she didn't give a gift to the top leader?

This... might be the case.

Zeng Yaozu frowned and thought for a moment before asking again, "Xuefeng, are you sure that these two reasons are why the big boss blocked the proposal?"

Li Xuefeng nodded and said, "Yes, I have already asked around."

Xiao Lingyu frowned deeply and thought about it.

'What on Earth is going on? And what is the real problem?'

Chapter 606: Treating Insomnia

In the city council office, the leader was on the phone with someone. "Mr. Yan, don't worry. This project has always been under my control and hasn't been approved yet," Fan Shili said as he held the phone. "Yes, yes, no problem. I'll kick this proposal back to the town later."

Then, the person on the phone said something, and the call ended. Fan Shili rubbed his forehead.

He wondered how Xiao Lingyu had offended this Mr. Yan. When he heard the news of the proposal, he immediately came to stop it.

Honestly, Fan Shili was quite optimistic about this project.

If this project was successful, it could also be considered one of his greater achievements. However, he just got this post last year. He had to develop many connections, and the most important was the big local family, the Yan family.

It was unknown where the Yan Family received the news that a woman called Xiao Lingyu had submitted an investment proposal for the project to develop Taoyuan Village into a tourism base. The Yan Family called him to block the proposal. As Fan Silin called his secretary to send the documents back, he received a call.

"Big Boss, the person in charge of the Taoyuan Village project requests to see you!"

Fan Shili wanted his secretary to deny the person entry, but after thinking for a while, he still let Xiao Lingyu in.

After Xiao Lingyu found out the reasons for the project approval being blocked, she thought for a while and decided to directly come to the authorities to ask about it.

Thus, she came directly to the city council.

Normally, with her status as an ordinary person, it was very difficult for her to meet the Big Boss. However, she was lucky and had the advantage of natural beauty. As soon as she entered the hall, she attracted the attention of many people. Naturally, many men volunteered to serve her.

Xiao Lingyu was dressed very formally. She wore a blue undershirt and a black business suit, and carried a file bag in her hand. One look and one could tell that she was an elite businesswoman. No one dared to underestimate her.

Xiao Lingyu smoothly arrived at the big leader's office.

The moment she saw the big leader, Xiao Lingyu introduced herself very politely, "Big Leader fan, hello. I am Xiao Lingyu from Taoyuan Village. I'm the applicant behind the proposal to develop Taoyuan Village into a tourism base!"

When Fan Shili saw the woman who came in, his eyes were slightly surprised. 'This woman is actually very beautiful.' She was even more beautiful than any celebrity he had ever seen. However, there was a clear difference between her and a celebrity.

The beauty of a celebrity was mostly packaged by the company. Most of them had undergone plastic surgery and minor adjustments. They also had a lot of makeup.

However, Xiao Lingyu's beauty was natural. Her facial features were exquisite, and her skin was fair. Without makeup, she was very gorgeous.

However, how did this beautiful woman offend Mr. Yan?

Fan Shili sized up Xiao Lingyu and nodded slightly. "Hello, Ms. Xiao. Is there anything I can help you with?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled, "Leader Fan, I'm actually here to ask when will the application be approved? My funds are already in place, and I'm just waiting for your approval."

Leader Fan thought for a moment before saying, "Go back and wait for the news!" There was no way he would tell Xiao Lingyu his work secrets.

Xiao Lingyu did not leave immediately. She glanced at Fan Shili and said to him, "Leader Fan, I see that you have dark circles, and your face is pale. Did you not sleep well at night and have nightmares?"

Fan Shili was stunned and asked sternly, "Madam Xiao, it sounds like you've put in a lot of effort before coming here. Who did you hear that from?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head calmly and said, "Leader Fan, you've misunderstood. I didn't hear it from anyone. I only saw it from your expression." In reality, this was something derived from Xiao Ling.

Fan Shili was puzzled. He stared at Xiao Lingyu with a sharp gaze and asked suspiciously, "You saw it from my face? Are you a doctor?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I'm not a doctor, but I've studied under a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner before. I can tell some of the symptoms." Of course, this was fake too.

