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Chapter 31: The Dust Settles

Everyone was stunned, but Xia Ruofei did not stop. He walked forward and grabbed Zheng Xiaodong's collar. He slapped him twice again and said.

"The first one was for Hu Zi. The other two were for Auntie and Qiao'er!"

"You... you... are too arrogant... too arrogant!" Zheng Xiaodong was in pain and angry as he trembled.

Xia Ruofei looked at Zheng Xiaodong disdainfully and said.

"I'm arrogant? Deputy Chief Zheng was so impressive just now! He even wanted to kill a weak woman on the spot! I've said many times that they're from the family of martyrs and are victims. They have nothing to do with what happened today. What did you do? Huh?"

Niu Tao originally wanted to stop Xia Ruofei. After all, it was still inappropriate to hit Zheng Xiaodong in front of the leaders of Three Mountain City. Even if Zheng Xiaodong's political career was probably over, he was still a civil servant.

However, when he heard Xia Ruofei mention the word "family of martyrs," his expression immediately turned serious. He strode over to Hu Zi's mother and Lin Qiao and asked.

"Are you the family of Comrade Lin Hu?"

Hu Zi's mother nodded. Niu Tao immediately saluted them both and said.

"Hello, Auntie! I'm sorry, we didn't do our job well and made you suffer..."

"No, no, it's okay..." Hu Zi's mother quickly waved her hand and said.

Niu Tao was in his thirties and was almost forty years old. Furthermore, he was a lieutenant colonel. She really felt a little at a loss as to what to do when he directly called her Auntie.

Niu Tao said with a smile.

"Auntie, although I've never worked with Comrade Lin Hu before, Hu Zi's unit is my old unit. We're all brothers and sisters in the unit. Now that Hu Zi is gone, we're your family! I'm working in Three Mountain City now. If your family has any difficulties in the future, feel free to look for me!"

"Okay, okay... thank you..." Hu Zi's mother said with red-rimmed eyes.

Lin Qiao also thanked Niu Tao obediently.

After exchanging pleasantries with Hu Zi's mother, Niu Tao walked up to Xia Ruofei and asked.

"Ruofei, who else insulted the martyrs?"

Xia Ruofei's gaze swept across the uneasy Li Zhengyi, and a cold smile appeared on his lips. He pointed at him and said.

"And this Deputy Director Li. He was the one who arrested Auntie and Qiao'er!"

Niu Tao's eyes turned cold. He turned to Tian Huilan and said.

"Mayor Tian, I'm sorry. I'll reflect on today's matter and report to the military chief when I get back."

"Director Niu, what... do you mean?" Tian Huilan asked with a slight frown.

Just now, Xia Ruofei had directly taught Zheng Xiaodong a lesson, which had already made Tian Huilan a little unhappy. She was a member of the system, and what she paid the most attention to were rules. And Xia Ruofei's rash behavior just now made her very unhappy.

Even though she knew that Xia Ruofei had been wronged that day and even if Secretary Lin from the Provincial Committee personally paid attention to him, it still could not change Tian Huilan's opinion of Xia Ruofei.

Now that Niu Tao was obviously going to "make trouble", Tian Huilan felt a little aggrieved as someone who was supposed to settle the matter.

Niu Tao smiled and did not answer Tian Huilan. Instead, he strode towards Li Zhengyi.

Li Zhengyi was also holding a gun in his hand—he was the most proactive when Zheng Xiaodong commanded the attack just now.

Now that he saw Niu Tao striding towards him, he retreated in fear and said.

"What ... what do you want?"

Niu Tao came forward and grabbed Li Zhengyi's wrist, neatly removing his gun.

Seeing this, Xia Ruofei grinned and said.

"Fire Wolf, not bad! You didn't fall behind in your skills!"

Niu Tao ignored Xia Ruofei's nonsense and directly kneed Li Zhengyi in the stomach. Li Zhengyi immediately held his stomach and squatted down in pain. Niu Tao followed up with a heavy elbow strike, and Li Zhengyi immediately fell to the ground.

Niu Tao stepped forward and stepped on Li Zhengyi's face. He said coldly.

"How dare a coward like you insult a martyr? Compared to Hu Zi, you're not even a piece of shit! If I hear you being rude again, I'll shoot you!"

Tian Huilan watched from the side and could not help but frown, feeling increasingly unhappy.

At this moment, Wu Liqian whispered in Tian Huilan's ear.

Tian Huilan asked in surprise.

"Are you sure?"

"Mayor, I've seen the surveillance videos. I'm sure there's no mistake. And he did take the bus to Changping County today..." Wu Liqian quickly said.

Tian Huilan couldn't help but look at Xia Ruofei a few more times before nodding.

"I understand. Little Wu, it's been hard on you..."

After Niu Tao taught Li Zhengyi a lesson, his anger was finally vented. Then, he walked to Tian Huilan and said.

"Mayor Tian, I'm really sorry. I couldn't control my emotions. I'll take the initiative to report this to the military chief. The organization will deal with me as it should. I definitely won't complain."

Tian Huilan looked thoughtfully at Xia Ruofei who was not far away before saying.

"Director Niu, I didn't see anything just now. Director Chen, Commissar Wu, what about you?"

Chen Bo and Wu Huai smiled wryly and agreed. Even the mayor had said so, what else could they say?

Niu Tao was also quite surprised. He did not expect this female mayor, who was known for being strict, to let them go so easily. He was prepared to be punished.

Tian Huilan nodded and walked over to Xia Ruofei. Her expression became friendly as she asked.

"Little Xia, please tell us in detail what happened today. Our comrades from the army are also here. We will definitely uphold justice for you."

Originally, Tian Huilan had some displeasure regarding Xia Ruofei's rashness, but now that she knew that this young man was her father's savior, that little bit of unhappiness had long flown out of her mind.

Xia Ruofei nodded and said.

"Dear leaders, I've really troubled everyone today. Here's what happened..."

Xia Ruofei told them everything that had happened after he arrived at Little Island Village.

Tian Huilan listened attentively, and her expression grew uglier.

Under her rule, the deputy director of the police station had actually colluded with local hooligans and tyrants to run rampant in the countryside. The deputy director of the Public Security Bureau did not distinguish between right and wrong and enforced the law violently. No leader would be happy after knowing this.

Especially after hearing Xia Ruofei say that Li Zhengyi and Zheng Xiaodong had insulted the martyrs and their families, Tian Huilan was even more furious. She even lost her usual composure and directly showed her anger on her face.

Because in fact, Tian Huilan was also a family of the martyr.

Her husband had been a police officer. The year her daughter had been born, her husband had been killed in the pursuit of a fugitive. All these years, Tian Huilan had not started a family again. She knew how difficult it was for a family without a pillar. And to this day, she missed her husband deeply.

Now that she heard Li Zhengyi, who was also a police officer, say such insulting words, how could Tian Huilan endure her anger?

She said angrily.

"This is simply nonsense! Chief Chen, we have to investigate this matter thoroughly! Also, the village hooligans from Little Island Village are so rampant. You have to establish a special task force to deal with them severely!

"In addition, I think it's necessary for your Public Security Bureau to conduct an in-depth reorganization. Those who have problems should be removed from their positions, those who should leave should go, and those who have problems should be transferred to the judiciary immediately!"

"Yes!" Chen Bo replied immediately.

Zheng Xiaodong, Li Zhengyi, and the others' faces were pale and their hearts were dead. None of them were free from these involvements. Now that such a thing had happened, they would definitely be severely punished by the law.

After swiftly arranging the work, Tian Huilan turned to Xia Ruofei and the others. Before she could speak, Xia Ruofei suddenly called out.

"Zhong Qiang! Where are you going?"

With that, he strode over and grabbed Zhong Qiang, who was about to slip away.

Xia Ruofei carried Zhong Qiang back to the yard of the police station like he was carrying a chicken. He threw him on the ground and said.

"Chief Chen, this is Zhong Qiang, the bully from Little Island Village. He's also Li Zhengyi's nephew. When Li Zhengyi captured us just now, Zhong Qiang was sitting in a police car!"

When Chen Bo heard this, he no longer hesitated. He immediately waved his hand and instructed the Changping County Police Force to capture Zhong Qiang.

Although these police officers had followed Zheng Xiaodong here, Chen Bo was the head of the city bureau, so they naturally had to obey his orders.

Tian Huilan then said.

"Comrade Xia Ruofei and two ladies, it's our fault that the Public Security Bureau did not manage the internal department strictly. A black sheep has appeared and made you suffer. On behalf of the Three Mountains City Council, I apologize to you!"

"Mayor, please don't say that. If you hadn't arrived in time, Ruofei and we wouldn't know what to do…" Hu Zi's mother said quickly.

Although the middle-aged woman had suffered, she harbored no resentment.

"I heard that your family is in a very difficult financial situation? This is because I didn't do my job as the mayor well! You're the family of a martyr, so you should receive the government's care and help," Tian Huilan said guiltily. Then, she asked in confusion, "By the way, our city has always had a comprehensive financial support scheme. There's a monthly allowance for the families of martyrs. You..."

Hu Zi's mother said in a startled voice.

"Mayor Tian, I didn't receive any subsidies... After Hu Zi died, the leaders of the army only sent a pension... There hasn't been any since."

Xia Ruofei pursed his lips and said.

"Auntie! It must be the village police who are secretly embezzling money! Isn't Zhong Qiang's father the village director? He's definitely not a good person!"

Tian Huilan said angrily when she heard this.

"Investigate! We must investigate thoroughly! They even dare to embezzle the money for the families of the martyrs. They're simply crazy!"

Tian Huilan's words also decided that the Zhong family, which had dominated Little Island Village for many years, was about to face a calamity.

The storm was over.

Chen Bo, the director of the City Public Security Bureau, stayed behind to clean up the mess while Tian Huilan and the others prepared to return to Three Mountain City. After learning that Xia Ruofei and the other two were also returning to Three Mountain City, they naturally invited them to go with them.

