

Peasant 181

Chapter 181: Going to Discuss Business

"Alright, Mother understands." Ye Muyu was not surprised. Chu Heng had always been a decisive person.

"Then let's practice writing after eating."

Ye Muyu had been idle for a few days, and her body was much better. Now, reading was not a problem.

"Okay, Mom, I want to learn a few more words today. I've memorized everything I've learned these few days. I'll write it down for you to see now." Chu Ziluo said hurriedly. Ye Muyu was pleased to see that Chu Ziluo was in high spirits. The mother and daughter pair were reading books, and it was quite lively.

On the other hand...

Chu Heng went out and went straight to Chu Xing.

Madam Qian had yet to leave the house and was feeding the chickens and ducks at home. When she saw Chu Heng, she quickly walked to the door and pulled him in. She lowered her voice and asked, "Ah Heng, how's your wife? Is she alright?"

"Thank you for your concern, Fifth Aunt. Yu 'er is fine now, but her body is weak and needs to be well taken care of to prevent any further problems," Chu Heng said calmly.

Madam Qian patted her chest. "That's good. I've always wanted to go and take a look, but I'm afraid of disturbing her rest."

"Leave this matter to my mother. I will also hire some helpers. Fifth Aunt, remember to come tomorrow."

Madam Qian already had a good impression of Ye Muyu. Now that she saw Chu Heng actually personally give Ye Muyu a name, she felt a rare sense of envy.

However, she could only sigh that this child valued relationships. "Don't worry, I will definitely go."

"Are you here to look for Ah Xing?" Madam Qian asked.

Chu Heng acknowledged.

Madam Qian then shouted at the top of her lungs, "Ah Xing, come out quickly. Ah Heng is here. Don't laze in bed."

"Brother Heng? I'll be right there. Wait for me." Chu Xing's voice came from the room.

Madam Qian helped to explain, "This child going to start building houses after farming, so he was busy buying materials and had been busy with accounting for a long time last night. That's why he woke up late."

"It's fine. If you need any help, just let me know." Chu Heng was quite satisfied with Chu Xing. If it were not for this cousin, Ye Muyu would not even be able to do business smoothly. Chu Heng had always been good to his own people.

"There's no need for that, but if I really need your in the future, I'll definitely come to you." Madam Qian was all smiles and was even more satisfied with Chu Heng.

Chu Heng nodded his head as a promise.

Madam Qian called Chu Heng into the central room to have some tea, but Chu Heng refused. "Fifth Aunt, where is Ah Xing's mule cart? I'll go and get it. I'll have to go to the county to buy a lot of things later, so I'm afraid I'll have to make a few trips."

"I see. Here, I'll help you." Madam Qian naturally did not want to delay Chu Heng's work and quickly brought him to the mule shed.

When Chu Xing got dressed and went out, he saw Chu Heng already sitting beside the mule cart.

Chu Xing scratched his head in embarrassment. "Brother Heng, I'm sorry. I overslept."

"Have you had breakfast?" Chu Heng asked.

Chu Heng turned around and took out the Soft Fragrance Cake from his basket. "Go get a bottle of water. Eat this soft cake to fill your stomach. There will be food when we reach the county in a while."

"What? Brother Heng, are you planning to eat at the county store?" Chu Xing quickly got on the mule cart and sat beside the driver seat. He felt it was strange. Usually, Chu Heng rarely went to those restaurants to eat when he went to the county. At least, he had never seen them before. That was why he was so surprised to hear Chu Heng mention it.

Chu Heng cracked his whip and drove the mule cart to the county.

"I'm going to discuss business. You just have to eat," Chu Heng said concisely..

Chapter 182: Godlike Predictions

Chu Xing took two bites of the Soft Fragrance Cake and drank some warm water. When he heard this, his eyes widened in surprise. He was also a little curious and asked obsequiously, "Brother Heng? What business deal?" "You'll know when you get there. Eat your food."

"Oh." Chu Xing finished the Soft Fragrance Cake in a few bites. After eating it,

he realized how extravagant he was. This Soft Fragrance Cake might be enough to buy ten meat buns!

He actually finished it in three bites!

Chu Xing silently thought that it was too extravagant. At the same time, he took the whip from Chu Heng's hand and took the initiative to drive the carriage.

Chu Heng did not stop him.

Soon, they arrived at the county.

Chu Heng went straight to the entrance of the Xie residence.

Xie Yu rarely went to the school, unless there was something that needed to be discussed, so if Chu Heng wanted to meet him, it was most convenient to go directly to the Xie residence.