Fan Shili thought for a moment and said, "Then look at me. What exactly is the cause?" He had been in this state for a long time. He had also gone to the hospital to have a look. The doctor only said that he needed rest. They prescribed him sleeping pills.

The effect was not good even after taking the pills for a week. He planned to return to the hospital, but he didn't expect Xiao Lingyu to spot his problem so quickly.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Leader Fan, when you went to the hospital for a check-up, did the doctor tell you that you did not rest well?"

Fan Shili nodded. "That's right. What about you? Did you notice anything wrong?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I don't see any problems. I saw the same thing as the doctor. You didn't have a good rest, and that's why your mental state isn't good.

"So when you sleep at night, you'll have nightmares. The sleeping pills are not going to help. When you rest, you'll still be affected by bad dreams. It's a vicious cycle."

Fan Shili was slightly taken aback. Xiao Lingyu had diagnosed everything correctly.

He narrowed his eyes and stared at Xiao Lingyu seriously. Then, he coldly chased her away and said, "Miss Xiao, I'm very busy right now. Do you have anything else to do? If you don't have anything else, please leave!"

Since Xiao Lingyu could diagnose his condition, she could probably fix it too. But...

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Xiao Lingyu did not get angry. She only nodded and said, "Alright then, Leader Fan. I won't trouble you anymore. If you need anything, you can call me!" Xiao Lingyu took out a business card and placed it on his desk.

Her main purpose for coming was to meet Fan Shili. Since her purpose had been achieved, she would not stay any longer.

After Xiao Lingyu left, Fan Shili leaned back in his chair, closed his eyes, and gently rubbed the space between his eyebrows.

'This Xiao Lingyu is quite capable...'

He raised his head and looked at the document before him. 'I probably shouldn't return this document so soon.'

As soon as Xiao Lingyu came out, Zeng Yaozu was waiting at the door with his car.

As soon as Xiao Lingyu got in the car, Zeng Yaozu asked, "How is it? Have you seen Fan Shili?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes, I have, but the situation is not optimistic!"

Zeng Yaozu was shocked and asked in surprise, "What do you mean?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "After I entered Fan Shili's office, I saw that my project application was buried under another document. I noticed that pile of documents are all the rejected projects."

"Huh?!" Zeng Yaozu did not expect such a situation either. Then, he frowned and said worriedly, "From the looks of it, the project approval will probably be rejected. We need to think of a way to make Leader

Fan change his mind. Otherwise, everything you've done in the past two months will have been wasted."

Xiao Lingyu frowned as she thought of Fan Shili. She sighed softly and said, "Let's wait and see first!"

Fan Shili's insomnia was not something that could be cured with normal drugs.

The next day, when Fan Shili arrived at the office, the Secretary brought a bottle of mineral water and said to fan Shili with some doubt, "Sir, the people in the security offices said that a distant relative of yours heard that you have insomnia, so she brought you a bottle of health fruit wine. She said that this wine could cure your insomnia! Just a small glass before you go to sleep will do."

Fan Shili was holding a pen, and his hand that was about to approve the documents paused. He asked suspiciously, "A distant relative of mine? What's her surname?"

The secretary said, "The people in the security room said that her surname is Xiao!"

"Xiao?!" Fan Shili narrowed his eyes, and a sharp light burst out of them.

The secretary noticed the big leader's expression and said carefully, "Big leader, is this distant relative real? Plus, who would store wine in a plastic mineral water bottle? Why don't I throw it out?"

Fan Shili's sharp eyes swept over the secretary, and then he waved his hand and said, "Put down the wine and leave!"

After the secretary left, Fan Shili twirled the pen in his hand and looked at the wine on the table.

'Health wine, treating insomnia, surname Xiao. Who else could it be other than her?'

Chapter 607: More

"Son, does your friend still have any health wine?" Li Xuefeng was interrogated by his mother as soon as he got home.

