

Haywire 41

Chapter 41: The Luck of the Koi Fish

"Ouch! Ouch, my stomach hurts! My stomach hurts!" Lady Zhang's pain was unbearable.

"Hey, stop pretending. I haven't even started scolding you. Don't think you can blame me just because you're pregnant!" Cai Xiaolian said so, but she still walked closer to take a look.

"Cai Xiaolian, ouch, I'm definitely going to give birth. Ouch, it hurts, it hurts..." Lady Zhang's face turned pale from the pain.

Cai Xiaolian took a look and realized that this person was definitely not faking it.

"Xin Xin, quickly go find Granny Chen in the village and tell her that your aunt is going to give birth. Tell her to come over. Nian Nian, go to the old residence and tell your grandparents that your aunt is going to give birth." Cai Xiaolian supported Lady Zhang and called for the daughters in the house.

"Oh!" Gu Xin responded and ran away.

Gu Nian was a little confused. She did not know where the old residence was!

"What are you standing there for? You..." Cai Xiaolian remembered that Gu Nian had no memory and was about to show her the way, but was interrupted.

"Mother!" It was Gu Hui carrying a basket on her back and carrying a sickle.

"Huihui, quick, go and tell your grandmother that your mother is going to give birth soon." Cai Xiaolian quickly said when she saw it was Gu Hui.

"Huh? Didn't the doctor say that the child would be born at the end of next month or the beginning of December this time? Why is it..." Gu Hui put the sickle into the basket on her back and put down the basket on her back.

"Damn girl, take me back quickly. I don't want to give birth to a son in the Gu family!" Lady Zhang looked as if she had seen her savior.

She didn't want to give birth to a son in the Gu family and bring good luck to a shrew like Cai Xiaolian who couldn't give birth to a son!

"Then I'll carry you back!" Gu Hui said in a speechless manner.

After saying that, she squatted down and directly carried Lady Zhang.

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian were shocked. This girl was so strong!

"Cai Xiaolian, you have to follow me. I'm telling you, if anything happens to my son, I'm not done with you! Ouch!" Lady Zhang grabbed Cai Xiaolian's arm tightly and howled like a pig being slaughtered.

"Mother, are you done?! Why are you dragging Second Aunt?" Gu Hui was particularly annoyed at her own mother's son preference and unreasonable mother.

"No! We have to take her with us! You wretched girl, go! Oh, go, you wretched girl!" Lady Zhang wailed.

"What's wrong with you?! You..." Gu Hui was so angry that she wanted to throw her away.

"It's okay, it's okay. Let's go, Hui Hui. I'll go with you." Cai Xiaolian thought that she was going to give birth anyway. Forget it, she would go with them.

"Nian Nian, help your cousin carry the basket on her back." Cai Xiaolian remembered that Gu Nian didn't even know about the old house. She wanted to take advantage of the chaotic situation to let Gu Nian go and meet her.

"Okay." Gu Nian turned around and closed the door. She went to carry Gu Hui's bag.

Gu Hui looked at Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian strangely. She felt that there was something wrong with Second Aunt and First Cousin!

However, her mother was howling in her arms, and she did not have time to think about it. She hurried home.

Gu Nian followed behind her with a basket on her back. She thought about what had happened just now. Lady Zhang had suddenly started howling when she was scolding Xin Xin.

The day before in town, the wild dog had barged in when the three of them had been talking about what they wanted to do to Xin Xin. At first, it had only bitten Xin Xin.

Was it really that strange?

Gu Nian felt that she couldn't come to this conclusion for the time being. She would have to wait and see what would happen next.

If what happened next was the same as what happened now, then would her cheap sister, the female protagonist in the book, Gu Xin, have been transported by the family's three transmigrators along with koi fish?

Chapter 42: You Deserve It

Granny Chen was a midwife in San Cha Kou Village. She delivered almost all the babies in the village, so her skills were guaranteed.

Gu Hui was really strong. She carried her mother all the way back without stopping.

Lady Zhang's howls were quite loud. Before they entered the courtyard, everyone in the house heard them.

There were only the old couple and the Zhang family's youngest daughter, Gu Si. Gu Shouren and Gu Shouyi had gone out, while Gu En had gone to school.

"What's wrong with Mother?" Gu Si put down the chicken food in her hand and clapped her hands as she ran over.

"Go boil the water. Mother is going into labor," Gu Hui instructed without further ado.

Cai Xiaolian turned to Gu Nian and said, "Nian Nian, help your cousin boil the water."

