

## Peasant 291

### Chapter 291: He Knows Abacus

According to her understanding, Chu Jin would have about 10-12 strings of coins after deducting the costs.

Just the two bracelets and two taels of silver were enough to spend more than half of it.

Moreover, he wanted to get brushes, clothes, shoes... In that case, he would probably have to spend all the money he had obtained.

Ye Muyu's mood was a little complicated.

This child... Was this personality good or bad?

"Mother, it should cost ten strings of coins," Chu Jin said loudly.

"Mother, I can count now, but I don't know if it's accurate. Mother, I'll go get an abacus and calculate with it." Chu Jin ran to the study room in a flash.

Ye Muyu had already made up her mind and waited patiently for him.

"Mother, I don't want the hair accessory that little brother mentioned. It's too expensive." Chu Ziluo gasped when she heard the words 'ten string of coins'. Once Chu Jin left, she waved her hands repeatedly, not daring to take it.

Now, she already had a lot of hair accessories. There were flowers, butterflies, and all kinds of hair accessories. There were about ten of them.

They were all bought for her by her parents.

If she were to wear a different one every day, she would need over ten days to wear them all.

Compared to the days when she was short of food and clothing, this was much better. Chu Ziluo was a thrifty person and would rather save her money than spend it carelessly.

Chu Jin was completely different from her.

Chu Jin was very willing to spend money on his family.

Of course, he hid the rest and did not let anyone use them.

"Your brother is overthinking things," Ye Muyu said with a smile.

Chu Ziluo did not quite understand what she meant.

The obedient Chu Ziluo saw that her mother was unwilling to say more, so she did not ask.

Chu Jin took the abacus.

He placed it on the clean dining table and sat beside her. He straightened his chest and said, "Mother, let me calculate to see if it's right."

"Alright, Mother can take a look at your recent abacus learning." Ye Muyu had been encouraging the child's studies from the beginning to the end. She was also willing to let the child perform more so that he would be more confident.

Chu Jin's fingers began to flick on the beads.

“One pearl flower costs 750 copper coins.”

“Including the shoes, it’ll be 560 copper coins.”

“Adding the two together...It’s just...” There was the sound of beads hitting each other. After a while, Chu Jin made sure that all the beads were in the correct positions. He counted the numbers on the abacus with his fingers. “A total of 1,310 copper coins.”

“In addition to the two bracelets, each bracelet costs 1,800 copper coins.”

“First, add 1,800...” Chu Jin added the bracelet’s money separately. As he was young, he did not know how much it would add up to.

Naturally, he added them one by one.

Although the method was a little long-winded, it was still a good idea for the child.

“That’s... 3,110 copper coins... Phew, so many.” Chu Jin exhaled.

“You can’t calculate anymore?”

No, I’ll get it right.” Chu Jin’s stubbornness had risen. How could he give up?

He became even more serious.

“Add another 1,800 wen...”

“It’s 4,910 wen.”

“Mother, what have I included?”

"You still have to include mom's clothes, Dad's brush, and your grandpa's two strings of copper coins," Ye Muyu reminded.

"Yes."

"Then, mother's clothes will cost one tael of silver... 1,200 copper coins, so it'll be 6110 copper coins."

"Father's brush will cost 850 copper coins, so it'll be 6,960 copper coins..."

"Granddad's two strings of coins..."

"A total of 8,960 copper coins!"

Chapter 292: Disappointment

"That's 8 strings and 960 copper coins. I'm just forty copper coins short to make it 9 strings."

"Mother, I've calculated it. Do you think it's right?" Chu Jin stood up happily with both hands on the table and ran two laps on the spot. He was extremely happy. He had been learning abacus for some time now. It was just that he had made mistakes before.

This time, he was very confident.

"That's right." Ye Muyu nodded.

She was very satisfied with her son's abacus calculation, but she was not satisfied with this child. He was not even six years old, but he had the through of spending 9 strings of copper coins without blinking.

“However...” Chu Jin stopped and looked at Ye Muyu in confusion.

“Lil’ Jin, I’m afraid you don’t have nine pennies.”

Chu Jin, “Mother, I have it. I’ve calculated it. Uncle Chu Xing also told me that it would be more than ten strings of copper coins. At least fifteen hanging coins will be given to me.”

