

Peasant 121

Chapter 121: Spread

She was willing to respect her elders, but she did not want to have an elder restricting her in the future.

“Third Sister-in-law, Mother, you’re back. The weather is really hot. What were you talking about just now?” Madam Zhang and Chu Qingxiang coincidentally returned.

“Mother bought me a bucket of milk,” Ye Muyu said calmly. “I was just asking about the price.”

“Can it really cure illnesses?” Madam Zhang was a little surprised, but she said calmly, ‘Mother, how much is this milk? From what Third Sister-in-law said, it’s to nourish the body. When the body is well, won’t the medicine be more effective?’

Ye Muyu was not surprised by Madam Zhang’s words. She lowered her eyes slightly. She had seen through her sister-in-law’s shrewdness from the very beginning. Therefore, she did not want to have too many interests involved with her.

It was best for them to live in peace now.

Madam Liu’s mouth moved. Seeing Ye Muyu’s silent expression, she didn’t hide it anymore, “It was 50 copper coins for a bucket, but they didn’t say how much it costs per catty.”

Ye Muyu was a little surprised. It seemed that the price of milk was not very expensive. That bucket was at least 10 catties, which was only five coins per catty.

Ye Muyu gave the copper coins to Madam Liu.

Madam Liu did not say anything and accepted it.

Once they finished the tea, they boarded the mule cart.

When they returned to the village, Ye Muyu and Chu Ziluo got out of the car first and brought the things they bought today into the house.

After that, the mule cart brought Madam Liu and the other two to the old mansion.

After alighting from the mule cart, Madam Liu did not forget to give Chu Xing five copper coins for the travel expenses.

When Madam Zhang saw this, she hurriedly gestured for Chu Qingxiang to give it too.

After Chu Xing drove the mule cart away, Madam Zhang said, "Mother, I saw that Third Sister-in-law sold those medicinal herbs today. They are worth a lot of money. Should we go to the forest to see if there are any?"

"Why not? Such an easy way to earn money, we can't lose it." Madam Liu was not stupid. As long as she had those three herbs, she could earn a small sum of money by selling them. She could make up for her family expenses. How could she not be happy?

Madam Zhang was even happier. "Mother, it seems that our Chu clan is going to have good luck. In the future, we might be able to sell it for a sum of silver every year. Just a vine alone is not something we need to worry about."

"Indeed. Call your father and the others back at noon and tell them the good news." Madam Liu was also happy and did not care about Madam Zhang's little tricks.

In less than a day, the entire Chu family knew that the three herbs could be sold for money.

For example, Wild Fan flowers and fruits and Solomon's Seal could grow in Ye Muyu's wasteland, which meant that the climate was suitable. Naturally, they could grow in other mountainous areas, but no one knew what they were usually.

After the clan found out, when Ye Muyu brought Chu Ziluo out to pick the remaining Wild Fan flowers and Solomon's Seal, she saw many women in the clan walking toward the mountains of their respective families. They were all carrying baskets and looking for medicinal herbs.

They would even free up their hands during the busy farming season.

Ye Muyu could not help but admire the diligence of her clan, especially the girls who had been learning needlework at home to prepare for the female arts competition. Now, they had gone out to help pick the herbs.

Solomon's Seal was very rare and could basically be ignored, but Ye Muyu knew that there were indeed many Wild Fan flowers and fruits growing in this mountainous area.

However, according to the yield of a single tree, there would be at least four to five catties. If there were a little more, they could also earn two to three taels of silver.

Other than that, there were also the Kudzu roots.

Selling it as a medicinal herb was indeed a bit of a loss, but if it could be made into Kudzu powder, it could also be sold as food..

Chapter 122: The Cake

"Mother, is it enough once we finish digging this part?" Chu Ziluo listened to Ye Muyu more and more. She was picking up the Wild Fan flowers and fruits on the ground.

Ye Muyu had just finished digging up Solomon's Seals.

Solomon's Seals were expensive. If she did not finish digging, it was hard to guarantee that someone would not steal it. After all, digging Solomon's Seals would not waste time.

After Ye Muyu confirmed that he could sell them for silver, she decided to dig them all out.

“Yes, we’ll go back after digging some more Kudzu roots.”

Perhaps the villagers had also noticed the Chu family’s actions.

They could not help but ask. Only then did he know that the mountain was not filled with wild grass and trees, but medicinal herbs that could be sold for money. In less than two days, the news spread throughout the entire village.