Li Xuefeng shook his head and said, "I don't know either. Mom, why?"

Mother Li's condition was obviously much better than a few days ago. Her complexion was ruddy, and from afar, she looked like a different person. She was much younger.

This made Mother Li very happy. When her relatives and friends praised her, she was so happy that she couldn't close her mouth. They asked her what clinic she had been to.

Mother Li said, "I merely drink the health wine Xuefeng's friend gave. I drank a cup before going to bed and slept until dawn. When I wake up, I feel so refreshed. These changes of mine are all the effects of drinking the health wine."

Then, these relatives and friends said at once, "Give us some. We want to try too!"

The proud Mother Li agreed.

Therefore, when she saw her son coming back, she couldn't wait to ask about the health wine.

Mother Li said, "Son, listen to me. My friends and relatives all fawned on me because I've become younger. I promised them that I'd get them the health wine too."

When Li Xuefeng heard this, he immediately became a little angry and questioned, "Mom, how can you agree? We don't produce this health wine. It doesn't belong to our family. How can you agree to it?"

When mother Li saw her son getting angry, she also loudly said, "How can I not agree? If I don't, I'll lose so much face! Besides, isn't it just a few dozens of jars of ordinary health wine? You can just ask your friends for it. At most, we'll pay for them ourselves."

Li Xuefeng held his forehead and said, "Mom, last time, I already had to lower my face to ask for two more jars. Do you want me to ask again? And you want a few dozen more jars?"

Mother Li said matter-of-factly, "Son, as I said, we can pay for them. How much could they cost anyway?" The low packaging meant that they were cheap.

"Mom, this isn't about money," Li Xuefeng said helplessly. "The problem is, how do you expect me to ask for them?"

Back then, Xiao Lingyu gave him two jars because she needed a favor from him.

At that time, he had also thought that this was an ordinary fruit wine. But he was proven wrong.

The most obvious effect was shown on his father and mother. Their minds had become sharper, and now they looked even younger. Many women pulled Mother Li aside to ask which beauty salon she had visited for a facelift.

Back then, one jar was accidentally broken. His mother then secretly woke up in the night to drink half of the remaining jar.

For the last half, Father Li and Mother Li almost got into a fight.

In order to quell the family war, Li Xuefeng shamelessly called Zeng Yaozu and tried to buy the wine. Xiao Lingyu directly gave him two more jars.

He didn't think his mother would go around, promising people she'd give them more wines!

Li Xuefeng rubbed his forehead and said weakly, "Mom, I'll tell you the truth. Although these health wines were given to me by my friends, they gave me the wine because they needed a favor from me. Now that the favor has been done, how do you expect me to ask them for more wine?"

After hearing this, Mother Li frowned and said, "The person actually needed a favor from you? What kind of ignorant nincompoop would give something so ordinary as a gift in exchange for a favor?"

Li Xuefeng, "..." How is the gift ordinary?

"Son, tell that friend of yours to send some more fruit wines. They don't show any sincerity at all! Get them to give us more!" Mother Li's eyes lit up as she said excitedly, "Oh, right. Even if the matter is done, they should show gratitude. Yes, that's right!"

Li Xuefeng, "..."

He collapsed weakly on the sofa.

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Zeng Yaozu received another call from Li Xuefeng and was speechless. At the same time, he felt slightly helpless. 'What is the endless begging for stuff?'

They did ask Li Xuefeng was a favor, but the favor was done, and Li Xuefeng did help them.

"What's wrong?" Xiao Lingyu saw the strange expression on Zeng Yaozu's face and asked curiously.

Zeng Yaozu said helplessly, "Xuefeng asked me if you still have that health fruit wine. He wants to buy a dozen jars!"

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

She still had them, but there was not much left.

Zeng Yaozu said, "If it's difficult, then forget it. I'll tell him." After all, if there was no more, they couldn't just produce them.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "I do have a few more, but they're not ready yet. He might have to wait for a few days."

