#### FARM SPACE 81

#### **Chapter 81: Selling Vegetables**

The old lady went home after she made her purchase. On the way back, she ran into the old ladies and gentlemen of the neighborhood. They greeted each other.

Some of them asked with doubt, "Grandma Li, why are you back so soon? Haven't you just left moments ago?"

Grandma Li smiled, "I left the neighborhood and ran into a girl selling vegetables on a tricycle at the intersection. So I bought some and came back directly."

Grandma Zhao looked at the bag Grandma Li was holding. "They look fresh. How much are they?"

Grandma Li said, "The cabbage is 15 RMB per head, the eggplant is 2 RMB each, spinach is 15 RMB per catty, and the chili is 20 RMB per catty!"

"What? How can they be so expensive?" The elders were surprised by the price.

Grandma Zhao immediately said, "Grandma Li, have you been cheated? How can vegetables be so expensive? At the market, you can get eggplants for 70 RMB per catty, cabbage is around 40 RMB per catty, and spinach is 2 RMB per catty. Chili costs 3 RMB per catty."

Grandma Zhao was incensed and said loudly, "I need to see this swindler!" She grabbed Grandma Li's wrist. "Grandma Li, come on. We'll report her to police and get her punished!"

Grandma Li shook off the other lady's grasp. She looked at Grandma Zhao and said, "Grandma Zhao, I know you mean well, but we're not law enforcement. Plus, I'm not cheated. This was a willing transaction. She didn't force me to buy these vegetables, so how can she be a cheater?" Then she huffed and said, "Grandma Zhao, my chicken stew is brewing. I need to go."

Grandma Li thought she got her money's worth. The cabbage leaf she tasted was very sweet. On top of that, Grandma Li was also stubborn. She would never admit she was cheated.

Grandma Zhao's face turned black as she cursed at Grandma Li's back, "Such a waste of my good intentions! She is such a show-off! She looks down on us because she's rich!"

An old man beside her said, "That's enough. Grandma Li is not a show-off. She never looks down at us before."

Grandma Zhao glared at the old man. She said angrily, "Zhao Danian, I knew there is something between you and Li Qingxiu. You two keep making eyes at each other. Do you think I wouldn't notice? Now, you're even defending her. Has she seduced you?'

Zhao Danian's face was red and white from anger. He looked around, and he blushed even more. He glared at Grandma Zhao. "You unreasonable woman, I'm not going to waste time explaining myself!" He turned and left.

Then, the other elders came. Some tried to mediate the problem, while others added fuel to the fire.

Of course, none of this had anything to do with Xiao Lingyu. She didn't have any other customer from Sunshine District that day.

Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao pushed the tricycle of the market entrance.

Xiao Lingyu hadn't found a stall inside the market. If she started a business in front of a shop, she would be scolded and chased away. Therefore, she settled with empty spaces near the market entrance.

However, she had to be careful of the Urban Administrative and Law Enforcement Bureau (UMALE) officers. After all, her action might affect traffic.

Xiao Lingyu was only testing the waters. She didn't rent a market stall because it was still too early. She would use this temporary place for now.

Instantly, people came over when they saw her fresh vegetables. However, most revealed a disdainful expression when they heard the price. They said things like, "You must be money-crazy to ask for a price like that."

Xiao Lingyu explained, "You get what you pay for. My crops are all organic and natural. They taste amazing."

Xiao Lingyu broke off a cabbage leaf and cut it into strips. If there were hesitant customers, she would have them taste it. Some of them were cautious about eating raw cabbage, so Xiao Lingyu had to eat one to show that they were not poisonous.

Once the potential customers had a taste of the cabbage strip, their eyes lit up. Most who had tasted the cabbage bought the cabbage. However, some customers still felt the price was too high. They decided to buy from the other vendors.

Just like that, Xiao Lingyu used free samples to sell her remaining stock. Mother Xiao was ecstatic. When she heard Xiao Lingyu's prices for the vegetables, she was worried that they wouldn't sell. However, they sold everything in one afternoon.

Mother Xiao sighed. "City people are strange. They can afford such expensive vegetables. People at the countryside would compare prices from three stalls before settling for the cheapest one."

After their tricycle was empty, Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao collected their income and returned to the rental house.

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"One thousand, one thousand one... a total of 1260 RMB." Mother Xiao counted the money they got from selling vegetables again and again.

She could not control the excitement in her heart and kept asking, "Yu 'Er, did I get this correct? Did we sell the vegetables for 1269 RMB today? That's equivalent to four months of a rural farming family's income."

Xiao Lingyu said, "Mom, you're right. We started with 186 tomatoes, 132 eggplants, 35 cabbages, 20 catties of spinach, and 10 catties of chilies. I reserved 30 tomatoes, 15 eggplants, 5 Chinese cabbages, 3

catties of spinach, and 2 catties of chilies. We gave away some for free samples, so 1260 RMB sounds about right to me."

Mother Xiao was stunned. She asked curiously, "Yu 'Er, how did you know all that?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "It was in the invoice my friend gave me." The truth was Xiao Lingyu counted all that in the magical space yesterday night.

Mother Xiao nodded. She folded the money and handed it to Xiao Lingyu, saying, "Keep this money well. Actually, we should deposit this money in the bank. Yu 'Er, did you carry your account book with you?"

Xiao Lingyu shook her head. "Nope. I don't think we should save it. We'll have to withdraw it every time. It's more convenient for us to carry it." Xiao Lingyu missed the future where everyone had a phone, and virtual wallet was ubiquitous.

Mother Xiao instructed, "Then hide the money well. Don't reveal your wealth. You must be careful with so much cash!"

"Okay!" Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Mom, it's almost lunchtime. Let's go find little brother. We can give him these tomatoes to eat as fruit!"

"Okay!" Mother Xiao nodded.

The two of them tidied up, locked the door, and went to County One High School together.

When they reached the school, they asked the guard to help them notify Xiao Lingye. Not long after, Xiao Lingye ran over.

"Mom, Sis, why are you here?" Xiao Lingye asked as he ran.

Mother Xiao said, "Ye 'Er, let's go out for a meal together."

"Okay!"Xiao Lingye nodded.

Xiao Lingyu handed a tomato to Xiao Lingye and said, "Come, try it. This tomato tastes really good!"

Xiao Lingye did not refuse. He took the tomato and bit it. His eyes widened in surprise. He said, "Wow, Sis, what kind of tomato is this? How can it be so delicious?"

