

Haywire 61

Chapter 61: Good Days

"It's just that in the past, Father didn't do anything. Father said that men earn money outside and that women should do housework," Gu Xin added.

"That was Father in the past. Now that the three of you have figured out how to eat, you also earn money. We all earn money and work together. This way, our family will be better and better. Xin Xin, do you understand what father means?" Gu Shouxin said patiently.

"Yes! I understand." Gu Xin was stunned for a moment and then nodded.

"Then Xin Xin, go and rest!" Gu Shouxin patted Gu Xin on the head.

"Father, I want to find Grandfather." Gu Xin didn't want to rest. She didn't have the habit of taking an afternoon nap.

"Yes, go!" Gu Shouxin didn't stop her. The two elders in the old house were really good to their Xin Xin.

The early winter sun was warm, and it made Gu Xin squint her eyes comfortably.

It was such a good day!

"Xin Xin!" Grandpa Gu was tidying up the courtyard wall. Seeing Gu Xin jumping over, he stopped what he was doing and shouted.

The farmhouses in the Yu Zhou Prefecture were basically all surrounded by earth walls, especially in winter. The wild beasts in the mountains didn't have anything to eat and would run down the mountain. Without a wall, it was very scary.

"Grandfather, just now, Father taught me a four-word word. It's called second to none. In other words, it's very powerful. It's top-notch!" Gu Xin ran up to Grandfather Gu and gave him a thumbs up.

"Yes, that's right. This is called an idiom. Your father knows a lot of it! Let him teach you more in the future," Grandfather Gu said with a smile.

"Yes, yes. Grandfather, just now, after dinner, Father had to wash the dishes. I went to help, but Father told me that Mother and I lit the fire and Sister cooked. Father didn't do anything, so he should wash the dishes. He said that the family must work together, so that their days will be better and better. Although I think Father is right, the uncles in the village don't seem to wash the dishes. Grandfather, does my father wash the dishes?" Gu Xin asked hesitantly.

Grandfather Gu was stunned for a moment. He didn't expect his second son, who had always disappointed people, to say such words, and even have such an awareness.

"Xin Xin, your father is right. Your family will only get better if they work together. He was right to wash the dishes. Your family got up early in the morning and went to town. Everyone must be tired! No one is slacking off! Your father was resting while the three of you were cooking. So, after dinner, it's your turn to rest. Your father is doing his work," Grandpa Gu explained.

"I understand, Grandpa." Gu Xin nodded thoughtfully. Then, her eyes lit up, "Grandpa, I didn't have time to tell you when I came to return the car. Today, when we were selling cakes, I met two other grandfathers. One of them was Sixth Grandpa, who sold vases. He was the first to buy our cakes, and the other one was Sixth Uncle, who knew Sixth Grandpa..."

Gu Xin told Grandpa Gu everything that had happened that day. From her sparkling eyes, she could tell that she was very happy.

Grandma Gu stood at the door and listened for a long time.

After Gu Xin finished, Grandma Gu walked over and asked, "Your cake costs 100 yuan and 3 cents. Is there really anyone who will buy it?"

"Yes. We made a total of 11 cakes. One cake was cut into 12 pieces, and then three pieces were diced for people to taste. Nine people only bought one piece, which was 35 cents. The others were all bought at the price of 100 yuan and 3 cents, which was a total of 4,315 cents. Grandpa, Grandma, how much more money do we have left from Dad's gambling debts?" Gu Xin calculated the accounts for the two elders, then asked..

Chapter 62: The Changes In the Family

Gu Xin knew how to count. She could count up to 10,000, which was what her grandfather had taught her.

However, she only knew how to count. She didn't know how much one tael of silver was. The transmigrator trio thought that she knew, so they didn't tell her specifically.

"Xin Xin, one tael of silver is one thousand taels. Do you know how much your father owes?" Grandma Gu asked.

"Three hundred taels," Gu Xin answered without thinking. After answering, she calculated in her heart, and then her smiling face fell.

Her family only sold a little more than four taels a day.

Five days had passed since her father mentioned ten days. There were still five days left.

To earn three hundred taels in five days, one had to earn sixty taels a day. Ten cakes cost four taels of silver, and one hundred and fifty cakes cost sixty taels of silver.

Cracking egg whites was very laborious. One could not make one hundred and fifty cakes a day.

Oh no, they were not going to pay up!

While Gu Xin was calculating in her mind, she was also muttering softly.

Grandpa and Grandma Gu were both very surprised. This girl was really good at counting!