“Then, did your Uncle Chu Xing say that he would give it to you or to your parents?” Ye Muyu asked.

Chu Jin hesitated. He thought about it again and felt a little guilty. It seemed like Uncle Chu Xing really said that it was for his parents.

“Mother... Uncle Chu Xing said it was for Father and Mother.” Although he was a little discouraged, Chu Xing still told her honestly. He did not want to lie to his parents.

Ye Muyu reached out and rubbed his head. “Child, when you grow up, you will understand why Uncle Chu Xing said that he would give it to his parents and not you.”

“However, if I’m not wrong, Uncle Chu Xing also paid you for helping to draw the patterns, right?”

Ye Muyu felt that she had to give her son some good news.

It was not a good thing for a child to have too much silver on him when he was too young.

If he could not easily earn money when he grew up, he would be discouraged.

Of course, Ye Muyu would not spend the money. She would save it for the child.

When he grew up, she would give it to him.

As expected, Chu Jin became more energetic. He nodded. "Mother, Uncle Chu Xing said that I'll be paid 20 copper coins for each pattern I draw. Including this morning, I've drawn eight sets of patterns."

"Eight sets, which is..." Chu Jin lowered his head and quickly calculated the exact number on the abacus.

"Mother, is this 160 copper coins mine?"

"Of course, I won't take a single cent from you for these 160 copper coins. As for the gifts for everyone, I'll help you give them. However, you'll have to choose again."

"Look, you've only earned 160 copper coins after so much hard work, and I'll give you 160 copper coins to buy gifts. Is that alright?"

"As for the gifts you mentioned earlier, you can buy them after you earn 9 strings of copper coins. At that time, everyone will be very happy."

"Little brother, the hair accessory I want doesn't have to be too expensive. As long as it's from you, even if it's ten copper coins, I'll like it very much. I like it even more than the expensive ones." Chu Ziluo could tell that her mother seemed to think that her brother was spending too much money. In fact, she also felt that nine strings of copper coins was too much. It was so much that she did not even dare to think about it.

The money she had saved up for a long time was only 50 copper coins.

Her younger brother was much more capable than her.

However, he did not expect that he would spend nine strings of copper coins in the blink of an eye!

In her opinion, only her parents had the confidence to spend that much. In the village, there was no one else who had the confidence to spend 9 strings of copper coins once other than her parents.

She naturally realized that her brother's thoughts were wrong.

Although he was filial, he seemed to be very prodigal, just like the original host.

Chu Jin was unable to accept it. Even though his mother was right, he was still very sad about the difference between ten strings of copper coins and 160 copper coins.

Hearing Chu Ziluo's words, he asked suspiciously, "Will you really be happy?"

But, the hair accessory that I planned to buy for you is 750 copper coins. The other girls in the village can't compare to the one you're wearing." Chu Jin did not believe it. He felt that expensive things were good, and cheap things could not compare to expensive things.. How could anyone like cheap things and not expensive things?

Chapter 293: Figure It Out

"Brother, it's because it's from you. This is the first time you're giving me a gift," Chu Ziluo replied.

As she spoke, her eyes were teary. She was extremely touched. Her nose felt sore and her eyes reddened. She quickly rubbed her eyes. "In the past, I thought you didn't like me."

"Now that my younger brother is giving me a gift, I'm very happy."

Toward the end, she sounded like she was about to cry.

Chu Ziluo was really touched. When she thought of the past, her eyes turned red again.

Ye Muyu reached out and pulled her daughter into her arms.

"Ziluo." she said. Dattling her back to calm her down. "How can Xiao Tin not like you?"

"You're his only sister."

"Lil' Jin, look, you made big sister cry, and you still doubt big sister's sincerity?"

Although Chu Jin had always been straightforward and did not like to cry, when he saw Chu Ziluo finish her sentence, memories of the past suddenly appeared in his mind. It seemed... In the past, he had always been eating alone and would occasionally shout at his sister...

He instantly felt a little guilty.

"Sister," he said, tugging at Chu Ziluo's clothes. "I just didn't think you were my elder sister previously."

Chu Ziluo, who had just recovered, heard this. Her eyes reddened again. "It's my fault for not treating you well enough. It's not your fault."

"No, that's not what I meant. That's right. It's a very strange feeling." Chu Jin was so anxious that he stomped his feet.