Mother Xiao explained, "Your sister's friend from the Academy of Agricultural Sciences sold them wholesale to Yu 'Er."

Xiao Lingye nodded in understanding. "No wonder it's so delicious."

The three found a restaurant and ordered a few dishes.

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When Yang Yan returned home and saw the dishes she bought at an exorbitant price this morning, she felt a little regretful. However, it was too late for regret. She sighed and prepared to cook. If the taste were normal, she wouldn't buy them next time. After being fooled once, she wouldn't be fooled again.

She washed the spinach and cut the eggplant. When everything was ready, she slid them into the pot for a stir-fry. The moment she did, she was shocked. "They smell so amazing! No wonder it has a high asking price!"

What Yang Yan didn't know was that the smell had wafted out of her house. Even her neighbors could smell the fragrance.

"Who is cooking? Why does it smell so good?"

"Hmm... I was feeling quite lightheaded earlier but I woke up immediately once the fragrance entered my nostril. It's so refreshing. What is the smell, is it fried vegetables?"

"Actually, I feel like that too!"

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Yang Yan's husband arrived home, holding the briefcase. Before he reached home, he could already smell the beautiful fragrance. It made his work exhaustion disappear immediately. The closer he came to his home, the stronger the scent. Yang Yan's husband wondered, "What has Yan 'Er cooked tonight?"

Once he opened the door, he was hit by the fragrance around the house. It woke him up immediately!

He tossed the briefcase aside and raced into the kitchen to ask, "Honey, what are you cooking? How can it smell so delicious?"

The drooling Junxuan, who stood beside Yan Yan, answered loudly, "Dad, mom is cooking a spinach and eggplant dish!"

Li Ping frowned and said with some doubt, "Wait, just some normal vegetables?" How could two vegetarian dishes smell so heavenly? The fragrance was all over their building.

Li Junxuan nodded his little head. "Dad, Mom still has to make two more dishes, a beef, and a sweet and sour fish."

Li Ping breathed in the beautiful smell.

Li Junxuan tottered out. Then, he ran back, holding a tomato in his hand. He gave it to his father. "Dad, eat this. This tomato is very delicious. Mom and I have tried it."

Li Junxuan wanted to finish the tomato earlier but his mother told him to keep it for his father. After all, his father must be tired after a long day of work.

Li Ping thought nothing of it. He assumed this was just an ordinary tomato.

He took the tomato and said with a smile, "Thank you, son!" Then, he took a bite. His expression was similar to when his wife took her first bite.

"Damn, is this really a tomato? It's so delicious!"

Li Jinxuan put his hands on his waist proudly. "Hehe, Dad, we bought this from an older sister. Mom only bought it because I asked her too!"

That afternoon, Li Junxuan, who never liked eating vegetables, obediently finished a full bowl of rice for the first time. He even ate most of the vegetables. He never even glanced at the beef and fish. After that, he told his mother, "Mom, we need to buy from that older sister again!"

"Of course!" Yang Yan promised. Even though they were expensive, they were delicious. Plus, it helped with her son's diet.

The same thing was happening at Granny Song and Granny Li's homes.

# **Chapter 83: Reaction**

After Grandma Song returned home with a basket of vegetables, the grandfather said sternly, "You old woman, why did you take so many vegetables from them? We didn't charge that child a low rent just to take some vegetables from them!"

Grandma Song said with a huff, "I didn't want to take so much either. I wanted to pay, but the child's mother refused to accept it. She shoved the vegetables to me."

When the grandfather heard that, he narrowed his eyes. "Forget it then. She was being kind." He lowered his head to continue his calligraphy.

When Grandma Song was cooking lunch, the aroma of the cabbage filled the room as soon as it was put into the pot.

Grandfather Song wrinkled his nose and sniffed. He immediately shouted, "Old woman, what are you cooking? Why does it smell so good?"

The cabbage sizzled in the wok. Grandma Song couldn't hear Grandfather Song over it.

Grandfather Song's appetite was hooked. He put his brush down and ran to the kitchen. He looked around the kitchen and saw nothing but the cabbage in the wok. Grandfather Song looked at the cabbage and asked. "It's this cabbage that is producing all that good smell?"

Grandma Song rolled her eyes at him and said snappily, "Of course. Do you see me cooking other dishes?" However, she was secretly pleased by the compliment.

Grandfather Song looked at the cabbage and the other uncut vegetables. He was deep in thought.

Grandma Song's family had around eight people over for lunch. They fought over the dishes that it was chaos at the dining table. A middle-aged woman asked as she ate, "Mom, where did you buy these vegetables? They are so delicious! You should buy them every day!"

Grandma Song rolled her eyes. "I didn't buy them. They are presents. Do you think they can be found every day? Dream on." She finally understood what Xiao Lingyu meant when she said they might not be able to provide more vegetables tomorrow. Their vegetables and fruits were too delicious. Grandma Li looked at the time as she prepped in the kitchen. She was cooking for her grandson. She prepared a chicken soup, a braised fish, a braised eggplant with shredded pork, and a braised cabbage with tofu.

When she cooked the eggplant and cabbage, she was extremely surprised. How could the vegetables smell so nice? The cabbage was also another pleasant discovery. When she tasted it raw, it was already very sweet. After it was cooked, it was even sweeter.

"No wonder they're expensive, so they are worth the price." She served the dishes and looked at the clock. She smiled, "This time, my eldest grandson should have his appetite back."

Soon, Grandma Li's eldest grandson, Li Zhengting, returned.

"Grandma, I'm back!" Li Zhengting shouted.

Grandma Li noticed her eldest grandson was more energetic than usual. She smiled and asked, "Ting 'Er, you're in a good mood. Did something good happen?"

Li Zhengting shook his head and said, "No. Grandma, when I arrived, the neighbors like Grandma Zhao were talking about how much you'd spent at the market.

"But, suddenly, they talked about how fragrant someone's cooking was. Actually, it's quite strange. Normally, my mind is quite muddled, but when I take in the fragrance, my mind clears up instantly. The closer I was to home, the better I felt. When I walked in, I wanted to jump and skip around. That was how energetic I felt. Grandma, did you buy some new perfume, perhaps a vegetable-scented one?"

Grandma Li was excited when she heard that. "No, they are actual vegetables. Ting 'Er, come and sit down. Try these dishes. Do they suit your taste?"

Li Zhengting couldn't resist the smell. He picked up his chopsticks to grab a chopped egglant. He chewed it. He gasped, "Grandma, this is so delicious!"

