# Farming in the Mountains: Max Level Jiaojiao Is Three Years Old

## **Chapter 41: A Year Worth**

"I really did it!" Xue Wufu was starting to become anxious. If it wasn't for the fact that he had injured one of his legs, he would have jumped up and down. "Our Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were the witnesses! They saw it with their own eyes! I-I didn't expect that I would hit it. I just shot randomly in a hurry and I really hit the..."

Everyone had seen Xue Wufu, Xue Yan, and Jiang Yue standing beside the bear, and it was true that the bear had been killed by an arrow. Xue Wufu's bow and arrow were also there. Xue Yan and Jiang Yue were obviously too young to do anything, so they naturally did not suspect these two children. The only right answer was Xue Wufu.

"I really couldn't tell, Wufu."

"Wufu, you were lucky."

"It's enough for you to brag about for a year."

Xue Wufu's back was straight from the praise, his face was full of glory, and he looked like he was on cloud nine. He even patted Jiang Yue and Xue Yan, signaling them to praise him as well, so that he could be more arrogant.

Jiang Yue and Xue Yan were speechless.

"Alright, stop complimenting him." Xue Dafu looked at his fifth son's injuries with lingering fear. "It's just as he said, I didn't expect him to really hit the target. It's like a blind cat catching a dead mouse. If he didn't hit the target, he would be the one lying here today."

Immediately after, he shouted at his fifth son with an extremely unsightly expression, "Are you going to secretly go out again next time?!"

Xue Wufu had never seen his father so angry before. He immediately shook his head, "I won't, I'll stop. I've already told Hunter Wu that I won't go deep into the mountains to hunt anymore."

"Oh right, where's Hunter Wu and the others?" Xue Erfu asked as he looked around.

Xue Wufu said, "They're still in the mountains. I found out that Xue Yan and Jiang Yue came to the mountains to find me. That mountain is not a place for them to stay. So, I told Hunter Wu that I will not hunt anymore. I will take Xue Yan and Jiang Yue home. I didn't expect that we would meet the blind bear when we were almost at the foot of the mountain with Xue Yan and Jiang Yue."

Among the dozen or so young men, someone immediately said, "Then doesn't that mean that the big bear is yours alone? You won't have to share it with anyone?"

"Yeap!" Xue Wufu nodded aggressively, that was him being proud.

"Erfu, your family is going to make a fortune!" Someone immediately said to Xue Erfu.

"What fortune? I don't even know how much it can be sold for," Xue Erfu laughed.

"Hunter Wu once hunted a deer last time and sold it for a few silvers," the man said. "This is a blind bear. I've never heard of anyone hunting a bear in my life. It must be more expensive."

"Who knows?" Xue Erfu laughed. "If it's really as you say, then our family's fifth son will be the greatest hero of our family."

Xue Wufu felt even smugger as he hurriedly urged, "Father, I twisted my leg, so I can't go to town. Hurry up and go sell this bear in town. I want to know how much it can be sold for."

Jiang Yue was about to remind him about the matter of selling the bear in town, but she did not need to say anything.

"Then what are we waiting for? Hurry up and sell it in town." The dozen young men all said.

"I'll need your help to carry it back," Xue Dafu laughed.

"You're too polite. We insist."

The dozen or so young men laughed heartily, but their hands were extremely agile. They immediately took out their machetes and chopped down the trees that were as thick as their forearms with Xue Dafu, Xue Yifu, and Xue Erfu. They took off the branches and leaves, leaving only the trunk to use as a carrying pole. Then, they used a sickle to cut off a lot of vines and tied them into a stronger vine rope.

# Chapter 42: You're Safe

They tied up the bear and carried it up with a tree pole, two in front and two behind.

When one was tired, others would switch places. There were more than a dozen men here, but they still worked together to carry the blind bear back.

One of the men was slightly weaker, so he didn't have to take turns carrying the bear. Instead, he carried Xue Wufu, who had sprained his foot and couldn't walk.

According to Xue Dafu and the others, Xue Yan would lead the way with Jiang Yue.

The people they met along the way, no matter who they met, were all very surprised. They stared at the big bear that was being carried and unconsciously clicked their tongues. "Must be nice..."

Xue Wufu, who was being carried, pointed at the bear with one hand and himself with the other excitedly. "I hit him, I hit him."

He was afraid that no one would know.

Jiang Yue was speechless.

Xue Yan put a finger to his lips, and no one could see the upturned corners of his mouth except for Jiang Yue, who was held by his other hand.