"In the past, I rarely talked to you. In the village, my friends never mentioned that you were my sister, so I ignored you."

"But now, everyone in the village knows that you're my sister."

"Besides, you always come to pick me up and treat me so well. You must be my sister. "

"Anyway, I like you very much now. I only acknowledge you as my sister. Don't cry anymore. Otherwise, when Father comes back later, he'll teach me a lesson. I'm speaking from the bottom of my heart," Chu Jin said sincerely, but he felt a little wronged in the end.

Chu Ziluo looked at her brother's serious eyes and her lips slowly parted into a big smile. She reached out to hold Chu Jin's hand. "Brother, I like you too. I will always protect you."



“You must not hate me.”

“You’re my biological sister. Why would I hate you? Besides, you’re very good to me, just like my mother. Dazhuang and the others are so envious of me.”

“Don’t worry. When I grow up, I’ll protect you too.”

The estrangement between the two siblings had unexpectedly disappeared because of this conversation.

Ye Muyu was happy to see the two children giggling at each other.

“Lil’ Jin, I’ll only give you 160 wen. Are you still convinced?” She knocked Chu Jin’s head from behind.

“Mother, I’m not angry that I only have 160 copper coins. I’m just a little sad that I can’t buy the things I planned to buy.” Chu Jin did not like to hide his words in his heart. Now that the pent-up emotions in his heart had dissipated, he no longer had the thought of hiding his words. Of course, he would say whatever he wanted to say.

Moreover, his mother was so good to him. How could he be angry with his mother because of money?

Chu Jin frowned when he thought of this. He had gone too far just now!

He actually felt that money was more important than his mother.

How could that be? His mother was clearly the most important. He only wanted to use the silver to be filial to his parents. If he didn’t have his mother, what would he need silver for?

Chu Jin’s heart had yet to mature fully. After thinking it through, he was very happy.

His small brain could not think of complicated things. After this incident, he came to the conclusion that the next time he wanted to earn money, he had to discuss it with his parents. Then, he would ask him how much he could take. After asking clearly, there would be no misunderstanding. Anyway, his mother would definitely not lie to him.

Chu Jin felt that he was right, and he smiled happily..

Chapter 294: The Ability to Inquire for Information

“Mother, I’ll go back and draw on two more Zhuge Locks. I’ll come back in two hours to write and memorize.” Chu Jin counted his fingers and felt that his current savings were too little. If he drew a few more Zhuge Suos, he could earn more. He could not let such a good opportunity go.

Chu Jin brought Zhang Cong out of the courtyard and left in a flash.

“Ziluo, you’ve entered the top 100 this time, which is much better than what I expected.” Ye Muyu turned the topic back to the competition, her voice filled with joy.

” Ah!” Chu Ziluo exclaimed in shock. “Mother, I’m only ranked 80th. Do you really think that’s good? I thought you would be disappointed.”

“You’re only eight years old, and I’m so happy that you’re in the top hundred.”

“Just wait, someone will definitely come to congratulate us.” Ye Muyu was very confident, which made Chu Ziluo look forward to it.

Madam Hu also smiled. “Miss, it’s already very impressive for your age. I see that many of the older girls in the village didn’t make it to the top 100.” “Madam Hu, how did you know?” Chu Ziluo asked curiously.

Madam Hu said somewhat embarrassed, “Ah Cong said it just now. He followed the Young Master around and could get a lot of information. I thought it would be better to get to know more.”

“Madam, if you need any information next time, just let this child go. He doesn’t have any other abilities, but he can still do such a small thing.”

Ye Muyu had wanted to train a subordinate who could gather information for a long time.

Madam Hu had taken the initiative and solved her urgent need.

Ye Muyu was very satisfied with Madam Hu. If she was too honest, she could only stay at home to do some rough work. It was a little difficult for her to assist Ye Muyu.

“Madam Hu, how did you think of this?” Ye Muyu wanted to know what she was thinking.

“Please forgive me, Madam. This servant feels that my family has already received so much grace from Madam. Naturally, we should do more.”

“Usually, there isn’t much work to do at home. I know that Lu Chuan is valued by the Master, so I went to ask Lu Chuan what else Cong’er can do.”

” With his guidance, this servant instructed Cong’er to look for information when he takes care of Young Master. The village is not big, and any news will spread quickly. If Madam wants to know something, you don’t have to wait any longer.”

