

## Peasant 341

### Chapter 341: The Thoughts in His Heart

“When did they say bad things about Mother?”

When Ye Muyu asked this, Chu Jin lowered his head and tugged at the corner of his shirt, unwilling to say anything more.

“What happened?” Ye Muyu patted his head and asked directly, “Is it because you fell into the river last time?”

“Mother, how did you know?” Chu Jin raised his head abruptly. There was some shock in his clear eyes. After thinking about it, his expression turned ugly. “Did you hear those people badmouthing you?”

“You don’t like them because they said bad things about Mother? Can you tell Mother what you think in detail?” Ye Muyu had a rough idea of what was going on, but the knot in his heart would only dissipate if the child said it himself.

If there was something, he would hide it in his heart. The more he thought about it, the worse it would be.

Chu Jin looked at Ye Muyu cautiously. He was worried that his mother would beat him up if she found out that he had made a mistake in school.

“Mother, it’s just that they actually lied through their teeth and said that you were not good. You jumped into the river to save me. Those people said that many people saw you fall into the river and that your reputation was tarnished.”

“Some people even said that the Tang family has already paid for the medical fees. Our family is too powerful and ruined Tang Bao’s life, preventing him from studying in the village school. The Tang

family's conditions are not good, and Tang Bao can no longer take the imperial examination in the future."

"These people are too much. I don't like them." Chu Jin did not like it, and he even hated the person who said those words.

Because what he heard were all the words of some children.

Therefore, he hated these children.

As for where the child had heard it from and why they would say such words that only adults would say, with Chu Jin's current age, he could only vaguely understand. Thus, he directly directed his disgust at the other children.

He was not a bad person, and his most direct reaction was to instinctively dislike any child.

Moreover, the other children were still young. Since Chu Jin did not like them, he did not want to get close to them.

As a result, Chu Jin was the one who suffered the most injuries.

After all, to other children, it was just losing a playmate. They would not even have a deep impression of it.

Only Lil' Jin was dumb.

Although he was angry, he never thought of hurting others.

The more Ye Muyu asked, the more her heart ached for this child.

She also felt a little guilty. After all, it was because of her illness that this child felt guilty and relied on her.

“Lil’ Jin, I’m telling you very seriously today. Saving you is something I will never regret. Even if I have to do it again, I will do it because I love you.”

“As for what those children said, why do you take it to heart? You dislike them because you don’t like this matter, and you’re afraid that you’ll cause trouble, causing the two of them to be hurt again?” Ye Muyu thought of this crucial point and asked.

Chu Jin’s eyes were red and filled with grievance. When he heard this, his body trembled slightly. In the next moment, he threw himself into Ye Muyu’s suspicion and cried, “Mother, I don’t want anything to happen to you, and I don’t want to lose my mother. Although I don’t like what they said, we can’t fight. Otherwise, if I get hurt, what if Mother gets implicated by me again?”

Ye Muyu’s heart skipped a beat. She finally understood why the child chose to ignore the children who had spoken badly of her. It was to prevent himself from getting angry and fighting.

However, for a child, without friends, his childhood would not be complete. It was easier for him to develop mental illness. Coupled with this, he would be even more guarded in the future. If it was serious, he might even isolate himself in the future..

Chapter 342: The Method of Enlightenment

Fortunately, she discovered it early.

Ye Muyu rejoiced in her heart and earnestly guided Chu Jin.

“Lil’ Jin, you underestimate Mother. If you fight, Mother will help you fight. As long as you don’t bully others, how can you not fight back if someone bullies you?” In order to prevent the child from entering this dead end, Ye Muyu could only sacrifice the children who could not keep their mouths shut.

After all, they were children. Who had not fought when they were young?

However, because of this, the children in the village would probably fight more often during this period of time.

Of course, with Zhang Cong watching, it was just a normal little fight. At most, they would lose a few strands of hair or fall down.

“Mother, won’t you be angry if I fight?” Chu Jin asked in surprise.

Ye Muyu coughed lightly. “Of course, it’s not good to fight. What I mean is, if someone bullies you, you have to fight back.”

“Oh right, your previous thoughts were wrong.” Ye Muyu was serious.

Chu Jin looked at her in confusion. He felt a little guilty. “Mother, I haven’t slept in class for a long time. As for fighting, I haven’t fought either. I only retort to the other party sometimes.”

“Mother said you were wrong. You were wrong for not being direct. If you’re angry, just say it. Even if you had an argument with the other party, why should you endure it?”

“I’m just afraid that I’ll implicate my mother,” Chu Jin said righteously. “How can I be implicated?” Ye Muyu raised her head on purpose, looking confident.

“Ah?” Chu Jin had a puzzled look on his face. He could not keep up with her reaction at all. He tugged at his hair and felt a little vexed. He could not understand. His mother’s thoughts were too complicated.

Ye Muyu reached out and knocked his head lightly. “Mother’s health has

improved a lot recently. If you don’t listen to me, I’ll spank you.”

Chu Jin was still a child. When he heard this, he quickly hugged his butt and retreated. "Mother, I still don't understand where I went wrong."

As expected of his straightforward personality. Even if there was the danger of being spanked, he still had to ask clearly. Even if he died, he had to the reason, right?