On the way back, Jiang Yue learned from Xue Dafu that Yu Hongyan had come back because she saw that her mother was only coughing a little. However, she found out that she and Xue Yan were not at home or in the village and panicked. Xue Wufu's bow and arrows were also missing. Yu Hongyan understood the situation and rushed to the place to tell Xue Dafu and the others.

Xue Dafu and the others then called some people to go deep into the mountains to find them.

However, because Liu Guixia and the others were women, they were not allowed to come along.

When Jiang Yue and the rest were still walking on the fields, the anxious Liu Guixia, Li Hehua, and Yu Hongyan saw them at the entrance of the village. As Yu Hongyan was pregnant, Liu Guixia asked her to wait at the same place. Liu Guixia and Li Hehua came in a hurry.

Liu Guixia came up and hit Xue Wufu's arm. "You d\*mned child! D\*mn child! Didn't you promise us that you won't go to the mountains to learn how to hunt? Didn't you say that your stomach hurt? Ah!"

#### "My baby!"

Seeing Li Hehua striding towards her and picking her up like a loving mother who cherished her, Jiang Yue's small body immediately tensed up as if she was facing a great enemy. It was fine to be held, but she was really not used to being held this way and felt quite repulsed.

She actually didn't hate Li Hehua, but rather liked her sister-in-law. However, at times like this, she couldn't control herself and was extremely uncomfortable.

Perhaps it was because the apocalypse was full of danger and she could die at any time, she didn't like to leave the ground. Only when her feet were firmly on the ground could she feel that she was still alive.

Jiang Yue's entire body was tense, and her hand was clenched. Xue Yan was holding her hand, so he immediately noticed it.

At first, he wanted to quietly move in front of her to block his sister-in-law, but when he thought of how ruthless she was when she killed the blind bear, he didn't do anything. It was just like how she was always in danger in her previous life. She was so calm and composed, and now she was like this again... He felt that she was not rejecting something, but was just showing that she was insecure about something.

It seemed like a form of self-protection.

With this thought in mind, Xue Yan didn't move to block her, but lowered his voice and comforted her, "Don't worry, she won't hurt you," he added after a pause.

Jiang Yue immediately looked at Xue Yan in surprise.

Her heart trembled. This person actually went straight to the point.

Rather than saying that she was repulsed by being hugged, it was more like she was afraid that she would get hurt if she got too close.

How did he know that she was actually trying to protect herself?

### **Chapter 43: Overprotective**

During the apocalypse, not only did humans evolve, but zombies evolved as well. They looked no different from normal people, but when they were the closest to you, they would mercilessly attack, taking your life and turning you into a zombie.

She had more than one good friend who eventually became an evolved zombie and disguised themselves as her side, always at the closest place to her, trying to take her life at any given chance.

In the last few years of the apocalypse, she had kept a certain distance from almost everyone.

The others were the same.

Xue Yan just smiled at her.

Seeing him smile at her, Jiang Yue's high-strung nerves miraculously relaxed a little.

At this time, Li Hehua also walked over and picked her up. "Jiang Yue, it's great that you're all fine. Do you know how worried I was?"

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Jiang Yue sat on Li Hehua's arm and felt that she was no longer as tense as the first time Li Hehua hugged her. Although she was still a little tense, she could relax a lot more now.

"I'm sorry. I've made you worry."

"It's fine, it's fine. You and Xue Yan were just worried about your brother. It's good that he's fine, it's good that he's fine. Come, let's go home."

Li Hehua was still holding Jiang Yue.

Jiang Yue knew that Li Hehua was going to carry her home, but she was afraid that Li Hehua would fall on the road, so she did not ask Li Hehua to put her down like the first time. She just turned her head and silently looked at Xue Yan who was behind Li Hehua.

Xue Yan was talking to Liu Guixia, so she could only see his side profile.

Although he still looked young, he was gentle and made people feel at ease.

They were all in the fields, and it didn't take long for them to return to the village.

The bear was also placed at the entrance of the courtyard.

Xue Dafu immediately asked Xue Yifu to borrow an ox cart, and the latter went to fetch it.

At this hour, the farmers were still working in the fields. There were very few people at home, but even so, when they heard that Xue Wufu had returned after beating a blind bear, they immediately rushed over to take a look.

They were all bending over, surrounding the big bear and looking at it with wide eyes.

Li Hehua had already put Jiang Yue down, and she was pushed to the side, just like Xue Yan.

The two of them just stood outside the crowd, not feeling awkward at all.

There were so many adults in front of them that their line of sight was blocked, but Jiang Yue did not want to look at anything. She turned slightly and wanted to sit at the side, but she saw Zhang Meili running over excitedly. Her eyes were like a straight line because of the smile on her big face.

No matter how she looked at it, she didn't seem like a good person.