Basically, every family would free up their hands to pick Wild Fan flowers and fruits, and Kudzu roots in their own mountains. If they were lucky enough to find Solomon’s Seal, it would be even better.

Therefore, when Ye Muyu and Chu Ziluo went out to pick Wild Fan flowers and fruits, they often met many villagers.

Seeing how skilled her hands were, they all asked her how she could pluck it more completely.

Ye Muyu was patient. She basically answered all the questions that came. With Ye Muvu and Chu Ziluo’s hard work, they finally managed to collect all the wild fan flowers and vines after five days.

These days, apart from going out to harvest at a fixed time every day.

During this time, he made cream.

She tried to make a cake.

It did not taste good as she steamed the cake in a pot.

She had already planned to build another oven. It would not cost much if she only used stones and soil.

“Mother, Uncle Ah Xing is here.”

Ye Muyu was bringing the newly made cake into the central room, along with the last bit of cream made from milk, intending to style it.

When she heard Chu Ziluo’s voice, she smiled and looked up. She shouted at the two people outside the room, “Come in quickly. The central room is quite cool. Ah Xing has a fan here.”

Chu Xing did not stand on ceremony. Ever since he helped his sister-in-law buy broken porcelain pieces, he often ran errands for her. In the long run, he was used to coming here, so he did not stand on ceremony.

“Come, I called you to try it last time. Try it.” Ye Muyu cut a small piece of cake into two halves, put cream in the middle, and closed it.

She had made the cream in the morning and put it in the well to freeze. At this moment, the temperature was lower than room temperature.

“Sister-in-law, what kind of pastry is this?”

Chu Xing looked at the cake for a long time but still could not recognize it. He did not even know how it was made.

Chu Ziluo also took a small piece and started eating. She smiled and said,

“Uncle Ah Xing, you should eat it. This pastry is delicious.”

“This is a method my mother accidentally discovered.” Of course, Ye Muyu was deliberately putting on a show in front of Chu Ziluo that she had accidentally discovered delicious food.

However, she had acted too naturally, and there were many coincidental factors involved, so Chu Ziluo did not suspect anything at all.

Chu Xing did not suspect anything. He only ate it after hearing that Ye Muyu made it himself.

After taking a bite of the cake, Chu Xing's eyes instantly lit up because of the sweetness in his mouth. In fact, most of the people in Nanchang County liked sweet food.

The soft cake, as well as the cool cream mixed in it that he had never eaten before, made him eat a piece in one go without noticing.

"Uncle Ah Xing, how is it?" Chu Ziluo said with a smile.

Chu Xing was reminded by her and realized that he had actually eaten the pastry so unreservedly. He instantly blushed. "Sister-in-law, your cooking is really good. I've never eaten such delicious pastries.."

Chapter 123: Get Things Done

"It's so soft. In the past, the pastries I bought from the shop had to be very expensive to have such a texture." Chu Xing instantly regretted not knowing anything and eating it just like that.

"The cost isn't expensive. If we sell it, it seems that we can sell it for a high price," Ye Muyu said.

"This is a test subject for you to try. It's a waste if you don't eat it anyway. It won't last long. When we go back later, you can take some home for Fifth

Aunt."

As for the old residence, she had already sent it to them on the third day of the experiment.

“What? No, no, I can’t take advantage of you, Sister-in-law. You already said that you can sell it for a very expensive price. It’s already very good that you let me try it. I can’t take it back.” Although Chu Xing was happy that Ye Muyu did not treat him as an outsider and was sincere in treating him well, he could not be greedy.

Ye Muyu did not care about his refusal. “I still need your help in the future. I said that I wanted to sell it, but this sample is only to confirm the taste.

Naturally, I can’t sell it.”

“In short, you don’t have to feel bad. Just take it back. This is what you deserve.” Seeing her insistence, Chu Xing did not refuse.

“I called you here today because I want you to sell the herbs I’ve collected these few days.”

“Also, help me find out if you can still provide me with 10 catties of milk in two months.”

“Alright, Sister-in-law, I promise to do these two things for you.” Chu Xing thought that he had taken advantage of Ye Muyu. If he did not do a good job, he would not have the face to accept these benefits.

Ye Muyu could rest assured that Chu Xing would handle things.

By the time he loaded the herbs and placed them on the mule cart, there was already a cake on it.