Niu Tao was prepared to let Xia Ruofei and the others take his car. They could also reminisce about the troop on the way.

But before he could speak, Tian Huilan said.

"Little Xia, come with me to the car! I have something to ask you..."

"Uh..." Xia Ruofei was a little stunned, but he immediately replied, "Okay..."

He was indeed a little confused. He didn't know why Tian Huilan was looking for him, but since the mayor had already asked, he naturally couldn't refuse.

Niu Tao was also a smart person. Seeing this, he quickly said.

"Auntie, Lin Qiao, take my car! My SUV is spacious..."

Thus, the group separately got into the cars and left.

As soon as the car drove out of the gate of Linhai Police Station, Tian Huilan said.

"Thank you, Little Xia!"

"Huh?" Xia Ruofei was even more confused. "Mayor Tian, why are you thanking me for no reason? I should be the one thanking you..."

Strictly speaking, he had caused quite a bit of trouble for Tian Huilan that day. Even if he had the right reasons, there was no need for Tian Huilan to thank him!

Tian Huilan turned to look at Xia Ruofei with a grateful expression.

'Did you save an old man with a sudden heart attack this morning at South Station?'

"I did." Xia Ruofei was surprised, but he nodded. "How did you know?"

Tian Huilan smiled and said.

"That old man is my father."

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"Really?" Xia Ruofei was also very surprised. This was really a coincidence!

Xia Ruofei then asked with concern, "Mayor Tian, how is Professor Tian now?"

Tian Huilan said.

"There's nothing serious anymore. The doctor said that it's all thanks to the timely treatment. Otherwise, he might not have made it to the hospital. So, Little Xia, our entire family has to thank you!"

Xia Ruofei said humbly.

"It's nothing. I just happened to be there. Anyone in that situation would have helped."

Seeing that Xia Ruofei was still neither servile nor overbearing, and that he did not take credit for being her father's savior, Tian Huilan's impression of him improved.

Tian Huilan said.

"Little Xia, you can't say that. I heard that my father was in a very dangerous condition when his illness acted up. It was you who gave him medicine to

stabilize his condition. At that time, you didn't even leave your name. My father kept reminding me to find you and thank you!"

Xia Ruofei smiled faintly and said.

"Mayor Tian, it's really nothing. I just happened to have some Chinese medicine that I concocted myself. It has a certain effect on myocardial infarction. At that time, the situation was urgent, so I took the initiative to give Professor Tian some. Fortunately, the effect was good."

"You know how to concoct Chinese medicine yourself?" Tian Huilan asked in surprise.

"I used to work with an old Chinese doctor before I joined the army," Xia Ruofei said.

"How impressive!" Tian Huilan praised. Then, she said, "Little Xia, after my father is discharged in a few days, our entire family wants to treat you to a meal to express our gratitude."

Xia Ruofei hurriedly waved his hand.

"No, no, it's fine. It's really nothing. You don't have to be so kind."

Tian Huilan smiled and said.

"It's just a helping hand for you, but it's a life-saving favor for us! Besides, my father gave me an order. If I can't invite you, I won't be able to explain myself when I go back..."

At this point, Xia Ruofei could only say helplessly.

"All right, then..."

Tian Huilan said with satisfaction.

"I'll get my secretary, Little Wu, to pick you up then!"

Then, Tian Huilan looked thoughtfully at Xia Ruofei, who was dressed simply, and said.

"Little Xia, you've just retired from the military, so you probably don't have a job yet, right? Also, are you facing any difficulties in life? If you need help, feel

free to ask. As long as it doesn't violate the rules of the organization, I'll do it for you!"

Tian Huilan wanted to return the favor.

When Xia Ruofei saved Professor Tian, he had never thought of a repayment, so he subconsciously wanted to reject Tian Huilan's kindness. However, at this moment, a thought flashed through his mind, and he swallowed his words.

He thought for a moment, then said.

"Mayor Tian, if it's possible, I really have something to trouble you with..."

"Go ahead." Tian Huilan smiled.

It was good that Xia Ruofei had something to ask of her. The mayor did not want to owe him a huge favor.

Xia Ruofei said.

"Mayor Tian, I'd like you to help me contact a good high school in Three Mountains City. I want to arrange for a friend to transfer here."

Tian Huilan thought that Xia Ruofei would ask for a job or something, but she was surprised that he made such a request.

Tian Huilan asked curiously.

"May I know who this friend of yours is?"

Xia Ruofei smiled and said.

"Of course. Actually, you've seen her just now. She's Lin Qiao. She's the sister of my comrade-in-arms, Lin Hu. She'll be taking the college entrance examination next semester. Some time ago, she even dropped out of school to take care of her sick mother..."

"I think it would be good for her to continue studying at a reputable high school in the city. Moreover, Auntie will be recuperating in Three Mountains City during this period of time. It will also be convenient for Lin Qiao and her daughter to live together when she goes to school in the city."

Xia Ruofei paused, then said.

"Mayor Tian, I personally have no difficulties that I can't overcome. I hope you can help me with this matter. Of course, if it makes things difficult for you, then forget it..."

Xia Ruofei's meaning was very clear. If Tian Huilan helped solve the problem of Lin Qiao's school transfer, then this favor would be repaid.

Tian Huilan had been in the bureaucracy for so many years, how could she not tell?

But because of this, she admired Xia Ruofei even more.

If it were someone else, they would definitely want to build a relationship with the mayor or at least gain some benefits for themselves. In fact, with Tian Huilan's current status, it was easy for her to help Xia Ruofei get a job as a civil servant. After all, Xia Ruofei was a retired soldier and a city resident. According to the organization's policy, he could be assigned to a job position.

However, Xia Ruofei's attitude had always been neither servile nor overbearing. The only thing he asked for was actually for the sister of his comrade.

Tian Huilan looked at Xia Ruofei approvingly and said.

"Alright, I'll help!"

After saying that, she immediately instructed her secretary, Wu Liqian, who was sitting in the front passenger seat.

"Little Wu, as soon as you go to work tomorrow, settle this matter and get Bureau Chief Liu from the Education Bureau to personally handle it! First, find out which high school is the best for the third year of high school. Then, directly settle the transfer procedures!"

"Yes, Mayor Tian," Wu Ligian said immediately.

Xia Ruofei was overjoyed and hurriedly said.

"Thank you so much, Mayor Tian!"

Tian Huilan waved her hand and said with a faint smile.

"This is just a small matter. It's really nothing compared to your life-saving grace... By the way, Little Xia, which aspect of the job are you more interested in? I can arrange for you to work in the corresponding department. The local authorities will still be very welcome to you outstanding soldiers."

Tian Huilan also admired Xia Ruofei's character, so she planned to help him.

Unexpectedly, Xia Ruofei only smiled faintly and said.

"I appreciate Mayor Tian's kindness, but I might be planning to start my own business and don't want to work in a government organization anymore."

"I see..." Tian Huilan was slightly disappointed, but she quickly smiled and said, "That's not bad. Young people are driven. It's good to start your own business."

As they spoke, the car had already driven into Three Mountains City.

After learning that Xia Ruofei was preparing to find a hotel to settle Hu Zi's mother and Lin Qiao, Tian Huilan immediately instructed the driver to go straight to the city government's guest house. She also asked her secretary, Wu Liqian, to call and arrange a suite.

Tian Huilan and Niu Tao's car arrived at the city government guest house one after another. Tian Huilan specially arranged for Wu Liqian to stay behind before getting into the car and leaving. Secretary Lin of the Provincial Party Committee was still waiting to hear her report on the process of handling that day's matter!

Niu Tao originally wanted to have a good chat with Xia Ruofei about the troops, but that day was obviously not the right time, so after taking down Xia Ruofei's phone number, he also got into the car and left the city government guest house.

With the mayor making the arrangements personally, the government guesthouse naturally had the room ready.

Wu Liqian asked the guest house to prepare a fruit platter and dinner before politely leaving.

Before leaving, Wu Liqian expressed that she had already informed the staff. They could stay there for as many days as they wanted. Xia Ruofei also smiled and expressed his gratitude.

Of course, he would not let the two of them stay in the government guest house forever. After Lin Qiao's school was finalized the next day, he planned to rent a house near the school for the mother and daughter to settle down. That would be the case for the next six months. Everything could be discussed after Lin Qiao's college entrance examination.

Dinner was sent directly to the room. Xia Ruofei ate with Hu Zi's mother and Lin Qiao. During the meal, Xia Ruofei talked about the school transfer to the city. When Lin Qiao heard that she could go to school and take care of her mother, she agreed without much hesitation.

After chatting with the mother and daughter for a while, Xia Ruofei bade farewell and left the city government guest house.

He walked back through the night to his rental apartment in the shanty town.

Hu Zi's mother's illness would soon be cured, and Xia Ruofei felt a huge weight lifted off his shoulders. Now, all his thoughts were on the succulents. When he returned home, he carefully locked the door, then took out the spiritual map that he had hidden close to his body and entered the space with the DSLR camera.

Xia Ruofei was prepared to take photos of the succulent seedlings overnight, then display them up on his online store to sell and officially start his money-making plan.

Chapter 33: Qingxue's Visit

The neatly arranged succulent seedlings in the spiritual space were growing well. Xia Ruofei started to get busy with the brand new DSLR camera.

He picked the best-looking pot for each type of succulent and started taking photos from multiple angles.

During the filming, Xia Ruofei used plastic to cover it up to a certain extent. This way, it would look like the photos were taken in a large shed and there was no danger of revealing the secret of the Spiritual Map Space.

After taking the photos, Xia Ruofei left the Spiritual Map Space and returned to his room.

He imported more than a hundred photos into the computer and then carefully checked them one by one, making sure that he did not inadvertently capture the background in the spiritual space.

The next step was to put the merchandise online.

This was very tedious work. The price had to be marked, the description for these succulents had to be filled in, and the photos had to be sorted and uploaded. Of course, it was best to edit the photos, but Xia Ruofei was not familiar with PS software, so he could only keep everything simple.