Jiang Yue gestured to Xue Yan with her chin.

Only then did Xue Yan realize that his fourth aunt was here. Seeing her so happy caused a frown to appear.

It was not until Zhang Meili got closer that Jiang Yue could hear Zhang Meili running over excitedly and muttering, "I'm rich, I'm rich."

"Move aside, move aside, let me see, let me see. Blind bear, our family has beaten up a blind bear." Zhang Meili rudely pushed Xue Yan — who was standing in front of her — away and squeezed into the crowd.

Xue Yan was only seven years old and was already very thin. When he was pushed away by Zhang Meili, he staggered and almost fell.

Fortunately, Jiang Yue caught him in time.

Jiang Yue's eyes were cold as if she was about to do something.

Xue Yan shook his head to calm her down. Although they didn't know each other for long, she was extremely protective of her own people, judging from how she quietly dealt with Xue Zhuzi. It was obvious what she wanted to do.

The coldness in Jiang Yue's eyes disappeared instantly, and she sat at the side.

Xue Yan was relieved.

However, Jiang Yue had only taken two steps before she turned around and gave Zhang Meili a hard kick on the butt.

Xue Yan was speechless.

Jiang Yue continued to sit at the side as if she hadn't done it.

Zhang Meili cried out in pain and fell forward. At this time, the crowd heard her voice and knew that she was there. People didn't like her, and they knew that she liked to be unreasonable, shameless, and mean. If she didn't squeeze in to see, who knew what would happen? So, the crowd made way for her.

This time, Zhang Meili pounced directly on the bear. Fortunately, she didn't die. Her mouth was pressed against the bear's mouth, and their mouths met.

Everyone was stunned at first, but then they laughed.

They all burst out laughing.

"She's so desperate," Someone even said.

Xue Yan looked away. He really couldn't bear to witness that. Jiang Yue acted as if she didn't see anything.

Liu Guixia couldn't help but laugh. Then she realized that it was her husband's brother's wife. She quickly went to help Zhang Meili right after. "Meili, are you okay? What's wrong? Why... Why did you kiss a bear?

Liu Guixia was too embarrassed to say the last sentence. She was afraid that she would burst out laughing again if she said it.

"Nothing!" Zhang Meili spat three times as soon as she was helped up. She even wiped her mouth vigorously a few times before rubbing the place where she was kicked. She pointed at everyone and scolded loudly like a shrew, "Which one of you kicked my butt? Who was it? Come out! You d\*mn b\*stard! My man will teach you a lesson!"

Being pointed at and becoming a laughing stock, the person who came to see the blind bear was naturally unhappy.

"Zhang Meili, who are you scolding?"

"Stop talking nonsense, who kicked you?"

"You insisted on squeezing and fell, and now you're blaming us?"

At this moment, Xue Yifu had just returned with the ox cart he had borrowed. Everyone's attention, including Zhang Meili's, was once again focused on the bear.

Zhang Meili was no longer in the mood to pursue who had kicked her. She immediately put on a salivating face and said to Xue Dafu in an extremely flattering manner, "Wait a moment. I have already told Gouzi to call his father. When the time comes, Dagui will go with you."

The young lad was Xue Dagui and Zhang Meili's youngest son, Xue Gouzi.

"Why do you want Dagui to go?" Xue Dafu was puzzled.

"Wufu and Zhuzi fought the bear together. Of course, we have to let Zhuzi's father keep an eye on it. What if you sell it for a lot of money and say that you didn't sell it for that much and only gave us a little?" Zhang Meili said matter-of-factly.

"You're being shameless!" Yu Hongyan was the one cursing now.

Yu Hongyan had always experienced this shamelessness, and she had always been at odds with Zhang Meili. She was the first to start scolding. "Who told you that it was Wufu and Zhuzi who fought the bear together? It was our son who beat him up by himself! If he wasn't lucky, he would have been dead! This black bear belongs to our family. Where did you come from? Goto h\*II. It has nothing to do with your family!"

The onlookers even added in.

"You're too much. You came here without understanding the matter. Aren't you embarrassed?"

"Still staring? Do you think everyone is like you?"

"And you still call yourselves relatives."

Even Xue Erfu's men chimed in.

"It really was Wufu who beat it up. When we went over, there were only Wufu, Xue Yan, and Jiang Yue. Hunter Wu and the others were not there, let alone your Zhuzi."

# **Chapter 45: Sense of Shame**

"Wufu and Hunter Wu's followers split up in the mountains. Wufu fought this blind bear at the foot of the mountain when they were about to leave the mountain. No matter how you look at it, there's no need to share it with others."

