

## Haywire 31

### Chapter 31: Your Father Taught Me

As for the reason, Gu Xin couldn't explain it clearly. She only knew that Wang Tiezhu had bullied Sun Yumei, which was why Sun Yumei had gone back to complain with a big belly.

After Gu Nian heard it, she sighed, "There are so many older brothers! One older brother giving birth to a son, tsk tsk... But, mother, aren't the Sun family members worried that Sun Yumei will be bullied even more in the Wang family?"

Cai Xiaolian pondered for a moment, "The Wang family is small. There is only Granny Wang, her son, and daughter-in-law, plus Wang Tiezhu and Wang Cuihua. Granny Wang's son, Wang Dasheng, can't do anything in the face of seven strong men!"

Cai Xiaolian was secretly trying to educate Gu Nian about the Wang family's population. She knew that she did not have the original owner's memories.

Gu Nianzhi understood now. Sun Yumei would not be bullied too much. There were so many people in her family. As long as she was reasonable and did not cause trouble, the Wang family would not be able to say anything in the face of the Sun family.

"Mother, Sister, Sister Yumei is very good. She's going to give birth to a baby. She told me that when she gives birth to a baby in the future, she will let me go and see it. She even gave me candy to eat," Gu Xin added.

With that one sentence, Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian's affection for Sun Yumei, whom they had never met before, skyrocketed.

The mother and daughter trio talked as they walked. An hour passed quickly and they arrived at the Zhou family town.

Cai Xiaolian used to be busy with work and did not like to exercise, but the original owner was a village woman. She was in good health, so she did not feel tired at all after walking for two hours.

Gu Nian was just a little short. She was panting, but she was still able to hold on.

As for Gu Xin, there was no need to mention her. She had been busy all day and was already used to it. She had a full meal this morning.

The quaint streets and the people on the streets made Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian feel that they had come to the ancient times. They were not the streets built in the later stages of the film and television industry, but the real ancient times.

The front of the shops fluttered with the guise of black and yellow-faced ordinary people dressed in plain clothes. The roads were paved with bluestone, and there were donkey drivers, ox carts, and palanquins. There were also low-rise houses on both sides of the streets, and salesmen carrying loads and selling goods.

It was so lively!

Gu Xin, like Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian, had never seen such a scene. Although she was born and raised in the Great Zhou Dynasty, she had never left the village of San Cha Kou.

She was also stunned by this scene.

"Let's go, let's go. Nian Nian, you take Xin Xin with you. There are many people today, so don't get lost!" Cai Xiaolian was the first to come back to her senses.

Gu Xin held Gu Nian's hand tightly without her having to say anything.

She was even more afraid than Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian. She had heard that there were children in the village who followed adults to the county and were taken away by the courtesans.

Her grandfather had also told her not to talk to strangers and not to run around as long as they were out of the village.

"Mother, what should we do first?" Gu Nian tugged at Gu Xin tightly, feeling a strong sense of responsibility.

"First, we'll buy some rice flour and seasoning. Then we'll go look for your father. We'll have a meal together and then we'll go home." Cai Xiaolian already had a plan in mind.

"Mother, do you know where Father and Uncle are working?" Gu Xin asked curiously.

Cai Xiaolian pointed ahead and said, "I know! Look over there. It says it goes to the pier!"

"Mother, you can read?" Gu Xin asked in surprise.

"Of course, your dad taught me. Xin Xin learned the names of her family from Grandpa, so mom has to learn too! I can't fall behind Xin Xin." Cai Xiaolian had also discussed this with Gu Shouxin.

### **Chapter 32: Only Worth 50 Taels?**

Gu Shouxin had been favored by his teacher when he was still in school. Not only was he a high school student, but he was also very well-educated. However, there was absolutely no problem with him being able to read and write. Gu Xin knew about this. She had often heard from her grandfather.

Cai Xiaolian's family was not well-off. Her brother had never been to school, so there was no need to talk about her.

Gu Nian and Gu Xin, on the other hand, would learn how to read together with her grandfather.

However, Gu Nian had not been there since she started learning how to embroider. Up until now, she could only recognize the names of her family members and could not write.

Gu Xin was slightly better off. She could recognize the names of her family members and could also write some simple words that did not have many strokes.

Gu Xin was still young. The three strange souls in the family had originally planned to slowly reveal their differences bit by bit so that Gu Xin would not feel out of place and would not suspect anything.

The mother and daughter walked together on the street, looking left and right. They were curious about everything.