“Not bad, you’ve done well. In the future, tell Zhang Cong to pay more attention to the news in the village. I’ll ask him for information in the future.” Ye Muyu nodded in satisfaction.

Seeing that she was really happy, Madam Hu felt glad that she did not do anything wrong and felt relieved.

“Ziluo, what do you want to eat tonight? Mother will make it for you as a reward,” Ye Muyu asked with a smile.

Chu Ziluo was all smiles. “Mother, what’s the fresh food you mentioned at the old residence yesterday? I want to eat it.”

“Alright, then we’ll make this tonight.” Ye Muyu put the needlework aside.

There was no rush to make clothes. She would make a little every day. With the ready-made clothes she bought, it was enough.

“Madam, do you need my help?” Madam Hu’s hands did not stop making clothes, and there was still a small part left to finish.

Ye Muvu stood up. “No need. You can continue to make clothes. It’s enough for

Nenya to help me.”

After saying that, she went to the courtyard to fetch water and wash her hands.

After washing her hands, she carried the basket and was about to go out to pick vegetables when Chu Ziluo and Nenya caught up to her.

“Mother, wait for me.” Chu Ziluo followed beside her with a basket in her hand..

Chapter 295: You Want to Get Ziluo Matched?

Nenya followed closely behind. The three of them each had a basket, which should be enough to store the vegetables.

Ye Muyu did not stop them.

She had just walked out of the house.

She bumped into her neighbor. Old Madam Lin saw Ye Muyu and quickly walked over with a smile on her face. "Oh, isn't this Lady Ye?" I heard that Ziluo entered the top 100 in the girls' art competition. She's really amazing. She's not like my children at all. Either their tea skills are too bad, or their cooking skills are not good. I'm embarrassed to mention the rankings of these children."

"Madam Lin, you're too humble. I heard that the county has a ranking system for each category. Those who enter the top 100 will be rewarded. These days, girls with good culinary skills and needlework don't have to worry about marriage," Ye Muyu replied softly.

"Yes, that's right." Old Madam Lin's face was full of wrinkles. "These girls are envious of other girls getting good rankings. They're finally eager to learn skills."

"I'll ask the children at home to compete next year."

"By the way, I heard that the only person in the village who made it into the top ten is your sister-in-law's daughter, Qingxiang?" When Old Madam Lin said this, she could not help but reveal a look of envy. "That child is really smart. I heard that she was engaged to the scholar of the Song family, right?"

"She has become a celebrity in the village this time. I reckon the wedding will be held in October."

Ye Muyu thought, 'That's right. My sister-in-law will definitely not let go of such a good opportunity to promote her daughter's reputation.'

The Song family was already poor, so they naturally wanted to find a capable daughter-in-law.

Now, Chu Qingxiang had almost all the conditions, and she was already engaged.

The Song family probably wished that they could hold their marriage earlier to avoid any complications.

In this way, it would be in line with Madam Zhang's thoughts. It was estimated that it would not be long before she would hear the happy news of their marriage.

"Lady Ye, I'm not going to chat with you anymore. It's getting late, I still have to go get a basket of pigweed." Old Madam Lin left after saying her goodbyes.

"Alright, take care," Ye Muyu replied. She brought the two children to the vegetable field next to the house and dug out a few white radishes. Chu Ziluo and Nanya helped to remove the soil on the surface before putting them into the basket.

There were many people working in the village.

Ye Muyu only spent the time picking vegetables.

Many people greeted her.

"Lady Ye, I heard that your Ziluo has entered the top 100? This child is really capable."

"Ziluo has always been a capable child. She's only eight years old, but she's already ranked 80th. I wonder who's lucky enough to find such a good wife."

"That's right, Lady Ye, when Zi Luo is old enough and is finding a husband, remember to consider my brat."

Generally, a girl from the countryside could get engaged at the age of ten.

This kind of girl was usually from a family with good conditions. She did not have to worry about getting married as the man's family would invite a matchmaker to come to their door.

If the woman's family valued the man's family, they would agree to the engagement.

When a girl reached the age of fourteen or fifteen, she could get married.

During this period, if any of the two families were unwilling to get married, they could cancel the engagement in the middle.

Usually, it was rare for a marriage to be decided so early. However, a girl like Chu Ziluo, who had a good family background and a good reputation, could get married easily.