"Why don't you think about it yourself? If this blind bear was really beaten up by Zhuzi and the others, would they not have come back together? Why would Zhuzi make Wufu bring the blind bear back alone?"

"Listen..."

Without waiting for them to finish, Zhang Meili's face turned ugly. She pointed at everyone's nose and said, "Fine, you guys are all working together to lie to me."

"What do you mean by I'm lying to you?" Xue Wufu was extremely angry. "Ask your son when he comes back. At that time, your son was afraid that he would have to split the loot with me. He said that if I left, they wouldn't share anything with me no matter what I worked for before that. Hunter Wu and the others who went with us also heard about it. When they come back, you can ask them and see if we're lying to you!"

"You're all lying to me! You're lying!" Zhang Meili shouted and screamed. She didn't want to accept the fact that the money she thought was going to be distributed was gone before she could get it.

She felt that even if she didn't win, she had to get some money today.

Seeing Zhang Meili like this, Xue Erfu also got angry. "If you can't clear things up with her, why bother with her?" Then, the young men who had greeted him said, "Come, give me a hand and lift the ox cart up."

Then, the bear was carried onto the ox cart and the young men set off.

"I'll treat you guys to a meal some other day." Xue Erfu laughed at them.

"No need. We're not your friends. However, if you really want to treat us to a meal, we don't mind..." The men laughed and left.

"Father, let's go to town." Xue Erfu said to Xue Dafu.

"Yes." Xue Dafu nodded. "Yifu, you go as well," he turned to Xue Yifu. The more the merrier.

"Okay!" Xue Yifu immediately agreed.

Seeing that Xue Dafu, Xue Yifu, and Xue Erfu were about to pull the ox cart away, Zhang Meili quickly grabbed onto it and stopped them. "My man isn't here yet, you're not allowed to leave!"

Xue Dafu's expression turned ugly. He had never been calculative with women, but this sister-in-law of his was really too much.

"Zhang Meili, do you have any shame?" The onlookers were also stunned.

Seeing Zhang Meili like this, Xue Yan knew that she wouldn't leave for a while and would stay firm with her choice. His fourth uncle, Xue Dagui, would also come later. Xue Yan wanted to go to town with his father, afraid that his father, big brother, and second brother would be too kind and sell the blind bear for a cheap price. He wanted to say a few words to his father and two brothers.

However, before he could go over, he saw Jiang Yue stand up expressionlessly and no longer sit at the side. She was obviously annoyed by Zhang Meili's shamelessness and he was afraid that she would hit her again. Everyone was watching and she looked different from before. He quickly went over and held her hand.

Jiang Yue narrowed her eyes dangerously.

Xue Yan didn't have time to comfort her, he just held her hand and quickly took his father, big brother, and second brother to the side, and whispered, "When I was studying in the town, I heard that no one in the town has been able to beat the blind bear for many years. This blind bear can be sold for at least eighty silver. If it's less than eighty silver, don't sell it."

#### **Chapter 46: Just Cry**

"Eighty silvers?!" Xue Dafu and the other two were shocked. They didn't expect it to sell for so much. The three of them rubbed their hands together in excitement.

"Remember, it can't be less than eighty silver. If it's below eighty silver, don't sell it." Xue Yan couldn't help but remind him again.

"Yes, we will." The three of them nodded.

"Then I'll get the ladies to hold her back. You guys go guickly."

The her he was referring to was Zhang Meili.

The three of them nodded.

Xue Yan whispered to her sister-in-law and mother. He was even holding Jiang Yue's hand when he spoke.

Jiang Yue only looked up at the sky in anger.

When Yu Hongyan heard this, not only did she want to stop Zhang Meili, but she also wanted to hit her with a broom. However, she was stopped by Liu Guixia.

Liu Guixia was worried about her being pregnant, and if her movements were too big, both the child and the person would be in trouble.

Liu Guixia and Li Hehua quickly stepped forward, each of them pulling Zhang Meili's hands off the ox cart. Then, another person pulled Zhang Meili's arm back, preventing her from touching the ox cart again. They let Xue Dafu and the others leave.

Zhang Meili couldn't hold on to the ox cart anymore. Seeing Xue Dafu and the others get on the ox cart and about to drive it away, she immediately became hysterical and shouted, "Murder! Murder! Xue Dafu's family has killed someone!"

The onlookers laughed and felt that Zhang Meili was a weirdo.

Seeing that the ox cart was about to leave with only his father, big brother, and second brother sitting on it, Xue Yan was still worried, so he quickly led Jiang Yue to the ox cart.

"Hurry, hurry up, and go up." Xue Yan urged her anxiously in a low voice, wanting her to get on the ox cart.