They arrived at a shop that sold grain, oil, and rice noodles. Cai Xiaolian bought enough rice for four people to eat for three days. She weighed five kilograms of salt and bought some chili noodles, sesame oil, and other spices.

Of course, they were not as complete as they were in the modern world.

Gu Xin wanted to say something, but she stopped herself. She had only eaten rice seven times in her entire life. She knew that rice was very expensive, and ordinary people could not eat it every day.

But when she saw how happy her mother and sister were, she swallowed her words and wanted to stop them.

She had spent half a tael of silver and was left with more than 500 wen.

Cai Xiaolian put the change into her purse and put it in her clothes.

When the mother and daughter walked out of the grain store, Zhang Pipi, who was at the corner, saw them.

Yesterday, Zhang Pipi was scared by the Gu family. But today, when he got up and was about to go to the gambling house, he saw this family. His evil intentions came at once.

Humph, Second Brother Gu's wife and daughter were completely fine. They had extorted two taels of silver from him, so they had to make up for it.

'Wait a minute, let's see if there are other people around them.'

The mother and daughter trio had no idea that they had been targeted.

They walked along the roadside and watched as they headed towards the dock.

Zhang Pipi followed them for a while. When he found that the mother and daughter trio did not have any other companions, he was relieved.

He led two of his men through the alley and circled around the area. He was ahead of the mother and daughter trio and was waiting behind the wall.

When the mother and daughter trio arrived at the entrance of the alley, Zhang Pipi and two of his men quickly appeared and carried the three of them into the alley.

Cai Xiaolian: They would be robbed even if they had five hundred wen in their pockets?

Gu Nian: Not only would they be forced to get married once they transmigrated, but they would also be rob a common girl on their first shopping trip?

Gu Xin: What's wrong? What happened?

The rice bags, salt bags, and small bags of condiments Cai Xiaolian was carrying all fell to the ground.

"Boss, Second Brother Gu's wife is a little old and his daughter is a little young, but she can still be sold for 20 taels of silver. The eldest daughter is just the right age and looks good too. I think she can be sold for 50 taels!" Zhang Pipi's men immediately set a price for the three of them.

"F\*ck, I'm only worth 50 taels?" Gu Nian was angry and stepped on the foot of the person behind her.

The person felt the pain and subconsciously tried to cover his foot.

Gu Nian took the opportunity to release both her hands. She bent down slightly and directly carried the person behind her and threw him to the ground.

She wasn't strong, she just knew some fighting skills.

Cai Xiaolian persevered and used all her strength to knock her head back. The person who grabbed her was hit in the head and felt dizzy. She let go of Cai Xiaolian and covered her head with her hands.

Zhang Pipi didn't expect this situation. He grabbed Gu Xin tightly, afraid that the little girl would be so fierce.

### **Chapter 33: What about It?**

He was wrong about that.

Gu Xin wanted to be as fierce as her mother and sister, but she was too small and had never fought before, so she did not know the technique involved.

"Stop! Stay where you are, or I'll kill this little girl!" Zhang Pipi held Gu Xin and took a few steps back.

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian stood back to back and made a fighting pose, so the other two did not dare to step forward.

"Mother, what do we do now?" Gu Nian had the ability to fight one against three and then escape. Although she would be slightly injured, Little Xin Xin was now in her opponent's hands!

"Damn it!" Cai Xiaolian cursed in her heart. Her eyes flashed, and she finally looked like she was going all out. "Watch me. You find the right time to snatch Xin Xin back and then run with her."

After she finished speaking, she rolled up her sleeves and found a relatively flat place to sit on the ground without waiting for Gu Nian's reply.

"Help! Help! They're robbing women in broad daylight! Help! Help! There's a robber! Fire! Water loss!"

Cai Xiaolian began to pat her thigh as she sat on the ground and shouted at the top of her lungs.

There was nothing she could do about it. Many women in the village were either unable to win a quarrel or behaved in the same way, but the words coming out of their mouths were different.

Gu Nian: "..."

Mother, you're a female CEO!

Just shout! Do you have to sit on the ground?

What about your image?

Although the alley was quiet, it was filled with households, so there must be someone in the house.

Even if they didn't want to meddle in other people's business, Cai Xiaolian was shouting, "The water's gone! There's a fire!" This made the three of them panic.

They were good local ruffians. They dared to bully others openly, but they didn't dare to snatch others.

"Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!"

At this moment, a wild dog came out of nowhere.

It turned into the alley and bit Zhang Pipi's calf.

Zhang Pipi was in pain, so he couldn't care less about Gu Xin.