Even so, it was already past two in the morning when Xia Ruofei, the novice shopkeeper, finished listing all the succulents online.

Xia Ruofei could not help but smile in satisfaction when he saw that the webpage of the online store he had created was no longer empty. Instead, there were more than a dozen items on it.

Although the shop still looked very simple and there were only a dozen pots of succulents in each pot, Xia Ruofei was still filled with a sense of accomplishment.

In terms of pricing, since these were all very rare succulents, and Xia Ruofei did not intend to rely on quantity to win, he wanted to take the high-quality route, so the price was set at 888 yuan per pot. The relatively slow-growing Blooming Cages and White-skinned Moon Realm seedlings were directly priced at 1,000 yuan.

It was already past two in the morning, so it was naturally impossible for anyone to visit the online store. Hence, Xia Ruofei prepared to rest after browsing for a while.

After washing up, Xia Ruofei fell asleep.

He had been busy so late that day that his body was already exhausted. Soon, Xia Ruofei fell asleep.

He slept soundly and did not even dream for the entire night. It was past ten in the morning when Xia Ruofei was woken up by the sound of his phone ringing.

Xia Ruofei rubbed his eyes in a daze and reached for the phone on the bedside table to look at the caller ID.

"Qingxue, disturbing someone's sleep is very immoral..." Xia Ruofei picked up the phone with a bitter smile.

It was Ling Qingxue.

These days, she would call Xia Ruofei when she had nothing to do and talk about her work and life. Previously, although Xia Ruofei did not have much thoughts about Ling Qingxue because he felt that he would not live long in this world, he was still a good listener.

Therefore, the two of them were much more familiar with each other than when they were at the Immortal Succulent Store that day. In addition, Xia Ruofei's terminal illness had been cured and especially since Hu Zi's mother's uremia was becoming hopeful, he was in a good mood and started joking.

Ling Qingxue giggled and said.

"I knew you were still asleep, you lazy bugger! The sun's shining on your arse! Get up..."

She paused and then said.

"Open the door now!"

"Open the door?" Xia Ruofei asked. "What do you mean?"

"What can it mean? I'm at your door..." Ling Qingxue said coquettishly.

"Huh?" Xia Ruofei quickly got out of bed and said, "Wait a minute, wait a minute..."

Xia Ruofei buttoned up his clothes and opened the door.

The rental house was divided into many small rooms for different residents. After Xia Ruofei walked out of the room, he walked straight to the door of the entire rental house.

He looked through the peephole and saw Ling Qingxue standing in the corridor with a smile. She even looked around from time to time and looked very casual.

Xia Ruofei opened the door and looked straight at Ling Qingxue.

"Qingxue, is your family really in the food and beverage industry?"

"Of couse! Are you still in your sleep? Why are you suddenly asking such a strange question?" Ling Qingxue asked Xia Ruofei in amusement.

Xia Ruofei said.

"I think running a restaurant is your cover identity. Your family must be in the intelligence business! How can you find such a remote place? How did you get my address, anyway?"

Only then did Ling Qingxue react and burst out laughing. She rolled her eyes at Xia Ruofei and said.

"You are making your guest talk at your doorstep. Is that how you treat your guests?"

"Sorry sorry..." Xia Ruofei slapped his forehead and stepped aside to let her in. "Miss Ling, please come in!"

"That's more like it!" Ling Qingxue squeezed her nose cutely.

Then, she raised her head slightly and walked past Xia Ruofei into the rental house, bringing with her a fragrance.

Xia Ruofei quickly led the way and said.

"The house is a little messy. I haven't had a chance to clean it up yet. I hope you don't mind..."

"It would be strange if a guy's room wasn't messy!" Ling Qingxue said indifferently.

Soon, the two of them arrived at Xia Ruofei's room. What surprised Ling Qingxue was that everything in the room was in order. Ling Qingxue asked in amusement.

"Ruofei, you... you call this a messy room?"

Xia Ruofei scratched his head and chuckled.

"Isn't the blanket unfolded?"

It was true that he had not had time to fold the blanket when he got up after answering the phone. However, the rest of the house was orderly and the room was almost spotless— there were habits that Xia Ruofei had developed over his years in the military.

Ling Qingxue was speechless.

She looked round the room. Her pretty face creased slightly as she said.

"Ruofei, isn't your living environment a little too tough? Didn't you just earn 250,000 yuan selling Ice Lantern a while ago?"

Xia Ruofei smiled faintly and said.

"Enough about me for now. You still haven't told me how you got my address."

Ling Qingxue smiled proudly and said.

"I can do anything. Isn't it easy to get an address? Do you want to know? Beg me and I'll tell you!"

Xia Ruofei pursed his lips and said.

"Forget it if you don't want to tell me..."

"Boring..." Seeing that Xia Ruofei did not respond, Ling Qingxue pouted slightly and said, "Forget it, forget it. I'll tell you. Guan Ping gave me your address. I happened to meet him at Ling Ji Restaurant that day and mentioned you when we were chatting."

Realization dawned on Xia Ruofei.

Guan Ping and he had been classmates in junior high and high school and worked as a real estate agent for a company. At that time, in order to raise money, Xia Ruofei had asked Guan Ping to help sell the house in a short period of time. Guan Ping had also helped find this cheap rental house, so Guan Ping naturally knew his address.

Ling Qingxue then asked with concern.

"Ruofei, I heard from Guanping that you sold your family's house as well, and in a hurry. Are you facing any difficulties?"

Xia Ruofei smiled faintly and said.

"I was in desperate need of money at the time, but that's all settled now."

Xia Ruofei could give everything he had without hesitation for the sake of his life-and-death brother's mother, but he did not want to publicize it. In his opinion, taking care of Hu Zi's mother was his duty.

Ling Qingxue was a smart woman. Seeing that Xia Ruofei was unwilling to say more, she stopped asking.

Xia Ruofei asked with a smile.

"Miss Ling, what brings you here so early in the morning?"

Ling Qingxue was slightly annoyed. She rolled her eyes at Xia Ruofei and said.

"What else! I wanted to have a meal with you, but you refused to go out on many occasions. I had no choice but to come and invite you myself!"

Xia Ruofei smiled awkwardly and said.

"I've been very busy previously... How about this! I'll treat you today. You can choose any place you want!"

Ling Qingxue's anger turned to joy. She looked at Xia Ruofei expectantly and asked.

"Then can we eat at home? You cook for me yourself!"

Xia Ruofei hesitated. The rental house had a communal kitchen, but Xia Ruofei was single and did not buy any kitchenware. He only had a small induction stove.

Seeing this, Ling Qingxue immediately grabbed Xia Ruofei's hand and shook it.

"Can't you..."

Xia Ruofei immediately felt that he could not take it anymore. He hurriedly pulled his hand out and said.

"Fine, fine, fine! Whatever you say! Let's just eat at home!"

Ling Qingxue was overjoyed and said excitedly.

"That's great! That's great! Ruofei, let's go out and buy groceries together! When we just arrived, I saw a Wal-Mart at Three Mountains Plaza!"

When Ling Qingxue mentioned grocery shopping, Xia Ruofei had an idea. He smiled and said.

"There's no need for groceries. I have them all at home!"

With that, Xia Ruofei casually picked up a tomato from the fruit plate on the table and handed it to Ling Qingxue.

"By the way, I don't have any fruits to serve you. These tomatoes taste quite good. Try them first! Just rest in the house for a while. I'll go to the kitchen to prepare. Lunch will be ready at eleven o'clock sharp!"

These were tomatoes produced in the Spiritual Map Space. Xia Ruofei would bring a few out every day to eat as fruits, so there were ready-made ones in the room.

This tomato was twice the size of an adult's fist. The red tomato emitted a faint fragrance that made one's appetite increase.

Ling Qingxue's family was in the food and beverage industry, so she naturally knew her stuff.

She was so focused on talking that she did not notice the tomato on the table. Now that she saw it, her eyes lit up. She quickly took the tomato and looked at it for a while before slowly bringing it to her mouth and taking a bite...

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The sweet juice flowed into Ling Qingxue's cherry mouth. She felt her entire body tremble. All her taste buds seemed to be cheering at this moment. She

couldn't help but swallow it in big mouthfuls. Then, she took a deep breath and said in disbelief.

"This... is too delicious!"

With that, she completely disregarded her ladylike image and ate an entire tomato in big mouthfuls. Then, she asked impatiently.

"Ruofei, where did you buy these tomatoes? Do you have more?"

Xia Ruofei saw that there was still some red tomato juice around Ling Qingxue's mouth. He couldn't help but smile and hand over a tissue.

"You still want to eat it? Don't you want to have lunch?"

Ling Qingxue smiled in embarrassment. After wiping her face clean, she said.

"Who says I'm going to eat it? I'm trying to understand where it came from, okay? Don't forget what my family does..."

Xia Ruofei smiled mysteriously and said.

"I'll tell you at lunch! Miss Ling, take a break first! You can play with the computer. I'll prepare lunch for you!"

"Oh..." Ling Qingxue pouted and said, "You're still keeping me in suspense... But seeing that you're so solicitous in preparing lunch for me, I'll tolerate it! Go, go..."

Xia Ruofei laughed and left the room.

He first went to the public bathroom and carefully locked the door. After carefully checking that it was safe, he took out the spiritual map and entered the space with a thought.

Xia Ruofei quickly went to the area where the "super vegetables" were stored. He chose a few vegetables and packed them in a basket, then left the space with the basket. It only took two to three minutes.

After carefully hiding the spiritual map, Xia Ruofei carried the basket of vegetables to the communal kitchen and started working.

Xia Ruofei only had a small induction cooker and a few noodles and eggs left. However, with the "super vegetables" produced in the space, it was enough for lunch.

The only flaw was that there were no meat dishes. However, a beautiful girl like Ling Qingxue must be very concerned about her figure. She probably wouldn't mind not eating meat.

After preparing for more than half an hour, Xia Ruofei had made a total of four dishes: cucumber salad, braised eggplant, stir-fried romaine lettuce, and scrambled eggs with tomatoes. As for the main dishes, he had made two large bowls of noodles. Of course, he did not forget to add the vegetables produced in the space.