Jiang Yue was silent for a moment, but she still climbed up. Then, she looked at Xue Yan, waiting for an explanation. Xue Yan said in a volume that only she could hear, "Please, if my father and the others sell this blind bear for less than eighty silver, you must cry."

Jiang Yue was speechless.

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"Jiang Yue wants to go to town too. You should bring her along." Xue Yan shouted to his father.

Xue Dafu and the others turned around and realized that Jiang Yue had also gotten on the ox cart. However, she was sitting in the back, and there was only a small amount of space behind her. The three of them were afraid that Jiang Yue would fall off. "Jiang Yue, why are you sitting there? It's not safe at the back. Quick, come and sit in front. Come and sit in front."

After the ox cart had gone far away, Liu Guixia and Li Hehua finally let go of Zhang Meili.

Zhang Meili pounced on them, wanting to grab Liu Guixia and Li Hehua's faces, but she was pulled away by the crowd. Since they couldn't catch her, and the ox cart had left, Zhang Meili began to roll around on the ground.

"Just kill me! Just kill me!"

She caused a scene and even made a bogus accusation, saying that they had hit her.

Everyone was speechless.

Zhang Meili was still rolling on the ground. "I'll make it clear today. If you don't give my family a share of the money, I won't leave! Why did you hunt with my Zhuzi and not give any to my family!"

Everyone wanted to kick Zhang Meili in the face.

They had never seen such a shameless person.

"Do you not understand the human language?" Xue Wufu was furious. "I already said that it has nothing to do with your Zhuzi. Why should we share it with you?"

Xue Yan pulled over his eldest uncle's eldest grandson, Xue Dabao, who was the same age as him, seven years old.

He was old man Xue's youngest grandson and could be considered Xue Dabao's uncle.

"What's the matter?" Xue Dabao asked.

"Go and call your grandfather over." Xue Yan said in a low voice.

"Okay!" Xue Dabao immediately ran home to call him great-grandfather.

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#### **Chapter 47: Don't Get Mad**

Soon, Xue Dabao helped Xue Da with his walking stick. The old man's face was ashen, and his body was trembling with anger.

Seeing this, Xue Yan quickly went over to help him up, "Grandpa."

"What a good child." Xue Da patted him. "Your fourth aunt is a piece of trash. She's really a piece of trash." Then, he shouted at Zhang Meili, "Shame on you!"

Zhang Meili, who was still lying on the ground, trembled when she heard this. She tilted her head and looked at Xue Da timidly, "Father..."

Her man was not a good man, but he was extremely filial. As long as her father-in-law spoke, her man would definitely deal with her and make her suffer.

"Get lost!" Xue Da only said one word.

Zhang Meili immediately ran away, not daring to make a scene again.

The onlookers burst into laughter.

Xue Da tried his best to calm himself down before smiling at the crowd, "There is nothing more to see here. Disperse."

"Go back, all of you, go back." Liu Guixia also said.

As soon as the crowd dispersed, Xue Yan saw his fourth uncle, Xue Dagui, rushing back from the fields in high spirits. He was heading in the direction of his house, and behind him was ten-year-old Xue Gouzi.

Xue Gouzi was skinny and had a weak and timid appearance.

Xue Da saw it too, and his old face immediately turned green.

Xue Dagui's steps were light and quick, as if he had struck it rich. Who would have thought that before he reached his third brother's house, he would see his father instead of his wife? He roughly understood what was going on, so he turned around and planned to run.

"Get over here!" Xue Da's voice was like a loudspeaker.

Xue Dagui could only stop in his tracks and come over with a smile. "Father."

"Grandpa." Xue Gouzi also called out in a low voice.

"The blind bear was clearly beaten up by Wufu after they separated from Zhuzi and the others. It was him alone, but your wife insisted that Zhuzi also had a part in it and wanted to split the money... Tell me the truth!" Xue Da slammed his walking stick on the ground. "Was it you who gave in?"

"I'm in the wrong, father!" Xue Dagui immediately shouted. "I was called back by Gouzi. Gouzi told me that it was Meili who called me back. She said that Zhuzi and the others had beaten up the blind bear and asked me to come back to keep an eye on the blind bear seller. Father, you have to believe me!"

"So it was your wife."

"It must be, it must be." Xue Dagui nodded his head vigorously.

"Then you should discipline your wife properly. Don't always let others see you as a joke. Do you know how embarrassing it was for us when she caused a scene in front of so many people?"

"Father, did I anger you?" Xue Dagui immediately became nervous. He hurriedly came forward and patted his father's back, as if he was trying to soothe his father's breathing. "Father, don't worry. I'll take care of her when we get back. She's been too much lately. You're my father. How dare she make you suffer!"