"Okay." Gu Nian placed the basket beside the pigsty and followed her to the kitchen to help boil the water. Just as she reached the kitchen door, she ran into an energetic old lady.

Gu Nian guessed that this was the original owner's grandmother, Gu Xianglan, the only daughter of the hunter family. It was said that she was capable of killing a wild boar by herself. She hurriedly called for help, "Grandma..."

"Okay, I'll go take a look." Gu Xianglan nodded. She only gave Gu Nian a curious look before walking away.

She wasn't familiar with the eldest granddaughter of the second wife. Other than seeing this girl on New Year's and festive occasions, this girl rarely came to the old house. It was rather strange today.

"Eldest Cousin, I'll start the fire. You just add water to the pot." Gu Si had already started the fire with the fire that had not been extinguished by the morning cooking.

"Okay." Gu Nian saw the water ladle and also the water tank. She nodded and went to scoop the water.

After a while, Gu Xin pulled Granny Chen over. The old and the young were both panting.

"Second Girl ran really fast. This old woman can't keep up with her!" Granny Chen patted her heart.

"Ouch! Ouch! Ah! Ah!..." The screams of Mrs Zhang came from inside the house.

"Granny Chen, my aunt is very uncomfortable. You should go and take a look!" Gu Xin wiped the sweat from his forehead and spoke anxiously.

"Okay!" Granny Chen went into Mrs Zhang's house.

Gu Xin ran to the kitchen to help boil the water.

Mrs Zhang had been crying for an hour. Her voice was hoarse, but she hadn't given birth yet.

She was almost exhausted, but she didn't forget to grab Cai Xiaolian.

"Mother, you have to work harder. It's coming out. You have to work harder!" Granny Chen encouraged Mrs Zhang.

"Ah! I have no strength! Mother, I have no strength. It's all Cai Xiaolian. Cai Xiaolian scolded me. That's why I had an attack so early! Mother, if I die, you have to make a decision for me!" Mrs Zhang said without strength, but her voice was very loud.

"If you die, I'll immediately find a stepmother for my grandchild and his siblings. The stepmother abused your son, so you can watch from the sky and cry!" Gu Xianglan said coldly.

Cai Xiaolian also said from the side, "Sister-in-law, it's not that I want to scold you, but you deserve it. You came to my house so early in the morning for no reason! The heavens can't stand it anymore. Even the child in your stomach can't stand it anymore and wants to come out and stop you! Why are you glaring at me? You want to hit me? You want to scold me? If you have the ability, give birth to the child!

I'm afraid of you! If you die, I'll pass on your son to me as my son in the future. Anyway, you said that I can't give birth to a son!"

Gu Xianglan looked at Cai Xiaolian in surprise.

"Ya! Cai Xiaolian, you shameless woman, just you wait! Don't even think about it! That's my son, you old hen who can't lay eggs!"

"Ah! Ah! Ah!"

Lady Zhang was furious. Just now, she felt that she was going to be exhausted, but in an instant, she felt refreshed.

Chapter 43: Small Business

From midnight to noon, from noon to evening.

Mrs Zhang was exhausted, but the child was still not born.

Gu Xin listened to her aunt's silence and hesitated for a moment. She quietly let Little Fish spit out a jade bead and put it into the water that Gu Hui was going to give Mrs Zhang to drink.

Fifteen minutes later, Mrs Zhang's child was born.

It was a son. Although he was born prematurely, his cries were quite loud. He was not as listless as the other premature babies.

Lady Zhang looked at Cai Xiaolian proudly and then fell asleep in satisfaction.

Cai Xiaolian: "..."

"Second Daughter-in-Law, come out and eat!" Grandma Gu tidied up the child, wrapped it in swaddling clothes, and put it into Gu Shouli's arms. Then, she called Cai Xiaolian out to eat with her.

"Um, Mom, does Big Brother know how to take care of the baby?" Cai Xiaolian asked worriedly when she saw Gu Shouli, who was still in a daze.

"He's already the father of three children. Why can't he take care of them? Do you want to stay and take care of the baby for your sister-in-law?" Grandma Gu asked in return.

Cai Xiaolian quickly shook her head and went out with Grandma Gu.

It was already so late, and the whole Gu family had already returned.

Gu Nian finally recognized all the members of the Gu family. From her first impression, she liked her grandfather.

After dinner, Grandma Gu called Cai Xiaolian to her room.

"What's the matter, Mother?" Cai Xiaolian was a little nervous.

In her memory, the cheap mother-in-law was not easy to get along with and was a smart person. If it hadn't happened so suddenly today, she really didn't want to come to the old residence.