Chu Heng told the gatekeeper of the Xie residence his purpose of coming. After giving the visiting card and Soft Fragrance Cake to the other party, he patiently sat on the mule cart and waited.

Seeing that it was the Xie family, Chu Xing did not ask anything even though he was curious. He waited patiently, but he was curious when Brother Heng got to know the people from the Xie family.

What happened next surprised Chu Xing even more.

Not long after, not only did the servants of the Xie residence come out, but a noble Young Master also came out. Chu Xing looked at the handsome and elegant young man in a brocade robe walking out. His eyes were fixed on him, and he could not help but sigh. What a handsome Young Master!

Although Brother Heng was also good-looking, the young man in front of him was young and could not hide his noble aura. He was also more gentle and beautiful, like a little girl. Of course, Chu Xing did not dare to say this.

Although Xie Yu noticed Chu Xing's unblinking gaze, he only took a glance before retracting his gaze.

“Big Brother Chu, you were looking for me?”

“Yes, I wonder if Third Young Master is interested in discussing the Soft Fragrance Cake business,” Chu Heng said.

“Eh? Business? Sure.” Xie Yu had originally wanted to do business with the Soft

Fragrance Cake. Previously, when he ordered the Soft Fragrance Cake from Chu Heng, although he wanted to show filial piety to his elders, he mainly wanted to do this business.

“Please.”

After some time, the three of them had already appeared in a private room on the second floor of the most famous restaurant in the county, Fragrance Restaurant.

Xie Yu ordered a lot of good dishes.

Chu Xing looked at the table full of dishes and could not help but sniff. He gave Chu Heng a thumbs up in his heart. Brother Heng was amazing. He was able to predict things like a god.

“Brother Chu, you don’t have to call me Third Young Master. You can call me Lil’ Yu or Xie Yu,” Xie Yu said to Chu Heng with a smile.

Chu Heng nodded. “Then I’ll be thick-skinned and call Third Young Master Lil’

“It’s fine. Anyway, it’s just a form of address. I’m fated with Brother Heng and our temperaments are similar.” Xie Yu poured a glass of wine and toasted Chu Heng.

Chu Heng raised his cup and drank with him before getting down to business. “Lil’ Yu, this is the recipe for the Soft Fragrance Cake.” Chu Heng directly placed the recipe in front of Xie Yu without any concealment.

Xie Yu was still stunned for a moment. Although he was usually very generous, he never thought that Chu Heng would be so sincere, as if he was not afraid that he would not buy it after reading the recipe.

Xie Yu could not help but raise his head to take another look at Chu Heng.

He could see that there was no worry on his face.

In his heart, he thought even more highly of Chu Heng. From the start, he felt that Chu Heng was not only knowledgeable but now it seemed that his ability was not weak either.

“Brother Chu trusts me so much that I feel a little ashamed. Then I won’t stand on ceremony and just take a look,” Xie Yu said.

Chu Heng placed one hand on the table and held the wine glass. He didn’t care and nodded. “Please..”

Chapter 183: Change of Mind

“Cough, cough...” This was the first time Chu Xing had seen someone discuss business like this. Although he usually did some small business and received guidance from Brother Heng, he did not expect Brother Heng to directly reveal his trump card from the beginning. He was being too direct, right?

However, he sincerely believed in Chu Heng and felt that Brother Heng must have his own intentions for doing so.

Chu Xing quickly covered his mouth to avoid making a sound. He could only eat silently for a few breaths.

However, speaking of which, the taste of this Fragrance Restaurant was really not bad. Moreover, they were all good dishes. They were definitely the most sumptuous dishes he had ever eaten in his life. Chu Xing could not help but think in this heart.

Xie Yu quickly finished reading the recipe for making the Soft Fragrance Cakes and could not help but praise, "This method is simply unheard of. It's so soft and fragrant. It doesn't just use milk, but also eggs."

"This Soft Fragrance Cake fits so well with this cream. I've never seen something like this cream that's only made with egg white and not egg yolk before."

"It was my daughter who was mischievous. She dropped the egg into the flour and accidentally discovered the method," Chu Heng explained calmly."

"I see."

Xie Yu suddenly understood.

"Brother Chu, I'll buy the recipe for this Soft Fragrance Cake," Xie Yu said heroically.

Chu Heng shook his head.

"What's wrong?" Xie Yu looked at him in confusion.

"I don't know if you have any thoughts of opening a private shop," Chu Heng said.