Xue Da felt much better. No matter how bad his son was, he had one good thing, which was filial piety.

Xue Yan's expression was normal, but he was clear in her heart. Whether it was in his past life or now, the only redeeming thing about his fourth uncle was that he was especially good to his grandfather.

His grandfather also had this son in his heart. Thus, in his previous life, even if his fourth uncle always asked for something shamelessly, as long as it was not too out of line, he did not argue with him.

However, Zhang Meili, his fourth aunt, was different. There was also Xue Zhuzi's cousin. In his previous life, after his fourth uncle's accidental death, no one could suppress them anymore. They didn't care about the family at all. In the end, they were even bribed by someone and framed him for cheating in the exam. He was locked up in prison, and his grandfather died of anger.

### Chapter 48: Don't You Think So?

When the matter was cleared up and he was released from prison, his grandfather had already been buried for some time, but he did not even get to see his grandfather for the last time.

He would never forgive the two of them.

"Father." Xue Dagui observed his father's expression. Seeing that his father didn't seem angry anymore and was even smiling, he put on a straight face and said, "That Wufu's blind bear can definitely be sold for a lot of money. I'm different from my wife, I don't want to split it. Honestly, I'm just thinking that since a biological brother, shouldn't he give me a few pieces of silver to help me? Don't you think so?"

Liu Guixia, Yu Hongyan, Xue Wufu, and Li Hehua's faces immediately turned ugly.

Xue Yan's expression remained the same. This was his fourth uncle, and his fourth uncle was like this. If he didn't act like this, he wouldn't be his fourth uncle.

"How dare you!" Xue Da was furious. He picked up his cane and began to hit Xue Dagui. "You're like this every time! I don't know what sin I've committed to have given birth to such a thing like you!"

"Father, father, I was wrong, I was wrong." Xue Dagui didn't run even after being hit, afraid that he would sprain something. He just stood in front of his father and kept dodging. Yet, the cane hit him every time. "Don't hit me anymore, don't hit me anymore. It hurts so much, father."

If he had run away and chased after him, Xue Da would definitely have been furious. With Xue Dagui like this, Xue Da couldn't beat him up anymore even after a few hits.

His son was filial to him and treated him especially well.

"That's enough," Xue Da snapped as he retracted his walking stick, "Get lost!"

"Yes, yes, yes, I'll get lost, I'll get lost. Don't hate me, please!" With that, Xue Dagui ran off.

Xue Gouzi saw that his father had left and wanted to leave as well. He whispered, "Grandpa, I'll be leaving too."

"Go on." Xue Da was still very kind to his grandson.

Xue Gouzi took two steps and turned back. He lowered his head and said to Liu Guixia guiltily, "I'm sorry. My parents..."

As he said this, his throat choked and his eyes turned red.

"It's okay," Liu Guixia quickly comforted her. "What does it have to do with you? Don't feel bad, go back quickly, or your mother will scold you."

"This has nothing to do with you. You should go back now." Yu Hongyan and the rest also tried to comfort him.

Even Xue Yan said, "Yeah, get going."

In his previous life, Xue Gouzi lived well in that family. In the end, he died because he didn't want to help the treacherous official harm the Regent King.

"Quickly go back." Xue Da sighed.

Xue Gouzi then walked away slowly. He even lowered his head.

Xue Da was helped into the house and sat for a while before he left.

Xue Yan went to pick some wild tendon grass, crushed it, and applied it on his fifth brother's left ankle. Even though his father and the others had gone to town to sell bears, he had nothing to worry about with Jiang Yue around.

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Jiang Yue sat on the ox cart and spent more than an hour before she arrived at the town with Xue Dafu and the others.

It was already noon when they arrived in town.

Because they were in a hurry to sell the blind bear, they didn't waste any time and went straight to the market. There was a place in the market that was dedicated to collecting the prey caught by hunters.

For example, restaurants and rich families would usually come here to collect these things if they needed them.

# **Chapter 49: Upside Down**

There were also hunters who directly sent their prey to restaurants or the homes of large families. They were all very familiar with the owners and would not give them a greedy price.

Xue Dafu and the others didn't have these connections. Although Xue Sifu was a waiter at a restaurant, he was only a waiter and not the manager. He couldn't make the decision and it was useless even if he went. He might even offend the manager because he wouldn't want to sell it at a low price, which would make Xue Sifu lose his job in the restaurant. That was why Xue Dafu and the others had driven the ox cart straight to the market.

Along the way, the black bear on the ox cart became extremely eye-catching.