"Second Brother said that he wanted to continue his studies, and he said that you supported him. Tell me, what do you think?" Grandma Gu went straight to the point.

"I, I support him!" Cai Xiaolian was stunned. She did not understand what the old lady meant.

"How do you support him? How many woks of vegetables do you want to grow to sell? Forcing Gu Nian to do endless embroidery work? Letting Gu Xin take care of everything at home? Gu Nian doesn't want her eyes anymore? Gu Xin, are you guys just going to let her live without food or clothes? After selling a few pots of vegetables, she can only buy a pen." Grandma Gu glanced at Cai Xiaolian.

Cai Xiaolian: "..."

"Second Daughter-in-Law, you've been married to Second Brother for more than ten years. You've been living a muddle-headed life all day. Don't you have any feelings for yourself and your two daughters?" Grandma Gu softened her tone and asked again.

"Mother, actually, after this incident, her father, Nian Nian, and I have discussed the future of our family. Nian Nian doesn't plan to do embroidery anymore. It's really sore to the eyes. We plan to do some small business. Her father is studying, and Xin Xin is at home. Well, she won't let Xin Xin do everything like before." Cai Xiaolian still planned to have a good talk with the old lady, as for whether the old lady believed it or not, she couldn't care less.

"Small business? What business?" Grandma Gu looked at Cai Xiaolian suspiciously.

She always felt that her second son's family had some changes except for Xin Xin. Did they really turn over a new leaf?

"Nian Nian made a food that tastes pretty good. We plan to sell it. Mom, when Nian Nian is done, I'll bring some over for you to try," Cai Xiaolian said.

"Food?" Grandma Gu didn't think much of it. She frowned and said, "This time, Second Brother has a gambling debt of 300 taels. He told us that he would think of a way himself. Do you know what he is thinking of?"

Cai Xiaolian shook her head. "Husband told me not to interfere. He said that I should stay at home and take care of the child."

Chapter 44: Dregs of Sea Pepper

"After ten days, you'll come to me if Second Brother hasn't paid up. Don't tell Second Brother about this. As for the small business you're going to do with Gu Nian, you two make it first, and your father and I will have a taste of it," Grandma Gu said after a moment of silence.

"Okay, Mother." Cai Xiaolian nodded.

"Go back! It's getting dark, and Second Brother isn't home. Remember to lock the door before the three of you go to bed at night," Grandma Gu instructed.

"Okay, Mom. I'll take the kids back," Cai Xiaolian said.

Grandma Gu didn't go out with Cai Xiaolian. Soon, Grandpa Gu came in.

"If Second Brother solves his gambling debt by himself this time, then he needs to study. Let's help him!" Grandma Gu sighed.

The way she talked to Grandpa Gu was different from the way she talked to others outside. It was much gentler.

"Lan Lan, three hundred taels is not a small amount." Grandfather Gu walked over and sat down next to Grandma Gu. He sighed, "Forget it. We can't always pamper him like this. If he can settle this gambling debt in ten days, no matter what method he uses, it's his ability."

"Okay." Grandma Gu leaned on Grandfather Gu's shoulder and replied, "Second's wife said that she wants to discuss some small business with Gu Nian. I don't know if the two of them can do it. I'm not worried about them. I just pity Xin Xin."

"Nian Nian's cooking is not bad. She was the one who cooked the meal just now. She had also told me about it, and I was quite interested. If it worked out, they would have an extra income in the future. Second, seeing that his wife and daughter were so devoted to him, he might even turn back." Grandpa Gu was not as pessimistic about their small business as Grandma Gu. He seemed to be quite confident in Gu Nianzhi.

"I hope so!"

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When they got home, the mother and daughter continued to pick the chilies. They planned to finish picking the chilies before it was completely dark.

Gu Nian had wanted to plant the seeds in the morning to see if the effects would be realized the next day.

In the end, the mother and daughter did not finish picking the chilies. They could only wait until tomorrow.

They only finished picking all the chilies the next morning.

When Gu Xin was feeding the chickens, she found that there were dozens of eggs in the nest. She went to pick them up, but Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian were no longer so surprised.

"There are so many eggs. Let's steam a cake tonight!" Gu Nian suggested.

"Sister, is the cake made from eggs?" Gu Xin asked curiously.

Gu Nian nodded at Gu Xin's little head and asked with a smile, "Yes! Our Little Xin Xin is so smart. She even knows that! Little Xin Xin, can you go to Grandma's house and borrow a guillotine? I can help."