Zeng Yaozu nodded and said, "Okay, I got it. I'll reply to him now."

As for whether to give them away or to sell them, it was hard to decide.

This was how favors were. No matter how much you had repaid, it never felt enough.

Chapter 608: The Troublemaker

Fan Shili brought the unremarkable health wine back home and drank a cup before going to bed.

Mrs. Fan saw that he was drinking an unknown liquid and was shocked. She asked, "OI Fan, what are you drinking? Don't be drinking unknown stuff. It'll harm your body." Then, she picked up the bottle on the table and sniffed it. She said in confusion, "This... why does it smell like wine?"

Fan Shili said, "Don't I have insomnia and nightmares? I went to see an old Chinese doctor, and she recommended this fruit wine to me. She said it could treat insomnia."

Mrs. Fan said in doubt, "Is that true?" She had always believed in Chinese medicine, so her suspicion lowered.

Fan Shili nodded and said, "Yes, it is." He sniffed and said in disbelief, "Although this is normal fruit wine, it smells so good." He took another sip, and his eyes widened in surprise, "It smells good and tastes even better. Honey, come, have a taste too!" He handed a cup to his wife.

They had a very good relationship. They were loving and respectful of each other.

Mrs. Fan also smelled the fragrance. When her husband passed her the cup, she took a sip. Then, she said in surprise, "Why does this fruit wine smell so good? I feel warm and comfortable after drinking it."

Fan Shili's eyes lit up as he asked anxiously, "Do you feel that too?"

"Yes. This wine is not bad," commented Mrs. Fan.

Fan Shili said, "In that case, you should finish the cup. The Chinese doctor said that this wine will help with sleep." Since it was fruit wine, anyone should be able to drink it. After the couple drank the cup of wine, they fell asleep.

Fan Shili slept like a baby!

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Yan Yiqing complained to his wife in their bedroom, "What's wrong with this Fan Shili? Why would he stop listening to me about Taoyuan Village?"

His wife immediately asked in confusion, "What do you mean?"

Outside the door, Yan Siming came to look for his father because he wanted to tell him about the shareholder's meeting.

Just as he was about to knock on the door, he keenly heard the words "Taoyuan Village".

Yan Yiqing said, "Hasn't our son been obsessed with a country girl? He even contradicted Father for her."

Mrs. Yan frowned slightly and said, "But wasn't that a few months ago? Our son stops mentioning her. Besides, according to him, the girl is now married. Why would our son care about her anymore?"

Yan Yiqing became angry at the mention of this.

He said angrily, "Who knows what he's thinking about? Regardless, he must still be hung up over that country girl. Otherwise, he wouldn't have deliberately ruined the blind dates we set him on."

Mrs. Yan said somewhat helplessly, "Just because our son isn't willing to go on blind dates doesn't mean that he still thinks about that country girl." Mrs. Yan then asked curiously, "Speaking of which, why did you suddenly bring that girl up?"

"I heard that the girl was trying to set up a project in her hometown some time ago."

"What project that it'd reach your ears?" Mrs. Yan asked curiously.

"Doesn't that girl live in the Taoyuan Village? I heard that the scenery there is very good and the girl has some means. She plans to develop the village into a tourist destination." Yan Yiqing said lightly. This was a trivial matter. It wasn't worth mentioning.

"Is the girl that capable?" Mrs. Yan was still a little surprised after hearing it.

Yan Yiqing said with some disdain, "Of course, she isn't. I heard from Father that she had married a husband with a certain status. This is probably because of her husband." He didn't think the woman had any capability.

Mrs. Yan frowned and asked curiously, "What kind of family did that girl marry into? Dad clearly knows the girl's in-law, but why wouldn't he tell us?"

Yan Yiqing frowned and said, "It's probably a family with some power. However, since father doesn't want to talk about it, it's probably not worth mentioning." That was what he believed.

Mrs. Yan felt that it was a little strange. Mrs. Yan asked again, "If that girl wants to do a project, then let her do it. Why are you angry?"