Grandma Li clapped. "Really? Try the cabbage next!"

Li Zhengting obliged. He smiled. "Grandma, they're delicious too!"

Grandma Li said, "In that case, you should eat more. You haven't been eating properly these days!"

"Okay!" Li Zhengting took a bowl of rice and dug in. He stuffed his mouth with food. It was too irresistible.

Seeing this, tears of excitement flowed from the corners of Grandma Li's eyes. Her eldest grandson finally had a good, nutritious meal. She decided that she would have to find the girl vendor to buy more vegetables! Even if the price was high, it was worth it!

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The person who shared the same opinion was Auntie Lan, the auntie who initially suspected Xiao Lingyu's products of having pesticides. She bought other vegetables after she tried the tomato.

When she was cooking, she realized her decision was correct.

She decided to fry eggs with tomatoes. The tomato had a sweet and sour taste when eaten raw. After it was fried with egg, the taste became something completely different. It was so tasty that she had to question if all the other tomatoes she used in the past were the ones which had been sprayed with pesticides.

Otherwise, how could the taste be so different?!

#### Chapter 84: Auntie Lin's Story

Even after cooking, the cabbage was sweet and crisp. It made her suspect if the cabbages she cooked with in the past were real cabbages or not.

"Mom, what are you cooking? It smells amazing!" Auntie Lin's youngest daughter leaned on the dining table after returning from junior high school. She wrinkled her nose and narrowed her eyes, "Mom, are you making tomato fried egg?"

Auntie Lin answered, "Yes."

"Oh." Her youngest daughter nodded. "I was confused because the smell was too delectable."

"Enough talking. It's time to eat." Auntie Lin ordered.

Her youngest daughter looked around and asked, "Mom, where's Dad?" Auntie Lin's heart squeezed, but she didn't show it. "Your Dad has something to do at work and doesn't have time to come back for dinner. We'll have dinner on our own." Auntie Lin said with a smile. But internally, she thought, 'The bastard, Lin Tianhui, would be having dinner with that vixen now.'

Auntie Lin was depressed. She and Lin Tianhui fell in love when they were in university and married after graduation.

After marriage, Lin Tianhai said he had to stay by his parent's side because he was the only son. So, Auntie Lin gave up everything and accompanied him to this small county town.

They worked hard, and the small clothing store they started was now a well-known enterprise in Xing Yin County. Twenty years had passed since then.

When the company reached a certain size, her husband told her to retire as a full-time housewife to care for the parents and children. He would handle everything at the company.

However, when Auntie Lin was at home, her husband's heart changed. Men became rotten when they had too much money. He started looking for a mistress.

When Auntie Lin exposed him for the first time, he was very guilty. He knelt and begged for her forgiveness. He promised not to do it again.

However, Auntie Lin found him cheating again not long after. Similarly, he knelt and begged her to forgive him. For the sake of their child, she did.

Then, Lin Tianhai realized he could get away with adultery. He became open about it. He didn't even feel guilty anymore. Apparently, having a mistress was the sign of a successful man.

Auntie Lin wanted a divorce, but her husband said that if she did, she would have to leave with nothing. Auntie Lin didn't mind that, but she did mind when her husband threatened her with forbidding her ever to see her children again. Auntie Lin accompanied her husband through many hardships. She looked after his parents and raised their children. She lost the best years of her life to him. But in the end, it was to benefit a younger mistress. If Auntie Lin proceeded with the divorce, the mistress would enjoy Auntie Lin's current position and might even torment her children.

Therefore, Auntie Lin gritted her teeth and chose to suffer quietly for the sake of her children.

Whenever her children asked about their father, Auntie Lin would say that he was busy at work. The day would come when her children would find out about the truth, but Auntie Lin wanted to protect them as long as possible. The children were young, and she didn't want them to suffer.

Her son was in university. He could judge things on his own. However, her youngest daughter was only fourteen. Auntie Lin glanced at her daughter, who was eating with relish, and sighed lightly.

Her daughter picked up on her mood. She looked at Auntie Lin and asked, "Mom, what's wrong?"

Aunt Lin smiled and said, "Nothing, you should eat more!" She picked up a piece of tomato for the girl.

The girl sighed and lamented, "If only Dad is here to enjoy these delicious meals. He works so hard every day. It must be very tiring." She looked at the dishes. She tapped her chin. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. "Mom, why don't you pack some and send them to Dad?"

Auntie Lin looked at her daughter's sparkling eyes, and she was conflicted. She was so disappointed in that man that she couldn't even see him anymore without feeling disgusted.

Auntie Lin said, "It's past dinnertime. I'm sure Dad has already eaten. Let's not disturb him."

When her daughter heard this, her face was crushed with disappointment. However, her eyes lit up again. "Mom, we can call Dad to make sure. If he hasn't eaten, you should send him some!"

She left the dining table and ran to the phone. She dialed her father's number. After the call was accepted, she said happily, "Dad, have you had dinner? Mom has cooked a delicious feast. You should have Mom bring some for you to taste, or else you'll regret it for missing out!"

When Lin Tianhui received his daughter's call, he was having dinner with his lover in the restaurant. When his daughter asked whether he had eaten, for some reason, he said he hadn't.

He heard how joyful his daughter sounded. His heart softened. His daughter said her mom would be happy to send some dishes over to him.

It was then that Lin Tianhui realized he hadn't had anything made by Huang Shiwen in a long time already. After the company became a large enterprise, he found Shen Ying. Usually, he and Shen Ying would go to various high-end restaurants to dine.

At that moment, perhaps it was guilt, Lin Tianhui blurted out, "I haven't eaten yet. Why don't you have your mother send some over?"

Shen Ying's face almost turned green. However, she could do nothing. When she got together with Lin Tianhui, they had already made a contract that Lin Tianhui's children couldn't know about her existence. Otherwise, their relationship would be over instantly.

Shen Ying was waiting for the ripe timing. Until then, she could only endure everything. She had to wait until she was pregnant...

Shen Ying's tightly clenched hands slowly loosened. She asked gently, "Tianhui, are you really going to let that old woman come to your company to deliver food?" For Shen Ying, Auntie Lin was indeed an old woman.

Lin Tianhui frowned but did not say anything. He said, "You should finish your food. I've already paid the bill!"

Then, he grabbed the suit hanging on the rack and left without even looking at Shen Ying.

Shen Ying glared at Lin Tianhui and then at the table full of food. She gnashed her teeth angrily. She cursed, "Huang Shiwen, you shameless old woman! You can't keep your husband, and now you're using a child to lure your husband back. Just you wait. When I have Lin Tianhui's child, I'll make sure that you and your children will never see Lin Tianhui again!"