When Xie Yu heard this, he slowly understood."Brother Xie, are you planning to cooperate with me to open a shop?"

"Yes. This Soft Fragrant Cake is just one pastry, but there are other ways to bake it."

"Lil' Yu, although you are the Young Master of the Xie family, you can't inherit the Xie family's assets alone. Instead, you have been managing your own business since you were young. You can attack or retreat. No matter which path you take in the future, it will always be easier with money."

Chu Heng clearly pointed out Xie Yu's situation and his future path.

It was true that Xie Yu was very favored, but Chu Heng had always relied on his own personality for everything.

Therefore, after reminding Xie Yu a little, he instantly understood. He had to admit that what Chu Heng said made sense. In the past, all his energy was on the imperial examinations.

Because his eldest brother and second brother were not good at studying, his father put all his efforts on him.

It was not that Xie Yu did not feel the pressure, but when he thought about how he could bring glory to his family, he also ignored this pressure.

Moreover, after his eldest brother and second brother got married one after another, he slowly realized that the two sisters-in-law were fighting. Although he rarely knew about these things, it did not mean that he did not know about them at all.

Chu Heng continued, "Being an official is similar to being a businessman, but it's a different approach."

Xie Yu looked at Chu Heng and thought for a while. His throat was a little dry. "Brother Chu, what do you plan to do?"

"This is some silver. I plan to invest with you. In the future, we will split the income of the shop according to a ratio." Chu Heng had originally planned to sell the recipe directly.

However, when he saw Xie Yu's glance, he suddenly changed his mind.

He also wanted Yu'er to live the life of a rich lady, so he had to have ample money. Furthermore, in his previous life, he had to take the path of a military general, so he had to be on guard.

He knew that he was very unlucky, especially in the imperial examinations. A situation like this, where he couldn't even enter the examination hall before the examination, was unique. In his previous life, he had no choice but to walk the path of a general, which was why his luck slowly changed. Even he himself was not sure whether he would make Yu 'er suffer if he continued to walk the path of a general in this life..

Chapter 184: Making Preparations

Since this matter was out of his control, he had to make preparations first.

Because of this, Chu Heng changed his mind and directly did business with Xie Yu. With Xie Yu's character and achievements in his previous life, this business could be done.

"Does Brother Chu really trust me?" Xie Yu could not figure this out and could not help but ask.

"I do." Chu Heng did not explain further, and his expression was rather indifferent.

However, Xie Yu was subdued by him and felt that Chu Heng was a person worth befriending. The other party was clearly holding a recipe and two hundred taels.

Ordinary people would not be able to do such a heroic thing. According to his understanding, Chu Heng came from the countryside.

However, from the other party's debate, it was clear that he was not an ordinary person.

Xie Yu had always been proud. If others doubted him, he would definitely disdain to cooperate with them. It was just a little silver, so he really did not lack this.

However, Chu Heng had been saying, "I believe you, I think you have a good character," from the beginning to the end, and he did not hesitate at all. Xie Yu could not see through Chu Heng.

It was undeniable that he was indeed happy because of Chu Heng's attitude toward him.

"Since Brother Chu trusts me, then I will definitely not disappoint Brother Chu."

"However, I still have to buy this recipe. I can't take advantage of Brother Chu." "No need. I'll provide the recipe and the initial capital. I'll give you other recipes

in the future," Chu Heng said.

Xie Yu saw that Chu Heng was so decisive and generous, so he no longer hesitated. He also nodded and agreed, "Alright, then we'll do as you say, Brother Chu."

"However, the contract will have to take a little longer. I'll call my subordinates to bring over some brush, ink, paper, and inkstone."

"It's fine. Take your time to write. I need to buy a lot of things later, and I need to go home before noon."

After Chu Heng finished speaking, he took out the recipe for the fish with pickled cabbage.

"Take a look at this," Chu Heng said.

Xie Yu was in a good mood. Seeing Chu Heng take out another recipe, he curiously picked it up and looked at it. "Fish with pickled cabbage?"

"What is this pickled cabbage?"

Chu Heng looked at Chu Xing. Chu Xing quickly picked up a small jar of pickled cabbage from the basket on his back and placed it beside Xie Yu. He opened it again and picked up some pickled cabbage on the empty plate.

“Young Master Xie, please enjoy.” Chu Xing was well-behaved. He did not dare to address Xie Yu as affectionately as Brother Heng.

Hearing this, Xie Yu picked up some pickled vegetables with his chopsticks and put them into his mouth.