Gu Xin was quite smart at the moment. She felt the restraints on her loosen and quickly ran to Cai Xiaolian.

"Ouch! Ouch! You damn dog!"

"Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof..."

"Ah! Ah! My leg! Are you two dead?! Hurry up and get this damn dog away from me!"

The mother and daughter trio was not in the mood to watch the battle between the three of them and the dog. Cai Xiaolian quickly ran out of the alley with one big and one small.

"Hu!"

"Hu!"

"Hu!"

After fleeing far away from the alley, the mother and daughter trio patted their hearts and exhaled in unison.

"Mother, Sister, did you hurt your head and hands when you hit someone just now?" Gu Xin looked up and asked with concern.

"No. I felt refreshed when I heard those two voices." Cai Xiaolian wiped the sweat off her forehead and rubbed the back of her head with a smile.

"Mother, you're so awesome! I'm impressed!" Gu Nian cupped her fists at Cai Xiaolian.

Cai Xiaolian knew what Gu Nian was talking about. She rolled her eyes at her and looked at Gu Xin. "Xin Xin, did that bad guy hurt you?"

Gu Xin shook her head. "I'm fine."

“That’s good to hear! Xin Xin, I’ll teach you a few moves every morning from now on. When you get caught like this, how are you going to fight back? You must learn how to fight back!” Gu Nianzhi raised her fists.

“Okay, okay!” Gu Xin nodded repeatedly, her sparkling eyes filled with longing.

Her mother and sister had been able to escape from the bad guy just now, but she hadn’t been able to. She had even made it difficult for her mother and sister to perform. She was extremely frustrated!

### **Chapter 34: Habit**

Gu Xin did not suspect Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian at all, because they had never taken her out with them before.

Cai Xiaolian would hardly speak to her, except to scold her.

Gu Nian would usually ignore her, except for snatching her food.

Moreover, she now felt that she was a burden to her mother and sister. She wanted to change herself, so she had no time to think about anything else.

“Why are you here?” At this moment, Gu Shouxin suddenly appeared and looked at the mother and daughter in surprise.

He had just come from the dock and happened to meet the mother and daughter who were going to look for him.

“Father, Mother and Sister were so powerful just now. They...” Gu Xin ran to Gu Shouxin and pulled him with her hand. She raised her head and spoke excitedly.

Gu Shouxin furrowed his brows when he heard this. His voice became a little gloomy after he heard it. “Zhang Pipi and them? Where are they now?”

Cai Xiaolian saw that Gu Xin was so frightened that her small hands shrank. She took a step forward, held Gu Xin’s hand, and said to Gu Shouxin, “Stop frowning. You’re scaring Xin Xin. Those people were bitten by wild dogs. You don’t have to teach them a lesson. Are you hungry? Let’s go. It’s rare for us to come to town. Let’s go eat first!”

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“Yes, yes, let’s eat. We walked to town, and we’ve used up so much energy just now. I’m a little hungry now!” Gu Nian said as well.

Gu Xin held Cai Xiaolian’s hand and looked at Gu Shouxin eagerly.

Father had become fierce again. Was it because he felt that his family had changed in the past two days? Was he angry because she talked too much?

Gu Xin was a little worried. She was afraid that her parents and sister had changed back to the past.

“Okay, let’s go eat.” Gu Shouxin saw Gu Xin’s pitiful look and felt sorry for her. He relaxed his eyebrows and smiled gently at Gu Xin. Then, he went to hold her other hand.

The old nine thousand years old was temperamental and could control his expression. He was angry whenever he wanted and laughed whenever he wanted.

Gu Xin blinked.

She had never been held by her parents like this before. She used to envy the children in the village for being held by their parents to go shopping in the town.

Gu Nian walked to the side and looked at Gu Xin’s silly look. It was really difficult to associate her with the female protagonist in the book who had bright eyes, was gentle as water, and understanding. She was proficient in music, chess, calligraphy, painting, poetry, and all sorts of other things.

The female protagonist in the book, Gu Xin, was brought to Jiangnan by her family after she was sold to avoid gambling debts. She was carefully nurtured, and in less than six years, Gu Xin was nurtured into a person that the male protagonist would never forget.

Such a silly girl had transformed into a completely different person in six years. How much suffering must she have gone through?

The three of them had transmigrated here. Could it be that god pitied Gu Xin for having gone through so much in her past life, and had specially changed three people to take care of her in this life, so that she could spend her whole life foolishly and happily?