When the ox cart entered the market, before Xue Dafu and the others could drive the ox cart to the place where they could sell their prey, many of them came over to ask about this blind bear.

Xue Dafu and the others had already alighted from the ox cart when they entered the town. Only Jiang Yue was still sitting on the ox cart.

Jiang Yue wanted to get off the carriage and take a walk since she had been sitting there for so long. It was quite uncomfortable, but Xue Dafu and the others were afraid that she would get lost, so they insisted on placing her on the ox cart.

Jiang Yue looked at Xue Dafu and the others patiently answering the questions of those who were curious about the bear. When she heard Xue Dafu and the others say that the bear would not be sold for less than eighty silver, she looked up at the sky.

As expected, he was an honest person.

Which seller would directly state the lowest price in their heart?

Even though she had not sold the bear yet, she had already experienced why Xue Yan was worried and even asked her to come along.

"Eighty silver?"

The people who asked for the price looked at each other.

The people who came here to collect prey often met each other and had dealt with each other more than once. Many of them were familiar with each other. With one look, everyone immediately decided to lower the price in their heart. After they lowered the price and bought it, they would discuss whether they would split it into pieces or not.

Jiang Yue's face was expressionless, but she saw through all these people's little schemes.

"It's too expensive!" Someone immediately shouted. "Are you made of gold, you blind bear? That's too expensive!"

"Yes, yes."

A few people agreed.

It was as if they were condemning them.

Even though Xue Erfu was a farmer and had not seen much of the world, he had always been ostentatious in the village and did not like to hide anything. Seeing everyone's attitude, he was immediately a little unhappy.

However, Xue Dafu and Xue Yifu were the most honest of the two. Although they had been to the town many times, they had never interacted with the townspeople. Now that things had turned out this way, the two of them were flustered and quickly explained themselves.

Xue Dafu said anxiously, "My youngest son said that this bear has been causing trouble in this town for a long time. This black bear must be sold for at least eighty silver. He won't let us sell it for anything lower than eighty silver."

Jiang Yue facepalmed. In an instant, he had turned the whole thing inside out. She was a little impressed by Xue Yan's foresight.

"Yes, yes." Seeing that his father had said everything he wanted to say, Xue Yifu, who was clumsy with his words and honest-looking, was at a loss for words, so he could only agree.

What he usually did the most was to smile and go along with his family.

Upon hearing this, a man with a big mole on his face and a strand of hair on his mole shouted, "Who is your youngest son? If he says it's at least eighty silver, then it's eighty silver. In my opinion, it's only worth ten silver at most."

"Yes, yes, yes. Ten silver. I can't go any higher."

The others agreed.

Xue Dafu was very anxious, but he was still patient. "My youngest son is called Xue Yan. He used to study in this town."

However, who among the people present really cared about who his youngest son was?

Immediately, someone tried to be kind and tried to talk to Xue Dafu. "Buddy, seeing that you are being so honest, we can't cheat you. It's really only ten silver at most. Last time, someone sold me an especially big deer and I only gave two silver. Besides, you said that your youngest son had studied in this town before. He's a scholar, so how could he really know the price of these prey?"

"This..." Xue Dafu was a little shaken.

Xue Yifu's heart began to beat rapidly.

"I'm sorry, but Xue Yan said that we won't sell it to you for anything below eighty silver. If you're only willing to pay ten silver, we can't sell it to you."

To Xue Erfu, Xue Yan knew what he was doing. He had been a sensible boy since he was young and never spoke nonsense. Since he said that the bear was worth at least eighty silver, it must be worth eighty silver.

These people were all strangers to him. Naturally, he would believe his brother and not these people who said that it was worth ten silver at most.

Seeing Xue Erfu like this, Jiang Yue felt that Xue Erfu would suffer less than Xue Dafu and Xue Yifu.

Xue Dafu and Xue Yifu were too easily influenced by others.

"Alright, if you don't want to sell it, then so be it." Those people looked at each other and thought that since they were the only ones who bought this, the blind bear would definitely fall into their hands at a low price of ten silver. They were not in a hurry and immediately dispersed with uncaring expressions.

This was also a strategy they had collectively agreed on. If no one wanted to buy it, the three farmers would be anxious.

They just had to wait. These three farmers had just arrived, so they were still dreaming about the eighty silver.

Those who came here to sell their prey had all been skinned by them.

Jiang Yue noticed their little actions, but she remained silent.

She was just a three-and-a-half-year-old girl now. At most, some people would think that she was too gullible and would not take a second look. No one would take her seriously. Naturally, they did not know that she had already seen through their tricks.

In fact, this was the simplest trick in the book. She can see through any tricks! There were some things that she only needed to look to understand.

