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Chapter 871: Settling the Score

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Seeing how Mr. Jiang was pretending to be confused, Gong Tianhao chuckled and said mockingly, "Mr. Jiang, do you not understand what I mean?"

Mr. Jiang's heart skipped a beat, and an inexplicable sense of panic appeared in his heart. He still pretended to be calm and said, "Mr. Gong, I really don't understand what you mean. Please enlighten me!"

However, he thought to himself, 'Is Gong Tianhao going to settle the score for what had happened last time?'

After Jiang Shuyu seduced the five men to chase Xiao Lingye out of the company, they had been waiting for Gong Tianhao's retaliation. However, nothing happened. They assumed that Gong Tianhao had forgiven them.

When they found out that Xiao Lingye was Gong Tianhao's brother-in-law, they set their sights on Xiao Lingye. Jiang Shuyu launched a hot pursuit of Xiao Lingye with the excuse of apologizing.

However, who would have thought that Xiao Lingye was such a stubborn person? He was adamant that he didn't like Jiang Shuyu. He rejected her multiple times. Jiang Shuyu felt humiliated.

In order to be able to get close to the Gong family, their family was really shameless. However, Xiao Lingye was a clear-minded person. When he said he didn't like Jiang Shuyu, he meant it.

Mr. Jiang and Mrs. Jiang felt that it was better to give up, but Jiang Shuyu wasn't willing to give up.

Her dignity and personality were trampled. She had suffered grievance and humiliation. She had to take revenge. That was a slippery slope.

After the truth was revealed, what awaited her was the end of her reputation. If Gong Tianhao insisted on holding her responsible, her future would be dark.

Father Jiang naturally considered all of this. For the sake of his daughter's future, he believed acting dumb was the best course of action. However, he forgot one thing. While he could act dumb, not everyone would act dumb with him.

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Gong Tianhao looked at Jiang Xian and sneered, "Mr. Jiang, it seems that you're determined to play dumb with me to the end. I didn't do anything when your daughter schemed against my brother-in-law to kick him out of the company, but that didn't mean that I'd forgotten all about it. I gave face to the Jiang Family. As long as you sincerely apologize to my brother-in-law, I would naturally let it go.

"However, you didn't appreciate that opportunity but kept making the same mistake. Do you really think the Gong Family can be so easily bullied?"

His cold and indifferent tone exuded a strong aura.

When Mr. Jiang heard this, he wiped the sweat off his forehead with his hand.

Then, he carefully said, "Mr. Gong, Shuyu has already apologized to Student Xiao, but... he didn't accept it." Then, he looked at Xiao Lingye and asked kindly, "Student Xiao, is that so?"

Xiao Lingye said expressionlessly, "Mr. Jiang, Miss Jiang once apologized to me and asked for my forgiveness in front of the whole class. She was basically pressuring me to accept her apology. How sincere was she really?

"I couldn't accept her apology. If I did, I would be in a lot of trouble. Because the premise of her apology was that she wanted to pursue me. If I accepted her apology, I would have to be in a relationship with her. Naturally, I rejected her. After that, she would not let me go and disturbed my studies and work."

When Mr. Jiang heard this, his face could not be any darker.

A wave of anger suddenly surged in his heart. He was angry at Xiao Lingye. He had already begged him, but he refused to take it.

Xiao Lingye instead belittled his daughter's lack of self-respect and also trampled on the Jiang family's reputation.

'This rascal is so impudent because his sister is now favored by Gong Tianhao. Just you wait. When your sister loses her favor, we'll see what you can do then! Revenge is a dish best served cold. I will remember this.'

That was what Mr. Jiang thought in his heart. However, he still had to maintain a calm face.

He said, "I'm sorry, student Xiao. My Shuyu is not sensible. As a father, I apologize to you. I hope that you will forgive her."

Gong Tianhao was too hard to persuade, so he focused on Xiao Lingye.

Xiao Lingye was a brat from the countryside. Even if he was Gong Tianhao's brother-in-law, he was still a pitiful country bumpkin at heart. Once he could win Xiao Lingye's pity, Gong Tianhao would forgive them. It was a good plan, but it was a pity that he had underestimated Xiao Lingye's IQ and EQ.

Since his brother-in-law was there, Xiao Lingye knew that he would disappoint Gong Tianhao if he just let this be. Plus, he knew that this was better handled by Gong Tianhao.

Xiao Lingye said calmly, "Mr. Jiang, everyone has to pay for their mistakes. In the past, Jiang Shuyu seduced my ex-partners to frame me, but I was already magnanimous enough to let it go. But this time, she framed me again with an even more vicious method. She made me out to be a rapist. I can't forgive her this time."

As soon as Xiao Lingye finished speaking, many of the students stared at Xiao Lingye in shock, then at Jiang Shuyu, who was still crying loudly.

"Those rumors are actually true." A student said loudly, "It was really Jiang Shuyu who instigated Su Yang and Qiao Ruoyang to frame Senior Xiao!"

"I knew that it had something to do with Jiang Shuyu."

"She probably loves him too much!" Someone said.

"Last time, there was a rumor that Jiang Shuyu was holding a grudge because Xiao Lingye rejected her invitation for dinner. If this is true, then Jiang Shuyu is too narrow-minded and vicious."

"Yeah, just because of a simple rejection, she wanted to ruin someone's life. Such a person is too scary."

"Is this Jiang Shuyu crazy?" Someone said angrily, "Does she think the world revolves around her? Everything has to go according to her wishes?"