“This pastry can’t be left for a long time, especially the white milk on it. You should bring it back earlier and let Fifth Aunt eat it. It might not even last for half a day.” Ye Muyu did not want to guarantee how long it would last in this weather, especially the cream. If it went bad, even the cake would be ruined.

Chu Xing originally thought that the pastries would last for at least four to five days, but who knew that they would not last for half a day? No wonder his sister-in-law said that they could not be sold. Only then did he take it to heart and quickly nodded. “Sister-in-law, I understand.”

Ye Muyu was relieved to see that he had taken his words to heart and reminded him to be careful on the road.

After sending Chu Xing off, Ye Muyu closed the door and entered the main room.

The Du couple had already finished their work and left.

It was not difficult to plant vegetables on four plots of land. After six or seven days of work, they were done.

“Mother, these small fish seem to be dying.”

Chu Ziluo squatted in a shady corner and looked at the carp in the basin, feeling a little worried.

Ye Muyu took a look. “It’s fine. I’ll just make some fish soup tonight.”

“Mother, aren’t we spending money too quickly?” Chu Ziluo ran into the house and found a stool to sit in front of Ye Muyu. She asked without looking at what Ye Muyu was writing.

“Fast? It’s alright.” Ye Muyu did not think that she was spending money quickly.

It was only 30 copper coins a day, plus the money for meat and fish.

Other than some condiments, oil, salt, sauce, vinegar, and meat that needed to be bought, the other ingredients did not require silver. The daily expenditure of 30 copper coins was not considered much.

“But we eat meat every day.” Chu Ziluo’s eyes widened as she refuted.

“Although meat is expensive, is it difficult for us to eat meat every day?” Ye Muyu could not help but laugh. A catty of meat was only 25 copper coins. It was made into different dishes. If she cooked vegetables and meat together, it would naturally be sumptuous. In fact, not much meat was used..

Chapter 124: The Matter of the Separation

It was just that they would be using more oil.

Ye Muyu felt that she was saving up to buy a shop.

Of course, this had to be temporary. She had to continue working hard to earn money.

Although Ye Muyu was not a money-grubber, she still pursued a better life.

Chu Ziluo suddenly thought of the herbs that she had been selling recently. She smiled and said, "Mother, if I find any herbs that can be sold in the future, I promise I won't let them go."

"We don't have any herbs at home now. It's a pity that we don't have a hillside."

Ye Muyu recalled that when they split up from the old residence, Chu Heng did not get the hill, but he got more land. It was fair.

That was also because there were fewer taxes in the mountains and more taxes in the fields. At that time, Madam Liu and Chu Zhiwen had the idea of reducing the taxes as much as possible.

Chu Heng did not say anything from the beginning to the end and did not interfere in the matter.

Perhaps it was because of this that Chu Lin and Chu Cai were given quite a number of mountainous areas. They had less land, so they might have wanted to plant on Chu Heng's land later, but the land was in Chu Heng's hands.

Of course, Chu Heng also used his own money to buy a hillside land later.

Perhaps because both families were living well, Chu Heng had been participating in the imperial examination and had not given up. Moreover, he did not need Chu Zhiwen and the other two elders to pay for it. Chu Lin and Chu Cai could see the ability of this younger brother and gave up on this matter.

As time passed, the three brothers insisted on splitting the property according to what they had said before, and there were no more arguments.

They had thought that the mountains were useless and that they could at most get some wood to save some money when they built their house. Who knew that this time, there would be Wild Fan flowers and fruits, and Kudzu roots there.

Chu Lin and Chu Cai's family had a lot of income, and each of them had a feeling of unexpected wealth.

Chu Xing left Chu Heng's house and went straight home.

There was no one at home at the moment. Even his second sister-in-law had carried her two-year-old daughter up the hill to pick Wild Fan flowers and fruits, and other medicinal herbs.

Chu Xing thought for a moment. He was afraid that the cake would spoil, so he cut half of it and left it in the hall. He divided the other half into six pieces and took them onto the mule cart. Then, he drove the mule cart to the side of the field.

The village chief of Xingshui Village had many trees, especially at the edge of some fields. This had also become the place where the villagers usually worked and rested.

Chu Xing drove the mule cart to the main road.

Only then did he walk over with a pot of tea and the cake.