Gu Shouxin had originally wanted to bring the three of them to the restaurant, but he had no choice. He was used to it. Although he had accepted Gu Shouxin as a gambler, it had only been a few days, and he could not change his usual behavior in an instant.

Cai Xiaolian was the one who changed quickly. She pulled them around a corner at the entrance of the restaurant and went to a small noodle stall next to it.

“Her father, we don’t have much money on hand. We just need to eat a bowl of noodle soup. We’ll go buy some meat later and have Nian Nian cook a good meal. We still have other things to do at home! Let’s not dawdle.” Cai Xiaolian thought of the vegetables growing fiercely in the vegetable garden at home, she wanted to quickly pull Gu Shouxin back to take a look.

### **Chapter 35: Uncle and Young Master**

There was not only noodle soup, but also steamed buns.

Apart from Gu Xin, who had only eaten one bowl of noodles, the other three also added a steamed bun.

Gu Xin felt that this bowl of noodles was quite delicious. It was also white noodles. She had only eaten it once at her grandparents’ house.

As for the other three, they felt that these noodles was really hard to swallow. Apart from salt, there wasn’t even any oil. They might as well eat a steamed bun.

Gu Shouxin was supposed to go to the pier to work with Gu Shouli, the boss of the Gu family. In the end, Gu Shouli introduced him to the porter and went back, so he was alone just now.

After Gu Xin finished eating the noodles, Gu Shouxin went to pay.

At this time, a carriage stopped at the stall. The driver came to buy a few buns and steamed buns.

The people at the noodle stall were very surprised. They could recognize that this was the Zhou family's carriage in town. However, did the servants of the Zhou family need to come here to buy steamed buns and noodle soup?

Coincidentally, the curtain of the carriage's window was opened, revealing the appearance of a young man.

The mother and daughter of the Gu family also looked over curiously.

Cai Xiaolian: A young man from ancient times is also quite good-looking!

Gu Nian: Yes, the appraisal is complete. He's a handsome young man!

Gu Xin: Huh? She seemed to have seen this handsome young master somewhere before! Yes, she must have seen him before. Oh, yes, it was in the morning. No, no, the one with the beard in the morning was an uncle, not a young master.

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Lu Zheng only lifted the curtain of the carriage for a moment before putting it down.

He was very confused. It looked like those three were his Xin'er's parents and sister. How could they be different from what he knew?

After returning to his grandfather's house in the morning, he washed up and tidied up. He was planning to go out of the city to look for his grandfather. He happened to pass by here and saw Gu Xin. He asked the coachman to slow down, but he was still not sure. He then asked the coachman to get out of the carriage to buy mantou, he opened the curtain to confirm if it was Gu Xin.

After all, Gu Xin was only ten years old and had not grown out at all. Other than that pair of eyes, he was really afraid that he was mistaken.

Now that he was sure, he was even more confused.

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Gu Xin did not think that the handsome young master in the carriage was the uncle from this morning, so she did not mention it. She just told the other three that there was a strange uncle knocking on the door in the morning, and then left without saying anything.

She felt that he had found the wrong door.

Gu Shouxin and Cai Xiaolian did not suspect anything. They felt that it was probably someone from the other hunting grounds in the back of the mountain who had gone to the wrong place. This kind of thing had happened in their memories.



Therefore, they did not take this matter to heart. Along the way, they talked about their family's vegetable garden.

Gu Shouxin believed that when he was 9,000 years old, he had seen many treasures in the world and heard many strange stories. However, he had never heard of anyone whose vegetable garden could ripen all the vegetables in one night.

He repeatedly asked Cai Xiaolian and Gu Xin if they had remembered wrongly when they were planting the seeds. The mother and daughter must have remembered correctly because most of the people in the village ordered the seeds at this time.

"Father, I want to make cabbage and radishes into dishes for the next meal and sell them. Do you think it's possible?" Gu Nian asked.

Gu Shouxin thought about it and said, "You can make them first and we'll try them first."

"Husband, we didn't plan to tell the old residence about this. Xin Xin thinks so too. What do you think?" Cai Xiaolian asked again.

"Of course. We've already separated from the old residence. It wouldn't be a big deal if it were just our parents and brothers. It's a pity that sister-in-law can't keep her mouth shut at the old residence." Gu Shouxin nodded.

### **Chapter 36: Two Eggs**

There were people talking along the way, but they didn't feel that time was slow. It felt like they hadn't walked for long when they got home.

By the time they reached the village, it was already noon.