"Sure! I'll bring some radish leaves to Grandpa and Grandma's house." Gu Xin turned around and went to look for a basket.

"What do you need a guillotine for?" Cai Xiaolian asked after Gu Xin left.

"Mom, have you ever eaten dregs of sea pepper?" Gu Nian asked mysteriously instead of answering.

"I have. There was a project in the southwest, and the person-in-charge there invited me to a local farmer's restaurant. Dregs of sea pepper and pot of meat. Hiss, I'm craving it now just thinking about it." Cai Xiaolian smacked her lips, she started salivating when she heard the name. It was obvious how much she loved the taste.

"I know how to make it! I'll get Xin Xin to borrow a guillotine to chop up these red peppers. Let's make it this afternoon! I've seen that there are quite a lot of clay pots at home, and it's perfect for use." Gu Nian was also a little tempted to eat.

Chapter 45: The Male Protagonist's Grandfather

"I dare say that there is absolutely no such thing as dregs of sea pepper in this world. The main reason is that this pepper has only been introduced to Great Zhou by the male protagonist's grandfather for less than ten years. Oh, that's right, the male protagonist's grandfather! Mother, I remember now. The male protagonist's grandfather is Master Zhou of the Zhou family town. The article mentioned that almost twenty years after the appearance of the pepper, the male protagonist's grandfather also offered potatoes, sweet potatoes, and corn!" Gu Nian's eyes suddenly widened. It was as if she had seen gold.

"I thought you didn't remember? How did you know that the chili pepper had only appeared a dozen years ago?" Cai Xiaolian asked.

"That's what grandfather said just now. It was mentioned in the book that because of the chili pepper, the male protagonist's mother had an affinity with his father. Later on, the male protagonist's mother was killed by someone, and the male protagonist did not have a good life. Almost twenty years later, the male protagonist had offered sweet potatoes, corn, and potatoes again, allowing the male protagonist to leave his name with the emperor. The grandfather said that the chili pepper was planted by Master Zhou of the Zhou family town first. So, Master Zhou of our Zhou family town is the male protagonist's maternal grandfather!" Gu Nian did not see where the male protagonist's mother's maternal home was in the book.

"No wonder these things did not appear in my memory. So they haven't appeared yet! Nian Nian, then where did Master Zhou find the sweet potatoes, potatoes, and corn? I kind of want to eat them." These foods appeared in Cai Xiaolian's mind.

"He didn't mention it. His grandfather was just a bystander. Let me do the math. Xin Xin is ten years old this year. The male protagonist is six years older than Xin Xin. If he is sixteen years old, the male protagonist would still be sick and be raised in his father's manor. Their family seems to be from Yu Zhou." Gu Nian thought about the plot in the book.

"Yu Zhou? Isn't that the neighboring state capital?" Cai Xiaolian asked in surprise.

"It's fine. The male protagonist had a hard time dealing with his stepmother's people in the early stages. He would only slowly recover after his grandfather had offered potatoes, sweet potatoes, and corn." Gu Nianzhi wasn't worried at all.

"I'm back! Sister, Mother, what should I do?" Gu Xin was sweating profusely from running. She didn't seem to have stopped at all!

Gu Xin was back, and the mother and daughter did not say anything else.

Gu Nian asked Gu Xin to sit down and rest for a while. She and Cai Xiaolian took out the wooden bucket and started to slaughter the chilies in the yard.

The wooden bucket was not tall, only reaching the knees of an adult. It had a radius of about half a meter.

Cai Xiaolian put the washed chilies into the bucket, and Gu Nianzhi picked up the guillotine and started to slaughter them.

This guillotine was used for slaughtering pigs and grass while standing up, so there was no need to sit down and bend over. It was less tiring.

"Sister, why are you slaughtering the chilies?" Gu Xin asked curiously.

"To make something delicious. By the way, mother, Xin Xin, you two go to the mill and grind the rice fine! You'll need the rice noodles later." Gu Nian added.

"Your grandmother's house has them. Xin Xin, who's at your grandmother's house?" Cai Xiaolian asked.

"Only Uncle and Aunt. Grandpa and Grandma have gone to town. Fourth Uncle has gone to Grandpa Yang's house to work. Eldest Cousin has gone to carry firewood. Brother En has gone to school," Gu Xin said one by one as she counted with her fingers.

"That's fine! I'll take the rice to your grandparents' house and ask your uncle for help. I'll go and see your little cousin!" Cai Xiaolian made up her mind when she heard this.