"Dad, have some rest. This is the pastry that Sister-in-law Heng brought back for me to show respect. Sister-in-law said that this pastry wouldn't last for half a day, so I was afraid that it would spoil, so I brought half over."

“Have some tea after you eat.”

The farming season was not over yet.

Every year, he would be busy for half a month.

Chu Fengsheng stopped what he was doing and straightened his back. He was not surprised to hear that Chu Xing had gone to Chu Heng’s house again.

He put down the hoe and walked to the tree. He picked up the teapot and drank a few mouthfuls to quench his thirst.

“Your sister-in-law asked you to go to the county again?”

“This time, sister-in-law asked me to help sell some medicinal herbs. Recently, everyone in the village knows a few kinds of medicinal herbs. I think everyone can make a small fortune,” Chu Xing said with a smile.

Chu Fengsheng said, “Do your best to help your sister-in-law. She’s a rational person. There are always benefits when you help her. If it’s convenient for you, she won’t force you either.”

“Father, I know. Sister-in-law has a good personality now and treats me well. I’m not so stupid that I don’t even know this.” Chu Xing smiled.

Chu Fengsheng shook his head. Seeing that his son was not immersed in the original impression of Madam Ye, he was relieved.

“Dad, quickly eat it. This thing really can’t be kept for long..”

Chapter 125: Li Yue and Tang Rou Arrived

“Do you see this white one? Sister-in-law said that it’s made from milk. Milk can nourish people.” Chu Xing directly fed the cake into Chu Fengsheng’s mouth.

Chu Fengsheng took it and took a bite. He instantly felt the deliciousness and difference.

“Your sister-in-law made this herself?” Chu Fengsheng was surprised.

“Yes, sister-in-law said that she might ask me to sell this pastry in the future. I think this pastry will definitely sell well.” Chu Xing did not hide it from his father.

Chu Fengsheng’s eyes flashed with admiration. “Her culinary skills are indeed good. I’m afraid that only a few shops in the county can compare to this pastry.”

“Right? I think it’s delicious too.” Chu Xing recalled the taste he had eaten before and instantly smiled in satisfaction.

Chu Fengsheng agreed to Chu Xing to be close to Chu Heng. Previously, he thought that Madam Ye’s personality was not very good and that it was fine to spend less time with them. Who knew that her personality would become better now? Although he was surprised, he accepted it calmly. After all, this was a good thing.

Chu Xing did not say much before driving the mule cart to the county.

He had to sell the herbs as soon as possible and help Ye Muyu inquire about the two matters.

Ye Muyu was reading in the study.

Chu Ziluo sat at the bottom of the table, practicing her calligraphy. She could not get any ink, so she used the worst brush and dipped it in water to practice her calligraphy. This saved her ink and paper.

Ye Muyu had read half of Chu Lui's books in the past few days, and she had a good understanding of many laws.

Seeing that it was already a quarter past noon, she got up, closed Chu Lui's door, and stopped looking.

She planned to go into the kitchen to make lunch.

Ye Muyu did not disturb Chu Ziluo as she continued practicing her calligraphy.

However, as soon as she walked out of the study, she heard someone knocking on the door.

Who could come at this time?

Ye Muyu was a little confused, but his face remained calm.

Ye Muyu walked to the door and asked, "Who is it?"

"Sister Ye, it's me."

Tang Rou's voice came from the door. Ye Muyu raised her eyebrows in surprise, but she still opened the door and saw Tang Rou standing at the door, wearing a green dress embroidered with delicate lotus flowers.

Not only was Tang Rou there, but there was also another girl. Ye Muyu had not seen her before, but she was still a girl from some village. Looking at her combed hair, she was still unmarried.

"Tang Rou? What do you want?" Ye Muyu did not let them in. Instead, she walked to a shady spot by the door. It was already the end of May, and the weather was getting hotter. The spot where she stood was more comfortable.

Tang Rou did not notice her movements, and she did not even care. She smiled and introduced the woman beside her, "Sister Ye, this is Sister Li Yue, the one who is engaged to Yongliang."

Ye Mu Yu looked deeply at Li Yue. Perhaps she had not expected Tang Rou to talk about her marriage, so she felt a bit awkward. Her face turned red, but perhaps because of her independent personality, she bit her lip and did not deny it.

Ye Muyu thought for a while. She had heard of Chu Yongliang's fiancée before.