Therefore, after hearing the praise of the villagers, it became a trend to talk about marriage.

Ye Muyu would always reject him with a smile. "My daughter is only eight years old. It's still too early. She has to wait until she's 14 or 15 years old. I want her to stay at home more.."

Chapter 296: Madam Xu 's Grievance

Those who tried to sound her out with the results of the female arts competition were instantly disappointed.

Ye Muyu did not plan to stay any longer.

After picking the vegetables, she brought Ziluo and Nanya back.

When the villagers saw that she had left, they really wanted to tell their sons about Chu Ziluo. They could not help but sigh softly. "It seems that Lady Ye really doesn't want to find a husband for Ziluo yet. What a pity."

"I say it's better to not overthink it. I heard that Scholar Chu is going to the capital city for the examination this year. If he passes, he will be a high scholar. He will be a big shot whose name will shake the entire village. How can we country bumpkins get close to him?" A woman reminded.

"Didn't Scholar Chu take the exam a few years ago?" someone disagreed.

“He had two unfortunate accidents on the way to the exam. If those accidents hadn’t happened, Scholar Chu might have passed the exam long ago.”

“This person is so unlucky.”

“Heh, I was wondering who you are. Yo, aren’t you the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family? I don’t think there’s a scholar in your family, right?”

“That’s right, that’s right. Anyone with a discerning eye can see that Scholar

Chu’s days in the village are extremely good. Even if he didn’t get into the High Scholar’s examination, he’s still the richest man in the village. How can anyone be able to climb up to him?”

“In my opinion, it’s not bad to be a rich man. As for the accident during the exam, it’s a pity for Scholar Chu. I heard that the teachers in the county praised him for his excellent writing skills. If he enters the exam hall, he’ll definitely pass the exam. Maybe someone jealous of him did something to him.” The village butcher’s wife, Lady Liu, had a sudden thought and said in an orderly manner.

Madam Xu snickered. “Lady Liu, everyone says that you like scholars, but in the end, you married an illiterate butcher. Now, you’re making up a story about Scholar Chu getting schemed against. Why don’t you say that Chu Heng offended someone and that the heavens have punished him?”

“So it’s the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family. Aren’t you from the Chu family’s eldest branch, Old Madam Cao’s maiden family? Why? Are you saying that you don’t like the scholars of the Chu family and want the heavens to punish you?” Lady Liu’s words were very crafty. Of course, she was annoyed by Madam Xu’s words, but she was also unwilling to scold her because she felt tired.

However, the other party’s actions were really too interesting. Could it be that the Cao family really had a grudge against the Chu family or Chu Heng?

Lady Liu’s words instantly aroused the curiosity of the others, and they all asked her.



“Madam Xu, isn’t your Cao family, in-laws with the Chu family? Why aren’t you speaking up for Chu Heng?”

“You’re wrong. Madam Xu is the in-laws of the Chu family’s first branch, not the third branch,” Lady Liu explained. She was treated like an ancestor by Butcher Liu in her husband’s family. How could she be willing to let Madam Xu bully her?

These words instantly caused Madam Xu to fall into a storm of public opinion.

“Madam Xu,” someone immediately asked curiously, “Is your Cao family on bad terms with Scholar Chu?”

“Are you stupid? Scholar Chu has such a bright future and knows how to be polite, yet he still has a bad relationship with the other party. How did your Cao family offend him?”

Madam Xu was furious. If she had a bad relationship with Chu Heng, was it because her Cao family had done something wrong and offended someone?

Chu Heng did not allow the girls of the Cao family to enter the Chu family to learn the four arts, so her girls did not enter the top hundred this time. She had yet to settle the score with him..

Chapter 297: Quarrel

Now, this group of villagers actually did not distinguish right from wrong and threw all the blame on her Cao family.

Madam Xu was not someone who could tolerate it. She said angrily, “You people want to suck up to him. He has a noble character and integrity, so he won’t want you to suck up to him. Even if you don’t find it embarrassing, I do. Even if my Cao family has never produced a scholar, can’t we have one in the future? Our Cao family has nothing but many juniors!”