The old lady and the old man were not at home. The smart ones were not there either. Only the honest eldest brother and his wife were left.

Cai Xiaolian took all the rice she bought the day before yesterday and ground it. She had no choice. She had slaughtered so many chilies. She could not do without enough rice flour!

Chapter 46: Was Completed

"Xin Xin, don't get too close. You'll get a burning sensation when the chili powder hits your face." Gu Nian saw that Gu Xin was standing right next to the bucket and stopped moving.

"Sister, I'll go dig some wild vegetables then!" Gu Xin wasn't used to just sitting around and doing nothing.

"Don't dig wild vegetables. We have enough carrot leaves to feed our chickens for a few days. If you have nothing to do, boil some water. Then clean all the pots in the kitchen and put them in the yard to dry! I'll slice the chili in the morning and cook it in the afternoon. I'll make a cake for you when it's time for dinner, okay?" Gu Nian thought for a while, then she gave Gu Xin a task.

The young mistress was used to doing things and couldn't stay still. Washing the pots wasn't difficult.

Gu Xin went to boil some hot water to wash the cans.

About an hour later, Cai Xiaolian came back with the rice noodles.

"Nian Nian, the rice noodles are still not enough! Do you think I should go to town this afternoon to buy some more?" Cai Xiaolian asked as soon as she entered the house.

"Mother, it's better if you don't go. What if you run into Zhang Pipi and the others again? I heard yesterday at the old mansion that Fourth Uncle is going to deliver some goods this afternoon. Why don't you ask Fourth Uncle to bring some back for you?" Gu Nian was worried that Cai Xiaolian would be robbed again if she went alone.

She had already known what the Gu family did when she ate at the old mansion yesterday.

Eldest Gu usually did the work in the fields. When he was free, he would go to the dock to carry things for others. Meanwhile, Fourth Gu was learning craftsmanship from the village carpenter, Yang.

Coincidentally, yesterday, she heard Fourth Gu mention that he was going to the town this afternoon to deliver a finished cabinet to a family.

"That's fine! Then I'll go and look for him right away. I don't want him to leave later and make a mistake." Cai Xiaolian returned to the kitchen and put down the bag of rice noodles. She then went to get the money bag. She left 100 wen and only took 400 wen.

This was Cai Xiaolian's habit. She had to leave some money with her, or else she wouldn't feel safe.

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In the afternoon, Gu Si came over to deliver the rice noodles.

"Second Aunt, Fourth Uncle bought the rice back. My dad crushed it for you guys and asked me to come over to deliver it!" Gu Si came over with a small backpack full of rice noodles. However, she left the food to Cai Xiaolian at the door and turned around to leave. She didn't even get close to the door.

"This little cousin of ours is a little introverted!" Gu Nian commented.

"Your aunt values boys over girls. Hui Hui is a strong person. Si Si has been bossed around by your aunt all day long. If it weren't for your grandparents watching over her, your aunt wouldn't know how to treat her!" Cai Xiaolian shook her head.

Gu Si was just like Gu Xin when the three of them had not transmigrated over. However, with her grandparents watching over Gu Si, she would not be hungry.

Gu Xin was different. Even though her grandparents often gave her food, she was robbed by the original owner, Gu Nian, when she returned.

"What a sin!" Gu Nian curled her lips.

Although she sympathized with her little cousin, she was not familiar with the people from the old house yet, so she could not say much.

The mother and daughter closed the door and returned to the kitchen. They took Gu Xin and patched up all the chopped chilies. Then, they added salt and pepper noodles.

They could have added some ginger, but they didn't have any at home. They hadn't found any when they went shopping earlier.

They had made three clay pots that could hold 20 kilograms. These clay pots were just ordinary pickle pots.

Gu Nian had also cut bamboo into strips in a bamboo forest outside the door. She put them into the pots and compacted them.

Chapter 47: She Could Do Anything

Cai Xiaolian thought to herself: She can do anything she wants!

Gu Nian took a break after she finished preparing the dried pepper and began to prepare dinner.

She had promised to make a cake for Xin Xin, and they had plenty of eggs in their house. They had also bought flour when they had gone shopping earlier.

She separated the egg yolk from the egg whites. She added white sugar to the yolk and beat the egg whites until they were white and fluffy.

The scattered egg yolks were poured into a large bowl with a little salt. A pot of cold water was placed on top and steamed.

Gu Nian had made a total of six large bowls and was planning to send some over to the old residence.

Gu Xin started the fire in front of the stove while Cai Xiaolian washed the vegetables and helped Gu Nian with the cooking.