"How can I let her do it?" Yan Yiqing said, "If she succeeds and becomes rich, then she will abandon her current husband and stick to our son! What will we do then?

"Our son won't marry anyone but her. If not for Father stopping him, he would have married her already. How could the Yan Family accept a divorced daughter-in-law from the countryside? Where will we put our face?"

Mrs. Yan said somewhat helplessly, "Hubby, aren't you being too careful? Is that girl so scheming?"

"We have to be prepared for anything!" Yan Yiqing said very seriously.

Mrs. Yan sighed lightly and then asked, "Then what exactly did you do?" Mrs. Yan was actually dissatisfied with the country girl who seduced her son. The girl hadn't married into the Yan family yet, but she had stirred up the Yan family and made her son, Yan Yiming, go against his grandfather every day. If she really entered the Yan Family, there would be chaos.

Mrs. Yan did not try to persuade her husband to intervene in this matter. She was just a little curious.

Yan Yiqing said, "After I heard about it, I told Fan Shili not to approve it."

Bang!

The bedroom was forcefully pushed in.

Yan Yiqing and Mrs. Yan turned around and saw Yan Siming walking in aggressively.

Yan Siming's eyes were filled with anger. He looked at Yan Yiqing and said loudly, "Yan Yiqing, you've gone too far!"

"How dare you!" Yan Yiqing was furious when he heard his son call his name without even calling him father. "How can you call your father directly by his name?"

Yan Siming retorted sharply, "I don't have a father who goes around bullying a woman with dirty tricks."

Yan Yiqing's face was livid with anger. He raised his hand and was about to slap him.

Mrs. Yan immediately stopped her husband and said to Yan Siming, "Ming 'Er, you've gone too far. No matter what, this is your father."

Yan Siming said angrily, "I'm only telling the truth."

Yan Yiqing, who had been repeatedly criticized by his son, shouted angrily, "Yan Siming, who am I doing this for? Ah? If not for you, do you think I would be willing to lower myself to deal with a country girl?"

Yan Yiqing was really angry. He could now fully understand how his father felt when his son had contradicted his father back then.

Yan Siming said loudly, "Why don't you people understand? She's already married and has children now. I won't have any improper thoughts toward her anymore. We're just ordinary friends now."

"Let me tell you, Yan Siming, you can be friends with anyone, but you can't be friends with her!" Yan Yiqing said very sternly.

Yan Siming, Father Yan, and Grandfather Yan were all stubborn and tyrannical men.

Yan Siming looked at Father Yan as if he was spitting fire. If this old man weren't his father, he would have already ordered people to throw him into the river.

"You guys are unbelievable!" Yan Siming said loudly and turned to leave the bedroom. However, after leaving the bedroom, he warned them sternly, "You'd better not touch her anymore. Otherwise, don't blame me for being rude."

Seeing his son leave in anger, Yan Yiqing was furious.

"Look, look, this is your good son! Listen to what he said just now." Yan Yiqing was angry at Mrs. Yan, "He was rude to me because of a woman. This is your good son."

Mrs. Yan was also angry. She said sharply, "Yan Yiqing, that is also your son!"

Chapter 609: Settled

Yan Siming angrily left the Yan family home and drove straight away. However, he stopped halfway.

He took out his phone and held it. His fingers pressed a few times, but he stopped. In the end, he threw his phone in the passenger seat. Then, he slammed his hands on the steering wheel.

He finally knew why Xiao Lingyu came to City Z.

She had applied for the development of Taoyuan Village, but the proposal was stuck. It was why she came to City Z.

He also knew that Xiao Lingyu had always wanted to keep a distance from him ever since she got married.

After her marriage, although the two of them got along as siblings, anyone could see that whenever Yan Siming saw Xiao Lingyu, his eyes would light up with affection.

Xiao Lingyu wasn't dull. She had rejected Yan Siming several times. Yan Siming understood it, but his eyes belied his words.

Therefore, Xiao Lingyu would try to avoid him if she could. She tried her best not to get involved with him.