"Didn't your mother and your sister say that they were going to do other things? Don't panic. Wait a little longer. Maybe the other things will be more profitable! Besides, there are also Grandpa and Grandma. Don't be afraid." Grandpa Gu didn't like to see Gu Xin unhappy, so he comforted her.

"Grandpa and Grandma, I'll go back and discuss it with my parents and Sister first. I won't talk to you anymore. I'll go back first!" After saying goodbye to her grandparents, Gu Xin jogged home.

She wanted to settle the score with her parents and Sister.

"Xin Xin, run slowly!" Grandpa Gu urged.

"This child feels especially flexible in numbers! She's usually silly," Grandma Gu said.

"Second Brother's family has changed quite a lot recently. When we taught Xin Xin to count, she often made mistakes! I didn't expect it to be completely correct this time." Grandpa Gu was also a little surprised.

"Maybe this gambling debt can really change Second Brother's family! Look at the eldest girl. She only did embroidery in the past, and now she even knew how to cook. She isn't as cold-hearted and cold-faced as she used to be. Second Son's wife was the same. She isn't as timid as she used to be, and she doesn't always have the face of someone who owed her two hundred and fifty taels of silver. Old Man, this time, Second Son said that he wanted to study. Why do I feel like he'll be able to read something out of it?" Grandma Gu evaluated the changes in Second Son's family.

"Have you forgotten? We have three sons and a daughter. Only Second Son and daughter are smart. When Second was young, didn't the teacher in the town school say that Second was at least an elementary scholar? If he worked hard, it was possible that he could become a high scholar. If it wasn't for that matter, Second... Sigh..." At the end of the sentence, Grandpa Gu sighed regretfully.

Grandma Gu frowned. "Forget it. I've already beaten him up previously. Didn't his family move away too? It's just a pity that Second Son wasted all these years. However, you can't blame him. He's a man. He can't even take such a blow. It's his own cowardice!"

Grandma Gu thought of what had happened back then and felt a little resentful for him failing to live up to expectations.

"Forget it. Our children and grandchildren will have their own fortune. If Second Brother can't pay off his gambling debts, we'll help him out. In the future, we won't care about his studies. If he can pay off his debts, we'll help him with his studies in the future if we can. Second Brother isn't the only son in the family, so we can't just be biased towards him. Otherwise, after a long time, if Eldest Brother and Fourth Brother aren't happy, it'll make their relationship worse." Grandpa Gu let out a long sigh..

Chapter 63: Accounting

Gu Xin ran home in a panic, scaring the transmigrator trio. They thought that the girl was being bullied outside!

In the end, after hearing what Gu Xin said, they didn't know how to open their mouths.

In the end, it was Gu Shouxin who went to the house and took out the money bag. He said, "Xin Xin, this is the banknote that father prepared to pay off the debt."

Gu Xin had never seen a banknote before. She looked at Gu Shouxin suspiciously.

"Xin Xin, this is really a banknote. When your father came back that night, didn't you get tired and go to sleep? So, you didn't know." Cai Xiaolian understood that Gu Shouxin was going to tell the truth to her daughter, so she helped to explain.

"Mother, Sister, is this really a banknote? The kind that can be used as money?" Gu Xin had never seen a banknote before, so she naturally asked.

"Yes." Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian both nodded.

"Oh, I see! That's good then. Father, Mother, Sister, you must have been too busy yesterday and forgot to tell me! Hehe, as long as you have money, it's fine." Gu Xin heaved a sigh of relief.

"Xin Xin, aren't you going to ask me where this silver came from?" Gu Shouxin asked in surprise.

Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian also looked at Gu Xin in confusion.

"Dad earned it! Dad went to the Yu Zhou Province to earn it, didn't he?" Gu Xin blinked in confusion.

She had no idea how many things a penny could buy. She could count, but she had never used money to buy anything, so she had no idea at all.

In her opinion, 300 taels of silver were a lot of copper coins. It should be able to buy a lot of things, but she didn't know how hard it was to earn 300 taels of silver. Some people could never earn that much silver in their lifetime.

After a period of time, she understood the price of goods and had a certain understanding of money. Only then did she have doubts about how her father earned this amount of money.

However, after a period of time, she would also feel that her father was very, very powerful. She would not doubt that her father earned this amount of money by gambling.

"Yes, Father earned it. mm, in the future, I will tell Xin Xin how much money I earn." Gu Shouxin felt a little sad.

How much had the original owner neglected this daughter?! What the f*ck!