Hahaha, I'm dying of laughter. The eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family is indeed full of confidence. I just haven't heard of any of your juniors being famous in the school. However, in this female arts competition, five or six girls from the Chu family entered the top 100. It seems that none of the Cao family entered. The girls from the Chu family even entered the top 10, while the Cao family didn't even enter the top 100. I think some people have high expectations but low abilities. They think they're someone important, but in fact, they're nothing." Lady Liu was not easy to bully. She retorted with a few words and accidentally poked at Madam Xu's sore spot.

Because of the results of this female arts competition, Madam Xu was even more resentful of Chu Heng, who had prevented the Cao family's girls from coming to the Chu family to study.

Now that she was here, she had just learned of the results.

She was so angry that she came to the Chu family's first branch to talk about this matter. At the very least, she had to ask the Chu family to compensate the Cao family.

There was also the recipe of the third branch of the Chu family to make pickled vegetables.

It would be great if she could get it.

If it really could not work, she had to make things difficult for Chu Heng.

Who asked him to cause the Cao family to make such a big fool of themselves in this female arts competition?

He was just a scholar. How could he make the decision for the entire Chu family?

"Shut up. Don't tell me you have something to do with Chu Heng. I see that you're protecting him." Madam Xu was so angry that she could not think of anything to say.

They instantly attacked together.

‘Madam Xu, what nonsense are you spurting? I’m already in my sixties. If I talk to your son more, does it mean that your son wants to marry me?’

“That’s right. Scholar Chu is talented and is appreciated by others. That’s his ability. You have nothing but a mouth full of sh\*t.”

“I didn’t know that the Cao family was such a person. They’re really vicious.

They dare to say anything and aren’t afraid of offending people.”

“I guess she’s still jealous. During this period of time, the third and fifth branches of the Chu family earned a lot of money. I heard that the reason why the fifth branch can develop so quickly is because of Chu Heng.”

“That’s true. As in-laws, she’s probably dissatisfied that Chu Heng didn’t bring her to get rich!”

“How can that be? Even outsiders like us have received a lot of benefits. Take the medicinal herbs from before for example. If it wasn’t for Lady Ye, would we know that the medicinal herbs could be sold? Which family doesn’t earn two or three strings of money? As a person, you can’t be heartless.” These accusations made Madam Xu blush. She felt guilty and angry.

” There’s also the Kudzu root. When the wild grass is ground into powder, it tastes like bean jelly. It’s delicious. My child eats a bowl every day and never complains about hunger again. ”

“That’s right, Madam Xu, didn’t your Cao family take advantage of this before? You even slandered others. How shameless.” Lady Liu raised her chin and cursed.

“Why are you guys talking so much? Are you bullying me because I’m alone?” Madam Xu was furious. She was even angrier that the villagers were helping Chu Heng. She was so angry that she kept breathing heavily..

Chapter 298: You Are The One I Hit

“Besides, the herbs on the mountain grew in our Cao family’s own land. How did we take advantage of Chu Heng?”

“Hey, why didn’t you say that it was a medicinal herb in the past? I think they were all rotting in the ground, right?” Madam Liu argued with reason. For a shameless person like Madam Xu, the angrier she was, the happier Lady Liu was.

“That’s right. Madam Xu, you’re wrong. Lady Ye kindly taught us how to identify herbs. It’s fine if you don’t come to thank her with gifts, but now you’re even ruining Scholar Chu’s reputation. This is a problem with your character.”

“I didn’t expect the Cao family to think this way.”

“I wonder if the people of the Chu family know.”

“What are you talking about?” Madam Qian came to her son’s new house as usual. Since the courtyard had not been repaired and the village had been robbed previously, she was worried that the building materials would be robbed.

Therefore, she would come over to watch it four or five times a day.

As soon as she walked closer today, she heard someone quarreling.

This time, it was rather strange.

It was actually a group of people quarreling with one person. In the past, the villagers would just watch the commotion, right?

“Madam Qian? You’re finally here!” When Lady Liu saw Madam Qian, surprise flashed in her eyes. In a few words, she told her everything that Madam Xu had just said.

“Madam Qian, do you think the Chu family will do anything about the Cao family’s eldest daughter-in-law slandering Scholar Chu’s reputation?”

“What?” Madam Qian was furious when she heard this. She asked in a harsh voice, “Hey, did you say anything that slandered Chu Heng’s reputation?”

Madam Xu was already furious at the villagers’ words, and now that she was questioned by Madam Qian, her anger flared up.