Xia Ruofei placed the four dishes on the table one by one, then pushed one of the bowls of noodles to Ling Qingxue and said with a smile.

"The place is simple, so I just made a few dishes. Don't mind them!"

Ling Qingxue lowered her head slightly and said.

"Everything tastes good when I eat with you!"

Xia Ruofei immediately felt awkward and did not dare to continue the conversation. He quickly changed the topic and said.

"Come, come! Let's eat! Taste my cooking!"

Ling Qingxue gave Xia Ruofei a resentful look, but when her gaze fell on the four dishes, she could not help but look surprised. These four dishes were all very good-looking. The emerald green vegetables and tender cucumbers made one's index finger itch.

Ling Qingxue forgot about her disappointment and picked up her chopsticks to place a piece of cucumber into her mouth. She chewed slowly with her eyes closed and a look of enjoyment appeared on her face. Then, she picked up a piece of every dish and savored it carefully.

After a while, Ling Qingxue praised.

"Ruofei, this... I've never eaten such delicious vegetables! Your cooking is amazing!"

Xia Ruofei smiled smugly and chuckled.

"That's of course!"

Ling Qingxue took another bite of tomato with scrambled eggs and frowned.

"No... this egg is a little old..."

She immediately ate a few more mouthfuls of eggplant and vegetables. Suddenly she came to a realization and said.

"Ruofei, I was almost deceived by you. It must be because of the ingredients! The ingredients you used must be extraordinary! And that tomato you gave me just now... Tell me honestly, where did you get such good ingredients?"

Xia Ruofei laughed.

"As expected of the little princess of Ling Ji's restaurant chain! I really can't hide it from you! Eat first! I'll tell you after eating!"

Seeing that Xia Ruofei was keeping her in suspense, Ling Qingxue glared at him unhappily. However, she still could not resist the temptation of delicious food. The two of them cleared the noodles and vegetables like a whirlwind.

Ling Qingxue touched her stomach without caring about her image and said coquettishly.

"I ate too much... It's all your fault! I finally lost one kilogram! Now I'm going to gain back..."

Xia Ruofei chuckled and said.

"You're in great shape. Why would you need to lose weight?"

Ling Qingxue looked delighted.

"Really? You really think I'm in good shape?"

Xia Ruofei touched his nose awkwardly and changed the topic.

"Er... didn't you just want to know the origin of my ingredients?"

This topic was obviously interesting to Ling Qingxue, and her thoughts immediately shifted to this side. She quickly asked.

"Yes, yes, yes... Tell me quickly, where did you buy all these vegetables and fruits? I'll get the company's procurement department to buy some too! We need premium ingredients too much now!"

Xia Ruofei had already found an excuse and said with a smile.

"Then I'm afraid you'll be disappointed... These vegetables can't be bought on the market at all. A friend of mine who does research on new varieties of vegetables gave them to me. They're their latest products and haven't been released to the market yet!"

"Is that so?" Ling Qingxue was slightly disappointed.

Recently, the sales of Ling Ji's Restaurant chainhad fallen a little. As for their main competitor, Ming Hao Restaurant, they had poached a famous chef to serve as the executive head chef. It was said that his ancestors were once imperial chefs in the palace. The restaurant had launched several signature dishes at once, and their sales had soared.

The young master of the restaurant chain was Lu Wen, the little fatty who had teamed up with Liu Ling Qingxue was sincerely happy for Xia Ruofei and she said.

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"Ruofei, this project is definitely worth investing in! You have good taste!"

Minghao at the Immortal Succulent Store that day.

Ling Qingxue had been worrying about the decline of the company's business recently. That day, she suddenly discovered such good ingredients and saw a glimmer of hope to break out of her predicament. She did not expect Xia Ruofei to tell her that it was still in the research stage and had not been mass-produced. She was naturally quite disappointed.

At this moment, Xia Ruo changed the topic and said.

"But my friend can still do it in small batches. Miss Ling, are you interested in a collaboration?"

When Ling Qingxue heard this, she immediately felt a glimmer of hope. She shouted in surprise.

"Of course I am! Ruofei, where is that friend of yours? Take me to him now!"

Even if it was just a small-scale supply, it was no different from providing timely help to Ling Ji's Restaurant. Moreover, this new vegetable was meant to be used for high-end users. It was not a big deal if there was a small quantity. The rarer something was, the more precious it was! Its main function was still to be used as the Ling Ji's Restaurant's signature product. To put it bluntly, it was used for their reputation.

Xia Ruofei smiled and said.

"Speaking of which, I'm still working with him. I can be his representative."

Ling Qingxue was even happier when she heard that. Then, she revealed a look of realization and asked.

"So you sold your house some time ago to raise money to invest in this new vegetable variety project?"

Xia Ruofei was stunned for a moment, but since Ling Qingxue had misunderstood, he went with the flow and said vaguely.

"Something like that..."

After saying that, Xia Ruofei thought to himself, 'I'll definitely invest a lot of money in super vegetables in the future. This shouldn't be considered a lie...'

Ling Qingxue was sincerely happy for Xia Ruofei and she said.

"Ruofei, this project is definitely worth investing in! You have good taste!"

Xia Ruofei chuckled and said.

"Of course!"

Ling Qingxue then asked.

"Ruofei, how many of these new vegetables can your friend provide us at most?"

After saying that, Ling Qingxue looked at Xia Ruofei expectantly...

Chapter 35: Pleasant Cooperation

Xia Ruofei thought for a moment and said.

"There are about six new vegetable types available now, including romaine lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, water spinach, spinach, and eggplants. They are all common varieties on the market, but their quality is definitely much higher."

"In the early stages, 10 kilogram of each vegetable type can be supplied a day. After a week, 25 kilograms a day shouldn't be a problem. After a month, we can supply 50 kilograms a day."

Xia Ruofei had only started planting these vegetables because he wanted to keep them for himself to eat. However, because the vegetables in the spiritual space were growing too quickly, there were already a lot in excess.

Now that he was prepared to progress in this area, Xia Ruofei naturally wanted to expand the planting area. With the production speed of the spiritual map space, 50 kilograms a day was no pressure at all.

Of course, there was only so much land in the space, and some had to be reserved for the succulents. Therefore, the only way to continue to increase production was to plant them in the outside world. However, if he planted them in the outside world, he had to rent land and hire people. Moreover, the issue of maintaining the quality of the vegetables was also a problem.

However, Xia Ruofei did not have the energy to worry about these and would leave it for the future.

When Ling Qingxue heard this number, she pondered for a moment before nodding.

"It's not a lot, but it should be enough to solve our immediate problem."

50 kilograms a day seemed like a lot, but Ling Ji's Restaurant was a large chain of restaurants. There were more than ten stores in the Three Mountains City alone. 50 kilograms of vegetables were like a pebble thrown into the sea. It would not cause any ripple at all.

However, it was enough to gather popularity and as a limited supply in the stores of a few central areas.

Ling Qingxue continued.

"Ruofei, in terms of price... If the spinach and eggplant are 50 yuan per 500 grams, and the rest are 30 yuan per 500 grams, do you think it's okay?"

This price was at least ten times the market price. Ling Qingxue was really full of sincerity.

Xia Ruofei nodded almost without hesitation.

"Deal!"

Since he had decided to launch these vegetables to the market, he was naturally going to take the high-quality route. Besides, he also felt that his "super vegetables" were completely worth this price.

Ling Qingxue said happily.

"I hope we work well together! By the way, when can you start supplying the vegetables?"

Xia Ruofei thought for a moment and said.

"In three days! I'll give you an address then. Just send someone to pick up the groceries every day."

Since they were going to work together for a long time, Xia Ruofei definitely needed to rent another place. This rental house lived too many people and Xia Ruofei could not possibly supply the vegetables here every day. If he only went out and stayed inside for a long time, it would definitely attract attention.

"Alright, I'll go back and draft a contract now. Let's sign it in two days!" Ling Qingxue said. She seemed a little too eager.

Xia Ruofei asked half-jokingly.

"What's the hurry? Aren't you going to sit a little longer?"

Ling Qingxue immediately glanced at Xia Ruofei flirtatiously and asked.

'Would you like me to stay longer?'

Xia Ruofei hurriedly said.

"Er... business is more important, more important..."

Seeing this, Ling Qingxue burst out laughing and rolled her eyes at him.

"Coward! I'm leaving! I'll look for you to sign the contract tomorrow. Don't vanish somewhere again!"

"I'll send you out!" Xia Ruofei said with relief.

After sending Ling Qingxue off, Xia Ruofei tidied up the cutlery and sat in front of the computer. He had always been concerned about the situation of the online shop. He had put all the goods on sale yesterday, and he could not wait to see if there was any business.

Opening the Taobao seller's platform, Xia Ruofei was instantly disappointed.

It was empty. There was not a single purchase record. There were even very few people browsing.

A wry smile crossed Xia Ruofei's face. 'It seems I've been too idealistic.'

In fact, when he thought about it, this situation was normal. It was just a new online store with no credit history or transaction history, and no paid promotion. Besides, it sold very few products and every one was so expensive. Even if someone happened to click in, they would probably quickly click on the the red cross in the upper right corner.

Xia Ruofei frowned slightly and sat in front of the computer, thinking.

It was probably not a good idea to wait like this. He had to think of something.

The first thing Xia Ruofei thought of was to spend money to promote on Taobao.

However, he quickly rejected this idea. Not only would it cost a lot of money, but the effect would also be difficult to guarantee. The reason was as mentioned previously, the credit and transaction records of the store were zero. Moreover, the price was so expensive that most people would not believe it easily.

Moreover, Xia Ruofei had originally planned to take the high-quality route and not care about the sales volume, so there was not much point in doing a paid promotion.

After thinking about it, there was only one way. That was to first make a name for himself in the succulents' social circle. Xia Ruofei's target client was originally a small group of high-end users in the succulents' circle.