"Father, Mother, Xin Xin, how about this? Let's set up an accounting book and record everyone's monthly expenses as well as the family's income. This way, it'll be easier for me to learn how to read with Xin Xin, and also make our future lives less muddle-headed!" Gu Nian suggested.

"Okay, I agree with that!" Cai Xiaolian was the first to agree.

"Sure. Nian Nian and Xin Xin are women. Although they can't take the imperial examinations, they still have to keep up with reading and learning how to write. Reading can make one understand, reading can make one wise, and reading can make one..." Gu Shouxin was about to explain the benefits of reading, he was interrupted by Cai Xiaolian.

"Alright, husband, I'll go get a pen and paper. Let's write down today's earnings." Cai Xiaolian was an impatient person.

Both she and Gu Nian needed to learn how to read, because the words of the Zhou Dynasty were all traditional Chinese characters. The two of them, who were used to using simplified Chinese characters, did not recognize many of them, except for the common and simple ones.

Gu Shouxin took out a pen and paper and began to write.

The family ledger.

Cai Xiaolian asked him to stop after she had finished writing the five characters.

“Give me the pen. I’ll show you how to draw it. You have to draw it in this shape. Here is...” Cai Xiaolian took the pen and handed Gu Shouxin a simple form.

Gu Shouxin understood Cai Xiaolian’s meaning and followed her instructions..

Chapter 64: Dregs and Sea Pepper Return Pot Meat

Gu Xin learned a few more words today and was very happy.

After recording today’s income and expenses, the family of four began to split the money again.

Everyone knew that they had the money to pay off the debt. Therefore, Gu Shouxin and Cai Xiaolian also decided that they would give money to the children every month from now on.

Today was considered this month’s money.

Four taels, three hundred and fifteen cents. They would leave three hundred and fifteen cents in public, and the rest would be one tael each.

Gu Xin did not want it at first because of the example of the New Year’s money every year. She thought that since her sister was going to steal it from her anyway, she might as well give it to her sister directly.

When she said that she would give it to Gu Nian, Gu Nian’s face turned red. “Xin Xin, Sister has her own. I don’t want it. In the future, we both have it. Sister will never steal anything from you again.”

Although Gu Nian had no memory, she could tell from Gu Xin’s expression and her parents’ teasing gaze that the original owner had done something?

“Xin Xin, take this. It’s yours. In the future, you can buy your own delicious food and good-looking ones. When the salesman comes, you can go from being his potential target customer to being his target customer!” Cai Xiaolian smiled.

“Thank you, Mother, thank you, Sister, thank you, Father!” Gu Xin took a string of copper coins, which was exactly 1,000 silver coins.

“Here is five taels of silver. I was going to give it to you that night, but you fell asleep. Don’t tell me you don’t want it. All these years, I haven’t bought new clothes for you, and I haven’t bought you any good sweets and pastries. I will use this five taels of silver to make up for it. In the future, I will often buy things for Xin Xin.” Gu Shouxin took the five taels of silver that he had prepared for Gu Xin from Cai Xiaolian. He gave it to Gu Xin.

Tears welled up in Gu Xin’s big eyes. “Father!”

She didn't know what to say, but she just wanted to cry.

Father was so kind!

"Alright, stop crying. Xin Xin is already a ten-year-old girl. After the new year, our Xin Xin will be eleven!" Cai Xiaolian held the child in her arms and wiped her tears.

"Mother, I want a hug too!" Gu Nian stretched out her hands pitifully.

Although she was already in her twenties in modern times, she really had no memory of being hugged by her mother.

Cai Xiaolian was almost fifty years old in modern times. She really did not take her as her mother at all.

Looking at the mother and daughter hugging each other, the corners of the 9000-year old's mouth twitched, but he did not say anything in the end.

He really wanted to say that he wanted a hug too.

But he dared to bet that as long as he carried her, Cai Xiaolian would definitely kick him away.

Forget it, forget it, sigh...

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It had been seven days since Gu Nian had made the sea pepper dregs, and it was time to pay off her debt.

That morning, Gu Nian took out the sea pepper dregs from the jar and planned to try frying a pot roast in the morning.

Yes, she had never tried the sea pepper dregs and pot roast in the morning.

Today, her family did not plan to sell cakes in town. They planned to accompany Gu Shouxin to Taoyuan County to pay off their gambling debts, sell cakes in the county, and sell sea pepper dregs on the way.

Their cake stall was moveable anyway.