After the cake was steamed, Gu Xin felt like her saliva was about to flow out. It smelled so good!

"Xin Xin, come and try it. Do you think it's good?" Gu Nian picked a piece of cake with her chopsticks and gave it to Gu Xin.

"Yes, it's delicious, Sister. It's so delicious! It's the best I've ever tasted!" Gu Xin nodded vigorously after she finished eating.

"Let me have a taste!" Cai Xiaolian also went up and ate a piece.

She did not think it was very delicious. It was far worse than the cakes she had eaten before. However, she knew the reason as well. After all, the ingredients were not used enough!

There was not even any milk.

"It's quite good, Nian Nian. If our chicken keeps laying eggs like this, can we sell cakes?" Cai Xiaolian was a money-maker.

"Mom, forget it. It's very difficult to get rid of the egg whites. Can we sell spicy cabbage and dregs of sea pepper?" Gu Nian was unwilling.

"Sister, I can do it. I'll get rid of the egg whites! Let's sell more money and quickly pay off father's gambling debts. No one will bully us in the future!" Gu Xin's big eyes sparkled. She had always been thinking about Gu Shouxin's gambling debts!

"Xin Xin, Dad said that he would pay off his gambling debts himself. Don't worry about it. If you think too much about what you're worried about, you won't grow tall. How about this? In a while, you bring the cake to Grandpa and Grandma's place and let them eat it. If they say that this can be sold for money, then we'll make some every day and sell it." Gu Nian looked at her big eyes. She couldn't bear to discourage her.

'Sigh, forget it. Let's do business first!'

'First, we have to solve the problem of food and clothing. Then we can think about other things.'

Gu Nian was a little sad. She missed her days in the laboratory. Unfortunately, even if this era continued to develop for another thousand years, it would still not be able to give her a laboratory.

"Sister, are you unhappy?" Gu Xin was very sensitive to the changes in her family's mood. She immediately noticed that Gu Nian was a little unhappy.

"It's nothing. I just don't want to beat egg whites every day in the future. It's so tiring!" Gu Nian came back to her senses and smiled.

"It's okay, Sister. I have the strength. I'll do it. You can just steam the cake." Gu Nian's sparkling eyes were especially sincere when she heard this.

"You little thing, you talk like your parents are useless. Why do you have to do it? You'll be responsible for eating well, growing more meat, and then growing taller. Leave the rest to your parents." Cai Xiaolian hugged Gu Xin lovingly. This child was so sensible!

"Alright, Mother, Xin Xin, I'll cut this cake into small pieces. You two can send it to the old residence together! Mother, you should also ask Grandpa and Fourth Uncle about their thoughts on this cake. See if they can sell it. If they can sell it, how much is the price of one piece that others can accept?" Gu Nian separated the mother and daughter.

After that, she took the cake out of the bowl and put it on a clean plate. She then used a knife to cut it into small pieces.

Chapter 48: Return

The Gu family's old residence.

Grandma Gu ate a piece of cake that had already cooled down. When she heard Cai Xiaolian's explanation of the reason for her visit, she asked, "Is this the small business that you mentioned yesterday?"

"Yes, I guess so! However, that girl Nian Nian has also thought of something else. Mother, what do you think of this? A cake made from eggs. Nian Nian said that it's called a cake." Cai Xiaolian did not explain that that was not what she had mentioned yesterday.

"It melts in your mouth, and the aroma hits your nose. The smell of the eggs is gone, and the sweetness is just right. If it were me, I'd be willing to buy it," Grandpa Gu said.

"Second Sister-in-Law, Nian Nian is really capable! I thought she only knew how to embroider and not do housework! This will definitely sell well," Fourth Gu said.

"If Second Aunt goes to the town to sell things, I'll accompany you! There are a lot of gangsters in the town, especially Second Uncle. He's close to the gangsters. Who knows if they'll pay or not!" Gu Hui was more direct and did not hesitate to undermine the original owner, Gu Shouxin.

Gu Xin wanted to say that her sister was also very good, but when she thought of how her eldest cousin sister usually beat up the boys who bullied her in the village, she did not say anything.

The people at the old residence said that they could sell it.

However, they were not sure about the price. After all, there was no such food in town. If the price was low, wouldn't it be a waste of effort? If the price was high, they were afraid that they would not be able to sell it.

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Xin sat in the old house for a long time. It was already dark, and they did not get a reference price. They could only walk back with the straw.

When they went back, they saw an ox-cart at the door. The people in the cart were getting off. When they walked closer, they saw that it was Gu Shouxin.