At this time, many people in the village came out for activities. There were men and children who went up the mountain to get firewood, and women who came to visit everywhere.

It was natural for people from the same village to greet each other.

The men exchanged a few words with Gu Shouxin, while the women exchanged a few words with Cai Xiaolian.

The host and his wife were not the kind of people who were isolated from the world. They would also walk around the village.

Along the way, Gu Nian had met quite a few people. She had a good mind and memory. She could remember people without even saying that she had met them once. However, there were only a few people in San Cha Kou Village. There were only a few dozen households and more than 200 people. She had met more than 20 people today, so Gu Nian had memorized all of them.

Gu Shouxin and Cai Xiaolian, who had the original owner's memories, didn't let anyone notice any difference between them.

On the way home, the few of them noticed that the chickens were chirping non-stop.

"Oh my, I forgot to let them out. They must be hungry. I have to go dig for wild vegetables!" Gu Xin heard the hens clucking and remembered that she hadn't gone to dig for wild vegetables today.

"Let's just pick some cucumber leaves and feed them. You've walked so much today, don't be busy!" Cai Xiaolian stopped Gu Xin.

"Oh, then I'll go pick the cucumber leaves!" Gu Xin rolled up her sleeves and went to pick the leaves.

Gu Xin went forward to help, while Gu Shouxin squatted in front of the vegetable field and looked at the watery vegetables in the field. He was at a loss.

"Did you see anything?" Cai Xiaolian went to the kitchen to put away the things she had bought and came out to ask.

When they had escaped from the alley just now, they had not forgotten the things that had fallen on the ground. The rice bags and salt bags had all been wrapped and not scattered.

"No," Gu Shouxin answered truthfully.

"Oh my!" At this moment, Gu Xin, who had already cut the cucumber leaves and was carrying a basin to feed the chickens, suddenly shouted.

"What's wrong?" The couple looked up at Gu Xin, who was beside the chicken coop.

"Father, mother, eggs, so many eggs!" Gu Xin turned her head, looking at a loss.

"Eggs? Have all the hens laid eggs?" Cai Xiaolian walked over.

Gu Nian, who had gone back to the house to drink water, heard the sounds outside and walked out as well.

The Gu family had fed a total of ten hens and two roosters. The chicken coop was quite big, and even the pigsty, which was supposed to be fed to the pigs, had been turned into a chicken coop.

The three of them walked to the chicken coop and looked at the eggs lying in the straw with some chicken feathers and chicken feces.

"One, two, three, four... seventeen... Wait, that's not right! There are ten hens in our family, and the hens lay one egg a day, right? Why..." Gu Nian thought it was very funny. She had fed chickens before, but she had never seen chickens lay eggs before. As she counted, she realized something was wrong.

"Sister, it's been cold recently. I didn't dig up many earthworms and only fed them vegetables. So recently, they only lay one egg every other day. It's rare for them to lay one every day," Gu Xin explained in a low voice.

She was the one feeding the chickens, and Gu Nian usually didn't care about them, so Gu Xin explained.

Gu Shouxin pushed open the pen door and said, "I'll go see how many there are! Gu Nian, go get the baskets."

The chickens in the pen were happily eating the chopped cucumber leaves. They had no time to bother with Gu Shouxin, who had gone in to pick up the eggs.

Soon, Gu Shouxin came out with the basket. There were a total of twenty eggs in the basket. In other words, each chicken laid an average of two eggs.

This was not common sense!

No chicken in the village could lay two eggs every day.

### **Chapter 37: Smells So Good**

A family of four sat in a row on a long bench at the entrance of the main house. Gu Shouxin had a basket of eggs in his arms. All four of them looked at the eggs in the basket.

The vegetables in the vegetable field had all matured overnight.

The chickens in the chicken coop laid two eggs every day.

What was going on!?

“Let’s wait and see if it will still be like this tomorrow. Xiao Lian, Nian Nian, Xin Xin, let’s not touch the vegetable field today. Let’s see what will happen when we wake up tomorrow morning.” Gu Shouxin pondered for a long time but could not come up with anything. He could only wait and see what would happen tomorrow.

“Okay!” The mother and daughters nodded in unison.

“Nian Nian, Xin Xin, you go and make dinner. Your mother and I will collect all the vegetables in the field outside. We will keep some for the next few days. As for the rest, I will bring them to the town tomorrow to sell them.” Gu Shouxin finished speaking and handed the basket to Gu Nian.

The two sisters went to the kitchen to prepare dinner.