The road to Taoyuan County was a quarter of an hour longer than the road to Zhoujia Town, so it did not affect them at all.

Gu Nian made a plate of dried sea pepper dregs return pot meat in the morning, steamed rice, and tossed a shredded radish in a cold sauce. She then made soup with cucumber and egg.

The dried sea pepper dregs were liked by the family of four. As expected of a family, all of them loved spicy food.

On a winter morning, one could eat a meal and still get a forehead full of sweat. In this San Cha Kou Village, they were probably the only family.

After eating, they washed the dishes, packed their things, and even brought a plate of sea pepper dregs. The family of four went to the old house..

Chapter 65: Was About Eldest Daughter

"Eldest Daughter, what kind of dregs of pepper do you have? It smells good! I'm drooling!" Gu Hui was cooking in the kitchen when she received the dregs of pepper from Gu Nianzhi. She sniffed it and smacked her lips.

"Big Sister, my father said that we can't call us Eldest Daughter or Second Daughter when he wants to study in the future. You can call me Gu Nian or Nian Nian!" Gu Nian said.

"Ha, other than quarreling with me, I've never heard you talk to me for such a long time!" Gu Hui smiled.

Gu Nian ridiculed her in her heart and said naively, "Big Sis, we're both granddaughters of Grandpa and Grandma. This Eldest Daughter won't be my turn no matter what! You're the Eldest Daughter, okay?"

Gu Hui choked.

"Nian Nian is right. If we were to line up, Xiao Hui, you're really the big girl! Nian Nian is the second girl, Xin Xin is the third girl, and Xiao Si is the fourth girl! Hahaha, I'll call Xiao Hui the big girl from now on!" Gu Shouren did not go to town today. He came in from the kitchen and happened to hear Gu Nian's words. As soon as he finished speaking, he smelled the fragrance. "Oh my, Nian Nian, is this the dregs of sea pepper that Xin Xin said was so delicious? It smells good. Oh no, I'm almost drooling."

Gu Hui gloomily put the dregs of sea pepper back into the pot and placed it on the table.

Her father had gone too far. They had agreed not to call her Eldest Daughter in the past.

Gu Hui was the Gu family's first grandchild. Back when the Zhang family had called her Eldest Daughter, she was already four years old when Grandfather Gu had named her Eldest Daughter. She had grown up and there were many older girls in the village, so she was determined not to be a "Da Ya".

It had taken her several months to get her family to change this.

Well, now they had called her back.

"Uncle, it's really delicious! Wait until we come back. I'll bring you a jar when we get home. You guys can keep it for stir-frying! It can last for a long time. Even if you don't stir-fry the meat, you can still stir-fry the cabbage and the like," Gu Nian said.

"Nian Nian, let's go!" Cai Xiaolian shouted from outside.

"Uncle, Eldest Daughter Sis, I'm leaving first!" Gu Nian smiled and greeted the eldest daughter and father before running out.

"You..." Gu Hui was furious.

This stupid girl was too much!

"Haha, now there are two more girls. Don't call me the wrong one! Xiao Hui, from now on, Daddy will call you eldest girl and Nian Nian second girl. Yes, that's how you can differentiate them!" Gu Shouren smiled when he saw his daughter's slightly angry face.

"Dad, from now on, Fourth Uncle will give birth to the first daughter. Are you going to call her fourth son and eldest daughter? Your little daughter, Gu Si, are you going to call her eldest son and second daughter?" Gu Hui said crossly.

"Eh, you're right. If your Fourth Uncle's first daughter is also a daughter, then you really should call your fourth daughter 'eldest daughter'!" Gu Shouren said seriously.

Gu Shouli, who had just walked in, was speechless.

I haven't even met my partner yet, and you already know that my first child is a daughter?

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"Nian Nian, what are you laughing at? Going to deliver the dishes, your face is all smiles!" Cai Xiaolian asked from the ox-cart.

"Mother, I'm laughing at Eldest Cousin Sister. I told her not to call me Da Ya, and she did. I told her that she was the eldest according to the ranking. Then Uncle came out and said that she was the eldest. Eldest Cousin Sister was so angry that she almost rolled her eyes at Uncle," Gu Nian explained.

"Your Eldest Cousin Sister used to be called 'Da Ya', but after your grandfather named her, she was determined not to be the eldest because there were so many older girls in the village!" Knowing that Gu Nian had no memory, Cai Xiaolian told her about Gu Hui's childhood..