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When the sounds of discussion outside reached the room, the faces of the Jiang couple and the crying Jiang Shuyu turned extremely ugly.

Then, Jiang Shuyu exploded in anger. She yelled at the people outside, "Shut up, shut up! Who are you to talk about me?" Jiang Shuyu still didn't forget to put on her airs as the eldest daughter of the Jiang family. "If you still want to continue studying at Imperial University, you better shut up!"

Her anger burned her rationality, causing her to threaten others in front of everyone.

The students outside the window were silent for a moment. Then, someone unwillingly chuckled, "Are you serious? Do you think the Jiang Family controls everything? Is this university owned by the Jiang Family?"

The person who said these words did not care about the Jiang family at all, especially after knowing what Jiang Shuyu did. This family was really too despicable.

The Jiang family had power and influence in the capital, but there were nearly ten thousand students in the entire capital university. Could the Jiang Family kick out every student?

"That's right. If the capital university was really run by her family, with their family's character, no matter how good this school is, I wouldn't come here to study!"

"That's right. We're to study, not to serve the Jiang Family!"

Hearing the discussions of the students, president Li's expression immediately turned ugly.

He shot a very serious look at Jiang Shuyu and said in a cold voice, "Student Jiang, this is the capital university. I am the president here. It is not up to you or the Jiang Family if the students can stay here to study or not. We base that on the school's rules and regulations. Student Jiang, please speak carefully. Don't treat this place as your family's territory!"

When Mr. Jiang heard this, his expression became even uglier.

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"Shut up!" Mr. Jiang reprimanded his daughter sternly again.

Then, he smiled apologetically at principal Li and said, "Principal Li, please calm down. My Shuyu was just in a fit of anger and made a slip of the tongue. I apologize to you. Please forgive her for once."

Today, he had completely lost his face because of his daughter.

After today's incident was spread out, she would become the laughing stock of everyone.

However, Jiang Shuyu was his daughter, and he couldn't just abandon her.

Principal Li said very seriously, "Mr. Jiang, on account of the Jiang family's contributions to the school in the past, as the principal, I won't be bothered by student Jiang's slip of the tongue. However, I hope that in the future, Mr. Jiang will discipline student Jiang."

Mr. Jiang could only smile apologetically once more. "Yes, yes, principal Li. I will definitely discipline her properly."

At this moment, Xiao Letong, who had been quiet the entire time, tilted his head and said in a very naive manner, "Grandpa, what kind of hatred does Auntie Jiang have with my uncle that she wants my uncle dead? The purpose of the two attempts to frame him is to ruin my uncle's reputation."

Mr. Jiang's expression froze, and he said embarrassedly, "Little friend, this is the adult's matter. You won't understand!"

Xiao Letong shook his head and said, "No, I'm very smart. Once you explain it, I'll understand." Then, he continued in an innocent voice, "My teacher taught us that we have to apologize when we make a mistake. Since Auntie Jiang has done something wrong, shouldn't she apologize to my uncle?"

Mr. Jiang took a deep breath and said, "Okay, I'll let Auntie Jiang apologize to your Uncle Now!"

Then, Mr. Jiang walked up to Jiang Shuyu and said seriously, "Jiang Shuyu, apologize to Xiao Lingye!"

Jiang Shuyu had been slapped by her father several times, and her face was swollen. Coupled with her crying, her eyelids became red and swollen, and her entire head looked like a pig's head. Her beauty was gone.

Seeing her father's serious expression and being forced by the situation, she had no choice but to walk up to Xiao Lingye. She lowered her head and said softly, "Xiao Lingye, I'm sorry!"

Her voice was very soft. Other than herself, no one could hear her.

Xiao Letong said, "Auntie Jiang, your voice is too soft. We can't hear you. I don't think my uncle can hear you either. Right, uncle?" Xiao Letong ran to Xiao Lingye's side and hugged one of his uncle's legs. He looked at Jiang Shuyu.

Xiao Lingye patted his little head and said with a smile, "Yes, I didn't hear it either!"

When Jiang Shuyu heard this, she was angry and annoyed, but she had to suppress it. She said again, "Xiao Lingye, I'm sorry!"

Her voice was a little louder, but...

Xiao Letong's small face immediately said in a very serious tone, "Auntie Jiang, you have to be sincere in apologizing. An apology is more than just a single I'm sorry. With your current attitude, how can we accept it?"

Jiang Shuyu was furious. She gritted her teeth and asked, "Then what exactly do you want me to do?"

Xiao Letong spread out his small hands and said, "Didn't I say that an apology must be sincere? But your apology just now seemed to be perfunctory. Your voice was so low that it was as soft as a mosquito's cry. People who didn't know better would think that we're bullying you. So…" Xiao Letong said very seriously, "You must apologize loudly and sincerely. It must be loud enough that even the people outside can hear you. Actually, wait," Xiao Letong suddenly frowned, "You've harmed my uncle's reputation on campus. You should apologize to him in front of the entire school. Daddy, shouldn't this be the case?"

Gong Tianhao nodded, "That's right. Since Miss Jiang made a mistake, she should pay the corresponding price. She wants to ruin your uncle's public image. Your uncle was hated by the whole school. Now that the truth is out, of course, she needs to apologize in public to clear your uncle's name."

Mr. Jiang was the first to say awkwardly, "Mr. Gong, this..."