She was from the Li family that was robbed last time. In addition, Chu Yongliang had been working with the Li family some time ago. She had more or less heard him mention it, but she did not know much about it.

He only knew that their wedding day was set for November.

This was normal. Most of the women in the countryside got married in winter.

She was not familiar with Li Yue, but when Li Yue and Tang Rou appeared together to look for her, she could not help but stay on guard.

After all, she already knew what Tang Rou was thinking, and she had bad intentions. Ye Muyu really had to be careful..

Chapter 126: Use?

"Hello," Ye Muyu nodded as a greeting.

Li Yue nodded as well. She thought about the matter of looking for Ye Muyu and did not know how to start.

Tang Rou, on the other hand, saw that the two of them did not say anything after greeting each other. She felt anxious and directly interrupted them, "Sister Ye..."

"Wait a minute, I'm already a married woman. Miss Tang is still unmarried, so call me Madam Ye." Ye Muyu directly interrupted Tang Rou. Hearing this person call her 'big sister', coupled with her intentions, she really could not accept it.

Tang Rou, in the modern world, was a mistress.

In ancient times, those who were above the elementary scholar level could have concubines, but in the end, they were still mistresses.

Tang Rou was a bit surprised by Ye Muyu's words. In her previous life, Madam Ye was very stupid. She could easily lie to them. If Tang Rou had not married into the Zhao family and become a concubine, she would have ended up like those women and entered the Chu family.

She clearly remembered that Ye Muyu had really agreed to find Chu Heng a concubine.

Many of the officials who heard the news seized the opportunity to throw people into Chu Heng's residence.

It was a pity that Chu Heng directly reported it to the emperor. No one knew what the emperor was thinking, but in the end, Chu Heng rejected all those officials. From then on, only Madam Ye was in Chu Heng's place. This was something that many women in Jing City envied.

Later on, it was a pity that Madam Ye was stupid and was always used by others.

Chu Heng never went to the rooms at the back again, but he also never took concubines, which was strange.

In her previous life, Tang Rou was so jealous that she felt that a fool like Madam Ye was not worthy of being Chu Heng's wife. She felt like a toad taking over a flower.

There were many people who were as disgusted as her.

After her rebirth, Tang Rou naturally was not willing to let go of the position of Chu Heng's wife.

She remembered that not long after, Chu Heng would still fail this exam because of Madam Ye.

Would she have a chance?

It would be better if she could build a good relationship with Madam Ye, and enter and leave the Chu family freely.

"Madam Ye, it's like this. Yue 'er wants to ask you if the Kudzu root was accidentally cut, why did it suddenly change color? Also, how could it be preserved if it was cut?" Tang Rou did not dare to brush Ye Muyu off too much. After interacting with Ye Muyu a few times, she felt that this person was different from the one she remembered.

She was not sure if the rumors were not reliable or if Ye Muyu had changed in this life. Therefore, she subconsciously became more cautious when she was with Ye Muyu.

Ye Muyu looked at her with clear eyes. No matter how nice this person said it, it could not change the fact that she wanted to get close to her.

"I don't know either. Why don't you ask Doctor Lu? If you go early, you won't waste any time. If you delay for too long, the Kudzu root won't be able to be used anymore, and you won't be able to sell it for a single copper coin." Although Ye Muyu had never interacted with Li Yue, the Li family must have lost some money some time ago. Now, they must want to fill the gap. They would probably value the income of the medicinal herbs more.

As expected, Li Yue frowned when she heard her words. In the next moment, she looked at Ye Muyu and said, "Thank you, Sister-in-law. I won't disturb you anymore."

Li Yue's words made Tang Rou's eyes flash with anxiety.

Ye Muyu saw it clearly from the corner of her eye.

“Hurry up and go. Doctor Lu should be in the village. Although I accidentally discovered these herbs, I don’t have much knowledge..”

Chapter 127: Not a Brilliant Method

“The next time you encounter such a thing, it’s better to ask Doctor Lu. It’ll take less time.”

Ye Mu Yu did not have any grudges against Li Yue. Seeing that she did not stay like Tang Rou, it was very likely that she was desperate and was used by Tang

Rou.

Li Yue said she was going to leave. She only said goodbye to Tang Rou and didn’t even bother replying to her before leaving.

Ye Muyu saw Tang Rou’s miscalculation and a smile flashed across her eyes.

When she looked at Tang Rou again, she did not have much patience. “Miss Tang, why aren’t you leaving?”