Chapter 66: A Good Question

"That's right. Your eldest cousin has always hated the name 'Da Ya' ever since she was a child. When the village calls 'Da Ya' to come home for dinner, there will be quite a few little girls answering!" Gu Shouxin added.

"Then why did you call me 'Da Ya' in the first place, Father and Mother?" Gu Xin asked curiously.

"Pfft!" Gu Nian laughed again.

Their Xin Xin's question was a good one!

"Uh..." Gu Shouxin and Cai Xiaolian didn't know how to answer.

The little girl's question was tricky!

Gu Shouxin's memories were of drinking, gambling, and a certain white moonlight.

Cai Xiaolian's memories were of her two daughters, but she didn't like them because they weren't sons.

Back then, Gu Xin had been born in the old mansion, and the Zhang family's daughter had cursed Cai Xiaolian every day for not being able to give birth to a son.

Cai Xiaolian had desperately tried to give birth to a son, but in the end, she couldn't!

Especially since the second child of the Zhang family's daughter was a son, Cai Xiaolian disliked the two daughters even more.

It was only because Gu Nian had started to learn embroidery from her Third Aunt when she was eight years old that Cai Xiaolian started to treat Gu Nian a little better.

"Eh? Sister-in-Law Yumei is up ahead. Why is she going out when she's pregnant?!" At this moment, Gu Xin's attention was automatically diverted.

"Yumei, where are you going?!" Cai Xiaolian breathed a sigh of relief. She looked over. Gu Xin had already called her name, so she naturally knew who she was.

That day, Cai Xiaolian had given her a lecture. Gu Nian also knew that this was the daughter-in-law of the Wang family, the village flower of the Lotus Village. She had seven older brothers, so she had a deep memory. She looked over curiously.

Gu Shouxin drove the car to Sun Yu Mei's side and stopped it.

"Second Uncle Gu, Second Aunt Gu." Sun Yumei did not look well. She stopped to greet someone when she heard someone calling her.

"Sister-in-Law Yumei, what happened to your neck?" Gu Xin had sharp eyes. She jumped out of the car in fear when she saw that Sun Yumei's neck was a little red. She wanted to get closer to take a look.

Sun Yumei adjusted her collar nonchalantly and said, "I'm fine, Xin Xin."

"Sister-in-Law Yumei, is your neck injured? Are you going to see a doctor?" Gu Xin still felt that she was not seeing things. Sister-in-Law Yumei's neck was injured.

"Xin Xin, come here." Cai Xiaolian pulled Gu Xin over. It was obvious that Sun Yumei had something to hide. It was very awkward to be questioned.

She knew that after Sun Yumei married in, she liked Gu Xin very much. Perhaps when the two of them were alone, Sun Yumei would still tell Gu Xin. But now that their entire family was here, in her memory, other than Gu Xin, the Gu family... The other three had barely spoken to Sun Yumei. This was a sign that they were not familiar with each other!

"Sister-in-Law Yumei, where are you going? We're going to Taoyuan County. Can we give you a ride? Grandma said that people with big bellies should not be tired," Gu Xin asked again.

"That's right, Yumei. Are you going back to your parents' house to visit your brothers with your luggage? Get in the car, we'll give you a ride." Cai Xiaolian asked Gu Nian to clear a seat for her.

"Thank you, Second Uncle Gu, Second Aunt Gu, Xin Xin, Nian Nian." Sun Yumei did not know how to reject the warm invitation. Going to Taoyuan County was indeed her way back to her parent's house, so she got in the carriage.

The ox-cart set off again.

Not long after, a carriage from the Zhou family in the Zhou family town entered the San Cha Kou Village. Because they were going in opposite directions, the carriage and the ox-cart did not meet.

In the carriage, Lu Zheng sat upright and closed his eyes. Other than the adult Gu Xin in his mind, he was thinking about the current Gu Xin..

Chapter 67: Land

Carriages rarely came into the village of San Cha Kou. When the Zhou family's carriage came in, it attracted a lot of people to watch.

Many people in the surrounding villages of the Zhou family town recognized the Zhou family's carriage. The Master of the Zhou family had his own land in almost every village.

The coachman driving the carriage was lucky. He asked for directions and said that he was going to the Gu family.

The villagers showed him the direction.

In fact, Lu Zheng had already asked once when he rode his horse the last time he came, but he did not mention to his grandfather that he had been to San Cha Kou Village.

Therefore, Lucky and the housekeeper sitting with Lu Zheng in the carriage did not know that their young master knew the way.