However, she would never expect that while she knew her boundary, the Yan Family would punish her on their own speculations.

Fate was crazy. Gong Tianhao was the first to interact with Xiao Lingyu, but they didn't know each other.

Yan Siming was the first to get to know Xiao Lingyu. He even helped her several times.

Yan Siming had money, power, and looks. Logically speaking, he should be the one who could easily move Xiao Lingyu's heart.

However, Xiao Lingyu had lived two lives, and she had just woken up from the pain of losing her son. Coupled with the scumbag's betrayal, she didn't care much about love. Yan Siming's playboy attitude didn't help either.

Later on, thanks to Gong Tianhao's strong influence and selfless love, Yan Siming's chances became even slimmer. His chance was zero after he found out about Gong Tianhao's identity.

Plus, the contrasting attitude of Old Master Gong and Old Master Yan also proved a heavy block for Yan Siming. A girl could tell who was the better husband.

However, the Yan Family was too conceited to see that.

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Xiao Lingyu, who was in the private room of Jun Hao Hotel, had a strange expression after hearing Yan Siming's words.

She had never expected that the real reason for her project approval to be blocked was actually because of the Yan family.

"I'm sorry, Lingyu. It's all because of me that your project was blocked!" Yan Siming was really guilty. Xiao Lingyu didn't love him. Moreover, Xiao Lingyu was married to a husband who was even more outstanding than him. However, his family was still guarding against her.

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said with a smile, "Brother Yan, this is what your father's doing. I don't blame you. Of course, I don't blame Uncle Yan. After all, what he did was for your own good."

However, Yan Siming shook his head and said, "Don't need to comfort me. They didn't do it for me. They did it for the Yan Family."

Xiao Lingyu really didn't know how to comfort him.

Xiao Lingyu knew that Old Master Yan didn't like her... well, he didn't like her to be his granddaughter-in-law. However, she didn't expect them to interfere in her projects behind her back.

Although the Yan family had not done any real harm to her, she did not have a good impression of the Yan family at all.

However, she was rational.

The Yan family was the Yan family, and Yan Siming was Yan Siming. Moreover, the Yan family also had Yan Ruyu, who was kind to her.

Yan Siming said, "Lingyu, don't worry. I will definitely settle the matter of your project application approval. Wait for my news."

Xiao Lingyu shook her head and said, "Brother Yan, I've already taken care of it."

Yan Siming was stunned. "Huh?" How did Xiao Lingyu manage to do that with the Yan Family's intervention?

But then, he thought of something, and his expression suddenly changed.

Indeed. Xiao Lingyu wasn't an ordinary woman. She was Gong Tianhao's wife, the wife of the richest man in the world. Gong Tianhao could easily take care of such a small problem.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "I heard that my project approval application was blocked by Leader Fan. I found out that Leader Fan has insomnia and dreams, so I gave him two bottles of health wine."

Yan Siming immediately understood.

If the wine cured Fan Shili's insomnia, that would mean Fan Shili owed Xiao Lingyu a favor. Moreover, Fan Shili was really optimistic about the Taoyuan Village project. If it were really successful, it would be a great achievement for him. Naturally, he went with the flow and passed the project.

As for Yan Yiqing, when the dust settled, he naturally couldn't do anything to him.

No matter how powerful the Yan family was in City Z, it would be difficult for him to extend his influence to the higher government agencies.

Moreover, the person in charge of the Yan Family was actually Yan Siming.

Although Yan Siming wasn't the head of the Yan family yet, most of the power was already in his hands.

Yan Siming smiled and said, "Alright, as long as it's settled."

After saying this, he solemnly promised, "Xiao Lingyu, don't worry. I guarantee that after this, the Yan family will never find trouble with you again."

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes, I believe in you!"

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After the matter was settled, Xiao Lingyu directly returned to Taoyuan Village.

However, she did not know that her health-preserving fruit wine, which had never been promoted before, had become popular in a certain circle.