Ye Muyu’s words were blunt and direct.

Tang Rou’s expression changed slightly, somewhat angry at Ye Muyu’s domineering attitude. As expected, where did she change? She was still arrogant and despotic. Her expression was hard to read, and she did not have any sympathy. She had already come to visit, but Ye Muyu did not let her in. She just stopped her like that. She did not have any manners at all.

“Madam Ye, aren’t you going to invite me in?” Tang Rou thought so and took advantage of the situation to speak. She felt that Ye Muyu was too stupid, so if she said it in a more obscure way, she would not

understand. She might as well say it directly. This way, Ye Muyu could not stop her at the door. That would be very rude.

"I'm very busy. I don't have time to entertain you." Ye Muyu did not stand on ceremony. When dealing with thick-skinned people, one had to be even more thick-skinned than her. Otherwise, she would only step on the face of the host and still be dissatisfied.

She was not a good person. There was no need to spoil such a person.

"What did you say?" Tang Rou was caught off guard by Ye Muyu. She did not seem to realize that Ye Muyu was not going to listen to her persuasion.

Thinking back to the time when she clung to Ye Muyu, she immediately softened her attitude. "I wonder what you're busy with. Let me help you. Your health is not good, so you should get someone to help. I don't know if Scholar Chu has forgotten or if he thinks that you're not important at all."

Tang Rou probed. Her last sentence was already sowing discord.

Ye Muyu's eyes narrowed. According to the original host's personality, she would definitely be happy to take advantage of Tang Rou, especially since Chu Heng was not home.

It could be said that they would not discover her intentions at all.

It had to be said that Tang Rou understood the original host quite well, but in front of Ye Muyu, this person was no different from a clown.

"It doesn't seem to have anything to do with Miss Tang whether my family gets someone or not, right?"

"Since Miss Tang likes to meddle in other people's business, why don't you settle your own marriage first? I see that there are many outstanding men in the village who are more than enough to match you. When the time comes, after you get married, I'm afraid you won't have so much free time." Ye Muyu did not care about Tang Rou's feelings at all.

She directly used the thing that Tang Rou hated the most to stab her heart.

As expected, Tang Rou was very angry. She had not expected Ye Muyu to be so vicious and daring.

Ye Mu Yu never showed mercy to people she did not like. She calmly looked at

Tang Rou. "Miss Tang, go back. If there's nothing else, I'll close the door."

Ye Mu Yu did not give Tang Rou any time to react. She directly went in and closed the door.

Tang Rou stood at the door, clenching her fists in anger, but she also fell into deep thought. Looking at the wall that had been raised a lot, she was a little confused.

In her previous life, the wall did not seem to have been raised. However, because of her intervention in this life, there were thieves in the village. The matter of raising the wall was probably because of this.

It did not matter. It was just that Madam Ye was a little troublesome.

Tang Rou pondered. She thought about the news she had heard in the clinic. It seemed that Madam Ye's health was not very good... If she could change the medicine and cause Ye Muyu to die, her chance would come..

Chapter 128: Earn Another Sum

Tang Rou turned around and left. She already had many ideas in her mind.

Ye Muyu turned around and walked into the courtyard. Chu Ziluo was just coming out of the study room. When she saw Ye Muyu closing the door and entering, she stopped worrying and asked, "Mother, who's looking for you? Are you alright? I heard you arguing with someone."

“No one. Someone just came from the village to ask about the medicinal herbs.

You can continue practicing your calligraphy. Mother is preparing lunch.” Ye Muyu spoke softly and did not seem to be hurt at all. She looked calm, unlike after a quarrel.

Chu Ziluo did not suspect anything and happily shared with Ye Muyu, “Mother,

I’ve practiced today’s words. I can practice new words later.”

Chu Ziluo did not improve much, but she was willing to persevere. As time went by, she would eventually learn how to read.

“You are very good. In the future, when you have learned enough words,

Mother will teach you to look at the account book.” she learned to read, her knowledge would slowly increase.

“Mother, I will be serious.” Chu Ziluo thought that she would not only learn how to read but also how to calculate. Since she started to learn how to read, she felt that she could help her mother more. Naturally, she was willing to learn more words and how to calculate.

Ye Muyu chased Chu Ziluo to the study room to study while she went into the kitchen to prepare lunch.