Apologizing to Xiao Lingye in front of the entire school would embarrass her daughter. How could she continue to survive in this school in the future? Her reputation would be ruined.

Gong Tianhao immediately waved his hand to stop him and said, "Mr. Jiang, that's the price she needs to pay for her mistakes."

There was no room for negotiation!

Chapter 873: Apologize!

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When Jiang Shuyu heard that she had to apologize to Xiao Lingye in front of all the teachers and students in the school, the fire in her heart immediately flared up again.

She roared loudly, "You keep saying that I used Su Yang and Qiao Ruoyang to frame Xiao Lingye, but you can't prove it with your words. Show me your evidence. Otherwise, I won't apologize to him, not even in private!" She pointed at Xiao Lingye.

The reason why she was indignant was that she was sure that there was no evidence. Su Yang was dead, and Qiao Ruoyang and the others had gone abroad. There was no evidence to prove that she had done anything.

Therefore, she was not afraid at all.

"It seems that Miss Jiang still hasn't given up." Gong Tianhao sneered and said, "Alright then. We'll abide by your wish."

Mr. Jiang's forehead broke out in cold sweat again.

At this moment, he really wanted to cut open his daughter's head to see why she was so dumb.

Mr. Jiang said embarrassedly, "Mr. Gong, don't be angry!"

Gong Tianhao waved his hand and shook his head, "Mr. Jiang, I'm not angry. In fact, I agree with Miss Jiang. After all, she did say there's no evidence that she seduced those people to frame my brother-inlaw. She wouldn't be convinced if there was no concrete evidence. So I'll try to convince her!" After saying that, he called out to a person, "Go and get the evidence. Since people don't want face, we don't need to help them keep it."

The subordinate immediately replied, "Yes, Boss!"

Then, he turned around and left.

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When Jiang Shuyu heard that, her entire heart was immediately on edge. She was flustered and uneasy.

She knew very well what she had done in the past.

If Gong Tianhao really brought out the evidence, then she...

Jiang Shuyu did not dare to imagine the consequences.

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She secretly regretted it. However, it was too late for regret now. Gong Tianhao wouldn't take back his words.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiang obviously knew what Jiang Shuyu had done to frame Xiao Lingye. It was them who had secretly settled the matter back then. Otherwise, how could those people have left the country peacefully?

Now...

The couple looked at each other. They could see the worry and panic in each other's eyes.

For the sake of Jiang Shuyu's remaining reputation, Mrs. Jiang had no choice but to do this. She pulled Jiang Shuyu to Xiao Lingye and said fiercely, "Kneel down and apologize to student Xiao. Tell him that you're sorry and ask him to forgive you!"

Everyone was confused by madam Jiang's sudden action. Only Gong Tianhao and the others understood.

However, Jiang Shuyu was obviously unwilling to kneel down to Xiao Lingye.

Xiao Lingye quickly avoided them and asked calmly, "Madam Jiang, what are you doing? Kneeling? It has been a hundred years since the Qing dynasty."

Xiao Letong pursed his lips and said, "Grandma, are you trying to gather public pity to claim the moral high ground so that we can forgive you?"

That was indeed her goal.

After being exposed by a child, Madam Jiang's face could not help but turn red. She then defended herself, "No. It's just that, you... you want our sincere apology. So, kneeling is the mostsincere apology."

Xiao Letong snorted coldly and said, "Does kneeling down and apologizing mean that you're sincere? But Madam Jiang, kneeling to an elder is a sign of respect but kneeling to one's peer when not asked for is cursing them. Don't tell me you don't know this etiquette?"

"Huh?" Madam Jiang was stunned.

Chapter 874: Disgraced

After the truth was revealed, Mr. and Mrs. Jiang had no choice but to endure the humiliation and heartache. They agreed to have their daughter apologize to Xiao Lingye in front of the entire school.

Not only that, Gong Tianhao also demanded compensation for mental damage, reputation damage, company damage, and other costs. The total compensation was 10 million.

10 million was an astronomical amount of compensation for ordinary people.

However, the fee was calculated by the lawyer. Moreover, with Xiao Lingye's current status, this 10 million compensation was nothing surprising.

Then, all kinds of rumors spread on campus.

After Xiao Lingye was cleared of all wrongdoing, Jiang Shuyu's reputation plummeted. It was not an exaggeration to say that her reputation was ruined.

"I didn't expect Jiang Shuyu to be such a vicious person." Someone exclaimed, "In order to frame Xiao Lingye, she even abandoned her own purity."

"She is after the big fish!" Someone mocked, "Haven't you heard? She knows Xiao Lingye's background. What is Xiao Lingye's background? It's the Imperial Palace Group.

"The Imperial Palace Group is the richest company in the country. The boss behind the Imperial Palace Group is also the richest person in the country.

"Xiao Lingye is the brother-in-law of the boss of the Imperial Palace Group. Besides, her sister, Xiao Lingyu, also created a company worth tens of billions.

"Xiao Lingye is extremely powerful because he is closely related to them.

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"So, she wants to use this chance to force Xiao Lingye to be her boyfriend."

"Hehe, I thought Xiao Lingye was just a good-looking, talented, and capable country kid. I didn't expect that he was actually so influential."

"Yeah. Xiao Lingye is really low-key. I've been classmates with him for so many years, but I didn't know that his family was so rich."

"He'll get compensation in billions. That is a number we can't even dream of. I hear that many students who graduated from Imperial University found it difficult to find a good job. They would only earn two to three thousand a month."