“Ah, so sour.” Xie Yu quickly ate a mouthful of rice to suppress the sourness. When Chu Xing heard this, he looked at Chu Heng nervously. He was also a little worried. Could it be that it was not delicious?

Chu Xing had never eaten this pickled cabbage before. He had only heard that his second uncle’s family had eaten the pickled cabbage and fish given by his sister-in-law. He had heard that it was very delicious, but it was a pity that he had never eaten it.

However, seeing Chu Heng’s calm expression, Chu Xing was relieved.

“Eh?” Xie Yu originally felt that it was extremely sour, but after eating it with a mouthful of rice, he paused for a rare moment and continued to chew, slowly tasting the taste of the pickled cabbages.

“It’s quite appetizing.” Xie Yu ate a small bowl of rice with pickled cabbages, not eating a single bite of the vegetables.

Chu Heng waited for him to feel comfortable before saying, “You can ask the restaurant’s chef to make a portion according to the recipe.”

“Yes, Brother Chu.”

Xie Yu stopped his chopsticks and gave the recipe to the guard behind him. After giving an order, the guard carried the pickled cabbage jar and went downstairs to the kitchen to cook.

Xie Yu continued to accompany Chu Heng to eat and drink..

Chapter 185: No, This Is My Wife’s Silver

In less than fifteen minutes, the fish with pickled cabbages was served.

Many customers passing by smelled it and asked what it was. In the private room, the waiter placed the freshly made fish with pickled cabbages on the dining table.

“Young Master, there were a few ingredients that were missing, so we were delayed for a while.”

“Got it. You may leave.” Xie Yu waved his hand.

The waiter quickly retreated and closed the door.

“This fish with pickled cabbages is indeed different from what I usually eat. Speaking of which, I don’t like fish the most because it’s too fishy. However, our Nanchang County produces fish. It’ll be great if there’s a good fish dish.”

Xie Yu said to Chu Heng, “Please enjoy, Brother Chu.”

“Please,” Chu Heng replied.

The two of them did not refuse and both ate some. It was also Chu Heng’s first time eating the fish with pickled cabbages. He had to admit that the chef of the Fragrance Restaurant was not bad and complemented the excellent pickled cabbages.

Chu Heng ate a little more. Looking at the dish, he could not help but smile. He did not know how Yu’er knew how to make this pickled cabbage, but he knew that only Yu’er knew how to make it.

If she liked to cook, he would definitely like to eat her cooking.

When this dish spread far and wide, no matter where it was in the future, Yu’er would be able to eat it. She should be happy.

“Brother Chu, this dish is not bad. I like it very much. I’ll pay 30 taels for this recipe.” Xie Yu gave an honest price. Although the taste of this dish was indeed not bad, 20 taels was already a high price.

He hesitated for a moment and gave 30 taels. This was also because he wanted to make friends with Chu Heng.

“Sure.” Chu Heng nodded and agreed. He accepted Xie Yu’s good intentions generously. With Xie Yu’s personality, since he gave this price, he should not decline.

“In that case, does Brother Chu want to add these thirty taels into the shares?” Xie Yu said casually.

Unexpectedly, Chu Heng directly refused, “No, this is my wife’s silver.”

Xie Yu was stunned at first, but then he burst into laughter, “Haha, I didn’t expect Big Brother Chu to be so deeply in love with Sister-in-law. I was wrong.

I wonder if I have the chance to visit?”

Xie Yu was really curious. In his opinion, Chu Heng was like an eagle, and sooner or later, he would stand out. He did not even have the confidence to be compared to Chu Heng.

Such a person actually had a moment of romance?

Xie Yu was very surprised and was even more curious about Ye Muyu.

When Chu Xing heard this, he subconsciously boasted, “Young Master Xie, you don’t know this, but Brother Heng wants to give sister-in-law a name. Tomorrow, we’ll hold a banquet to worship the ancestors, but my sister-in-law does deserve it. This time, my sister-in-law almost got into an accident to save Lil’ Jin.”

“There’s a banquet tomorrow?” Xie Yu seized this opportunity and asked Chu Xing to tell him the details.

Only then did Chu Xing realize that he had said too much and subconsciously looked at Chu Heng.

Seeing that Chu Heng did not stop him, he told Xie Yu what had happened in the village.

When Xie Yu heard that Ye Muyu had jumped into the water to save his son without hesitation, he had already thought highly of her.

If a child really fell into the water, they would directly order the servant girls and guards to save him.