Lin Tianhei didn't notice Shen Ying's ugliness.. He walked back to his company and for some reason, was anticipating his wife's cooking.

### Chapter 85: Auntie Lin's Story

Lin Yumeng put down the phone and told her mother happily, "Mom, Dad said he hadn't eaten yet. You should pack some food for Dad!"

Auntie Lin said hesitantly, "Mengmeng, but I don't think I've cooked enough food."

In short, she didn't want to see that unfaithful man.

Lin Yumeng immediately said, "Mom, I can go to buy two steamed buns for Dad. Doesn't Dad like steamed buns?" Lin Yumeng grabbed a box from the kitchen. She looked into the rice cooker and noticed there was still a lot of rice. She scooped the rice into the box and insulated it well. She added the dishes to other layers. She handed the boxes to her mother. She said, "Mom, you can send this to dad now!"

Auntie Lin was surprised by her daughter's swift movement. While she hesitated, her daughter was done with everything. Auntie Lin prevaricated, "But Mengmeng, Mom hasn't eaten yet."

Lin Yumeng smiled and said, "Mom, I've thought of that. I've packed enough food for you and Dad. You can eat with Dad at the company!"

Auntie Lin knew she was cornered. If she continued to find excuses, she would arouse her daughter's suspicion. Auntie Lin carried the boxes and told Lin Yumeng, "Mengmeng, after you're done eating, remember to lock the door. Don't open the door for strangers, okay?"

Lin Yumeng nodded. "Mom, I know. I'm not a little girl anymore. If you don't leave soon, Dad will go hungry!"

Auntie Lin sighed helplessly and left.

The moment Auntie Lin turned, her daughter's smile disappeared. Lin Yumeng sighed. "Mom, I already know the truth. I know you want a divorce. However, you've been hanging on for big brother and me. You endured the grievances and shed silent tears at night. I know I'm being selfish but Mom, I still wish you could get back with Dad. We used to be such a happy family!"

Lin Yumeng was shopping with her classmates when she discovered her father's mistress. Her father and his mistress were buying a diamond necklace in a jewelry store.

Lin Yumeng went to inquire about the woman. She found out the woman became her father's mistress two years ago. All the smiles and laughter her mother had flashed before Lin Yumeng's eyes. Lin Yumeng believed her mother had already known the truth a long time ago.

At that moment, Lin Yumeng wanted to go and question her father. How could he betray his entire family like that?

However, Lin Yumeng calmed down. She did some digging around and found out the only reason her parents hadn't gotten a divorce was because of her and her brother. If she exposed everything, it would bring about the divorce of her parents. That night, Lin Yumeng matured, she shed her innocence.

Lin Yumeng also started to learn from her mother. She learned how to fake happiness. However, she was unwilling to see her family get destroyed by an outsider. Therefore, whenever she had a chance, she would try to bring her parents together. She had failed many times, but eventually, she would succeed. Perhaps, this time...

Lin Yumeng had a feeling that this was the time her parents would reconcile.

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Auntie Lin carried the meal boxes to the company. However, when she arrived at the front desk, no one responded.

Actually, that was not right. The front desk receptionist had received Shen Ying's orders that if a middleaged lady came to deliver food, they had to kick her out.

Who was Shen Ying? Everyone at the company knew she was the Madam CEO. If they didn't listen to the Madam CEO's orders, they would be fired.

Just like that, Auntie Lin was kicked out by the stern company guards.

Lin Tianhui, who was waiting in his rooftop office, saw this clearly. He was livid. He called the security office and demanded they fetch Auntie Lin back. Lin Tianhui also ran down in person to find Auntie Lin.

When the head of security received his CEO's call, his face was pale. Only then did he realize the old lady they kicked out earlier was the real Madam CEO.

He cursed the front desk receptionist and Shen Ying. The middle-aged woman was the real Madam CEO, but they told him to kick her out!

It was ridiculous!

Auntie Lin was already annoyed that she had to come to deliver food to Lin Tianhui. When she was thrown out of the company, a wave of resentment rose in her heart.

She would not endure the humiliation anymore. Since they couldn't negotiate a fair divorce, she would bring him to court. She would get half of their assets and both of their children. This time, she wouldn't back down.

Auntie Lin was filled with anger. She rushed back to find a lawyer.

As Auntie Lin turned to leave, the head of security who threatened her earlier, rushed over with a panicked and fearful expression. He stopped Auntie Lin and said respectfully, "Madam CEO, I'm sorry for not recognizing you. Please forgive me. The CEO is waiting for you in his office. Please... Please come back!"

When the CEO called and scolded him, the head of security could sense the CEO's anger.

To be honest, the head of security was innocent too. The whole company referred to Shen Ying as their Madam CEO. However, the truth was Shen Ying was merely the mistress, and the real Madam CEO was this lady whose youth had departed.

Regretfully, not many at the company knew that.

It was why they had listened to Shen Ying and chased out Auntie Lin.

# Chapter 86: Auntie Lin's Story

When Auntie Lin saw the head of security's guilty and fearful face, she chuckled and said, "Sir, I believe you got the wrong person. I'm not your Madam CEO. I'm just an old delivery woman."

The head of security wanted to cry. "Madam CEO, I... was wrong. You're not the delivery woman. You're our Madam CEO. Earlier, the CEO called me in person. He is waiting for you in his office."

Auntie Lin didn't care, and she continued, "Lin Tianhui can wait for all I care. Plus, I'm sure he's not even waiting for me. Help me tell him this. Since he is so desperate the marry the next young and beautiful wife, I'll fulfill his wish. We will get a divorce. However, there is no way I'm leaving without anything. I will have my fair share of the assets, and I'm not leaving any of my children behind!"

Auntie Lin dumped the meal boxes at the company entrance. The sound slammed on the head of security's heart. The surrounding employees were captivated. The CEO's wife was amazing. She was much more imposing than Shen Ying.

However, some thought Shen Ying was a better match for their CEO. Shen Ying was young and beautiful, things Auntie Lin was not. Their CEO was handsome and elegant, Shen Ying was charming and graceful. They were made for each other... of course, one had to overlook the fact Shen Ying was the mistress.

Lin Tianhui had just reached the door when he heard Auntie Lin demand a divorce. His face turned green. "I disagree. We are not divorcing!"