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"In the future, when Xiao Lingye graduates, he doesn't need to look for a job at all. He can work for his brother-in-law." The person who said this had a hint of envy in his eyes, "Tell me, why is Xiao Lingye so lucky? Not only is he good-looking, talented, and capable, but his family is also so rich. He doesn't have to worry about money at all, much less work."

"That's right. Why are some people so lucky to have everything? They have rich families, good looks, and great ability."

"Yeah, why are there people who are so lucky?" Many students echoed.

Yes, it sounded like the world was so unfair.

Some people were born with everything and didn't need to worry at all, while others were born with nothing.

However, one's life was still dictated by one's hard work.

Someone said, "I am not born with money, but I'll work hard so that my child can have a better life."

However, some people were pessimistic and complained, "Why don't my parents have money? If they had money, I wouldn't have to live such a miserable life!"

People's attitude determined their lives.

When Xiao Lingye's true identity was revealed, many people were shocked. Since someone as rich as him was so hardworking, what other reason did the others have to be lazy?

That brought a big change to the campus. Suddenly, many students became so hardworking.

Principal Li and the school directors were stunned at first, then they became happy. As long as the students worked hard, they would have a bright future.

On the contrary, after Jiang Shuyu's reputation plummeted, she became the target of public criticism.

All kinds of ugly words were directed at her.

After the incident that day, Jiang Shuyu didn't go back to school and hid at home. However, she couldn't hide from the ridicule and abuse about her. All the university forums were talking about her.

Jiang Shuyu sat in her room. There was a high-end computer on the table, and the computer screen was flashing rapidly with new comments.

Her eyes were fixed on these flashing comments, and a monstrous resentment burst out from her eyes.

"Xiao Lingye, just you wait. I will definitely pay back the humiliation I gave you today a thousand times over in the future!" Jiang Shuyu gnashed her teeth and said viciously.

This time, she failed to frame him. Not only did she make a mess of herself, but she also implicated her parents.

Not to mention the compensation of 10 million, the three of them were called back to the Jiang family's ancestral home. They were scolded by the current person in charge, young master Jiang. In punishment, their family had many things taken back by the main family. As a family, their branch's power dwindled overnight.

At first, when they were called back to the main family, they thought the Jiang elders would seek justice for them. After all, Mr. Jiang called the main family when he saw Gong Tianhao arrive at the principal's office.

The people from the main family also promised that they would stand up for them.

The Jiang family had always been very protective of their own.

Mr. Jiang thus was not afraid to argue with Gong Tianhao at first.

However, as the truth was revealed, Mr. Jiang became more cowed. He hoped that the people from the main family would appear to save him. However, no one came, and he lost everything.

When he was called back to the main family, Mr. Jiang thought that the main family would compensate and protect them. But they were reprimanded, and more than half of their assets were taken away.

Later, Jiang Shuyu found out that young master Jiang was not only a good friend of Gong Tianhao but also a good friend of Xiao Lingyu.

Therefore, young master Jiang punished them severely for Xiao Lingyu's sake.

When Jiang Shuyu found out about this, she was so angry that she vomited blood on the spot. Then, she secretly swore that she would make Xiao Lingye and Xiao Lingye pay a heavy price.

After that, Jiang Shuyu was sent abroad by her family and did not appear in the capital for the next few years.

Chapter 875: Back to Village

After Xiao Lingye's matter came to an end, Xiao Lingyu brought the two children back to Taoyuan Village.

In any case, the two children had already played in the capital for more than a month. They had already played to their heart's content. They wanted to return to Taoyuan Village.

However, after Xiao Lingye's matter was exposed, Xiao Letong was afraid that something would happen to his uncle, so he gave his uncle two talismans through Xiao Ling.

Once Xiao Lingye was in danger, the talismans would react. Xiao Letong could then teleport over to save him. Xiao Lingye had doted on Xiao Letong for two lifetimes. He definitely had to protect him well.

Of course, after Xiao Lingye's identity was exposed, many of the students in the school began to curry favor with Xiao Lingye.

After all, instead of trying to find a job after graduation, it was better to build a good relationship with Xiao Lingye. Perhaps they could rely on Xiao Lingye to get into the Imperial Palace Group or the Taoyuan Village Green Fresh Group.

They saw the best example in Ning Junpeng. That day, Xiao Lingye's brother-in-law gently patted Ning Junpeng's shoulder and said with a smile, "Young man, you're very loyal. If you plan on working for Imperial Palace, I'll get someone to reserve a position for you."

That was the dream job for many students. How could Ning Junpeng be so lucky?

However, everyone also understood the reason why. Ning Junpeng was treated differently by the big boss of the Imperial Palace group because of Xiao Lingye. Ning Junpeng was good friends with Xiao Lingye. When Xiao Lingye was criticized by everyone, he still stood firmly with Xiao Lingye.

His loyalty should be rewarded.

However, others saw it as a chance for them to get their dream job if they fawn over Xiao Lingye.

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During this period of time, the harassment that Xiao Lingye received in school really annoyed him. In the end, he simply asked for leave from school.

Anyway, they were in their fourth year and were about to graduate soon. There was no need for them to stay in school all the time.

After leaving school, Xiao Lingye focused on learning skills from Lei Junshan. Lei Junshan didn't hide anything from Xiao Lingye. He would teach Xiao Lingye everything he had.

Lei Junshan was often touted as a genius in his field. He was the leading figure for a reason. But when he encountered Xiao Lingye, he felt like a dummy. If he was a genius, Xiao Lingye was a demon.