To go from the village to Gu Xin's house, one had to pass through the Gu family's old house. Coincidentally, the villagers referred to the old house.

The villagers all felt that with Gu Shouxin's personality as a gambler and drunkard, the Master of the Zhou family would not specially send people to look for him unless it was to collect debts.

"Young Master, we have arrived at the Gu family!" Lucky stopped the car at the entrance of the old house and happened to see Gu Shouli who was leaving. He asked and then turned around to call for people.

Gu Shouli did not leave immediately. He looked at the horse carriage in confusion.

He also knew the Zhou family's carriage.

The second butler came out first. Lu Zheng followed behind.

"May I ask this..."

"I'm the Zhou Residence's second butler. My surname is He. This is our Young Master."

Butler He introduced.

"Why are the two of you here at my home?" Gu Shouli asked.

"We want to look for Gu Shouxin," Butler He said.

"My second brother? May I know why Butler He and Young Master Zhou are looking for my second brother?" Gu Shouli was shocked. Could it be that his second brother had offended the Zhou family?

"There is something. We need to talk about it in person." Butler He saw that Lu Zheng did not intend to speak, so he could only speak.

"In person! Then I'm sorry. My second brother is not at home. He went out," Gu Shouli said.

"What about the rest of your second brother's family?" Lu Zheng asked.

Gu Shouli looked at Lu Zheng, pursed his lips, and did not speak because he was not sure if it was because his second brother had offended this Young Master of the Zhou family and he had come to find trouble.

The Master of the Zhou family was good, but who knew what the younger generation was like?

The people in the courtyard heard the commotion outside and Gu Xianglan walked out.

"What's the situation?" Gu Xianglan glanced at Lu Zheng and Butler He before asking her son.

"Mother, they are the Young Master and housekeeper of the Zhou family. They are here to look for Second Brother. I've already told them that Second Brother has gone out," Gu Shouli said.

"Young Master Zhou, Butler He, my second son's family has gone out. If you have any urgent matters, you can tell me. If you are not willing, you can come back the next day!" Gu Xianglan said.

"It's not an urgent matter. It's just that my grandfather wants to use the land under Gu Shouxin's name to talk to him," Lu Zheng said.

"Land? Master Zhou still lacks land?" Gu Xianglan asked in puzzlement.

"Yes." Lu Zheng did not explain too much.

"Then I'm sorry. Although our Gu family has divided the second branch, this land has not been divided. Gu Shouxin still doesn't have land," Gu Xianglan said expressionlessly.

Lu Zheng's eyes flashed.

Gu Xianglan had a hunch that this Young Master was not here to talk about land.

"Oh, then sorry to bother you!" Lu Zheng cupped his hands and turned to get into the carriage.

Butler He and Lucky did not understand what their Young Master was doing, so they could only follow.

"Mother, what are they doing? Even if Second Brother divided up the land, he could only get five or six mu. The Zhou family still lacks five or six mu of land?" Gu Shouli asked in confusion..

Chapter 68: Was Staggered

"Who knows! I'm afraid they'll come again." Gu Xianglan looked at the carriage heading home.

"Mother, Second Brother said he's going to pay off his gambling debts today. Does he really have money? You should let me or Eldest Brother go with him. I'm really afraid that he'll use Second Sister-in-Law and the two nieces to pay off his debts!" Gu Shouli said again.

"He won't. Go back to work!" Gu Xianglan did not say much and turned around to return to her room.

In the carriage that had not gone far, Lu Zheng's ears twitched.

As if he had heard about gambling debts and paying off debts, his heart was a little flustered.

"In the past few days, Gu Shouxin has brought his wife and daughter to town to sell things. I heard that they have earned quite a lot! Aren't they all going to the county town now?"

“Which county town are they going to?”

“Taoyuan County! Don’t the villagers go there when they go for large gatherings?”

“Ah? Taoyuan County? No matter how much he earns, he can’t pay off his gambling debts. The gambling house is in Taoyuan County. I heard from the person who came to collect the debts last time that it was 300 taels!”

“300 taels? That’s a lot! Did Gu Shouxin take his wife and daughter to pay off the debts? Aunt Xianglan doesn’t care?”

“When Aunt Xianglan chased the four of them out of the house, she didn’t want to care! Poor little girl! She’s handsome and good at embroidery, yet she has such a father!”

“Then Cai Xiaolian and Gu Er Ya won’t be pitiful anymore? Gu Er Ya is the more sensible daughter! Look at how she was raised by Gu Shouxin? Also, how many kids in our village wanted to marry Cai Xiaolian back then? She just had to marry Gu Shouxin, whose heart is higher than the sky. Look at how wasted she has been all these years!”