"Xuefeng, when will your friend's health wine be delivered?" Seeing that there were only one or two cups left of the fruit wine, Mother Li could not help but feel anxious.

These days, she was already used to drinking a small cup of fruit wine before going to bed. Then, she would feel refreshed the next day.

Li Xuefeng rubbed his forehead. He couldn't remember how many times he answered, "Mom, that friend said that the fruit wine is not ready yet. It will take some time before she can send them over."

"But it has been so long already." Mother Li said anxiously. Then she thought of something. "This isn't right. A few days ago, I heard from Mrs. Fan that Leader Fan was drinking the health wine. The effects of their wine are similar to ours. Could they come from the same person?"

Of course, they did. When Xiao Lingyu went to find Leader Fan, she was prepared.

Li Xuefeng heard Leader Fan's secretary mention that someone had sent a very ordinary fruit wine to Leader Fan, and it came in a mineral water bottle. At first, he couldn't be sure if it came from Xiao Lingyu or not. Later, he noticed Leader Fan's spirit was better than before. It reminded him of the same effect on his parents. Then, he heard that Xiao Lingyu's project was approved. It was not until then did he realize the fruit wine for Leader Fan also came from Xiao Lingyu.

Mother Li rubbed her hands and said, "If she still has health wine to give to others, then she must have some in stock. She's just giving an excuse to blow us off." Mother Li said with certainty.

Li Xuefeng said with some helplessness, "Mom, it's understandable that they can't produce so many jars at once."

"Xuefeng, call her again and ask," urged his mother.

Li Xuefeng frowned and then said seriously, "Mom, she didn't charge us for the health-preserving fruit wine she sent us last time. This time, we definitely have to pay for it."

His mother frowned and said discontentedly, "What do you mean? You've helped her with a big favor, but she only gave you a small gift in return. She's being stingy. Why should we pay?"

Li Xuefeng said very seriously, "Mom, this isn't a matter of being stingy. It's a matter of principle. Also, Mom, look at the effects of these few jars of fruit wine. Are they small gifts? The effects of the million-dollar health products are not as good as these.

"Therefore, if anyone wants the fruit wine, they'll have to pay. I won't make the call to ask them for free again."

Mother Li frowned and thought for a moment. Then she asked, "Son, how much is this fruit wine? Then let's pay for it ourselves."

Chapter 610: Reservation

From the start, the Xiao family did not brew a lot of fruit wine. They only brewed it for themselves or as gifts.

Xiao Lingyu took seven to eight jars to make favors. Four jars went to Li Xuefeng, two jars went to Fan Shili, and one jar went to Zeng Yaozu. After all, Zeng Yaozu had done a lot for the supermarket.

However, after Li Xuefeng asked for two more jars, he even wanted a few dozens more. This was a bit difficult.

She needed Li Xuefeng for a favor, and he did pull through, but she wasn't indebted to him forever. The effect of her wine was clear. If one were to calculate its value, it would be comparable to ginseng.

However, since Li Xuefeng had asked, she had to oblige. Of course, this was the last time.

"Department chief Li, the fruit wines are almost ready. I'll arrange for people to send them to you in two days. What money? It's not necessary. You've done me a huge favor. I haven't even properly thanked you yet." Xiao Lingyu said very politely.

Li Xuefeng smiled modestly and said, "It's just a small favor. Besides, you've already given me four jars of health wine, so how can I take it for free? Boss Xiao, just tell me the price."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Then two hundred RMB for one jar!"

"Two hundred?" Li Xuefeng said in surprise, "Isn't that a little too cheap? You should know that the effects of your health wine are comparable to those health products that cost hundreds of thousands or even millions."

Xiao Lingyu raised her eyebrows in amusement and asked, "Department leader Li, do you want me to sell them for hundreds of thousands?" She paused for a moment and said, "Department leader Li, this is just the temporary price. As for how the wines will be priced in the future, it's hard to say."