Shen Ying, who followed Lin Tianhui, had her lips curled up when she heard Auntie Lin mention divorce. 'My moment has arrived!' However, the next second, her expression froze. Lin Tianhui refused to get a divorce!

When Auntie Lin saw Lin Tianhui, she was furious. She sneered, "Lin Tianhui, aren't you happy together with your new wife? You refused to get a divorce?! Why? So that you can continue to insult me! Lin Tianhui, you bastard!"

Lin Tianhui's expression was dark. He looked around and walked to Auntie Lin. He said in a low voice, "Wenwen, let's go back to the office and talk!" It was too embarrassing to air their laundry out in the open.

However, Auntie Lin had given up on Lin Tianhui. She challenged, "Lin Tianhui, we're strangers. What if your new wife comes in and finds us in your office together? Won't she raise a ruckus?"

Lin Tianhui's expression darkened. He shouted angrily, "You are my one and only wife. Who dares to challenge your authority?"

This was a heavy slap to Shen Ying. Shen Ying had always conducted herself as the Madam CEO at the company. She acted high and mighty. When the employees saw her, they greeted her as Madam CEO. She never corrected them. Lin Tianhui had never said anything either. Shen Ying assumed that Lin Tianhui had already recognized her as his wife. They merely needed a certificate.

However, right before everyone, Lin Tianhui denied Shen Ying's existence and clarified for everyone that the old woman, Huang Shiwen was his real wife.

Shen Ying was so angry that her face turned ashen. Her hands were tightly clenched into fists, and her veins were throbbing like green worms squirming. It was terrifying to look at.

Shen Ying wanted to tear off Huang Shiwen's flesh and blood. Shen Ying was the kind of person who wanted to blame others for their fault.

Auntie Lin scoffed when she heard Lin Tianhui. She said, "Lin Tianui, according to your staff, I'm not your wife. I'm just a deliverywoman. I was hauled out of your company by the real Madam CEO. Lin Tianhui, a Madam CEO came to the company to deliver food for her husband, but she was treated as a deliverywoman and kicked out by her husband's supposed wife. Don't you find that hilarious?"

Auntie Lin laughed, but there were tears in her eyes. They were bitter tears.

When a relationship reached its end, former lovers would often end up hurting each other the most. This appeared to be the only way to prove that they did nothing wrong. The fault rested with the other party.

They forgot that once upon a time, they had loved each other and gone through thick and thin together. In the past, they only had the other in their eyes. However, as the lovers drifted apart, the love became sour. Everything had to be tolerated and not celebrated.

When one of the parties wanted to make up for it, it was already too late.

Lin Tianhui's expression turned gloomy. His sharp gaze swept across Shen Ying. After that, he glared at the head of the security and said sternly, "Go to the finance department and get your salary. You don't need to come to the company tomorrow."

When the man heard this, his face turned pale, and he apologized, "Mr. CEO, I was wrong. Please forgive me this time. I can't lose this job. I need to support my family."

The Lin Corporation was a large enterprise in Xing Yin County. They gave their employees plenty of benefits. As the head of security, the man enjoyed a good salary. If he lost this job, he doubted he could find a better one.

Lin Tianhui said, "As the head of security, you can't even recognize the real Madam CEO, so why should I keep you around?"

The head of security was not going to take the fall for this.

# **Chapter 87: Thieves**

The head of security said, "Mr. CEO, I've been in the company for two years already. All of us call Shen Ying Madam CEO, and none of us have seen the real Madam CEO. You can't blame me for not recognizing the real Madam CEO."

The head of security challenged Lin Tianhui. He pointed out three problems: First, the company already had a Madam CEO; Second, the real Madam CEO hadn't been to the company; Third, Lin Tianhui didn't deny Shen Ying was not the real Madam CEO.

In short, as the head of security, he was not to blame.

Lin Tianhui's face darkened. He was about to scold the head of security when Auntie Lin cut in, "That's enough. You only know how to turn the blame on the innocent. Do you want to talk? Fine, let's talk. I'll be waiting at home at 7 pm." She emphasized, "Lin Tianhui, if you don't want to talk at home, then we'll talk in court!" Auntie Lin turned and left.

Lin Tianhui looked at his wife and frowned. He felt that Huang Shiwen had changed. He looked at the boxes on the ground. He thought for a moment before picking them up.

Shen Ying walked over. She pleaded innocently, "Tianhui, I..." hadn't done anything. However, Lin Tianhui ignored her and walked away.

This time, Shen Ying had crossed his bottom line. This was something he could not tolerate.

After Lin Tianhui left, his employees started to talk. Previously, they thought their CEO had no feelings for his wife. However, based on what happened earlier, it was the complete opposite. The Madam CEO couldn't care less about the CEO, and the CEO was trying his best to salvage the situation.

Some shot contemptuous gazes at Shen Ying. The mistress was really shameless. She had the gall to order the guards to chase out the real Madam CEO when she was the fake one. Now that Shen Ying was caught red-handed, this would be a good show to watch.

Lin Tianhui ignored his employees' discussions and gossips.

After he returned to his office, he opened the boxes. The fragrance of food assailed his senses. It cleared his mind. He picked up a tomato slice. As he chewed on the tomato, his eyes brightened with disbelief. He mumbled, "This is so delicious. I haven't tasted Wenwen's cooking for so long that I forgot how good they taste."

He wolfed down all the food instantly. He had no idea his daughter had packed two person's portion.

Lin Tianhui rubbed his bloated stomach and burped, "The best restaurant can't compare to Wenwen's cooking. Why did I waste all that money eating out?"

That night, Lin Tianhui returned home. He was served delicious food.

When Huang Shiwen tried to bring up the divorce, Lin Tianhui avoided the topic.

After that day, Lin Tianhui would make sure to come home every day to eat with his family. Auntie Lin was extremely puzzled.

However, Auntie Lin was insistent. When their daughter was not around, she would bring up the divorce. Lin Tianhui thus had to make sure their daughter had to be around always.

Auntie Lin didn't want their daughter to know about their problem, so she had to let Lin Tianhui get away with it for now.

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Xiao Lingyu, Xiao Lingye, and Mother Xiao had a big meal at the restaurant. Xiao Lingye grabbed another tomato and ate it until his stomach could not hold it anymore. He looked at the remaining six bright red tomatoes reluctantly.

Xiao Lingye asked, "Sis, these tomatoes are amazing. How did your friend from the Academy of Agricultural Sciences cultivate and grow them?"

The tomatoes smelled fresh and tasted heavenly. It could also energize the consumer.