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Lei Junshan patted Xiao Lingye's shoulder and exclaimed, "Ye 'Er, I reckon that the era of Lei Junshan will soon pass. Then it will be the era of Xiao Lingye."

No wonder he could develop a small company into a company worth tens of millions in just two years. Lei Junshan was amazed.

Xiao Lingye immediately said humbly, "Big Brother, I still have a lot to learn."

Lei Junshan just smiled and said, "Big Brother thinks highly of you. However, Big Brother wishes you to surpass your brother-in-law and replace him as the richest man in the world."

Xiao Lingye was shocked and said, "Big Brother, I'm only a small shrimp in the industry. In business, the gap between Big Brother and brother-in-law and me is huge. So, I'll leave the matter of making money to you and brother-in-law!"

Chapter 876: Blooming Everywhere

After Xiao Lingyu had the plan to set up farms in the seven regions of China, in half a year, Green Fresh Supermarkets blossomed everywhere. There would be at least one supermarket in every city.

Other than the remote villages, the supermarket was available in every city. There were 300 to 400 of them. However, the supply of each store was limited every day. Whether it sold well or not, the amount was fixed.

Of course, they didn't need to worry about the stock not selling. Even though Green Fresh wasn't known by everyone, it was a household name among the rich.

It had even become a standard for the rich. Green Fresh became a big brand in the high-end fruits and vegetable market.

The seven farms also became seven tourist farms. Each farm had its own unique characteristic. There was an endless stream of tourists every day.

However, every farm had one defining feature, and that was the canteen!

The seven farms all had a food canteen. The ingredients came from the farm itself. There were sometimes outside ingredients like seafood. Seafood couldn't be grown unless Xiao Lingyu contracted an area near the sea.

In just half a year, the Taoyuan Village Green Fresh Group almost monopolized the entire high-end market of agricultural products and agricultural by-products in the entire country. Moreover, they were always in short supply. The rich and powerful families needed to eat the products from Green Fresh daily. The food from other places became tasteless.

However, even powerful families couldn't get the products every day. Their children and elderly would cause a ruckus. The families tried to make bookings with the supermarket, but they were rejected.

Of course, it would make people unhappy. And people wanted to cause trouble.

However, once they looked around, they would find out who was behind Green Fresh Group. It was not worth it to offend such a big force for the sake of food.

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Therefore, as long as they were wise, they would not find trouble with Green Fresh group.

Of course, there were also some people who were blind and stupid. They thought that they were powerful and could step on a puny supermarket. They had to suffer the consequences.

Green Fresh Supermarkets opened smoothly.

Green Fresh Group had seven farms, 318 supermarkets, and other processing factories. Their total assets amounted to more than 100 billion.

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Green Fresh Group became a large-scale private enterprise in the country, while Xiao Lingyu controlled 80% of the group.

Therefore, Xiao Lingyu also became the richest woman in the country.

The husband was the richest man in the country, and the wife was the richest woman in the country. All the money was gathered in one family.

Previously, everyone had only heard of Gong Tianhao, but they had never seen him before.

Now that Xiao Lingyu's reputation had risen and her exposure had increased, the man behind her had also been exposed.

Therefore, everyone in the country knew that the female boss of Green Fresh Group had married the richest man in the country.

At first, many people thought that this richest man, even if he was not a bald old man, was at least middle-aged.

However, when people opened the news photos and saw the man, it made the female fans scream. This man was so handsome and so young.

Of course, the female boss was a very beautiful woman. They were a match made in heaven.

And their children were so cute and handsome.

They held a child each, and they radiated happiness.

Because of the increase in exposure, Gong Tianhao did not hide his identity. On the contrary, he hoped that everyone in the world would know about his wife and children.

In this way, no one would dare to have any designs on them.

Of course, with the increase in exposure, whenever his family left Taoyuan Village, Gong Tianhao arranged for many security guards to protect them. He knew that normal people wouldn't offend them, but he was still worried.

Because of Gong Tianhao's support for her career, Xiao Lingyu's industry developed very smoothly. No one dared to cause trouble for her. As for those small troubles, Xiao Lingyu could easily deal with them herself.

Unknowingly, Green Fresh became the largest exclusive fruit and vegetable supermarket in the country.

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Country F's International Royal Forest Agricultural Group was an international well-known agricultural product and agricultural by-products production and sales company. It was also the world's largest agricultural enterprise.

They focused on the high-end agricultural route too. Their clients were the world's top rich people.

On this day, in the office of the CEO of Country F's International Royal Forest Agricultural Group, the president, Macon, looked at a sales report, and his frown became more and more serious.

Then, he threw the report at a man before him and asked in a stern voice, "What's going on? Why has the total sales volume in China fallen from 60% last year to 20% this year? The total loss has reached tens of billions. In fact, this trend has been there for the past three years already.

"Bruce, if you don't give me a satisfactory answer, why don't you just step down as the president of the China Region?"

China was a big country with a huge population. Plus, some of the rich people there adored foreign products. Therefore, some of them liked to travel overseas and purchase foreign products.

Royal Forest was the number one brand of agricultural products internationally. They had monopolized the Chinese market in the past. Their total sales in China reached 30 to 40 billion.

However, in recent years, the total sales in China continued to decline.

Chapter 877: Royal Forest

In the past two to three years, the decline was only 0.01 percent. The decline was not so great, and naturally, the head office did not take it to heart. However, they still berated the regional president.