At the thought of this, Xia Ruofei immediately thought of Liang Qichao. This buddy was a rich second-generation heir, and he ran his Immortal Succulent Store. He should have many connections in the succulent plant industry. Xia Ruofei definitely had to ask him for help.

With his mind made up, Xia Ruofei immediately picked up his phone and called Liang Qichao.

"Ruofei! Is there some supreme-grade succulent that you want to sell?" Liang Qichao asked impatiently as soon as he picked up the phone.

Xia Ruofei chuckled and said.

"Brother Liang, that supreme-grade Ice Lantern last time was hard to come by. How can it be so easy to get? However... I do have some good things on hand..."

Liang Qichao said quickly.

"Brother, don't keep me in suspense. Tell me! What is it?"

Xia Ruofei said.

"Brother Liang, a friend of mine has cultivated some very good succulent seedlings. I wonder if you're interested?"

"Seedlings?" Liang Qichao was slightly disappointed, but when he thought of the extremely stunning supreme-grade Ice Lantern Jade Dew that Xia Ruofei had brought last time, he felt that since Xia Ruofei recommended it, the quality must not be bad.

So he said quickly.

"I'm interested! Where's your friend, Little Xia? Can I see the goods now?"

Xia Ruofei smiled and said.

"Brother Liang, my friend has an online store. I'll send you the website address after I hang up. You'll know when you go there and take a look."

At this point, Xia Ruofei thought for a moment and added.

"That online store may have just opened, but there's absolutely nothing wrong with it. I verified it myself."

"Alright, send me the website address!" Liang Qichao said readily.

After hanging up, Xia Ruofei sent the website to Liang Qichao.

Less than five minutes later, Liang Qichao called. As soon as Xia Ruofei picked up, he heard Liang Qichao's excited voice.

"Damn... Little Xia, your friend is too awesome! He... Where did he get so many rare supreme-grade succulent seedlings... I can't believe my eyes! White-skinned Moon Realm, Blooming Cages, Jade Fans and Myriad Elephant... They're all mutated rare species! If you didn't guarantee it yourself, I would definitely think that the shop owner is a scammer!"

Chapter 36: Sold Out Instantly

Liang Qichao was so excited that he was almost incoherent.

Xia Ruofei laughed and asked.

"So? Are you interested, Brother Liang?"

"Yes! It's simply too interesting!" Liang Qichao said loudly. "I'll place an order immediately. I want all these succulent seedlings!"

Xia Ruofei was stunned for a moment, then he could not help but smile bitterly. He had guessed the process correctly, but not the ending.

Liang Qichao did have a lot of connections in the succulents circle, but he was also a rich second-generation heir who spent money like water!

These succulent seedlings were expensive to ordinary people, but the total price of more than a hundred seedlings was only about 100,000 yuan. To Liang Qichao, this bit of money was nothing. It was not easy for him to come across such rare species, so how could Liang Qichao let it go?

"Brother Liang, wait!" Xia Ruofei quickly said.

"What is it?" Brother Liang asked, puzzled.

"It's like this... My friend is intending for me ask you to help promote his new store. He wants to attract more customers," Xia Ruofei said in embarrassment. "If you buy all of them..."

Liang Qichao's family ran a big business. He had been influenced since he was young, so he immediately understood what Xia Ruofei meant.

"I understand!" Liang said. "But... those succulent seedlings are too... hehe!"

This guy still couldn't bear to let go of something good!

Xia Ruofei hurriedly said.

"Brother Liang, don't worry. You can also buy some in appropriate quantity this time. Moreover, there will be more and better succulents on sale in the future. Don't be afraid that you won't be able to buy them."

At this point, Xia Ruofei pondered for a moment and added.

"Also, I heard that my friend has a pot of mature supreme-grade White-skinned Moon Realm that he's also interested in selling. The quality is not lower than the previous pot of Ice Lantern. If you help him this time, he'll definitely prioritize you when he wants to sell it in future."

Liang Qichao was immediately interested and quickly asked.

"Is the quality really no lower than the supreme-grade Ice Lantern last time?"

Xia Ruofei said firmly.

"Of course!"

Then he lowered his voice a little and said.

"Actually, it's the mature plant of the White-skinned Moon Realm seedlings sold on his online store. Do you think the quality can be bad?"

Of course, it was impossible for Xia Ruofei to sell the mature plant. However, after he cut and reproduced it this time, he chose two or three pots of the best quality from each of the succulent seedlings and kept them. He was prepared to nurture them into mature plants for the next reproduction to increase the production as soon as possible.

In a month or so, he would just choose one of these two or three Whiteskinned Moon Realm and sell it to Liang Qichao.

After growing in the Spiritual Map Space for two to three months, the quality of the newly cultivated mature White-skinned Moon Realm would definitely far exceed the pot that Xia Ruofei had bought online.

Upon hearing that it was actually the mature plant of those White-Skinned Moon Realm seedlings, Liang Qichao's doubts immediately disappeared.

"The quality will definitely not be bad! Ruofei, you must help me talk to your friend and ask him to reserve that pot of White-skinned Moon Realm to me! Don't worry, I'll immediately contact some friends in the circle and guarantee that your friend's online shop will make a name for itself in the circle in the shortest time possible!"

Xia Ruofei was overjoyed.

"Thank you, Brother Liang!"

Liang Qichao repeatedly reminded Xia Ruofei not to forget about the White-Skinned Moon Realm. Xia Ruofei naturally agreed.

After hanging up, Xia Ruofei snapped his fingers and waved his fist happily.

Two minutes later, Xia Ruofei saw that someone had placed an order for two pots of each type of succulent.

Just as Xia Ruofei was marveling at Liang Qichao's efficiency, he couldn't help but laugh when he saw the buyer's information. The delivery address was the Immortal Succulent Store and the recipient was Liang Qichao himself.

Xia Ruofei understood after some thought. Liang Qichao was still worried that he would not be able to snatch it after introducing his friends to buy it, so he must have made the first move after hanging up.

He was probably just starting to promote the store to his friends in the succulent circle!

Fortunately, Liang Qichao was quite kind. He only bought two pots for each type of succulent.

After another ten minutes, Xia Ruofei began to see new orders on Taobao.

This time, it was not Liang Qichao, but a real succulent customer.

For half an hour after that, new orders kept appearing. Some ordered three pots, and others five. More than a hundred pots of succulent seedlings were snapped up in half an hour. Most of these orders had the words "recommended by Director Liang of the Immortal Succulent Store" written in the remarks.

Xia Ruofei looked at the sales statistics. After all these transactions were completed, he would have earned more than 110,000 yuan.

In the Spiritual Map Space, it would take at most a few months for the mature plant to recover and grow.

Moreover, this was the first time. Later on, with the increase in the number of mature plant, there would be more seedlings that could be cultivated with each cuttage.

In other words, in the future, Xia Ruofei would be able to earn at least 100,000 yuan a month from the succulents, and it would be almost at zero cost.

This was something Xia Ruofei would never have dared to think about in the past.

With the Spiritual Map Space, it became so easy to earn money.

Moreover, this was only one of the many functions of the Spiritual Map Space. There were also the super vegetables, the magical tricolored petals, and other possible functions that had yet to be discovered...

The value of this Spiritual Map Space was really immeasurable!

Xia Ruofei calmed himself down and began to make plans for the next step.

First of all, the most important thing now was to find another place to live. Be it super vegetables or succulent seedlings, the current rental house was obviously no longer suitable. There were too many people!

Thinking of this, Xia Ruofei first put up an announcement on the website's home page.

It read: Thank you for everyone's support. The first batch of high-quality succulents in our shop has been sold out. We will be shipping them one after another within three days. Those who did not manage to buy them, please wait patiently. Within a month, there will be more rare and precious succulents for sale in our shop. Everyone is welcome to purchase them when the time comes!

After hanging up the announcement, Xia Ruofei packed his things, hid the Spiritual Map, and prepared to go out to look for a house.

Xia Ruofei had just reached the alley of the shanty town when his phone rang.

This was a call from Tian Huilan's secretary, Wu Liqian. It turned out that she had already coordinated with the city's Education Bureau to settle Lin Qiao's school transfer.

The school was set at the No. 8 High School in Sanshan City. It was a reputable high school in the province. Moreover, the third-year class of this school was the best among all the other schools. In the past five years, three of the provincial top scorers in humanities had come from this class of the No. 8 High School.

Lin Qiao was an arts student.

Xia Ruofei quickly thanked her.

Wu Liqian told him that she would personally send Lin Qiao to No. 8 High School in the afternoon.

Since the mayor's secretary was going to be involved personally, Xia Ruofei naturally could not be absent. Hence, he could only put aside the matter of finding a house and meet Wu Liqian at the city government guest house at two in the afternoon.

After hanging up the phone, Xia Ruofei looked at the time and saw that it was almost 1:30p.m., so he called Lin Qiao directly and told her about the new school. He told her to leave at two o'clock and report directly at No. 8 High School.

Then, Xia Ruofei took a taxi straight to the city government's guest house.

Chapter 37: The Most Awesome Transfer Student

At two o'clock sharp, Xia Ruofei brought Lin Qiao downstairs.

Hu Zi's mother had yet to fully recover, so Xia Ruofei let her rest in the house.

With Xia Ruofei around, Hu Zi's mother was very relieved and did not insist on following them to the school.

The two of them walked to the first floor and saw that Wu Liqian had just walked into the lobby. After a few pleasantries, the three of them got into Wu Liqian's Passat. Xia Ruofei took the front passenger seat, and Wu Liqian took Lin Qiao's hand and got into the backseat.

As a third-year arts student, Lin Qiao naturally knew of the famous No. 8 High School, so she was both excited and nervous along the way.

Wu Liqian could tell that Lin Qiao was a little nervous. She smiled and said.

"Little Lin, don't worry. The Education Bureau has already informed them. When you reach there, you can transfer directly into the top class for arts. If you can't keep up with progress for the time being, it's fine. The school will arrange for experienced teachers to tutor you."