"You're back!"

"Dad, you're back!"

The mother and daughter were a little surprised. Didn't he say that he would be back in three days? At the earliest, he would arrive at noon the next day?

"Yes, I came back after I finished my business. Did you go to the old residence?" Gu Shouxin felt very warm in his heart when he saw his wife and daughter holding the hemp stalk.

In his previous life, he had dreamed that someone would be waiting for him when he returned home at night.

It wouldn't be a servant, but the person closest to him.

Now that it had come true, although he wasn't sure if the four of them were the closest people, he truly wanted to treat the three of them as the people closest to him.

"Yes, Nian Nian made some food and we brought it over. After chatting for a while, it was already dark. Oh, you bought something? Nian Nian, open the door!" Cai Xiaolian waved her hand, she saw that the empty bamboo basket on the cart was filled with bags of things.

"Yes, let's talk inside. It's cold outside." Gu Shouxin nodded.

Gu Nian opened the door and helped carry the things into the basket. Gu Shouxin then drove the cart to the old house to return them.

By the time Gu Shouxin returned, Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian had already lit three oil lamps in the central room. If Gu Xin hadn't stopped them, they would have still wanted to light the lamps. Gu Shouxin had bought a whole bucket of oil.

"Dad, you haven't eaten yet, right? We haven't eaten either. Let's eat first and then come back to look at the food. I'm a little hungry," Gu Nian suggested.

"Okay, I'm going to wash my hands!" Gu Shouxin nodded.

Gu Nian went to the kitchen to prepare the rice.

She had ground all the rice she had previously eaten, and had also ground all the rice she had asked Fourth Gu to buy in the afternoon. Therefore, Gu Nian did not make any rice. Instead, she steamed the steamed buns with radish meat, made cucumber and egg soup, stir-fried shredded green pepper meat, and made a stir-fried cabbage.

There were a lot of steamed buns. Even if she did not know that Gu Shouxin was coming back tonight, there was enough to eat.

All three oil lamps were brought to the kitchen, which became four oil lamps, making the kitchen even brighter.

Chapter 49: Was Injured

Gu Xin was happily eating her meat bun. She looked at her mother, her sister, and then at her father. Just as she was about to routinely beg God to let their family continue like this, she noticed a bright red scar on Gu Shouxin's hand. The bun immediately lost its fragrance, and she stopped moving. She asked, "Father, what happened to your hand?"

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian looked over as well.

They could tell at a glance that the wound on his arm was a knife wound. It hadn't scabbed yet and was bright red.

Gu Shouxin calmly tugged at his sleeve and switched to holding the bun in his other hand. He said, "I took the side road when I came back. It was dark again and I couldn't see clearly, so I got hung up by a tree thorn. It's no big deal. I'll be fine in two days."

"Dad, be careful in the future! Don't get hung up again. It hurts a lot. I went to the back mountain with my cousin last year to carry firewood and got hung up. It hurt for a few days before I got better." Gu Xin was relieved to see Gu Shouxin acting like nothing had happened.

"You! You're the only one in the family who worries. No wonder you can't grow tall. Come and eat another bun." Gu Nian put another bun in Gu Xin's bowl.

"Hehe, Sister, Grandpa said I grew tall because my parents and sister were both tall. I wasn't a child that was picked up. It was Grandma who watched me come out of my mother's womb. I'm not tall because I'm still young." Gu Xin picked up the bun. She smiled foolishly.

She used to be very sad about the issue of height because the girls in the village who were her age were all taller than her.

At that time, she had asked Cai Xiaolian and was scolded by Cai Xiaolian.

Later, the attentive Grandpa Gu found out that she had been depressed for the past few days and asked her about it with concern. He knew the crux of the problem and comforted her in detail.

Now, she didn't have to worry about her height anymore.

The transmigration trio instantly felt that Grandpa Gu was a good person. He was really too good.

Little Xin Xin didn't have any psychological trauma. She was still filial to her parents and attached to her sister. It was all because of Grandpa Gu, who had been teaching Little Xin Xin a positive and sunny life.

"Yes, Xin Xin is still young. So, remember to eat more so that you can grow taller, just like your parents and sister." Gu Shouxin gently scooped a bowl of soup for Gu Xin. There were a lot of egg flowers in the soup.

After a full meal, Gu Xin was tired and wanted to sleep.

After watching the things that Gu Shouxin bought, she couldn't help but wash up and go to bed.

Before going to bed, the jade fish in her hand spat out another bead. She put it beside the pillow and turned around in her sleep. Without her knowledge, the jade bead went into her mouth again.