However, this recent year, the total sales in China had shown a giant plummet.

Such a terrible sales result made the president of the head office, Macon, very angry.

Bruce lowered his head and reported, "Boss, there is now a company in China that specializes in selling agricultural products and agricultural by-products. All the rich and powerful people in China have abandoned us to buy from them."

When he was in China, he secretly sent people to buy from that company. After he ate them, he felt that the food was too delicious.

He was from country F, and his family was also from Country F.

When he was sent to China, he would usually go to a big hotel to eat. But after trying Green Fresh's food, he would cook at home. He couldn't let anyone find out that he had been using the ingredients from Green Fresh, or he'd be branded a traitor.

When he had business meetings with clients at big hotels, they would order Royal Forest's food to please him. However, after eating Green Fresh's food, Bruce had to admit that the taste was too different. His feeling was complicated.

However, he didn't realize how tough the situation was until he reported the sales to the head office at the end of the month. He instantly had a headache.

He really wanted to tear up these reports, but unfortunately, he couldn't. He could only brace himself and report to the head office.

After listening to Bruce's report, Macon's sharp gaze was fixed on Bruce's face. There was disdain and contempt in his eyes as if he didn't believe Bruce.

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Macon said coldly, "So you're trying to tell me that a company in China has snatched away the customers of Royal Forest, the number one international brand? In just half a year's time, we've lost more than half of our customers. We've lost tens of billions. Am I right, Bruce?"

Bruce knew that Macon didn't believe him, but he had no choice but to bite the bullet and say, "Yes, boss." Then, he explained, "Boss, the company in China..."

"Enough, Bruce!" Macon shouted sternly. He did not listen to his explanation at all and directly said, "Bruce, don't make excuses for your own incompetence. Do you know that ever since you became our regional president in China, our total sales volume has been declining every year? Now, the decline in the past six months is even more outrageous. So..." Macon paused, "Since you don't have the ability, then you can step down. I'll have someone else replace you. I don't believe that a Chinese company will be able to provide better products than ours."

In short, Mason did not believe at all that a place like China that was so backward could produce stock that could rival Royal Forest. Therefore, he believed that Bruce was just making an excuse for his incompetence.

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Bruce could only smile bitterly. After all, if he didn't taste the food from Green Fresh himself, he wouldn't believe it either.

Macon then said, "Bruce, I have decided to remove you from your position as the President of the branch company in China. You will take a leave of absence for the time being. After I have a meeting with the higher-ups, we will move you to a suitable position." In other words, he would be given permanent suspension until the company found a position for him. This was no different from being fired.

Other than this sounded better than being fired. However, Macon was the highest person in charge of the group and also had the highest authority. Who would dare to refute his decision?

Bruce said calmly, "Macon, since you don't believe me, I'll write my resignation now."

When Macon heard that, his expression turned ugly as he asked, "What do you mean by that?"

Bruce laughed coldly and said, "What do you think? I quit."

Macon's face instantly turned black. He looked slightly angry as he said, "You..."

Bruce did not argue with him and directly said, "I'll go write my resignation letter now. I hope Mr. Macon can quickly approve it. Oh, right." Just as Bruce was about to turn around, Bruce suddenly said, "Mr. Macon, you better arrange for someone to head the office in China soon, or else you might even lose that 20 percent of sales!" That 20 percent sale was won over by Bruce after he made some friends in China. Now that he was leaving Royal Forest, his business contact would retract the cooperation too.

Bruce planned to apply for a job at Green Fresh Group. If he succeeded, he also wanted to bring his wife and daughter to China.

Macon was furious seeing Bruce react like this.

Then, he quickly calmed down. He called the personnel department and issued a letter of dismissal.

'This Bruce doesn't have the ability but likes to talk back. Letting him resign is too easy. I'll have him banned in the industry!' Macon thought viciously.

Soon, Macon would live to regret that decision.

In the CEO's Office of the Green Fresh Group, Zeng Yaozu reported to Xiao Lingyu, "Phoenix Farm, Hundred Flower Valley Farm... Tourism at these farms has fully matured. Last month, the number of tourists to Phoenix farm was 20,000 per day, and the Hundred Flower Valley farm was 30,000 per day... This month, the number of tourists to Phoenix farm reached 30,000 per day and the Hundred Flower Valley 45,000 per day. The growth rate is..."

However, the number of tourists going to these farms was not enough compared to the 200,000 tourists coming to Taoyuan village every day.

However, these farms were new, and there were still many areas that were not fully developed yet. There were all sorts of entertainment projects that were not in place yet. These tourists had gone there purely because of the reputation of Green Fresh Group. So the fact that they could get 30,000 to 40,000 visitors per day was already very good.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Mm, they're all doing pretty well."

Zeng Yaozu continued reporting, "The 318 supermarkets in the country have basically stabilized their supply and sales."

The sales were stable, but every supermarket was unable to meet the demand. However, the company would not raise the supply. That was their principle.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Okay." Then, she thought for a while and said, "Pass on the message. At the end of the month, all the employees will get a reward for their hard work."

Zeng Yaozu nodded and said, "Okay!"

Green fresh treated its employees very well. There were bonuses often. Even the cleaners would get the rewards.

After the two of them discussed the official matters, they brought up some private matters.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Yaozu, it's been hard on you. You've been busy for the past half a year."

Zeng Yaozu raised his eyebrows and asked with a smile, "So, president, are you planning to let me take a vacation?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes, I am."