"Thank you, Secretary Wu!" Lin Qiao said obediently.

Wu Liqian smiled and said.

"Hey! Why are you calling me Secretary Wu? Just call me Sister Wu."

"Oh... Thank you, Sister Wu!" Lin Qiao blushed slightly and said softly.

Xia Ruofei also smiled and turned around.

"Sister Wu, thank you so much for this matter! Please help me convey my gratitude to Mayor Tian!"

"Little Xia, don't stand on ceremony!" Wu Liqian said. "It's just a small matter."

As they talked, the car reached No. 8 High School and stopped in front of an office building.

The principal, vice principal, dean, and other teachers of Class One of No. 8 High School were already waiting downstairs. They had already received a call from the director of the Education Bureau himself and knew that it was Mayor Tian's secretary who was bringing the transfer student to report that day. Naturally, they did not dare to treat them poorly.

If it wasn't for the fact that Wu Liqian didn't want to attract too much attention, the Director of Education Bureau might have personally accompanied her. Who wouldn't want to seize the opportunity to get close to the mayor? Especially since Wu Liqian's boss was very likely to become a member of the Standing Committee of the Provincial Committee.

"Director Wu, hello! Welcome to No. 8 High School for inspection and guidance!" Principal Rao of No. 8 High School took a step forward and said enthusiastically.

Wu Liqian had a smile on her face. She shook Principal Rao's hand gently and said.

"Principal, I'm not here to inspect and provide guidance. Mayor Tian only gave me one task today, which is to send Student Lin Qiao over to report."

Principal Rao had already paid a lot of attention to the student because the Director of Education Bureau had personally informed him. Now that he heard Wu Liqian's words, he immediately understood that this matter was not Wu Liqian's private matter, but Mayor Tian's personal instructions. The importance of the matter immediately rose to another level in his heart.

"Yes, yes, it is important for her to report..." Principal Rao said with a warm smile. "We have already completed the relevant procedures."

Then, Principal Rao pointed at a slightly reserved middle-aged woman beside him and said.

"This is Teacher Xu, the form teacher of the arts class."

"Hello, Director Wu!" Teacher Xu hurriedly came forward to greet her, looking a little reserved.

Wu Liqian gave a friendly smile and said.

"Teacher Xu, please take care of Lin Qiao as she learns in your class in the future!"

"Of course, of course!"

Principal Rao also said from the side.

"Teacher Xu, Lin Qiao has just transferred over. You have to pay more attention to her studies and life. Help her integrate into the new class as soon as possible!"

"I will, Principal," Teacher Xu said quickly.

Xia Ruofei couldn't help but feel a little emotional as she watched from the side. The school leaders lined up to welcome her, and the form teacher was seemed to be stepping on thin ice. Lin Qiao could probably be considered the most impressive transfer student in the history of No. 8 High School!

Fortunately, Xia Ruofei also knew Lin Qiao's character. He believed that she wouldn't become complacent because of this and lose her position.

Principal Rao looked at Wu Ligian and asked.

"Director Wu, then... should we invite Student Lin Qiao and Teacher Xu to meet the students in class?"

"Sure." Wu Liqian nodded and smiled. Then, she said to Lin Qiao, "Little Lin, then follow your teacher to class! If you have any difficulties in the future, just call Sister Wu directly!"

Xia Ruofei also said.

"Qiao'er, when you reach the new class, you have to study hard and get along well with your classmates, understand?"

Lin Qiao nodded and said seriously.

"Yes, I will! Thank you, Brother Ruofei! Thank you, Sister Wu!"

Xia Ruofei and Wu Liqian smiled and nodded. The two of them watched as Lin Qiao gradually walked away with Teacher Xu.

Principal Rao very politely invited Wu Liqian to inspect the school and give feedback. However, Wu Liqian's purpose for this trip was not for anything else, so she politely declined.

She got into the car with Xia Ruofei, and the school leaders waved goodbye.

The car drove out of the gates of No. 8 High School before Wu Liqian asked.

"Little Xia, where are you going? I'll drive you!"

Xia Ruofei said.

"Sister Wu, just drop me off somewhere in front. I'm going out to find a place to rent this afternoon. I have no specific destination."

Wu Liqian had obviously misunderstood and thought that Xia Ruofei was looking for a house for Lin Qiao and her mother. She smiled and said.

"By the way, I forgot to tell you just now. I happened to hear this morning that a colleague's house is being rented out. He bought a house outside and moved out. The family building is two-bedroom and very close to No. 8 High School. Personally, I think it's very suitable for Lin Qiao and her mother. And the rent isn't expensive. It's only 800 yuan a month. How about that? Do you want to see the house?"

Xia Ruofei was immediately tempted. At the same time, he could not help but look at Wu Liqian in a different light.

Although Wu Liqian had said it casually, it was obviously not as simple as "happening to hear about it." Whether it was the location, size, or rent, this house was simply tailored for Lin Qiao and her mother. Wu Liqian had definitely put in a lot of effort to find it.

It had to be said that this secretary was smart and meticulous. Wu Liqian knew what Xia Ruofei meant by saving Professor Tian's life, and she also knew very well that Tian Huilan appreciated Xia Ruofei very much. Therefore, she was also very concerned about Xia Ruofei and spared no effort.

Xia Ruofei pondered for a moment and said/

"Sister Wu, since you have helped us find it, it must be very suitable! But since Auntie and Qiao'er are living in the house. why don't I bring them to see the house after Qiao'er finishes school? You don't have to personally be there. Just give us the landlord's contact information and help us inform the landlord!"

"Sure, no problem!" Wu Liqian said readily.

Then she asked with a smile.

"Since you don't have to look for a house anymore, where are you going now?"

Xia Ruofei was stunned for a moment. He smiled awkwardly and said.

"Sister Wu, actually, I want to rent a house myself. Before you called me, I was just about to wander around and try my luck!"

"Oh? You live alone?" Wu Liqian asked. "Then what kind of house are you looking for? Your Sister Wu knows quite a lot of people. I might be able to help you find a suitable one."

Xia Ruofei thought for a moment and said.

"Wu Liqian, the house I'm looking for might not be easy to find..."

"Oh? Tell me about it first!" Wu Liqian became even more interested.

"First I hope it's a house that is somewhere quieter. It doesn't matter if it's a little more remote. There must be a separate yard and not many other houses around. That would be best!"

Wu Liqian couldn't help but laugh.

"Little Xia, look at you... Are you intending to become a hermit?"

"Hehe... I like peace and quiet..." Xia Ruofei said. "That's why I said it might not be easy to find! It's fine, Sister Wu. I'll go to the suburbs myself and look for a suitable one."

Wu Liqian pondered for a moment and said with a smile.

"Little Xia, now that you mention it, I do know a house that fits all the conditions you mentioned!"

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"Oh?" Xia Ruofei's eyes lit up. "Sister Wu, tell me what kind of house it is."

Wu Liqian said with a smile.

"After what you just told me, I thought of one of my relatives' houses that basically fit your criteria. But I don't know if you'll find it too remote. His house is in Changping County and about a half-hour drive from the city."

"Half an hour's drive shouldn't be a problem!" Xia Ruofei was very tempted. Then, he asked, "Sister Wu, is your relative's house a separate unit? Does it lead to a connecting road?"

Wu Liqian said with a smile.

'Of course there's a connecting road! To be honest, it's a small detached villa my relatives have built on a local homestead for their holidays. Now their whole family has emigrated overseas, so the house is not in use. So, are you interested in renting it?'

Actually, Wu Liqian's relatives wanted to sell it directly, but if she stepped in, it would not be an issue to rent it out. After all, they were not in urgent need of money, and if they did not sell it for the time being, the property might still increase in value.

With a phone call from her, it could do Xia Ruofei a favor. Why not?

Xia Ruofei immediately said.

"Of course I'm interested! It's just... a single villa... Sister Wu, will the rent be very expensive?"

Wu Liqian chuckled and said.

"It definitely won't be cheap for someone else. But if you want to rent it, we can just charge you a symbolic sum. My relatives aren't short of money!"

Xia Ruofei chuckled in embarrassment and said.

"Isn't that... a little inappropriate?"

"Just tell me if you want it or not!" Wu Liqian glanced at Xia Ruofei and said with a smile, "If you want to rent it, I'll call my relative now. We'll go look at the house in the afternoon. If there's no problem, we'll settle this matter!"

"Sure! But it's too much trouble for you, Sister Wu!" Xia Ruofei said.

Wu Liqian smiled and said.

"There's no trouble. Mayor Tian gave me half a day off, and she specially instructed me to settle your matters well. I'm just carrying out my boss' instructions!"

Xia Ruofei stopped turning down the offer and said sincerely.

"Thank you, Sister Wu!"

Wu Liqian immediately took out her phone to contact her relative. Perhaps her relative was very close to her, or perhaps it was because of her status as the mayor's secretary, in any case, the other party agreed readily. Moreover, they had agreed to view the house immediately and to meet at the villa.

Therefore, Wu Liqian hung up the phone and instructed the driver to turn the car around and drive towards Changping County.

After about half an hour of driving, they turned onto a newly built concrete road and drove for a few minutes to an almost 80 percent new villa.

Wu Liqian's relative had arrived first. He was a very elegant middle-aged man with gold-rimmed glasses. After exchanging a few pleasantries, they went straight to the house.

Xia Ruofei was very satisfied with this villa.

Although it was remote, the mode of transport was still very convenient. The cement road was built in front of the house, so it was not a problem to drive a small van.

The villa was not big. It covered an area of more than 200 square meters and had a small courtyard in front and behind. The two-story villa had a total of six

rooms. Moreover, there were all kinds of appliances and facilities. He could directly carry his bags and move in. Because Wu Liqian's relatives were preparing to emigrate, these appliances and furniture were originally planned to be packaged and sold.

The front of the villa faced the sea, but it was about three thousand meters from the sea. In front of the villa was a large piece of wasteland. At the same time, there was a small mountain behind the villa. It was really a good place to have both the mountain and the sea.