Although it was because the mistress of the house could not swim, Xie Yu still felt a rare sense of envy when he heard Ye Muyu save her child without

hesitation..

Chapter 186: Lu Chuan, How Have You Been?

No matter what, one would only risk their life if it was true love. No wonder Brother Chu valued his wife so much. If he could find a wife like Chu Heng's wife... How good would that be?

Xie Yu thought of those pretentious young ladies who only wanted to marry into a good family and frowned subconsciously.

Chu Xing calmly listened to the two of them talk. He raised his wine glass and looked at the breeze blowing through the willow tree outside the window. A touch of warmth flashed in his eyes.

Fifteen minutes later...

Chu Heng and Chu Xing left the Fragrance Restaurant.

Xie Yu brought the guards back to the Xie residence.

Chu Xing had already walked far away and could no longer see Xie Yu before saying, "Brother Heng, aren't you afraid that Young Master Xie will regret it and not sign the contract?"

Chu Xing originally thought that Chu Heng would wait for Xie Yu to finish writing and signing the contract before leaving.

He did not expect Brother Heng to really ask Young Master Xie to go back and slowly write the contract and only ask him to go over to sign it once it was ready.

Chu Xing had never seen such a bold businessman. Of course, he felt that it might be because Brother Heng did not know how to do business, so he could not help but ask curiously.

Chu Heng reminded, "It's not that easy to write the contract. You need to measure the cost of each step. Even with Xie Yu's ability and connections, it will take three days to write it."

"Since I'm willing to work with him, I naturally have to trust my partner."

"Also, in business, you have to learn to judge people. Not everyone can make me trust them without hesitation like this time."

"Do you understand?"

Chu Xing thought about it seriously. After a while, he said, "Brother Heng, you're right. But I definitely don't have your guts. I still have a lot to learn in the future."

"Take your time. There's no hurry."

In his previous life, he did not have this ability at this time. He just relied on his extra life and his many years of experience in politics.

"I understand, Brother Heng. I will study hard." Chu Xing had always admired Chu Heng, so he naturally would not refuse.

"Let's go and buy the items needed for tomorrow's banquet."

Chu Heng walked in front while Chu Xing hurriedly pulled the mule cart and followed closely behind.

Soon, the mule cart was filled. Other than tables, chairs, stools, bowls, chopsticks, and other things that did not need to be bought, pastries, wine, vegetables, as well as many condiments, meat, incense, and so on, everything needed to be bought.

After buying a cart, Chu Xing drove the mule cart back to the village.

Chu Heng went to the school to extend his holiday and told the teacher that he would go home every day.

The teacher was initially unwilling, but when he heard that something had happened to his wife, he could only change his mind and agree.

Then, Chu Heng went to a courtyard in the county and pulled the carriage out. "Master, do you need this old servant to help drive the carriage?"

"There's no need, Uncle Wang. I'll take this carriage with me from now on," Chu

Heng ordered.

"Alright, this old servant understands. Master, be careful on your way." The old man called Uncle Wang bent down and sent him away before closing the back door.

Chu Heng went to find another ten helpers.

After that, he arrived at the human market. In less than fifteen minutes, he chose a couple with a son and a daughter, as well as a guard.

When Chu Heng saw Lu Chuan, surprise flashed in his eyes. He stared at him for a while. Combined with the situation in his previous life, he instantly understood why his second-in-command in his previous life would appear here.

“Master.” The five of them bowed and shouted.

Since he needed servants, Chu Heng was naturally the sensible ones so they would never pose any threat to his family..

Chapter 187: Tang Rou Following Chu Heng

“Which one of you knows how to drive a carriage?” Chu Heng asked.

Lu Chuan and Zhang Shu stood up at the same time. “Master, we know how to do it.”

Chu Heng nodded and pointed at Zhang Shu. “Zhang Shu, you’ll drive the carriage. Lu Chuan will help me carry the wine.”

When Chu Xing went back, he did not transport the wine because the wine jars were too big for the mule cart to hold. Chu Heng had already bought the wine and was waiting for the carriage to be pulled over.

“Yes.”

The few of them bowed their heads respectfully and followed closely behind Chu Heng.

Chu Heng brought them outside the wine shop and informed the owner.

Zhang Shu and his wife Madam Hu followed him to the backyard of the wine shop to move the wine jars while Lu Chuan guarded the carriage. Chu Heng told Lu Chuan to wait for him to come back.

He turned around and entered a clothing store.