Zeng Yaozu thought that he had heard wrong. He dug his ears and asked in disbelief, "President, are you sure? Are you merciful enough to let me take a vacation?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Am I that much of a tyrant? I'm going to give you a two-month vacation. What do you think, Manager Zhang?" Xiao Lingyu leaned back in her chair, crossed her arms across her chest, and asked in amusement, "Does Manager Zhang not like it? If that's the case, then I..." I'll take it back.

"Of course I like it!" Zeng Yaozu was afraid that Xiao Lingyu would revoke his vacation, so he quickly said, "But, why are you suddenly so kind as to give me a vacation?"

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Xiao Lingyu had kept him working all day and all night. Zeng Yaozu couldn't have any complaints, or someone at home would tattle on him.

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "It's nothing. I heard that Xinxin is pregnant, and she is having it hard. Although your father-in-law and mother-in-law are taking care of her, I know that during this period of time, a woman's greatest wish is to have her husband by her side so that she can feel more at ease."

After Zeng Yaozu heard this, he was stunned for a moment before he said, "Thank you!"

Actually, ever since he found out that his wife was pregnant, Zeng Yaozu was so happy that he wanted to fly. However, he was so busy with work that he couldn't be with his pregnant wife.

Therefore, he could only contact her by phone every day. Zeng Yaozu would always ask about her condition, and Xiao Xinxin would tell him every day that she was fine and he did not need to worry.

Later, when he went home, he found out that Xiao Xinxin suffered a lot during the pregnancy. She couldn't eat or sleep well and even vomited every day. It really made his heart ache, but he couldn't help much. It made him very anxious.

He thought about taking a vacation to accompany her, but... This was opposed by his family.

There were so many people at home to take care of Xiao Xinxin. Moreover, this was just a pregnancy reaction. Even if he was by her side, he couldn't help much.

Moreover, the company needed him since it was expanding fast. Therefore, he didn't ask for leave or share his concerns with Xiao Lingyu.

He didn't expect Xiao Lingyu would give him a leave voluntarily. He was really happy.

Xiao Lingyu stood up and patted his shoulder, saying with a smile, "Go home and accompany Xinxin!"

Zeng Yaozu nodded with a smile and said, "Yes, I will."

Chapter 878: The tea is Too Delicious

Zeng Yaozu was on vacation. Naturally, many things needed to be handled by Xiao Lingyu personally.

"President, Mr. Bruce wants to meet you." The Secretary reported to Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu did not react for a moment. "Bruce?" The name sounded like a foreigner.

The secretary said, "Bruce is the president of Country F's Royal Forest branch in China."

Xiao Lingyu had heard a lot about Royal Forest.

"Why is he here?" Xiao Lingyu asked. Then, she said, "Invite him in!"

"Yes!" The Secretary replied.

A moment later, the secretary led him in.

"Mr. Bruce, please take a seat!" The secretary asked, "Do you want coffee or tea?"

Bruce said very politely, "Can I have a cup of tea? I heard that your company's tea is very fragrant!"

Xiao Lingyu loved tea, so Xiao Lingyu added some spring water to the water used in the president's office to make tea. Therefore, the tea that was brewed was very fragrant and refreshing.

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The guests would be served the same tea. Naturally, many people in the industry knew that the tea in Xiao Lingyu's office was very delicious.

Bruce, of course, was unwilling to let go of this opportunity to taste the tea.

In the past, when he was the president of the Royal Forest's branch in China, he could be said to have a competitive relationship with Xiao Lingyu. They were sworn enemies.

The two of them simply did not have the chance to sit face to face.

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The secretary quickly brewed a pot of tea and brought it over. After pouring a cup of water for Bruce and Xiao Lingyu, she left and gently closed the door.

Bruce smelled the fragrance of the tea and quickly picked up the teacup. He closed his eyes and sniffed it with a look of enjoyment. Before he drank it, he exclaimed, "This smell is really fragrant!"

Then, he put it into his mouth and took a sip. Then, he drank a cup of tea in one gulp. The fragrance of the tea flowed out of his mouth, and he could not help but enjoy the aftertaste.

Xiao Lingyu looked at Bruce, who was enjoying the tea so much, and was speechless for a moment.

After Bruce finished drinking a cup, he could not wait to pour himself another cup. He didn't seem to notice the impropriety.

Just as he was about to drink the second cup of tea, Xiao Lingyu immediately stopped him and said, "Bruce, we Chinese usually drink tea slowly, to savor it carefully." Xiao Lingyu tried to be polite as she could.

When Bruce heard that, he knew he had been inappropriate. However, he could not be blamed. This tea was really too delicious. He fell in love with the tea.

Bruce smiled and said, "I'm sorry, President Xiao. I was too attracted by this tea."

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Mr. Bruce, real good tea needs to be savored slowly."

Bruce nodded and said, "Yes, I know that the tea culture in China is extensive and profound. In the future, I will definitely study the tea culture. However, President Xiao, let me enjoy another cup of tea with you."

With that, he finished another cup of tea.

Xiao Lingyu, "..." What else can I say?

Bruce drank cup after cup until the entire teapot was empty. He exclaimed, "President Xiao, the tea here is really delicious."

After saying that, he looked at the empty teapot and asked embarrassedly, "Is there any more?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and asked her secretary to come in and make another pot of tea for him.

Bruce was overjoyed.

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

She looked at the man bouncing with joy at the prospect of tea.