Mother Xiao looked around and said, "How would your sister know that? Your sister is not from the Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Alright, we're done eating. You should hurry back to school. Your sister and I are going home."

Xiao Lingye nodded and said, "Okay!"

Xiao Lingyu said, "Ye 'Er, I plan to start a small business in the county city, so I rented a house here. I'll be busy for these two days, but two days later, I'll bring you there to take a look. In the future, you can stay there."

Xiao Lingye was stunned. He asked in surprise, "Sis, you plan to start a small business?" But she said she would only farm in the past.

Xiao Lingyu nodded, "Yes, I'm going to sell the products I farm. Things like the tomatoes you're holding."

"Sis, you're going to be a vegetable vendor?" Xiao Lingye really could not keep up with his sister's thoughts.

One day she was farming, another day, she was selling vegetables. His sister was filled with ideas.

"But Sis, that is going to be very difficult." Xiao Lingye said worriedly. He was angry at Chen Ran because he had put his sister in this place. If not for the scumbag, why would his sister come back to start farming and selling vegetables?

Xiao Lingyu gently knocked Xiao Lingye on the head and said with a smile, "A little hardship is nothing. An easy life is no fun. Anyway, don't worry too much about me. You need to focus on your study. Your exam is coming soon."

Xiao Lingyu didn't ramble on because she knew it would only increase her brother's pressure.

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Xiao Lingye carried a few tomatoes back to the dorm. When his roommates saw them, they jumped out of bed to snatch the tomatoes. Xiao Lingye was fast, but even so, in a blink, he only had two tomatoes left.

Xiao Lingye shouted angrily, "Give them back!" He rushed at his roommates.

Ning Weiyi immediately shoved the tomato into his mouth. Then, he widened his eyes and said in disbelief, "Wow, is this really a tomato? How can it be so delicious?"

The other two dodged Xiao Lingye and pressed the tomatoes into their mouths too. They were as captivated as Ning Weiyi by the taste.

When Xiao Lingye saw that his roommates had eaten his tomatoes, he cried out in grief. "My tomatoes, you bunch of thieves!"

Ning Wei, Yang Baolin, and Kang Le ignored Xiao Lingye's wails and howls. The tomatoes soon disappeared down their stomach. However, they were not satisfied. They turned to look at the two tomatoes Xiao Lingye was holding.

Xiao Lingye's heart thumped. He protected the tomatoes tightly. He looked at his roommates like they were crazy. "What are you guys doing?"

The three rubbed their hands, and they grinned sinisterly. "Xiao Lingye, are you going to hand them over yourself, or do you want us to pry them out of your dead hands?"

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Xiao Lingye raised his hands and said sternly, "You're not getting any tomato! You can have my life!"

"It looks like surrender is not an option, huh?" Ning Weiyi grinned sinisterly. He shouted, "Brothers, go!" The three of them rushed forward and pinned Xiao Lingye's shoulders. One of them stood in front of Xiao Lingye to interrogate him.

Ning Weiyi asked, "Xiao Lingye, I see that you don't even treat us as brothers. How can you hide such a delicacy from us?"

Kang Le nodded. "That's right. You could have bought a few more. There are only two left but you still refuse to share them with us. You're a bad brother!"

"Speaking of, Ye, where did you buy these tomatoes?" Yang Baolin focused on the main point. "We should go and buy all of them!" They should be able to eat all of them since they were so delicious.

Furthermore, if they couldn't finish the tomatoes, they could sell them at the school. They would make a huge profit.

Seeing Yang Baolin's evil merchant expression, Xiao Lingye immediately said, "Don't even think about profiting off them! My sisters sent them to me. A friend of hers from the Academy of Agricultural Sciences cultivated this new variety and gave her some to try."

The three felt defeated, and they asked, "Ye, how much did your sister's friend send over? Can we buy them from your sister?"

Xiao Lingye's three roommates were rather rich. Ning Weiyi was the second son of the Director of Education Department; Yang Baolin's father owned a company and he was his father's only heir; Kang Le's family owned a mine. His family was nouveau riche. They did not lack money.

Xiao Lingye thought about it and said, "I'll ask my sister." Xiao Lingye remembered that his sister did say she was going to sell vegetables. Perhaps he could help her sell them at the school.

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Xiao Lingyu and her mother, who had already returned to Taoyuan Village, had no idea how big of a stir their sales had stirred in Xing Yin County Town that day.

The customers discovered how tasty the fruits and vegetables were. They seemed to have magical properties. The crops could make the consumers feel refreshed and energetic! They might even save a marriage!

After Xiao Lingyu and Mother Xiao got off the bus at Xing An Town, they saw Xiao Mingyang waiting at the bus stop.

Mother Xiao smiled and said, "Mingyang, you shouldn't have come to pick us up. You're so busy. We could walk or take the bus."

Xiao Mingyang noticed the happy expression on Mother Xiao's face and that they had come back so early. He guessed correctly that business was good. He smiled, "Second Sister-in-law, I can spare some time to pick you up." Then, he glanced at the stuff they were holding. "Second Sister-in-law, you've sold all the stuff?"

"Thanks to you, we managed to sell everything." Mother Xiao said happily. "Let me tell you. We not only managed to sell all of them, but also sold them at a high price. I still can't believe it."

Xiao Mingyang was shocked. "Second Sister-in-law, is that true?" He knew that it was not easy to sell stuff at the county town, let alone at a high price. The competition at the county town was too high.

Mother Xiao laughed. "Of course, it's true. Let's go back home and we'll talk about it!"

Mother Xiao was very happy. How could she not be? The profit they had that day was equivalent to an office worker's monthly salary. In other words, it was more than a yearly income for most farmers.

Xiao Mingyang took the hint and he didn't ask for more details. He believed there was something special about the crops.

After they reached home, Mother Xiao handed one of the two bags of vegetables and fruits to Xiao Mingyang. "Mingyang, we reserved this for you. Have Chunhua cook them." Mother Xiao took out a tomato and passed it to Xiao Mingyang. "Come, try this."

Xiao Mingyang wanted to decline. Their family had their own farm. They couldn't even finish their own stock so why would he take vegetables from Mother Xiao?

However, when he saw the tomato Mother Xiao was holding, he had second thoughts. The tomato's fragrance surrounded him. Xiao Mingyang took a bite. The sweet and sour taste filled up his body. He exclaimed, "Second Sister-in-law, this tomato is delicious!"