Ye Muyu had just finished cooking a dish when Chu Jin returned.

He was holding a few wooden blocks in his hands.

“Mother, I want to make the Zhuge Lock.” Chu Jin went straight to the kitchen. Perhaps it was because the food at home was good and there were pastries prepared every day, Chu Jin was not a glutton for food. He had placed all his attention on having fun.

“Sure, but you can only do it yourself. Your sister and I won’t help you,” Ye Muyu explained in advance.

Chu Jin was a little stunned. He had originally come back to ask for their help. He had even thought about what each of them should do.

He did not dare to use the wood chiseling knife, so he needed his mother to do the wood according to his instructions, and his sister to help him.

“You can’t do it?” Ye Muyu raised her eyebrows and said deliberately, “Then don’t do it. Your classmates won’t believe you can do it anyway.”

“Mother, I can do it myself. I can definitely do it.” Chu Jin was provoked. As expected, he even forgot that he would be tired from doing it. He subconsciously wanted to fight for his pride.

Chu Jin did not notice the triumphant smile in Ye Muyu’s eyes. He turned around and went to the house to get the wood-chiseling tools. He sat alone in the central room and slowly worked on it.

Ye Muyu had just finished cooking lunch.

Chu Xing had returned.

“Sister-in-law, this is the money for selling the herbs.” This time, there were more than two times more herbs than the last time, and they sold for a total of fourteen taels. Other than that, Chu Xing did not bring back any good news about milk. “Sister-in-law, there’s only one cow that’s in the milk-producing period over there, but it’ll probably run out of milk in a month. It’ll be very difficult to get milk after two months.”

“I can only try my luck later. Maybe there will be good news in other villages.”

Ye Muyu was not surprised. She had already prepared herself for the lack of milk and nodded, “Alright, I got it. Take these. The food at home is ready.”

“No need, no need. My family must be having lunch too. Sister-in-law, I’ll go back first.”

Chu Xing took the travel fee and ran away. He had no intention of having lunch at Ye Muyu’s place.

Ye Muyu was not surprised. The younger generation of the Chu family had an obvious characteristic which was they would never go to another family’s house for a meal for no reason unless the elders were there..

Chapter 129: Assistant

Even so, her invitation to Chu Xing was sincere.

Since he was too embarrassed to stay, she had to send more food over for the Dragon Boat Festival.

She thought about her plan to sell cakes. Although she could not buy milk in two months, it would not affect the overall situation.

After dinner...

“Mother, are we making a cake again today?” Chu Ziluo was helping Ye Muyu wash the dishes in the kitchen.

Ye Muyu did not stop her. She taught her how to cook. After all, the female arts competition was not far away. Speaking of which, cooking was the easiest to improve.

“Yes, will you help me out this afternoon?” Ye Muyu wiped her hands clean and the entire kitchen was cleaned up.

The most tiring part of making a cake was whisking the eggs.

Chu Ziluo could not control the strength and speed, so she could only use the wooden eggbeater to stir it over and over again.

This time, Ye Muyu handed the rest of the work to Chu Ziluo, who was teaching from the side.

This took two hours.

This time, Ye Muyu did not make cream. Chu Xing did not bring back much milk, so she had to save some.

When she opened the lid, he saw the steamed cake.

Chu Ziluo instantly smelled the strong milk fragrance and could not help but widen her eyes in surprise. "Mother, is my cake good?"

"This smells so good. I didn't know milk was so fragrant."

"You did well this time." Ye Muyu praised the finished product with a gentle smile.

There was no oven, so the cake was always soft and the fragrance was less, but the taste was not bad. It did not affect the overall situation.

Ye Muyu took out the cake and cut it into a few pieces.

She wrapped each piece of cake in oil paper and put it into the well. After four hours, she would give it a taste again.

Apart from that, there was one more piece left on the chopping board.

Ye Muyu wiped the sweat off Chu Ziluo's forehead. The kitchen was getting hotter and hotter. She was considering whether to buy a worker.

“Go and rest for a while before starting to learn embroidery.” Ye Muyu did not waste her time. Basically, she arranged her schedule slowly every day according to the child’s own wishes.

“Mother, I’m not tired. I’ll go do embroidery directly. I’ll be able to embroider a lotus handkerchief in two days and give it to Mother.” Chu Ziluo was in high spirits. She wanted to see Ye Muyu’s outstanding performance at all times.