On the other hand, Xue Dafu and Xue Yifu had been slightly affected, but with Xue Erfu's words, it was as if they had temporarily found their pillar of support, and they didn't stop the people who had left.

"Let's wait a little longer, we just got here." Xue Dafu laughed. Perhaps he would meet someone who was willing to pay eighty silver later.

The three of them stopped the ox cart at the side.

At this moment, Jiang Yue was finally able to get off the ox cart.

"You must be hungry." Xue Dafu received a bamboo basket from Xue Yifu. The basket was covered with a piece of brown cloth, and under the cloth were eight pieces of leftover cornbread.

When Li Hehua found out that Xue Dafu and the others were going to town to sell the blind bear, she entered the courtyard the moment she put Jiang Yue down and packed the cornbread. When Xue Yifu borrowed the ox cart, she quickly placed the bamboo basket on the ox cart so that Xue Dafu and the others could bring it to town to eat.

Although Li Hehua couldn't physically help much because she was pregnant, she was extremely meticulous and thoughtful in her daily life.

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Xue Dafu and the others didn't start eating the cornbread immediately. Instead, Xue Dafu took out two coins from his gray wallet and handed them to Xue Yifu. "It's rare to come to town. Yifu, go buy two meat buns for Jiang Yue. I saw a bun seller on the road we just came from in that direction."

"Okay!" Xue Yifu wanted to go after receiving the money.

"I'd like to eat some cornbread too," Jiang Yue said.

"There's only a few pieces of cornbread here. You don't want us three men to be hungry, right? Be good, Jiang Yue, eat the meat bun." Xue Dafu coaxed her.

Even though there were eight pieces of cornbread, they weren't big. Jiang Yue knew that Xue Dafu and the others wouldn't be full even if they had two or three each. People who worked all year round had large appetites, but she knew that Xue Dafu bore with it because he was worried for her. Not like eating one extra cornbread would keep them full anyway.

Every penny of the farmers' money was hard-earned. Even then, they would be reluctant to spend money on themselves. They would rather starve. They probably would not have spent a single cent if she had not come.

Jiang Yue didn't like the fact that her family ate poorly, but she ate well. She hoped that everyone would have the same food. However, in this situation, if she insisted on giving them one of her cornbread, they would not be able to eat their fill either way. It would be better if she didn't eat any meat buns and used the two coins to buy four buns.

The meat buns were one coin each, but the steamed buns were two each. If there were four steamed buns, one steamed bun would be enough for her. She could give the rest to Xue Dafu and the others so that they could fill their stomachs.

Besides, they would have money after selling the blind bear... With that thought in mind, Jiang Yue did not stop Xue Yifu and even followed him.

Xue Dafu and Xue Erfu didn't think much of it.

Xue Yifu brought Jiang Yue to a roadside shop selling buns and smiled at the owner. "What can I do for ya today."

Before Xue Yifu could speak, Jiang Yue interjected, "Do you have steamed buns?"

The boss immediately smiled. "Yes, there is. Eh, your baby girl is so cute. How many do you want?"

"Jiang Yue, it's not..." Xue Yifu was in a hurry to say something.

However, Jiang Yue had already spoken, "Four."

"Alright," he said. The boss opened the steamer and took out four steamed buns. Jiang Yue held it in her tiny hands.

"Two coins." The boss smiled at Xue Yifu.

Jiang Yue's eyes — which were hopeful — looked at Xue Yifu to pay.

When Jiang Yue and Xue Yifu returned and saw Xue Yifu with his head lowered as if he had done something wrong, Xue Dafu and Xue Erfu didn't understand what was going on.

However, when they saw Jiang Yue slowly opening the package with her two small hands, revealing the four white and chubby buns inside, and then giving them one each, their hearts almost melted.

Xue Dafu's eyes reddened, and he felt a little sad, but he still smiled and said, "Jiang Yue, how did you grow up to be this good?"

"You all need to eat." Jiang Yue didn't know how to stir up emotions, she only knew to let them eat.

"Okay, okay, okay, we'll eat too, we'll eat too." Even though Xue Dafu and the others said so, they were still eating the hard cornbread.

Jiang Yue looked at them with hurt.

Xue Dafu and the others laughed, "We'll eat this first before eating this. You should eat quickly too. Is one bun enough for you? Do you want more?"

"This is enough for me," Jiang Yue said.

However, she knew that Xue Dafu and the others would not eat it in the end. They were just coaxing her to finish her fill first.

She had underestimated the determination of Xue Dafu and the others on this matter.

Jiang Yue took a bite of the bun. It was soft and much more delicious than cornbread, but she still felt a bitter aftertaste.