“Young Master, the store recently received a new batch of good brocade. With

Young Master’s temperament, every piece is suitable.”

As soon as he walked in, a servant introduced him enthusiastically.

Chu Heng looked at the female clothing section.

“Can I see women’s clothes?” Chu Heng walked straight over and reported Ye Muyu’s measurements. Then, he asked the waiter to introduce him to clothes of the right size.

“Young Master, please take a look. These few pieces are very suitable.”

“If Young Master thinks that it looks good, you can buy it for Madam. She will definitely like it.” The servant’s mouth was especially sweet.

“Alright, I’ll buy them all then.” Chu Heng’s eyes flashed with a smile.

“Hey, Young Master really has good taste.” The servant did not expect Chu Heng to be so generous. However, this was the kind of customer he liked the most in business.

Chu Heng also bought a set for Chu Jin and Chu Ziluo, as well as Chu Zhiwen and Madam Liu.

He did not care for himself.

After buying the clothes, he paid the silver and asked the servant to help carry the clothes to the carriage outside the wine shop. Chu Heng then let Lu Chuan pull the carriage while he continued to buy some ingredients that Ye Muyu needed to cook.

For example, condiments such as tender ginger, pepper, chili, sugar, milk, and a series of other ingredients.

At the corner of the street...

Tang Rou was about to enter the back door of a house when she caught sight of Chu Heng from the corner of her eye. Her gaze froze and she quickly looked over. When she saw him coming out of a clothing store, he had bought quite a few beautiful women's clothes.

Her eyes were red with envy. She gripped the handkerchief tightly and dug her nails into her palm as if she did not feel any pain.

'Why...'

'Why did Chu Heng treat Madam Ye so well?' 'I don't believe it. I don't believe that Chu Heng will fall in love with Madam Ye!'

'There must be something I don't know.'

Tang Rou followed closely behind Chu Heng and personally saw him buy the things he needed for the banquet. The amount of silver he spent was at least ten strings.

If Tang Rou had been envious before, then now she was filled with hatred and jealousy. Madam Ye was such a stupid person. Why was Chu Heng treating her like this? Did he not have a brain? Did he not know that Madam Ye was stupid?

What could Madam Ye help him with?

Tang Rou wanted to step forward. She wanted to go all out and taint Chu Heng's reputation. As long as he could marry her, it was fine. In her previous life, Chu Heng never cared about his reputation.

Tang Rou took a step forward.

A huge force came from behind, and Tang Rou was pulled into the alley. She did not even have the chance to scream.

Chu Heng had already noticed that someone was following them, so he took the opportunity to find that person.

Seeing that it was Tang Rou, his gaze deepened.

However, when he turned around again, she was already gone.

"Lu Chuan," Chu Heng said.

Lu Chuan quickly stood beside him.. "Master?"

Chapter 188: A Brush Made Personally

"Help me do something. Go and investigate that woman just now, " Chu Heng said.

Lu Chuan was a little surprised. He did not expect Chu Heng to know that he had some skills. After all, ever since he was sold, he had never shown it. Even when Chu Heng bought him, the seller only said that he was stronger, so the price was two taels of silver more.

If they knew that he was skilled, the price would probably double.

Chu Heng was obviously a scholar, so how could he see through his disguise?

“What’s wrong?” Chu Heng turned around and looked at him.

Lu Chuan was shocked and quickly lowered his head. “Yes, your subordinate understands.”

Lu Chuan turned around and left. Chu Heng was not worried about him at all. He said to Zhang Shu, “Follow me with the carriage.”

“Yes, Master.” Zhang Shu and Madam Hu were genuine ordinary servants. They did not dare to have the slightest doubt about Chu Heng’s words, let alone ask more questions.

In the village, not long after Chu Heng left, Madam Liu had arrived.

This time, she did not bring Madam Zhang along and came alone.

“Madam Ye, how’s your health?” Madam Liu followed Ye Muyu in the study.

Seeing that Chu Ziluo was practicing her calligraphy obediently, she sighed.

“Ziluo is a smart child. It’s a good idea for you to come up with this method.” “However, won’t the handwriting look bad if she practices using water?” “Mother, take a seat first. I’ll pour you some tea.”

Madam Liu reached out and pulled Ye Muyu. “No need. I’m here to see how the banquet is prepared. I should at least arrange the tables and chairs first.”

“Your body has just recovered a little. Don’t torture yourself. Isn’t there herbal tea here? I’ll just drink a little.” Madam Liu took a clean cup and poured herself a cup of tea.