“Xiao Lian, I plan to go to Yu Zhou Capital tomorrow. It might take three days. Don’t be afraid at home with the child. If you have any problems, go to the old residence and look for our parents.” Gu Shouxin took out the kitchen knife and spoke as he worked.

“Is it about the silver?” Cai Xiaolian asked. She thought for a moment and stopped what she was doing. “9000 years old, can you tell me how to solve the silver problem? 300 taels in ten days. Do you plan to be a masked robber?”

Gu Shouxin shook his head. “Where the silver is gone, I will go and find it.”

“You mean the gambling house? You are going to gamble?” Cai Xiaolian said in surprise.

“Just this once. I only have one tael of silver in my hand. This morning, when I went to the dock to work as a coolie, it was only thirty taels. Oh right, don’t tell Xin Xin about this. If this girl finds out, she’ll probably be worried. I’m just going to settle the gambling debts left behind by the original owner. At the same time, I’ll get some silver for us to keep in case we need it,” Gu Shouxin said.

“Are you very good at gambling?” Cai Xiaolian asked curiously.

"I can win a little money, but if I win too much, I'll be in trouble. So, when I go to Yu Prefecture, there shouldn't be anyone there who knows me." Gu Shouxin did not deny it.

"Alright, you should be careful when you go out by yourself. The three of us are at home, and the old mansion is close to us. Nothing will happen to us. We won't be afraid if Zhang Pipi and the others come again. Our chanting skills are pretty good," Cai Xiaolian said with a smile.

Gu Nian was a talented person, both in modern times and in ancient times.

Something had happened to their family when Gu Nian was born. In the end, it was only brother and sister. Gu Nian was more than ten years younger than her brother, so she was practically raised by her brother. When she was three or four years old, she was not in good health, and her brother happened to be in college, therefore, she was sent to a Taoist temple to be raised. When she was twelve, it was time for her to start junior high school. Her brother had already gotten married, had children, and became a small leader before he brought her back.

Gu Nian then lived with her brother, sister-in-law, nephew, and niece until she graduated.

The kung fu disciples were trained together with Taoist priests from a young age in the Taoist temple.

Although she left the Taoist temple later on, she did not slacken on her martial arts training.

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Soon, a fragrant smell came from the kitchen. Gu Shouxin and Cai Xiaolian also packed the radish, cabbage, and cucumber, and eggplant that were to be sold the next day into bamboo baskets. Each of them could be filled to the brim with three bamboo baskets. Just like that, they also kept a lot of food for their own family.

Their vegetable garden was also very big.

Gu Xin ran out cheerfully and shouted, "Father, Mother, it's time to eat. Sister's cooking smells so good!"

### **Chapter 38: The Gift Is Amazing**

Gu Nian fried the eggplant box, stir-fried the cabbage and shredded meat, stewed the radish in bone soup, added sugar to the cold cucumber, and made an egg-fried cucumber. Next was the fragrant rice.

The three strange souls of the Gu family had not touched rice in the past few days, so it was naturally fragrant.

As for Gu Xin, who had never eaten rice twice a year in her entire life, she felt that the rice was even more fragrant.

"Father, Mother, we don't have enough seasoning at home, so you guys can make do with this eggplant box. When I get all the seasoning, I'll prepare a good meal for you guys." Gu Nian really despised the rice she had made today.

"It's very delicious." Gu Shouxin picked up an eggplant box and ate it, then commented.

His eating movements were more refined. Except for Gu Xin, who felt that her father was eating differently now, the other two did not feel anything.

Gu Xin did not think too much about it. Why would she think about anything else when she smelled such delicious food?

The family of four ate up the entire meal.

After they finished eating, Gu Xin wanted to wash the dishes, but was stopped by Gu Shouxin. "Daddy will wash the dishes today. Xin Xin, go rest."

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian looked at Gu Shouxin in surprise.

It was so nice to be 9,000 years old!

They were so happy that they dragged Gu Xin out of the kitchen.

The mother and daughter went to the chicken coop again and found the hens squatting in their nests. It was already dark; it looked like they had gone to sleep.

Gu Shouxin finished washing the dishes and started boiling water. He then tidied up the kitchen.

When the water was ready, it was completely dark outside.

The family of four washed up in the kitchen. Gu Xin was the youngest, so she was told to wash her face and feet first.

After washing, Gu Xin took the basin to pour water and walked to the vegetable field. She thought of what her father had said about not touching the vegetable field. After she poured water on her feet, the vegetable field was moved.

Moved the vegetable field?

Something flashed through Gu Xin's mind.