In the central room, the three of them waited for a while to make sure that Gu Xin was asleep before they got down to business.

"Dad, you didn't get your hand cut off at the gambling den, did you? I'm not as gullible as Xin Xin. I know it's a knife wound," Gu Nian said with concern.

"That's right! Why are you fighting so hard? You're not 9,000 years old. You're just a gambler from San Cha Kou Village, Gu Shouxin. Do you think others will give you face? They might even rob and kill you on the way," Cai Xiaolian added.

"It's okay, some people just can't afford to lose. I spent a part of the silver here to buy things, and there's still 400 taels left. Other than the 300 taels, I've exchanged all the rest for broken silver." Gu Shouxin took out a money bag, inside it were three 100-taels silver notes and a pile of broken silver.

"How much are you betting?" Because Cai Xiaolian had memory, she could calculate the purchasing power of 400 taels.

Chapter 50: Couldn't Be Refused

"It's not that big. I just won a few dozen taels, and someone wants to bet with me. Ten rounds determine the winner, and the silver doubles. I let him play a few rounds, and in the end, he turned the tables. He couldn't afford to lose, so he got someone to secretly follow me. Last night, he planned to make a move on me, but for some reason, he didn't make a move. This morning, I went to exchange for silver and buy things. His people followed me all the way, planning to kill me in the wilderness. In the end, I escaped." Gu Shouxin gave a simple explanation.

He said it calmly, but Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian automatically imagined a fierce battle.

"Dad, in the future, let's do business to earn money. Don't gamble. Gambling is bad," Gu Nian advised.

"Yes, in business, we'll provide for you in the early stages. When you're successful later on, you'll be our protector!" Cai Xiaolian also said.

"I'm not going. This time, it's only for gambling debts. Don't worry, they don't know where I'm from," Gu Shouxin said.

He didn't say anything. He had killed those people directly. He was afraid that he would scare Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian if he said anything.

"These books can be used for my candidates' examinations and capital examinations. The books are expensive, and I didn't buy much. I'll copy the books myself when I'm free, so there's no need to buy them. I'll keep ten taels of silver here. Xiaolian, you keep the eighty taels. Since you'll take five taels, you'll also keep the five taels of Xiaolian from Xin Xin. When she's completely used to the three of us, you'll give it to her. That way, she'll be able to accept it calmly." Gu Shouxin distributed the silver.

"You guys aren't used to the night, so I bought lamp oil. When the time comes, you can light as many lamps as you want. This will be useful for the New Year. There are a few sets of ready-made clothes here, and the two of you don't know how to sew, so I didn't buy any cloth. There are also some rice noodles and meat, which are enough for us to eat for a period of time. Since you asked for the seasoning, I also bought some. Take a look for yourself. There are things that the Zhou family town doesn't have in Yu Zhou Prefecture." Gu Shouxin explained one by one.

He had been 9,000 years old for many years and had forgotten that books were very expensive. He had originally planned to buy all the books for the imperial examinations, but he found that he had run out of money, so he only bought the books needed for the entrance examination next spring.

As for the rest, he planned to find the bookstore to copy a few books when he returned the money, which would be much cheaper.

Then, the three of them discussed business matters. After reaching an agreement, they packed their things and went to bed.

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Gu Xin woke up at dawn.

She licked the corner of her mouth, feeling as if she had eaten something delicious.

After putting on her clothes, she went out to the central room and found her father practicing martial arts in the courtyard. She ran over excitedly.

“Dad! Why are you up so early? You used to sleep until late in the morning!” Gu Xin asked with a smile.

Gu Shouxin paused for a moment and then said with a smile, “Didn’t Dad say that he has to study in the future? How can a student sleep until late in the morning? Come, Xin Xin, follow Dad and have a demonstration. It will strengthen your body.”

“Okay, Dad.” Gu Xin took her stance and turned around. The ground looked exactly the same as yesterday. Oh right, she forgot to plant the seeds.

“Dad, do you think we should tidy up the vegetable field and plant some seeds later? Let’s see if the seeds will grow well overnight tomorrow?” Gu Xin thought, she needed a fair and aboveboard reason. She couldn’t plant the field secretly. She needed everyone to come together and dissolve the jade beads into the foot-washing water. Then, no one would know it was her.

“Silly girl, then how...” Gu Shouxin wanted to say that it was impossible, but seeing Gu Xin’s sparkling eyes, he couldn’t refuse, so he changed his tone. “Okay! I’ll plant it in a while.”