After taking a sip, Madam Liu was a little surprised. "What kind of tea is this?" "Mother, this is herbal tea. It's made from Chinese herbs. It's very comfortable to drink in summer." Ye Muyu tried his best to explain it in a common way. Hearing this, Chu Liushi took another sip. "It's indeed quite cooling."

Ye Muyu smiled. Herbal tea was used to cool down the body. They usually ate a lot of chili at home. Coupled with the fact that the weather was getting hotter, she thought of herbal tea. She flipped through the medical book given by

Doctor Lu and asked Chu Heng to buy herbs for it.

There was not much, so they only drank it at home.

In the past, she would definitely drink the most common buckwheat tea in the summer because she had eaten too much meat to relieve her boredom and quench her thirst. However, here, she really had never enjoyed the time when she was tired of eating meat.

"Oh right, Mother, there are a few brushes here. Husband brought them back from school. He said that he made them himself. They are made of ordinary rabbit fur and are not worth much. However, they are very suitable for the children to practice writing."

Ye Muyu opened the wooden box. There were many rabbit fur brushes inside.

Chu Heng really did bring the brush back. He said that he made it himself. Ye Muyu wondered since this man could cook and make brushes, could he even make clothes?

She did not know how he had the time to learn so many skills when he was studying in the county.

When Madam Liu heard that it was Chu Heng who made it and it was cheap, she instantly smiled from ear to ear. "Then Mother will thank you on behalf of the children."

"Mother, there's no need to be polite. With more scholars in the family, my husband will not be alone in the future. Moreover, this is my husband's gift to thank the clan for their help.."

Chapter 189: Herbal Tea

“There are some for the other branches.”

When Madam Liu saw this, she was even more satisfied. In the past, although

Chu Heng was obedient and knew how to study, she was still worried about Madam Ye. Now that she saw Madam Ye’s personality change and her relationship with Chu Heng had become better, Madam Liu could not stop smiling.

“Alright, you guys can do whatever you want.” Madam Liu smiled and accepted the brush.

Then, she praised Chu Ziluo.

Chu Ziluo smiled happily.

“By the way, Madam Ye, how did you make this herbal tea? The weather tomorrow was just nice, so the herbal tea was very comfortable. It was also good for entertaining guests.”

Madam Liu and Ye Muyu discussed the banquet for tomorrow.

Ye Muyu saw that Madam Liu had taken the initiative to bring it up. She thought for a while and said, ‘Mother, if you think it’s suitable, arrange it. If it’s decided, boil the tea tonight and put it in the well. When it’s taken out tomorrow, the temperature will be just right.’

“Alright, let’s do this. Old Third will definitely buy some wine. We don’t drink alcohol, so this herbal tea is just right.”

“About the dishes...”

Madam Liu and Ye Muyu discussed for two hours before deciding on the dishes.

According to the standard of a banquet in the countryside, there should be eight dishes.

Madam Liu knew more than Ye Muyu. Whether it was her previous life or the memories of her original host, she did not know much about the rules of the village banquet. Seeing that Madam Liu obviously knew a lot, she did not interrupt. After discussing it, she found a piece of paper and wrote down the dishes. It was settled.

Madam Liu watched Ye Muyu pick up the brush calmly. Although her handwriting was not very beautiful and could only be described as beginner's, her handwriting was not shaky at all.

Madam Liu's eyes flashed with envy, 'Madam Ye, how long have you been practicing writing? You're making rapid progress.'

"Oh Mother, you must be joking. After I married my husband, I would learn a little from time to time. Husband said that my words were barely readable and not good." Ye Muyu did not think that there was anything to be proud of about being able to write with a brush. In modern times, as long as one was willing to learn, it would not be too difficult. However, there were too few opportunities to learn calligraphy in Great Chu. Madam Liu was a woman, so under such circumstances, she respected her.

Madam Liu waved her hand. "It's nothing. I haven't written for so many years. Now, my hands are shaky when I hold a brush."

As the two of them were talking, Chu Xing came back and knocked on the courtyard door.

"This must be Ah Xing. He probably bought something and came back. Let's go and take a look." Madam Liu walked in front.

Ye Muyu told Chu Ziluo to write in peace and she followed Madam Liu out.

Ye Muyu walked slowly. When she arrived, the gate was already open and Chu Xing had just jumped down from the mule cart.

“Third Aunt, I came back first. Brother Heng is still waiting for me in the county to drive the mule cart to pull things.”