Yesterday, her jade bead slipped into the foot-washing water. Today, her jade bead slipped into the chicken food. Could it be related to the jade bead?

Gu Xin was frightened by her thoughts.

No, she had to try.

She put down the foot-washing basin and turned to look at the kitchen. No one came out.

She thought to herself, "Little Fish, please give me a jade bead!"

The jade fish appeared in her hand and spat out a jade bead.

Gu Xin sneakily looked back at the kitchen. Then she put the jade bead into the foot-washing water and took a few steps toward the door.

The small piece near the door was previously planted with chilies, but now it was all dried up.

She poured the water into the chilies, then quickly ran back to the kitchen as if she had done a bad thing.

"Xin Xin, do you want to go to the toilet after washing? Mom will go with you. Wake up when you fall asleep, it will be cold," Cai Xiaolian asked.

"Okay, Mom." Gu Xin nodded.

That night, the Gu family slept well. They had been busy all day. Although they were thinking about the strange vegetable field and the hen in the chicken pen, they were tired and fell asleep soon.

Gu Xin got up on time. When she got up, she thought of the chili in the vegetable field. She put on her clothes, shoes, and didn't have time to comb her hair before she went to the yard.

At this moment, Gu Shouxin was already squatting in the chili field in the courtyard.

Gu Xin saw the green, red, and red-green chili at the entrance of the central room.

It was the jade bead!

It was the jade bead that the Little Carp had given her.

As expected of a carp that could cross the Dragon Gate. The gifts were all so powerful!

### **Chapter 39: Liked This Feeling**

Gu Shouxin turned around when he heard the noise. He saw it was Gu Xin and asked with a smile, "Why don't you sleep a little longer, Xin Xin?"

Gu Xin walked out of the door and went down a few steps. She walked up to Gu Shouxin and said, "Dad, I'm used to waking up at this time. Dad, the chili has grown out!"

Gu Xin was a little hesitant. Should she tell Gu Shouxin about her jade fish and jade bead?

But Little Fish had said that she couldn't tell anyone.

"Yeah! The chili has grown!" Gu Shouxin looked at the chili in the ground.

"Dad, I'll get Mom and Sister to wake up." Gu Xin turned around and ran back.

She still didn't want to tell her father, so she had to leave for a while. Otherwise, her father would definitely see that she was lying.

Gu Shouxin felt that Gu Xin's reaction was very normal and didn't suspect anything.

He had planned to call Cai Xiaolian to wake her up, but when he was lost in thought, Gu Xin came out.

The family of four stood next to the vegetable field again. Except for Gu Xin, the other three were a little confused.

Could it be that this was the Golden Finger of their family of three? The same Golden Finger?

"Do you want to sell this chili along with the others?" Gu Shouxin was the first to speak.

"No!" Gu Nian said without hesitation, "Dad, with this chili, I can cook a lot of delicious food. Dad, just bring the cucumber and eggplant. Leave the rest to me."

"Yes, I believe in Nian Nian." Cai Xiaolian agreed.

"Okay! Then I'll go to the old house to borrow the ox-cart first. I made a deal with Dad and Mom the day before yesterday." Gu Shouxin didn't care about the money from selling the vegetables.

After saying that, he left the house.

"Xin Xin, come, Mom will tie up your hair. We'll collect the chili after breakfast and let your sister make delicious food for you." Cai Xiaolian took Gu Xin to comb her hair.

She didn't think too much about it. She couldn't think of anything even if she thought too much about it.

Gu Nian did the same as her. She went back to her room to tidy up, then washed up and made breakfast.

For breakfast, she boiled rice porridge, cooked a sweet and sour cucumber, fried a cabbage, and boiled two eggs each.

Gu Shouxin came back to eat breakfast and loaded baskets of eggplants and cucumbers onto the ox-cart. Previously, he had told the old mansion to borrow the cart to go to Yu Zhou Capital to visit his former teacher and ask him for advice on where he should start studying. Of course, these were all excuses.

Although Grandma Gu and Grandpa Gu didn't really believe that he had changed, they were willing to give him a chance.

Anyway, the ox didn't need to till the ground in winter. They could just lend it to their son.

"9,000 years old. You must remember that there are fewer cucumbers and eggplants in this season. The price can't be lower. It has to be higher than usual. Also, the raincoats and bamboo hats here. What if it rains? Nian Nian just boiled eggs. Take them with you. You can still fill your stomach if you're hungry on the way," Cai Xiaolian whispered at the door.

"Okay." Gu Shouxin listened patiently and then replied.