“So what if I said it? You dare to do it yourself, but I don’t dare to say it?” She was also extremely angry, but she thought of a way. Since the Chu family was unwilling to help the Cao family, she would directly destroy Chu Heng’s reputation. At that time, the Chu family would have something to ask of her. After all, if they wanted to restore their reputation, they would have to make her change her words. When Madam Xu thought of Chu Heng begging her humbly, she was happy and her face became even more smug!

However, Madam Xu did not expect, or perhaps she did not want to think, that Chu Heng was much more important than her. If it really came to what she said, the Chu family would definitely force the Cao family to make her apologize, and not Chu Heng begging her.

Now, Madam Xu, who was not very clear-headed, would not understand this.

“Alright, alright, alright.” Madam Qian was so angry that she said, “So your Cao family is such a heartless thing. Even I won’t allow you to ruin the reputation of my Chu family’s scholars.”

“Everyone is watching. Should we hit such a person?”

“She deserves to be beaten!” These villagers had just been angered by Madam Xu and could not stand her either.

Lady Liu was fanning the flames.

Madam Qian soon pounced on Madam Xu and beat her up.

“Hey... Stop hitting me, you shrews!”

“Let’s see if you’ll still talk bad of others! I’ll make sure to slap you until your face is swollen!” “Quick, pull her hair.”

“Hold her legs down.”

In less than fifteen minutes, with Madam Qian taking the lead and Lady Liu assisting, the news of many villagers ganging up on the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family, Madam Xu, spread throughout the village, and the reason was also spread methodically.

“Madam, something big has happened.”

Ye Muyu was boiling soup in the kitchen when she heard Zhang Cong’s anxious voice coming from the courtyard..

Chapter 299: Slap in the Face

“What happened?” Ye Muyu asked. Zhang Cong heard her voice and quickly walked to the kitchen door. He panted and said, “Madam, it’s like this. There’s a rumor in the village that the Old Madam of the fifth branch fought with the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family. I heard that it was because of

Master.”

Zhang Cong told Ye Muyu the news he had heard.

Ye Muyu was silent for a moment after hearing that. She had never thought that Fifth Aunt Qian would fight with Madam Xu to protect Chu Heng’s reputation.

However, she was very satisfied.

Ever since the incident at the name change banquet, she had never treated the Cao family as family. She treated them like complete strangers. Even when they met in the village, she had no intention of greeting them. Now, the other party was actually trying to smear Chu Heng's reputation?

There must be a reason.

"Zhang Cong, help me find out about the Cao family and see how they react to this matter."

After instructing Zhang Cong, she called Madam Hu over. She placed the cooked vegetables into the Oden soup pot and cooked them slightly before they could be eaten.

"Madam, should these be sent to the villagers who spoke up for Master today?" Madam Hu confirmed, and at the same time, she placed the bowl of Oden into the basket.

There were quite a number of families quarreling today, so he had to send more than a dozen of them away.

"Yes, there's no need to say much about sending it over. Just say that my family made some new food and wanted to let everyone try it." Saying too much would only lead to more mistakes. Ye Muyu would not let anyone have a hold on her, lest the Cao Family found an opportunity to frame her.

Of course, she could not let go of the other party.

Zhang Shu, Madam Hu, and Nanya carried a basket in their hands and gave a portion to the families who had helped Chu Heng in the previous quarrel.

The news quickly spread throughout the village.

Madam Xu's eldest daughter-in-law, Madam Fang, had just returned from hiring a doctor to take a look at her mother-in-law's face. She passed by Lady Liu's house.

She was stopped by Lady Liu.

Lady Liu was holding the Oden that Madam Hu had just sent over.

“Oh, Lady Fang, did your Cao family receive the fresh food from the scholar’s wife?” Lady Liu deliberately held the bowl and walked around in front of Madam Fang. The fragrance ran straight into Madam Fang’s nose.

She understood the meaning behind Lady Liu’s words and instantly had an ominous premonition.

Could it be that the Madam Ye had given food to the villagers who beat up their mother-in-law today?

Then she definitely would not give it to the Cao family!

This was too embarrassing.

Madam Fang had a thin face. She did not answer Lady Liu’s words at all. She hurriedly replied, “I still have something to do at home. I’ll leave first.” Seeing the other party flee, Lady Liu smiled happily.