“Alright.” Ye Muyu smiled and patted her head.

Chu Ziluo then happily ran back to her room to embroider.

Ye Muyu returned to the east wing and sat by the bed to continue making Chu Ziluo’s shoes. There was only one shoe left. She had been quite busy these days and had slowed down.

She worked on it until the afternoon.

When Chu Jin returned from school, Madam Liu was with him.

“Mother, I’m back.” Chu Jin pushed open the courtyard door and shouted.

Ye Muyu heard the voice and came out from the east wing. He was surprised to see Madam Liu and invited her into the central room. “Mother, why are you here?”

Ye Muyu called Chu Jin to the study to do his homework while Chu Ziluo went in to practice her calligraphy.

Madam Liu looked around the room and nodded with satisfaction, “Your room is much tidier.”

“I came here today to ask you if you’ve finished collecting the herbs.” When it came to the matter of medicinal herbs, Madam Liu was in a good mood. In the past few days, every household had been collecting the medicinal herbs on the hillside to sell..

Chapter 130: Madam Liu's Persuasion

Other than the price of Kudzu roots, the Wild Fan flowers and fruits and Solomon's Seal did not drop.

Because of this, almost every household in the village had earned a few taels. There was not such a good thing in the past.

Therefore, many people this year praised the Chu family and Madam Ye.

In an instant, Ye Muyu's reputation rose by quite a bit. Even the villagers smiled at her more kindly when they saw her.

Ye Muyu had already noticed this, but she did not react emotionally. She did not deliberately insist on whether her reputation was good or not. Moreover, even if she did not do medicinal herbs, she had never worried about her reputation.

"Mother, the land at home has been planted with vegetables, so it doesn't need much effort."

"As for the medicinal herbs, I've already collected all the medicinal herbs in that plot of land."

Ye Muyu knew that Madam Liu must have something else to ask her, but she did not take the initiative to ask. She only answered according to what she asked.

There were some things that were not suitable for her to take the initiative to ask, and she would not ask.

Sure enough, Madam Liu nodded her head first, as if she was at ease with Ye Muyu's actions. She did not beat around the bush and directly told him the purpose of her visit, "Tomorrow, your father and I will go to the county to buy cattle. I will also go to see Chu Heng. Do you have anything to give to him?"

Ye Muyu's reaction was also very fast. She had never thought of giving Chu Heng anything. After all, she had just given him a hairpin and pastries five or six days ago.

'This man was so pretentious...' Ye Muyu complained silently in her heart. She had never had a boyfriend before, so she treated Chu Heng as an independent individual. Since he was independent, it was natural that Chu Heng would take care of himself, and she would take care of herself independently.

Ye Muyu did not say anything as she thought of this.

Seeing her like this, Madam Liu probed, "Last time, I saw that there were cloth for Chu Heng to make clothes at home. I saw that you had been touching the needle and thread recently and thought that it was for him."

"No, it's to make shoes for Ziluo."

"Plus, I had been collecting the herbs, so I didn't have much time to make it."

"Mother, I heard that Master Liu from the village..." Ye Muyu had not finished speaking.

Madam Liu slapped her forehead and her expression changed. She had guessed her thoughts. "Third Daughter-in-law, are you planning to find someone to help Chu Heng make clothes?"

"Yes, Mother." Ye Muyu said, "I originally planned to buy ready-made clothes for my husband, but I can't waste the cloth at home."

Seeing Ye Muyu's orderly manner, Madam Liu suddenly felt that it was difficult to explain in a few words. She unexpectedly felt that Ye Muyu was not lazy. On the contrary, she felt that Ye Muyu had never thought of making clothes for Chu Heng in the first place.

Could it be that there was really something wrong with their relationship?

Madam Liu became more and more suspicious and asked calmly, “Third

Daughter-in-law, Chu Heng is outside and you two are far away. However, you should still care for each other. After all, husband and wife are people who live their lives together.”

Ye Muyu was smart and immediately understood what Madam Liu was implying.

Madam Liu could tell that she and Chu Heng did not interact like husband and wife.

“Mother...” Ye Muyu wanted to convince Madam Liu to accept this kind of interaction, but she did not expect Madam Liu to interrupt her before she could even say anything.

She waved her hand. “I don’t care what you say. Take this opportunity to make a set of clothes for your husband at home. Take your time. I’ll only be at ease if you get along well..”