"Dad, come back soon!" Gu Nian held Gu Xin's hand as they walked out and spoke with a smile.

"Dad, I have two copper coins for you. Grandpa gave them to me and said that I could buy sweets and steamed buns to eat." Gu Xin spread out her small hands and two copper coins appeared.

She had hidden them away secretly. In the past, her grandparents in the old mansion would give her five cents on her birthday and New Year's Eve, but Gu Nian would always snatch them away. She had been saving these for years.

"Thank you, Xin Xin! I'll buy you sweets and buns when I come back!" Gu Shouxin took his daughter's copper coins.

He liked the feeling of being cared for. So this was what it was like to have a wife and daughters!

## Chapter 40: I Haven't Even Scolded Her Yet

After sending Gu Shouxin off, the mother and daughter started picking the chilies.

Gu Nian only wanted the red ones, so she asked Cai Xiaolian and Gu Xin to separate all the different colors.

"Mother, do you think we should find some other seeds and plant them in the field later to see if they'll grow better overnight when we wake up tomorrow morning? Oh right, we should mix some cucumber leaves for the chicken to eat later and see if they'll lay two more eggs in the afternoon," Gu Nian suggested.

"If it has anything to do with this soil, then any kind of leaves will do. Why don't we feed the radish leaves? There are too many of them, it would be a pity if they spoil," Cai Xiaolian said.

"Mother, Sister, let's feed the chicken with cucumber leaves! I'll carry the radish leaves to Grandma's place later and feed the pigs. Every year, Grandpa will give us a piece of meat!" Gu Xin thought of the old house.

"Okay." Cai Xiaolian felt that this would work.

It was not that she and Gu Xin did not think about their elders, but they did not dare to go to the old house now. Moreover, in Cai Xiaolian's memory, Grandma Gu was a little fierce, and sister-in-law was a little annoying. When they ate at the old house during the New Year, they would definitely quarrel.

Knock, knock, knock!

At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

The mother and daughter stopped in their tracks. Gu Xin panicked. She was afraid that others would come and see their vegetable plot.

"You guys continue picking. I'll go!" As an adult, Cai Xiaolian was calmer than the two younger ones. She clapped her hands and walked towards the door.

"Cai Xiaolian, open the door! I'm bringing you something. I'll throw it away if you don't want it!" It was Gu Shouli's wife, Mrs Zhang, who was knocking on the door.

"Oh no, Aunt is here. If she knew how powerful our land is, the whole village would know about it this afternoon." Gu Xin panicked even more when she heard the voice.

"Don't be afraid, Mother won't let her see it. Let's hurry up and take it off!" Gu Nian comforted her.

"It's sister-in-law. What's the matter?" Cai Xiaolian opened the door and asked with a sullen face.

In her memory, the original owner and Mrs Zhang did not get along well.

"Cai Xiaolian, what's the meaning of you and Second Brother?" The Zhang family had a big belly and was holding a small cloth bag in her hand. When she saw Cai Xiaolian, she questioned her.

"What's wrong with you? What are you giving me? Give it to me!" Cai Xiaolian was baffled.



“Pah! You shameless thing, you’re as shameless as Second Brother Gu. You owe money but you still don’t pay it back. What, you want to study and cheat your parents’ money? Let me tell you, Cai Xiaolian, you have already been divided out! Everything in the Gu family belongs to my son, Gu En, and the son in my belly. Your second son can forget about getting anything! You can’t do this...”

Bang!

Cai Xiaolian didn’t wait for the others to finish speaking and directly closed the door. She felt that this Zhang family was inexplicable.

If it weren’t for the fact that she was pregnant, she would have scolded them back!

Bang, bang, bang!

“Cai Xiaolian, stop pretending to be stupid! You must be feeling guilty! You’re an old hen who can’t lay eggs and can’t give birth to a son. Let me tell you, everything in the Gu family belongs to my son. You won’t be able to get a single cent! Gu Shouxin wants to pay off his debts? Don’t you have two big girls? Use them to pay off your debts! Gu Nian is already so old. She should be worth 50 taels! Gu Xin is so little. One look and you can tell that she’s short-lived. Selling her to someone as a maid...”

“Shut up!”

Cai Xiaolian couldn’t take it anymore. Why were all these women the same?

“Aiyo!”

Cai Xiaolian had just opened the door and said two words when she saw Lady Zhang clutching her stomach in pain.

Cai Xiaolian: “...”

‘I haven’t scolded her yet!’

‘You’re too good at pretending!’