Mother Xiao smiled, "Right? Take all of this back. Share them with Chunhua and Xiaohui."

"Of course!" Since the vegetables were so delicious, Xiao Mingyang didn't reject them.

When Mother Xiao and Xiao Lingye reached home, half a day had passed.

Father Xiao was still working in the fields.

Mother Xiao couldn't believe the profits they made that day. They sold vegetables in one morning and made more than one thousand RMB.

Suddenly, Mother Xiao asked with some doubt, "Yu 'Er, you rented the house yesterday, but the vegetables had already been arranged on the tricycle when we arrived today. When did you arrange them? Did you do that yesterday? Plus, the crops look too fresh to have arrived yesterday. They are not bruised or anything." No matter how careful the delivery was, after a day, the crops should have some flaws.

What Mother Xiao didn't know was, the crops only appeared on the tricycle when Xiao Lingyu opened the warehouse door.

Xiao Lingyu's heart skipped a beat. A lie needs another layer of lie to cover it up.

Sometimes, Xiao Lingyu considered telling her parents about the jade pendant. However, she didn't want her family to worry. Therefore, she had to rely on more lies.

Xiao Lingyu explained, "Mom, the crops were indeed delivered yesterday. Since they are grown with a special formula, they can be kept fresh for three to five days."

Mother Xiao nodded. "Oh." Then, she added with concern, "But Yu 'Er, they don't have side effects, do they? After all, people will be suspicious if the crops stay fresh for so long. They will think we use formaldehyde or other preservatives. Those will harm the human body. Yu 'Er, we can't do things against our conscience."

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "Mom, don't worry. These fruits and vegetables have no side effect, if anything, they have great benefits. Mom, we have eaten the crops ourselves. Do you feel sick?"

Mother Xiao thought about it. "No... In fact, I feel younger and more energetic."

"That's right." Xiao Lingyu concurred, "Mom, will I let you and Dad eat these vegetables if there is something wrong with them? Mom, I know you're worried but don't worry. Even if they are lab-tested, my friend's crops will prove healthy and clean."

Mother Xiao sighed in relief. "Okay, Yu 'Er. But remember, we can't scam or harm others for profit."

Xiao Lingyu said, "Mom, don't worry. I will always remember the lessons you and Dad gave me."

# **Chapter 89: The Students Have Arrived**

Li Yuanhang reported the few places with good scenery and Feng Shui to Gong Tianhao. He continued, "This is Liu Family Village. It is 2000 km away from the capital. The place relies on tourism. It attracts many tourists with its good scenery.

"This is Jiang Nan's Zhou Zhuang. It's known as China's Venice..."

Li Yuanhuang introduced seven to eight places for retirement. However, most of them were tourist spots. One was not, but it had lots of rainy days, and humidity was not good for Old Master Gong's recovery. Therefore, Gong Tianhao rejected all of them.

Gong Tianhao sat there and emitted a cold aura. His facial features were as exquisite as a sculpture, sharp and perfect. His thin lips were tightly pursed into a cold arc.

He tapped on the table with one hand as his dark and sharp eyes scanned through the information. He frowned slightly, "These places are not suitable. Let's look again." He paused, and a sharp light flashed across his deep eyes. "The final location has to be quiet and secluded enough that people won't come to disturb grandfather." His grandfather couldn't withstand any more provocation.

As long as Old Master Gong was still in Beijing, those people would come to disturb him. Gong Tianhao couldn't allow that. Therefore, the only solution was to move his grandfather to a place where these people could not find him.

Li Yuanhang understood Gong Tianhao's intention. He thought for a moment and took a file out of his folder. "Tianhao, what about this?"

Gong Tianhao accepted it, and the title was Investigation Report of Taoyuan Village.

Li Yuanhang explained, "Taoyuan Village meets our requirements, but it has a very bad transportation system!"

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After Xiao Lingyu made her first sales, she decided to start farming in earnest. However, the backyard was no longer large enough for her. They could no longer meet her needs.

After careful consideration, Xiao Lingyu decided to hold a family meeting when Xiao Lingye returned.

Xiao Lingye returned that Saturday. He brought with him his three roommates. They only had one goal–tomatoes.

After having Xiao Lingye's tomatoes, the other vegetables and fruits tasted as bad as pig's feed. Sadly, Xiao Lingye didn't bring back more tomatoes after that day. It made them miss the taste even more. Therefore, when Xiao Lingye was coming home, they decided to tag along.

Along the way, they were greeted by the beautiful scenery of Taoyuan Village. Ning Weiyi, Yang Baolin, and Kang Le were mesmerized.

"Damn, Xiao Lingye, this is your hometown? It is like Shangri-la!" Ning Weiyi exclaimed. Ning Weiyi was born in the county town. He would visit the countryside occasionally, but he had only been to holiday villas. They were overly produced and fake.

However, Taoyuan Village was naturally beautiful. Taoyuan Village got its name from the peach trees that grew everywhere. Peach was called tao in Chinese. The small rivers accentuated the natural beauty of the place.

The other two nodded. "Yes, the scenery here is beautiful. Ye, no wonder you're so good at your studies."

Xiao Lingye, " ... " What does good scenery have to do with that?

Xiao Lingye nodded and said, "Yes, you'll feel relaxed living here. It's easier to focus on your studies."

His three roommates immediately said, "Ye, we still have two months before the college entrance exam. Other than school, we'll follow you to come back here every time. We'll rest and prepare for the exam here. I'm sure it'll help us score well in the exam! What do you think?"

Xiao Lingye, "..." If that were true, Taoyuan Village would be filled with university students. However, the only university graduate around this part was his big sister.

Xiao Lingye sighed helplessly, "Sure, you can do that if you like. My family has an empty room, so you can come to stay there if you want."

The group soon arrived at Xiao Lingye's house. They saw the house in the courtyard. It was not luxurious, but it was clean and welcoming. Flowers climbed on the wall. The roses swayed in the wind. They were dazzling with their colors. Purple, red, pink, yellow, and white, it was like an art installation!

"Wow, Ye, this is gorgeous!" Kang Le gasped, "From afar, your house looks like a garden!"

Xiao Lingye said proudly, "My sister planted these flowers herself. She likes to garden. She said the flowers will make the place look beautiful and the heart of the people will become more beautiful too!"

When they heard that, the other three covered their mouths and giggled, "Ye, our sister is amazing! We can't wait to see her!"

Xiao Lingye was a little displeased. He said, "Yang Baolin, what do you mean by 'our'? That's my sister, not your sister!"