Li Xuefeng said jokingly, "It seems that I have to order a few more jars. Otherwise, it's hard to say if I can afford them or not in the future." Li Xuefeng was really a prophet. In the future, the wines would reach such a sky-high price that he couldn't afford them anymore.

Li Xuefeng ordered 20 jars at the price of 200 RMB each, and Xiao Lingyu did not say anything. The price was very low.

Not long after Xiao Lingyu hung up the phone, another call came, showing an unfamiliar number.

"Hello!" Xiao Lingyu said politely.

"I'm Fan Shili!" The other party directly introduced himself.

"Oh. Hello, Leader Fan!" Xiao Lingyu asked, "May I know why Leader Fan is looking for me..."

"Ahem..." Fan Shili asked, "Miss Xiao, may I ask if this kind of fruit wine can be taken by elderly people?"

Ever since he drank the wine, Fan Shili felt that his mental state was very good. He ate well and slept soundly. This made him think of his elders at home.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Of course, they can. This fruit wine is suitable for both young and old! An elderly person can drink a cup before going to bed, and the effect is very good. Of course, they are still alcohol, so don't drink too much."

Fan Shili paused for a moment as if he was a little embarrassed to speak.

He asked, "How much is this wine of yours? I want to pay for ten jars!" At first, the wine came in mineral water bottles, but then Xiao Lingyu sent them over in black wine jars.

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "How could I ask Leader Fan to pay? They are not expensive. I'll gift them to Leader Fan."

Fan Shili shook his head and said with a smile, "No merit, no reward! No matter how cheap an item is, it's better to buy it yourself!" Those in the government had to be very careful. One wrong step could lead to a bottomless abyss due to the concern of bribes!

Xiao Lingyu knew his concerns and did not force him. She nodded and said, "Alright, then I'd have to accept the money. This wine is 200 RMB per jar."

"..." Fan Shili was silent for a moment when he heard the price. Then, he asked, "Is it that cheap?"

Xiao Lingyu, "..." So, everyone thinks the price is too low.

"Yes!" Xiao Lingyu replied, "That's the price!"

Fan Shili sighed softly and said, "Alright, I'll transfer 2,000 to you in a while!"

"The wine is not ready yet. I'll need a few more days before I can send them to you. Leader Fan, is this alright?" Xiao Lingyu asked.

"No problem!" Fan Shili said, "I'll have to trouble you then, boss Xiao."

"You're already my client. It's no trouble!" Xiao Lingyu said.

After putting down the phone, Xiao Lingyu found it funny. The wine had unknowingly become so popular. Leader Fan would continue to popularize it. Then, a large number of people would come to order it from Xiao Lingyu. However, she would have to see how to sell them.

Xiao Lingyu returned home and said to Mother Xiao, "Mom, two people have ordered thirty jars of fruit wine!"

Mother Xiao's eyes lit up, and she said with a smile, "It looks like I'll have to be busy again these few days."

Most of the time, Xiao Tong would follow Xiao Lingyu. Then, Xiao Lingyu would take advantage of the time when no one was around to put Xiao Tong into her space. This meant that Mother Xiao had a lot more free time again. She started to find work to do.

Mother Xiao asked, "Yu 'Er, there should be thirty jars of wine still brewing. How many more do we have to brew?"

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and said, "Let's brew another hundred jars!"

"Alright!" Mother Xiao agreed readily.

"Lingyu, help! Something happened!" Someone shouted outside.

Xiao Lingyu asked, "What, what? What happened?"

Mother Xiao immediately asked, "Xiao Liang, what happened?"

Xiao Liang said, "Someone went to the village chief's house to cause trouble. I heard that it was because of the land."

Taoyuan Village was about to be developed. There were public land and private land.

People would fight for every inch because every inch now meant money.

"Why are they going to the village chief for a land dispute?" Mother Xiao asked as she walked, "Shouldn't these people know how large their family land should be?"

Xiao Liang said, "Sigh, this is because some villagers felt that their lands have shrunken."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

When it came to money, all kinds of troubles would arise.