In terms of rent, Wu Liqian's relative only charged 3,000 yuan a month. For such a big vacation villa, 3,000 yuan a month was no different from free rent.

Xia Ruofei felt that he had taken too much advantage, so he took the initiative to increase the monthly rent to 5,000 yuan. Even this was considered a low price.

After the two parties reached an agreement, they immediately signed the rental contract. The other party did not even want the deposit and gave Xia Ruofei an account number, telling him to transfer the rent to this account when the time came. Moreover, he said that it was fine if he did not have money for the time being. He could pay when he had the money.

Xia Ruofei did not know whether to laugh or cry. This was the first time he had seen such an easygoing landlord.

Compared to the fierce landlady of the rental house in the slums, this landlord was simply a saint!

Of course, Xia Ruofei also knew that this was all because of Wu Liqian, so he was still very self-conscious. In front of everyone, he transferred two months' rent, totaling 10,000 yuan into that account.

In less than half an hour, the rental issue was settled.

Wu Liqian's relative handed the key, the access remote, and everything else to Xia Ruofei before politely leaving.

Xia Ruofei still had to go back to pack his things, and he had to bring Hu Zi's mother and Lin Qiao to look at houses at night, so he took Wu Liqian's car back to the city.

After the long journey, coupled with the house viewing and signing the contract, it was almost time for lessons to end in the afternoon. Wu Liqian simply decided to be kind all the way and asked the driver to drive to the entrance of No. 8 High School, where he found a parking space and stopped.

After waiting for a while, Xia Ruofei saw Lin Qiao walk out of No. 8 High School. She was talking to a girl as she walked. Xia Ruofei was very relieved to see her. It seemed that this little girl had already made new friends on the first day she transferred school.

Xia Ruofei pushed open the car door and waved vigorously at Lin Qiao.

When Lin Qiao saw Xia Ruofei, she immediately revealed a surprised smile. She quickly said a few words to the female classmate beside her, then jogged towards Xia Ruofei.

"Brother Ruofei!" Lin Qiao did not avoid arousing suspicion at all. She immediately grabbed Xia Ruofei's hand with a bright smile on her exquisite face, attracting the attention of many students.

Instead, Xia Ruofei was a little embarrassed. He calmly pulled his hand out and asked.

"Qiao'er, how do you feel about lessons in the morning?"

"Very good! The students are all quite friendly. And the standards of teaching is very high!" Lin Qiao said happily.

"Haha, not bad, not bad!" Xia Ruofei was also very happy. "Let's go! Brother Ruofei will take you to a big meal to celebrate!"

Lin Qiao hesitated for a moment and said.

"Brother Ruofei... next time! I... I want to eat with my mother..."

Xia Ruofei laughed and said.

"Alright! You're such a filial girl! Let's go then! Let's go over together and eat at the government guest house with Auntie. We still have something to settle tonight!"

"What do we have tonight?" Lin Qiao asked curiously.

Xia Ruofei did not keep her in suspense and said.

"Sister Wu has found a house for you. It's very close to No. 8 High School and is quite suitable in all aspects. I'll bring you there after dinner!"

"Really? That's great!" Lin Qiao cheered.

They got into the car together, and Wu Liqian asked the driver to take them to the city government's guesthouse.

When they arrived at the city government's guest house, Wu Liqian originally wanted to have dinner with Xia Ruofei and the rest before personally showing them the house.

However, Xia Ruofei felt very embarrassed to have troubled her for the entire afternoon. Moreover, the mayor's secretary must be very busy. How could he have the cheek to take up her night's rest?

Hence, Xia Ruofei politely declined.

Wu Liqian did not insist. Instead, she made a call to her colleague at the Forestry Department and arranged for house viewing at 7:30 p.m. She then gave Xia Ruofei her colleague's contact information before leaving.

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"Mom!" Lin Qiao called as soon as she entered.

Hu Zi's mother, who had been resting in her room since the afternoon, quickly asked when she saw Lin Qiao.

"Qiao'er, how was school in the morning? Are you used to it? Did any of your classmates bully you?"

Lin Qiao revealed an amused expression and said.

"Mom, don't worry! No. 8 High School is the best in arts teaching in the province! And the teachers are very good to me. When I went to report today, even the principal came!"

"Huh? Even the principal went?" Hu Zi's mother sounded incredulous.

Xia Ruofei smiled and explained.

"Auntie, the school leaders went down to welcome her because of Sister Wu... Oh, it's Mayor Tian's secretary, Wu Liqian."

"Oh... I see! It must be so much trouble for her..." Hu Zi's mother said.

Xia Ruofei smiled and said.

"Auntie, don't worry! Mayor Tian has personally greeted them. The school will take good care of Qiao'er, so you don't have to worry about her life or studies in school!"

"That's right! Mom, don't worry!" Lin Qiao said with a smile. "Let's go and have dinner! We still have to look at houses later!"

"Look at houses? What house?" Hu Zi's mother asked, puzzled.

"Brother Ruofei helped us find a house. It's the family home of the Forestry Bureau! It's also very close to my school. We're going to see the house after dinner!" Lin Qiao said happily.

"Ruofei, sorry to trouble you..." Hu Zi's mother said gratefully.

Xia Ruofei said.

"Auntie, actually, it was Sister Wu who helped to contact them. If you want to thank someone, thank her! If you think it's alright after seeing the house tonight, let's settle on it! You don't have to worry about the rent. I'll transfer it to the landlord directly!"

"How... how can we do that?" Hu Zi's mother said. "Ruofei, our family still has some savings. Now that I don't have to see a doctor, I have enough to spend. We can pay for the rent ourselves... We've already troubled you enough these days!"

Xia Ruofei looked at Hu Zi's mother and said sincerely.

"Auntie, don't treat me like an outsider! On the battlefield, Hu Zi even sacrificed his life to save me. He's your only son! Before Hu Zi died, I personally told him that from now on, I'll be filial on behalf of him. His mother will be my mother!"

Thinking of her sacrificed son, Hu Zi's mother's eyes reddened and her lips trembled slightly. She said emotionally.

"Good ... good boy ..."

"So, Auntie, you really don't have to be so polite in the future. I still have to take care of you for the rest of my life and support you!" Xia Ruofei said.

"Mmhmm!"

Hu Zi's mother nodded slightly. Beside her, Lin Qiao also had tears in her eyes.

Hu Zi's mother said.

"Okay, Ruofei, we'll do as you say about the rent! But you have to promise me something!"

Xia Ruofei said happily.

"Yes! Just tell me what you need!"

Hu Zi's mother said to Lin Qiao.

"Qiao'er, go get my coat."

"Oh, okay!"

Lin Qiao quickly brought the coat over. Hu Zi's mother took out a bank card from her pocket and handed it to Xia Ruofei.

"Ruofei, this card contains the 500,000 yuan that you transferred to treat my illness. I didn't touch a single cent. I heard from Qiao'er that this is the money that you obtained from selling your house. Young people definitely need money for their careers. Take this card back! The password is Hu Zi's birthday."

Xia Ruofei waved his hand and said.

"Auntie! This won't do! This is all a piece of my filial piety! Even if you don't need dialysis and a kidney transplant now, you can still save it for your health! Qiao'er needs a lot of money in her third year of high school. Moreover, she still has to go to university next semester. She can't do without money!"

Hu Zi's mother said.

"Ruofei, listen to me. We all know how you feel. However, we don't need such a large sum of money for the time being. On the other hand, you've just returned from the army. There are many things that officers need money for. Take this money back. I promise you that I'll definitely talk to you if I need money, okay?"

"That's right! Brother Ruofei! You gave us so much money, but we don't have anywhere to spend it on! It's just benefiting the bank!" Lin Qiao also said, "Just take it back!"

Xia Ruofei thought for a long time before nodding.

"Alright, I'll take this money back first..."

Hu Zi's mother said with relief.

"Yes! That's a good child!"

But Xia Ruofei continued.

"Auntie, I haven't finished yet. I can take the money back, but there are conditions."

"Go ahead."

"I can't take all this money. You have to leave at least 100,000 yuan for you to live and Qiao'er to study!" Xia Ruofei said firmly. "If you don't agree, I won't take this money no matter what. Just let it rot in the bank!"

Although Hu Zi's mother had said that she would ask for money when she needed it, Xia Ruofei knew that if she had previously refused to use the money when her life was in danger, how could she ask him for help in the future?

Although Xia Ruofei could take the initiative to help the mother and daughter, he could not take care of everything, so it was absolutely necessary for them to keep some money.

Seeing that Xia Ruofei was determined, Hu Zi's mother could only agree to this condition helplessly.

Only then did Xia Ruofei accept the bank card. Lin Qiao said happily.

"Alright! Now that the matter is settled, can we go eat? We still have to look at the house later!"

"Let's go! Let's eat!" Xia Ruofei said with a smile.

The three of them arrived at the restaurant on the first floor and ate a buffet with their meal vouchers. Then, they sat on the sofa in the lobby on the first floor and chatted for a while. When it was about time, they went out and took a taxi straight to the Forestry Bureau's residence.

Wu Liqian had already informed them, so the landlord was already waiting at the entrance of the residence. After greeting them, he brought Xia Ruofei and the others to see the house.

Hu Zi's mother and Lin Qiao were very satisfied with the house. It was not high-rise, and although the house was not big, it was fully functional. The security in the residence was better, and it was only two stops away from Lin Qiao's school. It could be said that to be very suitable.

Hence, Xia Ruofei signed a rental agreement with the landlord on the spot and rented this house in his name.

Because Wu Liqian had already contacted the landlord, the rent was so cheap that it made one's hair stand on end. It only cost 800 yuan a month, so Xia Ruofei decided to pay the landlord half a year's rent in one go. Half a year later, Hu Zi's mother would definitely be completely healed, and it was time for Lin Qiao to go to university, so she did not have to stay here anymore.

The landlord passed them the key and left. Lin Qiao happily looked around the house. Seeing an innocent smile on Lin Qiao's face, Xia Ruofei felt very relieved.