“Maybe this mother and daughter trio will be able to escape from Gu Shouxin and find a good family to live in!”

“What nonsense are you spouting! How can they live a good life if they are used to pay off their debts? Sigh, the old couple of the Gu family doesn’t care. It’s useless for us to say anything. What a sin!”

The carriage left San Cha Kou Village and was about to return to town when Lu Zheng stopped it.

“Grandpa He, Lucky, I want to make a trip to Taoyuan County. You guys can go back first!” Lu Zheng jumped off the carriage and untied a horse.

This carriage had two horses. He was afraid that there would be an emergency and he could ride the horse to solve it first. Now, it was just right.

“Young Master, let us go with you!” Butler He said quickly.

“The carriage is slow. I’m a little anxious, so I’ll ride the horse over. Help me tell Grandfather that I will come back for dinner tonight.” Lu Zheng got on the horse. Then, he spoke something and rode away.

“Sigh, Lucky, what do you think Young Master is doing? Why is he suddenly going to the county?” Butler He had a worried look on his face.

“Second Butler, I don’t know either.” Lucky scratched his head. He knew that his Young Master was strange, but he just couldn’t understand his heart!

“Forget it, let’s go. Let’s go back!” Butler He watched the horse’s figure disappear. In the end, he decided to go back and report it first.

Lu Zheng sped up his horse, feeling flustered.

He would never allow Xin’er to be sold into someone else’s hands again.

He would never allow his Xin’er to walk the path of her past life again.

He had to protect her well.

As for Gu Shouxin's family, when Lu Zheng was speeding up his horse to save Gu Xin and was about to reach the county town, they slowly drove the ox-cart out of the Lotus Village.

They helped them to the end, sending Sun Yumei to her brother's house in the Lotus Village. The ox-cart was slow, so Lu Zheng once again missed them..

Chapter 69: Teaching Daughter Again

"Dad, are we going to pay back the money or sell the goods first?" Because Sun Yumei was on the way, the family of four had been chatting with her and hadn't talked about it yet. Now, Gu Xin asked.

"Xin Xin can decide!" Gu Shouxin said with a smile.

"Then let's pay back the money first!" Gu Xin said after thinking for a while.

"Okay, then we'll listen to Xin Xin and pay the money back first. After we pay the money back, we'll go sell things," Gu Shouxin said.

"Husband, Nian Nian, Xin Xin, it's best if we sell our dregs of sea pepper to a restaurant. They don't know how to cook it, so let Nian Nian go to the restaurant and cook a plate. Then we'll eat in the restaurant!" Cai Xiaolian said.

"Yes, that's right, Mother, that's a good idea!" Gu Nian nodded.

"But Mother, the food in a restaurant is very expensive. Do we have enough money? Father wants to study. I heard from Grandfather that studying costs a lot of money. My cousin was disobedient in school, so Uncle scolded him for not wasting money!" Gu Xin had no objection to selling things in front of them, but she was skeptical about eating.

"It's okay. It's the first time Xin Xin and Nian Nian are in the county. Father will treat you," Gu Shouxin said with a smile.

"That's right, Xin Xin. The vegetables in our field will be ready in four days. We can also sell them for silver! We worked so hard to make dregs of sea pepper, sell cakes, make dried turnips, and spicy cabbage. Isn't it just to live a better life, eat well, and dress well? Otherwise, why would we work so hard?" Gu Nian said.

"Xin Xin, let me tell you, this silver is not saved, but earned. Let me give you an example. Let's sell the dregs of sea pepper to the restaurant. The restaurant spent five taels of silver to buy it, and then we took the five taels of silver to this restaurant to eat. We only spent two taels of silver, and there are still three taels of silver left. As for the restaurant's manager, he spent two taels of silver to sell our cake to eat. In the end, don't we still have five taels of silver left?"

"We made money and ate delicious food. Isn't that great?"

Cai Xiaolian gave Gu Xin another analogy.

"Mom is right, but, but..." Gu Xin thought about it. It was indeed true, but what was wrong with it?

“Hahaha, Xin Xin, don’t think so much. Remember, Mom and Dad both want the best for you and your sister. You are the darlings of Mom and Dad! Although the food and clothes we eat are not the best, one day we will have the best. Father is here to promise Xin Xin!” Gu Shouxin said firmly.