They giggled even harder.

Why?

It was because Xiao Lingye was a sis-con.

Every day, he went about mentioning his big sister everywhere he went. His sister was beautiful, smart, and outstanding. She was the top scorer of their county. She was diligent. She was the paragon of womanly attributes.

After staying with Xiao Lingye for three years, they felt like they already knew Xiao Lingyu. However, they had not even seen her before. The tomatoes they had were sent over by Xiao Lingye's sister.

The three ignored Xiao Lingye's pout and asked, "Ye, is our sister home?"

They had heard from Xiao Lingye that Xiao Lingyu worked in a big company in City Z.

Xiao Lingye said with uncertainty, "She should be."

Ever since his sister came back, she was moving everywhere to buy seeds, sell vegetables, and so on. Xiao Lingye also had no idea if Xiao Lingyu was home or not.

Xiao Lingye walked through the door. Then, he shouted, "Dad, Mom, Sis, I'm home!"

Mother Xiao stormed out of the house and scolded, "You bastard, why are you shou..." However, she halted when she saw the three teenagers beside her son.. She changed her words and said, "Ye 'Er, you're back. Who are your friends?"

#### **Chapter 90: A Fairy**

Xiao Lingye pointed at them and introduced, "Mom, they are my roommates, Ning Weiyi, Yang Baolin, and Kang Le!"

"Hello, Auntie!" The three teenagers greeted politely.

Mother Xiao smiled and said, "Come in! Ye 'Er, invite your friends in!"

"Okay!" Xiao Lingye nodded. He asked, "Mom, where are Dad and Sis?"

Mother Xiao answered, "Your Dad has gone to plow the fields. He hasn't come back yet. Your sister is washing her hair. Ye 'Er, look after your friends for me. I'll go get some food!"

"Auntie, we're good friends with Ye. You don't need to prepare so many things!" The three said with embarrassment.

Mother Xiao laughed, "You're still our guests! It's the least I can do!" Then, she left.

Once Mother Xiao left, the three asked Xiao Lingye, "Ye, our sister is home! We can't wait to meet her!"

"It's my sister, not our sister!" Xiao Lingye groused.

"Little brother, is that you?" When the three heard the voice, they turned towards it. When they saw the person, they were stunned.

Xiao Lingyu had just finished washing her hair. Her hair flowed in the wind. The normal glasses were gone. Her fair skin and beautiful facial features were revealed. Her captivating eyes could hook anyone's soul. Since Xiao Lingyu took baths in the farming space, her skin became fair like porcelain.

Xiao Lingyu didn't have the perfect facial features but she had the perfect pair of large eyes. She was like a fairy that floated down from heaven. Even though she was only in a normal white shirt and a pair of blue jeans, it did not take away from her ethereal beauty.

Ning Weiyi hugged Xiao Lingye's shoulder, and he gasped in surprise. "Ye, I believe you now. Our sister is really beautiful!" At least she was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen.

Even the prettiest girl at Number One High School was less pretty than Sister Xiao.

"Ye, our sister is really lovely!" The other two also exclaimed.

Xiao Lingye was stunned by his sister's sudden beautiful appearance. However, his roommates immediately made his nose scrunch up with dissatisfaction, "She is my sister, not your sister."

Ning Weiyi looked at the childish Xiao Lingye and rolled his eyes. Then, he said, "Xiao Lingye, aren't we brothers? So your sister is our sister!"

But internally, he was thinking, 'If I have such a beautiful sister, I will keep her from other men too.'

Before Xiao Lingye could argue, Xiao Lingyu looked at them and asked with a smile, "Little brother, are they are your friends?"

Xiao Lingye nodded and said, "Yes, Sis. They are very thick-skinned. Instead of going back to their homes, they stuck to me like glue and insisted on coming over." Then, he added, "Sis, where are your glasses?"

The three thick-faced Musketeers, "..." It was true that they had insisted on coming to Xiao Lingye's home, but how could their brother describe them like that?

Xiao Lingyu normally had a pair of large-framed glasses to cover her beauty. Normally, she was just a nobody in the crowd. However, the moment she removed her glasses, she was a dazzling beauty.

Otherwise, Chen Ran wouldn't have liked Xiao Lingyu for ten years. In his heart, he knew that no woman could compare to the undisguised Xiao Lingyu.

Unfortunately, Chen Ran chose bread over love. To make matters worse, he wanted to destroy Xiao Lingyu after abandoning her.

But now... Karma was destroying the man!

Xiao Lingyu said, "I left them in my room."

She was not short-sighted. She had to remove her glasses when she used the shower.

Xiao Lingyu pushed aside his friends and ran off. Moments later, he returned with a pair of large-framed glasses. "Sis, you better put them on, or their eyeballs might fall off!"

The three Musketeers, "..."

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

Xiao Lingyu put the glasses on. Once she did, it was like she had performed magic. The fairy had morphed into a normal woman. Kang Le gasped, "Big sister, do you know magic?!" The transformation was too shocking.

Xiao Lingyu smiled, "Of course not!" Ever since she got together with Chen Ran, Chen Ran had demanded she wear glasses all the time. At the time, she was only fifteen.

Yang Baolin smiled, "Sis, you're really pretty without the glasses!"

Xiao Lingye shouted, "How many times do I have to repeat myself? She is my sister, not your sister!"

The three ignored Xiao Lingye and surrounded Xiao Lingyu.

Ning Weiyi echoed, "Sis, Ye always told us how beautiful you are, and we thought he was only exaggerating. However, once we see you in person, we realize you are prettier than he described! No wonder Xiao Lingye often talked about you at school!"

Xiao Lingyu chuckled, "You kids are exaggerating. I am only fairer than average. Anyway, we shouldn't be standing in the courtyard. Come in and rest."

"Sis, we're not kids anymore." Yang Baolin said, "We're already eighteen. We're adults." He didn't want to look like a kid before Xiao Lingye's sister. The other two also nodded, "That's right!"

Xiao Lingyu, who was six or seven years older than them, was speechless. She nodded, "Okay then... Come in and rest, our three adult guests."

The three adults, " ... "

At that moment, Moment Xiao came back with some fruits. When she saw the kids in the courtyard, she said, "Why are you all still standing outside? Come in!"

They all obliged.

The three students looked around the house. It was clean and comfortable. Ning Weiyi exclaimed, "Ye, so this is your house! It's comfortable!"

Xiao Lingyu said proudly, "Of course! My mom cleans the place daily. She is a very diligent person."

His friends nodded.