Although the house was fully equipped with appliances, there were no bedsheets or blankets yet, so after everyone stayed in the house for a while, Xia Ruofei took a taxi to send the mother and daughter back to the city government guest house. They planned to stay there for another night and officially move in the next day.

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The next morning, Xia Ruofei first went to the bank to transfer 400,000 yuan from Hu Zi's mother's card to his account. His financial difficulties, which had begun to be tight again, immediately eased.

Then he went straight to the Oriental Department Store in the center of Three Mountain City and began his shopping spree.

From bedsheets and bedding to kitchen supplies like pots and pans, and also some daily necessities, or even small things like hangers, toilet paper, as long as Xia Ruofei could think of it, he would buy everything.

After buying everything, Xia Ruofei had spent more than 10,000 yuan—because he tried his best to buy everything from big brands, so the price was naturally not cheap.

There were so many things that even a taxi could not fit them all. Xia Ruofei directly called for a small van. When they arrived at the Forestry Bureau's residential building, he had to make several trips before he finished moving everything.

Then, Xia Ruofei personally cleaned the house from inside out. He placed all the things he had bought in place and even made the bed. Then, he entered the spiritual space to retrieve a lot of super vegetables and placed them in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

After finishing all this, the morning had passed. Xia Ruofei sent a message to Lin Qiao and told her to return to the Forestry Department residence after school at noon. Then, he took a taxi to the city government's guest house to pick up Hu Zi's mother.

At noon, Xia Ruofei personally cooked, mainly using super vegetables as ingredients, and made lunch. The three of them had a meal at home together as a housewarming celebration.

The deliciousness of the super vegetables made Hu Zi's mother eat half a bowl of rice more. Lin Qiao almost swallowed her tongue and exclaimed that it was too delicious.

Xia Ruofei smiled and said that there were still a lot of these vegetables in the fridge. He asked Lin Qiao and the others to tell him after finishing them and he would send them over.

After lunch, Xia Ruofei bade farewell and left. The mother and daughter had finally settled down.

Before leaving, Xia Ruofei left the bank card with the remaining 100,000 yuan at their house. At the same time, he left a small mineral water bottle of petal solution. Of course, it was a "special mixture" with grape juice and soda water.

Then, Xia Ruofei returned to the rental house in the shanty town and began to pack his things, preparing to move house himself.

It was much simpler for Xia Ruofei to move on his own. The precious items were all in the spiritual map space. He only needed to put the few items he left in the house into the spiritual map space.

He quickly gathered his things, called the landlord, left the room key on the back of the refrigerator in the communal kitchen, and left the shantytown rental house.

As for the deposit that he had paid for two months of rent, Xia Ruofei did not mention it at all. This was because he knew that even if he cut his tongue, that fierce landlady would not return him a single cent. He might as well not waste his effort.

As he walked through the alleys of the shanty town, Xia Ruofei suddenly realized that he seemed to be missing the most important thing.

Chapter 40: Shipment

Xia Ruofei thought that although the resort villa in the suburbs was very convenient, it was built on the premise that there were cars. If he did not have his own car, taking a taxi would not be a long-term solution.

Moreover, if he were to travel to and fro the city from the villa, he would still have to walk a long way to reach the highway. It would be too inconvenient to take a minibus.

Hence, buying a car had become Xia Ruofei's top priority.

Fortunately, when Xia Ruofei retired, he had already converted his military license to a local driving license. Now, he only needed to buy a car to drive.

Hence, Xia Ruofei was in no hurry to go to the villa in the suburbs. He planned to settle the matter of the car in the afternoon.

Xia Ruofei did not hesitate much on the choice of model before deciding to buy a pickup.

Although he had nearly 500,000 yuan on hand now and could totally buy a good joint venture car, money had to be spent on the blade. There was still a lot to spend in the future. Besides, Xia Ruofei was not someone who liked to show off. From a practical point of view, a pickup was undoubtedly the most suitable.

Because at this stage, Xia Ruofei would definitely need to transport things often, such as mailing succulent seedlings, buy flower pots, cardboard boxes, vegetable seeds, farm tools, and so on. If he bought a luxury car or SUV, he would not put it to much use.

After making up his mind, Xia Ruofei took a taxi straight to the Huaxia Motor City in the southern suburbs. There were many car shops there.

It did not take long for Xia Ruofei to buy a pickup car that cost about 100,000 yuan. This pickup car was also the most popular model in the country and was very practical.

Xia Ruofei paid the full amount on the spot. The car shop also sent some conventional gifts such as film patches, footpads, and fenders. Xia Ruofei added another 2,000 yuan and asked for the trunk cover for the back of the car.

He also entrusted the car store to handle the license plates and insurance.

This was not a popular car model from a big brand, so there were available cars for collection on the spot. After Xia Ruofei and the other staff of the car store installed the window film and fenders in place, they drove out of the shop.

Although the license plate would take a few days to arrive, with the purchase receipt for the new car, it would not be a problem even if he encountered traffic police on the way.

After leaving the car shop, Xia Ruofei drove to buy some cardboard boxes, transparent tape, foam strips, bubble bags, and other things for packing and

mailing. Then, he went to the electronic city to buy a new computer and a printer. He bought a few boxes of printing paper before driving back to his vacation villa in the suburbs with a full truckload.

After returning to the villa, Xia Ruofei first arranged his life matters.

He chose a large room on the second floor facing the sea with a small balcony and its own bathroom as his bedroom.

After carefully locking the door and drawing the curtains, Xia Ruofei took out the Spiritual Map and entered the Spiritual Map Space with the cardboard box and other packed items. Then, he brought his beddings and daily necessities out of the space.

It took a moment to make the bed and place some of the daily necessities in place. Then Xia Ruofei connected the new desktop and printer in his bedroom.

The room's Internet interfaces were all ready-made, and the landlord had paid for a year's worth of broadband, so he could go online as soon as he was connected.

Xia Ruofei first went to his Taobao platform to collate all the orders and printed them out in a form. Then, he entered the Spiritual Map Space with the order information. He was prepared to pack the succulent seedlings in the space and send out the delivery as soon as possible—that was a transaction of 110,000 yuan! The sooner the customer received the goods, the sooner he would get the money!

As for why he had chosen to pack it in the space, it was naturally because the ten times faster time flow would save him a lot of time. Now, the most precious thing to Xia Ruofei was undoubtedly time.

After entering the space, Xia Ruofei distributed the goods according to the contents of each order. After gathering the succulent seedlings for an order, he started packing.

Before packing, he would first water them with the spiritual pond water. Then, he would wrap each pot of succulent seedlings in a bubble bag and tie them tightly with tape. After placing all the seedlings into the cardboard box, he would fill the gaps with foam strips. Finally, he would seal the cardboard box tightly with transparent tape and paste the order number on the outside.

It could be said that there was extreme protection, and it could basically avoid damage to the succulent seedlings caused by the violent sorting of packages.

There were more than a hundred pots of succulent seedlings and a total of more than 40 orders. It took Xia Ruofei more than five hours to pack them up—of course, it was only half an hour in the outside world.

Xia Ruofei took a lot of effort to bring all 40 over cardboard boxes out of the Spiritual Map Space. After drinking a few mouthfuls of the pond water to recover his energy, he carried the cardboard boxes into the pickup truck and drove straight to Changping County. It was only a ten-minute drive from here to the county city, which was much closer than returning to the city.

He had checked the map online before setting off, so he quickly found a branch of the parcel forwarder.

Xia Ruofei asked the staff for a stack of delivery slips and began to fill in the delivery slips according to the order information. After filling one slip, he pasted it on the corresponding cardboard box according to the order number. Finally, he weighed and counted the money.

While filling out the delivery form, the store's television was broadcasting the local news. The county television station announced that Deputy Chief Zheng of the county's Public Security Bureau was being investigated by the organization. At the same time, Zhong Qiang and his son were also suspected of crimes and were arrested by the local police. They were also on the county television news.

Xia Ruofei could not help but reveal a pleased expression. This was really satisfying!

After venting his anger, Xia Ruofei was in a good mood, and the speed at which he filled in the delivery form was much faster.

Soon he had all the sheets filled and pasted.

A few staff members helped him carry the cardboard boxes in and weigh them. There were more than 40 orders, and the delivery fee alone was more than 500 yuan. He was not a mere customer given that he had sent so many parcels in one go, so the post office staff's attitude was very good.

After Xia Ruofei paid, the staff member gave him a receipt and said.

"Sir, if you send packages regularly and in large quantities, we can sign an agreement. You can give us a call when the time comes and we'll go straight to your place to collect them! And there can be a certain discount on the delivery fees."

"Sure!" Xia Ruofei said without thinking. "I have about 40 to 50 orders every month. There might be more in the future, but I live a little far away. It's about a ten-minute drive from the county city. Is that okay?"

"That won't be a problem!" the staff said. "Here's a sample of the agreement. You can take a look. In your case, we can give you a 20% discount. If the collaboration is long, the cost might be even lower."

Xia Ruofei took it and browsed through it before nodding.

"No problem. Let's sign the agreement!"

The staff immediately found a manager. After registering Xia Ruofei's ID number and address, they quickly typed out an agreement and signed it together.

The manager shook hands with Xia Ruofei and said.

"Mr. Xia, thank you for choosing our delivery company! I hope we can work well together in the future!"

"Happy cooperation!" Xia Ruofei said with a smile.

"By the way, Mr. Xia, you can also bring some delivery slips back," the manager said. "Our official website has a delivery slip template for download. You just have to fill in the information according to the template on the computer and you can print the delivery slips directly."

"Really?" Xia Ruofei said happily. "That's great. Get me a hundred first!"

After filling in more than 40 delivery forms, Xia Ruofei's hands were sore. If he could print them directly, it would indeed be a lot easier.

A few minutes later, Xia Ruofei left the place with a stack of delivery slips.

He'd just driven the pickup back to the resort house. Before he could get out of the car, the phone on the console rang ...