Madam Fang staggered and her face turned red. Especially after this, she realized that meeting Lady Liu was just the beginning.

“Lady Fang, is Madam Xu really beaten until her face is swollen?” This was what the villagers who heard the news asked later.

“Sister Fang, I heard that Lady Ye sent fresh food to many families. I heard that it was delicious. Your Cao family...”

Madam Fang was afraid that the other party would ask if the Cao family had it.



However, if she said yes, she would be lying!

“The food made by Lady Ye is too delicious. It’s all thanks to Madam Xu of the

Cao family. Otherwise, this old woman wouldn’t have such good fortune.”

“That’s right. Lady Ye is generous and open-minded. She only helped to speak up for him and even sent something to thank him.”

“Grandma, Lady Ye is so nice. I heard that Ziluo entered the top 100 in this competition. I’ll play with her in the future..”

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“Exactly. Such a good person, but she didn’t even point her finger and scold others when she was slandered. There are some people who are cruel and don’t feel ashamed even when they slander others.”

Madam Fang knew that these villagers were talking to her, and she felt that her mother-in-law had really done something stupid this time. She had really offended Chu Heng!

Otherwise, how could the other party counterattack so quickly?

“Lady Fang, go back and persuade your mother-in-law not to become enemies with the Chu family. He is a scholar, a rare scholar. The Chu family treasures him very much. Why would they treat your Cao family better than their own just because of they’re the in-laws?” This was said by a friend who was close to her.

How could Madam Fang not know that there were no benefits in offending the Chu family?

However, as a daughter-in-law, if she agreed, she would be going against her mother-in-law. Would she have a good life in the future?

The Cao family all stayed together, and she did not want the already angry Madam Xu to vent her anger on her, so she could only return home without saying a word.

The doctor followed her into the Cao family's house.

Ever since Doctor Lu left the village, a barefoot doctor came over. He was a young man, and it was said that his surname was Qi. He was a distant relative of the Qi family in the village.

Madam Xu sat in the central room and cursed, venting all her anger toward Chu Heng and Ye Muyu.

"Mother, I've invited the doctor back." Madam Fang quickly reminded her, afraid that outsiders would see him as a joke. Although he was a doctor, he was not the previous Doctor Lin. How could she be at ease?

As soon as Madam Fang finished speaking, Madam Xu's voice in the central room instantly disappeared. It was so quiet that one could even hear a pin drop.

Qi Sang smiled.

He rubbed his chin and muttered, "Interesting."

"Second Sister-in-law, you're back. I've invited the doctor back. Hurry up and bring him in for Mother to take a look. I'll cook now and cook an egg." When Madam Fang saw that Madam Wu had returned with pigweed on her back, she said a few words and went into the kitchen without waiting for her reply.

Madam Wu frowned. She knew that her mother-in-law must be in a bad mood.

She was busy with the pigweed outside, taking care of the child, and was pulled by the villagers to talk a lot.

Therefore, she knew that her mother-in-law had a conflict with someone again and was even beaten up.

Madam Wu did not want to care about these things at all. She directly brought the doctor into the central room. Her voice was flat and without any emotion. "Mother, the doctor is here."

"Oh, it's Doctor Qi. I'll have to trouble you to take a look at me." Madam Xu forced a smile.

She did not know Qi Sang well, so she did not care about the barefoot doctor who had just arrived in the village. She only thought that he was an ordinary doctor.

She just wanted to look at her face. When her old man came back, she had to call him to talk to Madam Cao, his sister. She actually blocked her outside the door. Madam Cao really did not remember their old feelings at all.

On the other hand...

Chu Heng also returned to the village.

Because he was in a carriage, he did not know that the village had a commotion because of him.

After getting off the carriage, Zhang Shu heard the sound and came out to open the door. Only then did he tell him the news.

"Master, Madam is waiting for you at home for dinner." After Zhang Shu finished speaking, he lowered his head and did not say anything else. He took the carriage and unloaded the goods.

When Chu Heng heard that it was the Cao family again, he frowned and quickly entered the courtyard.

He walked straight to the central room.

In the central room, he saw Ye Muyu the moment he walked in.

The woman's face was extremely gentle, and there was even a smile on her face. There was no trace of anger at all. Chu Heng's irritable anger disappeared in an instant, and the corners of his mouth curled up into a smile..