“You bought so much?” Madam Liu was shocked, but she was only surprised for a moment. “Ah Xing, go in and drink some water first.”

Ye Muyu also saw many things on the carriage.

There were not many vegetables to eat at home, so Chu Heng bought some cheaper radishes and other vegetables.

However, the vegetables were the least of what he bought. After all, although they did not have any at home, they had some at the old residence.

Madam Liu moved all the items into the courtyard, and Ye Muyu helped.

When Madam Liu saw this, she worriedly reminded, “Third Daughter-in-law, you don’t have to be busy. Just take care of your own body.”

“Mother, I know. Don’t worry..”

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Apart from the incense and wax, there was also a bag of pastries, such as mung bean cakes and osmanthus cakes, which cost 30 copper coins per catty.

He bought ten chickens and ten ducks and filled two cages. They were still a little dirty.

After Chu Xing finished drinking the tea, he came over to help carry the chickens and ducks into the courtyard and put them in the chicken shed that had not been used for a long time.

"There are enough chickens and ducks now." Madam Liu looked at the flock of chickens and ducks. Although she said it calmly, she was very surprised in her heart. How much money was this? Just one chicken would probably cost 70 to 80 copper coins. These chickens and ducks would cost at least one or two strings of money.

She then looked at the basket of wooden roots that Chu Xing had brought in.

"Xing, wait, what is this?" Madam Liu walked over and picked up the wooden root. She looked at it for a long time but still could not understand.

"Third Aunt, Brother Heng bought these from the mountains. There are also some dried mushrooms. He said that this is called Chinese yam. It tastes very good when stewed with chicken. Actually, I've never eaten it before. Anyway,

Brother Heng said it's good and it's not expensive."

Hearing that it was not expensive, Madam Liu felt relieved.

She helped bring the dried mushrooms in.

"Third Aunt, we still need fish. Brother Heng said he'll buy it tomorrow morning. Otherwise, if we buy it now, they'll be dead and not fresh."

Madam Liu had already calmed down from her surprise. The things she bought seemed to be needed for the dishes she had ordered. She thought that Chu Heng knew what to do.

Since Chu Heng knew what was going on, she did not have to worry too much. After all, she was afraid that Chu Heng and Madam Ye would spend money recklessly.

She could tell that Ye Muyu really did not know how to prepare a banquet, let alone what dishes to prepare.

She was not surprised. Since she did not need to worry about Chu Heng, she turned around and walked to Ye Muyu's side. "Third Daughter-in-law, follow me. I'll tell you when these dishes should be served and how to cook them." "Alright, Mother." Ye Muyu nodded.

Seeing that Ye Muyu was obedient and sensible, Madam Liu was even more satisfied.

Chu Xing moved along with her, and she explained everything to him. Ye Muyu slowly understood what the so-called eight dishes meant.

There were four meat dishes and four vegetarian dishes in the eight bowls. The four meat dishes were pork trotters, crispy meat, braised meat, and square meat.

The four vegetarian dishes were usually radish, vermicelli, tofu, and meatballs.

Although it was just these, the combination was flexible, and eight dishes were enough.

Obviously, with Chu Heng's status as a scholar, the ordinary eight dishes would not be suitable for his status. Therefore, the eight bowls prepared by the Chu family this time were very sumptuous. Not only were there many vegetarian dishes but there was also a lot of meat.

In the past, the village had done the best when Chu Heng was admitted as a scholar. At that time, they did not kill chickens or ducks. They only prepared pork and mixed meat. Because of the large amount, they were praised by the villagers for a long time.

Chu Heng obviously did not want to do it casually anymore. He would also prepare the best food in the house to invite the ancestors back to taste it. With Chu Heng's current wealth, he naturally would not be stingy.

Ye Muyu nodded to show that she understood, and Madam Liu's mood improved a lot.

Seeing that Chu Xing had finished cleaning the mule cart and was about to rush to the county, Ye Muyu handed him a bag of pastries. "Ah Xing, you've worked hard. Take it to eat on the way."

“Sister-in-law, I’m really not hungry. I don’t want any pastries.” Chu Xing rubbed his stomach. He had eaten too much at the Fragrance Restaurant in the county. Now, he could not even eat the pastries.

“Sister-in-law, when Brother Heng comes back later, he has good news to tell you. I also followed Brother Heng and had a good meal. I’m really not hungry.” Chu Xing did not directly tell her about the success of the business. He felt that this should be a surprise for his sister-in-law..