'What is this man doing here anyway?'

Chapter 879: Job Application

When the other party drank the fourth pot of tea and went to the bathroom five times, Xiao Lingyu had no choice but to ask, "May I ask, Mr. Bruce, why did you come to find me? It can't be for the tea, right?"

Bruce put down his empty cup and said with a smile, "President Xiao, I am your great admirer..."

"Huh?" Xiao Lingyu was slightly stunned, then she interrupted him, "Mr. Bruce, I'm already married, and my husband is very easily jealous. If he hears this, he will break your legs!" Her husband was getting more jealous by the day.

Bruce was stunned at first, then he reacted. He immediately waved his hands and defended himself, "No, no, president Xiao, you misunderstood. I didn't... I didn't mean that."

He had a wife and children, and he had always been loyal to his wife. No matter how beautiful other women were, he would not be moved.

Bruce scratched his head a few times. He seemed to be a little anxious and did not know how to express it.

Bruce explained, "CEO Xiao, I... I mean, I respect and admire you very much. I have always regarded you as my idol... I..."

He had stayed in China for so many years, and he could speak the language fluently. However, the Chinese language was broad and profound. Seeing Bruce's expression, Xiao Lingyu finally understood that he had used the wrong words, which almost caused a misunderstanding.

Xiao Lingyu nodded and asked, "Thank you for the compliments, Mr. Bruce. So, you came today to.."

Mr. Bruce was about to explain, but his face suddenly turned red. He said, "Sorry, President Xiao, I need to go to the bathroom!"

He had drunk so much tea, and this was the consequence.

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Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Please!"

A moment later, Bruce came back.

As soon as he came back, he went straight to the point and said, "President Xiao, you have heard that I have been removed from my position as the branch president of Royal Forest in China, and the head office has banned me from the industry."

Royal Forest and Green Fresh were competing companies.

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If the other company had any news, the first to know would be the rival company.

Bruce being fired from his position was not a secret. Of course, Xiao Lingyu would know.

Xiao Lingyu asked again, "I know, but what does it have to do with me?"

The CEO of a rival company suddenly came looking. Generally speaking, it was not good news. Xiao Lingyu would naturally be on guard.

Bruce said, "Of course, it has to do with you. Do you know why I was fired by the head office?" Then, without waiting for Xiao Lingyu to answer, he said anxiously, "That's because I praised your company in front of the head office. The president didn't believe me, so I was fired!" He felt wronged. He was just telling the truth. Instead, the head office determined that his ability was not good enough.

"..." Xiao Lingyu was a little speechless as she asked, "Oh, I see. Then did Mr. Bruce come to find me to ask me for compensation?"

Bruce shook his head and said, "Of course not. My dismissal is the decision of Royal Forest's head office. It has nothing to do with you."

Xiao Lingyu, "..." so, what exactly are you here for?

"I'm here to apply for a job!"

"Huh?!"

Chapter 880: The Reason

Xiao Lingyu thought that she had heard wrongly. She then asked, "Mr. Bruce, what did you say? Can you repeat it?"

The former president of the rival company had come to her company to apply for the job. Xiao Lingyu felt that it was a little unbelievable just thinking about it.

Bruce said very seriously, "President Xiao, I said that I came here to apply for a job."

Xiao Lingyu asked with some doubt, "Mr. Bruce, if I remember correctly, the agricultural products and agricultural by-products of Royal Forest Group are the top brands in the world, right? And you used to be its Chinese branch president. Even if you were fired, it shouldn't be a problem for you to apply for the job at any other company. Why did you choose my company? You have to know that my green fresh group isn't well-known in the global market."

Her products were currently only sold in China and hadn't been sold abroad. Back then, she had a plan to sell her products all over the world. However, she didn't even have the stock to supply the national market.

Therefore, she had to take this slow.

However, Bruce said very seriously, "President Xiao, I have eaten your vegetables, fruits, and other things. I feel that these are the most delicious things I have ever eaten. Even Royal Forest can't compare to them. I am very optimistic about your company and products. Believe me, your company and products will definitely become famous around the world in no time. So, before that happens, I would like to work for you so that I'll be on the right side in the future!"

Bruce said these words with confidence, his eyes shining.

"..." Xiao Lingyu said after thinking for a moment, "I am also very confident in my product. I also believe that my company will soon be famous around the world. However, Mr. Bruce, since you are interested in coming to my company to apply for a job, I have to follow the procedures and interview you. There should be no problem, right?"

Bruce smiled and said, "Of course, there is no problem!"

Xiao Lingyu's first question was, "You're not here to work at my company to become a corporate spy, right? After all, Green Fresh and Royal Forest are rivals. You were the branch President in China. Is this a trick to steal my company's business secrets?"

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The question was so sharp and serious that Bruce was a little stunned.

Then, he reacted and defended himself, "Oh, no, President Xiao. You've completely misunderstood. I was really fired by Royal Forest Group's head office. It wasn't a trick at all. And I came to your company to apply because I'm fascinated by your vegetables and fruits. If I work here, I don't need to secretly go to buy your things anymore. Do you know that when I was still working in China, I had to secretly get people to buy your products? I don't even dare to cook them around my colleagues."

Then, Bruce kept praising the fruits and vegetables.

Xiao Lingyu, "..."

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She had never thought that Bruce would actually be a foodie. He wanted to come to her company just to eat openly.

Of course, she did not doubt Bruce's words.

Because her food had such charm.

Just look at her company's top executives.