“Father, I don’t want the best. I want Father, Mother, and Sister to always be by my side. If you are happy, I will be happy!” Gu Xin said seriously.

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The ox-cart arrived at the county town. Apart from Gu Shouxin, the mother and daughter once again turned into stars.

Taoyuan County was a large county in the Qingzhou Capital. It had a relatively large population and was located in the center of the territory of Great Yan. The houses were built better and more exquisite than those in the Zhou family town. The people on the streets also looked richer.

Anyway, Cai Xiaolian had seen a fatty. After selling cakes in the Zhou family town for so many days, Cai Xiaolian had never seen a fatty. She had only seen a few plump people.

She had thought that all of them were slim in ancient times!

Moreover, there were very few ox-carts in the city. Most of them were driven by mules and horse carriages.

They did not know anyone in the county, so they drove the cart directly to the gambling house that owed them money.

It was morning, and no one had come to the gambling house yet. Generally, the gambling house had the most people in the afternoon and evening..

Chapter 70: Seeing the Young Man Again

“Wait here! I’ll go in!” Gu Shouxin parked the ox-cart at the door and got out, letting mother and daughter wait.

“Dad, can I go with you? I, I want to see Dad pay the money back with my own eyes,” Gu Xin said nervously.

Although it sounded like she didn’t believe her father, she wouldn’t be at ease if she didn’t see it with her own eyes.

“Okay. Xin Xin, come with me. Xiaolian and Nian Nian will watch the ox-cart.” Gu Shouxin shook his head nonchalantly. He held Gu Xin’s hand and led her into the gambling den.

Lu Zheng, who had already found quite a few gambling dens, happened to be leading his horse from the corner of the street. He looked up and saw Gu Shouxin leading Gu Xin into the gambling den. Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian were at the entrance of the ox-cart.

Sure enough, they were going to sell Xin’er!

Lu Zheng quickly walked over with his horse.

He did not act rashly. First, he tied the horse to a tree outside the gambling den. Then, he gave Cai Xiaolian and Gu Nian a cold look.

Cai Xiaolian & Gu Nian: "..."

"What a handsome little brother! Mother, do you think he looks like XXX, who debuted in 19xx years? It's just that his eyes are a little cold!" Gu Nian exclaimed in surprise when Lu Zheng entered the gambling den.

"I have some impression of XXX, but he doesn't look like him at all. This young man has a noble air about him. Besides, your father and I both feel that he knows you." Cai Xiaolian looked at Gu Nian with a complicated expression.

If only she had the original owner's memories.

"Huh? Knows me? That's impossible! Didn't you tell me that the original owner only goes to town occasionally to sell embroidery? She hasn't even been to the county before." Gu Nian said in surprise.

"We've met this young man twice already. Every time, he looks at us as if he knows our family. In any case, there's no such person in my memories as well as the 9,000-years old. If there's anyone he knows, it's definitely you." Cai Xiaolian looked at the door, then she spoke softly.

"Could it be that you've betrayed him? Your little appearance is quite attractive." Cai Xiaolian pinched Gu Nian's face.

"How is that possible? He looked at me as if he was going to kill me," Gu Nian said in surprise, "But even if it's because of love and hatred, it's none of my business! I don't know anything."

Gu Nian thought about it and said, "That's not right, Mother. There's no one in the casino at the moment. If this person entered the casino, he must be from the casino! Maybe he was sent here to keep an eye on father these days!"

"Oh, that's right. I had thought that he was just an ordinary young man. Now that I look at him, it was highly likely that he was the one keeping an eye on their father. Your father didn't know everyone in the casino either. Sigh, what a pity. Such a good-looking person runs the casino." Cai Xiaolian sighed.

"Huh?" Gu Nian suddenly exclaimed in surprise. She got off the ox-cart and got closer to the casino. She turned her head and said, "Mother, come over and listen to this. Is there a fight going on inside?"

Cai Xiaolian rushed forward and exclaimed in surprise, "You can fight even with money? Nian Nian, let's go and take a look. What's going on?"

"Wait, Mom, let's f*ck this guy!" Gu Nian pulled Cai Xiaolian, who was about to go forward, back to the ox-cart and took the knife and pole.

The mother and daughter valiantly lifted the curtain of the casino's door. They saw their little Xin Xin being dragged out of the door by that handsome young man. She was even shouting loudly, "Let go of me! Let go of me!"

The young man pulled her out without caring about anything else.

As for Gu Shouxin, he was currently being surrounded and attacked by more than a dozen muscular men who were still wearing shorts..