"Mother wants you to say it directly when you're unhappy. You're not allowed to tolerate it. Also, treat everyone like before. Don't even think about being afraid of implicating Mother. If Mother finds out that you're afraid of implicating Mother again, I'll teach you a lesson. Aren't you cursing your mother?" Ye Muyu thought for a long time and felt that Chu Jin was still young. He would not understand no matter how much she said, so she might as well give a direct order. He was just a child, after all. His thoughts were not that complicated, let alone Chu Jin's straightforward personality.

"What?" Chu Jin's eyes widened. "Mother is so strange. I'm not going to cause trouble, but you want to spank my butt."

"But that's true. I've been so silly recently. I actually endured those people talking bad about me. I'll teach them a lesson..." Chu Jin clenched his fists.

Ye Muyu was very happy to see his reaction. However, when she heard his last sentence, she deliberately looked at him with a dangerous expression. "What did you say?"

"Mother, I didn't say anything. I said I'll go read later!" Chu Jin's eyes were evasive. He was obviously lying, and he looked at Ye Muyu guiltily.

"Alright, you may leave. Remember Mother's instructions. This is also what your father thinks," Ye Muyu deliberately said the last sentence.

Chu Jin shuddered.

He quickly ran away, afraid that Ye Muyu would chase after him and beat him up if he was a step too slow.

Seeing the child leave, she heaved a sigh of relief. Today, she had planted a seed of kindness in the child's heart, but it would take time for him to completely walk out of that traumatic event..

#### Chapter 343: Ziluo Helping to Guide

"Mother, is little brother alright?" Chu Ziluo was holding a freshly washed peach in her hand. In fact, she had been eavesdropping outside.

She was meticulous. After listening to the conversation between her mother and her brother, she completely understood what her brother was thinking.

She was a little shocked. She did not expect her brother, who had always been optimistic and cheerful, to hide his guilt in his heart.

Although she was sensible, she did not know what to do.

"Ziluo," Ye Muyu saw her come in and reminded her, "You must have heard what Mother said just now."

"From now on, you'll be helping your brother."

"Mother, as long as it can help little brother, I will definitely not decline." Chu Ziluo patted her chest and accepted the task. She was worried that she would not be able to help, but her mother trusted her so much.

Chu Ziluo was both happy and worried.

"What you need to do is to stop your younger brother from subconsciously restraining his thoughts because he is afraid of implicating Mother. You are about the same age as him. Usually, when this happens to him, you just need to teach him not to think like this.

“Madam, Master is back.”

At this moment, the sound of a carriage could be heard at the door.

Ye Muyu and Chu Ziluo had left.

Chu Heng and Lu Chuan had just reached the door, and there was another person beside them.

It was the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family, Madam Xu, who had been forced to apologize by the clan.

Madam Xu wanted to delay until the sky was completely dark before coming, but Cao Congren found out and scolded her coldly, forcing her to come. As expected, the villagers who saw her along the way instantly spread the

news.

She had lost all her face.

Madam Xu felt some resentment in her heart.

When she arrived at the entrance of the Chu family, how could she give the two of them a good look?

Accompanying Madam Xu was her eldest daughter-in-law, Madam Fang.

Madam Fang was a little unhappy with Madam Xu’s reaction. However, she could only put on a smile and ease the atmosphere. “Sister-in-law Ye, I’m sorry for wasting your time.”

Madam Xu subconsciously wanted to refute, and her expression was even uglier.

Madam Fang had long expected that her mother-in-law would be filled with resentment and would not really listen to her and apologize. Even if she apologized, she would say the wrong thing.

Therefore, she grabbed Madam Xu's wrist in time and used the pain to wake Madam Xu up.

Madam Xu looked at her with an increasingly unfriendly gaze.

Madam Fang's attitude was firm this time. She reminded her: "Mother, the attitude of the clan. I also want to help you."

When Madam Xu heard this and thought of the attitude of the clan, she became even angrier. However, this time, the one who was angry was the Chu clan.

They actually did not care about the relationship between the two families and embarrassed her.

However, this time, she was here to apologize to Chu Heng and his wife. She was furious, but she did not dare to offend them again.

Before she came, Cao Congren said that if she did not get Chu Heng's forgiveness, she would be chased back to her mother's house!

"Chu Heng, Madam Ye, I'm here to apologize." Madam Xu squeezed out a sentence with difficulty.

Ye Muyu still had a gentle smile on her face. "So it's the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family. Come in and talk."

She did not address her as Aunt and only addressed her as the eldest daughter-in-law of the Cao family. It was obvious that she was being distant with her.

Seeing her attitude, Madam Fang blamed Madam Xu's nonsense even more in her heart, causing the entire family to offend the Chu family. In the future, it would be difficult for them to get any benefits from Chu Heng. Moreover, Chu Heng's family was doing better and better..



## Chapter 344: Not a Bad Thought

Madam Fang hesitated for a moment but did not say anything.

She pulled Madam Xu and entered the central room with Ye Muyu.

Although Ye Muyu did not have a good impression of Madam Xu, she was still polite and asked Madam Hu to serve tea.

Chu Heng handed a bookcase to Lu Chuan and told him to bring it into the study.

Worried, he entered the central room.

Seeing Chu Heng come in, Madam Xu's body involuntarily trembled, while Madam Fang felt somewhat uncomfortable.

However, she thought that her purpose for coming here today was to apologize to Chu Heng.

With him around, it would be more convenient.

Madam Fang nudged Madam Xu. It was not a big move, but it was enough to remind her.

There was no smile on Madam Xu's face. She ignored Ye Muyu and looked at Chu Heng. "Scholar Chu, I was wrong to speak without thinking. You don't have to argue with a woman like me. I won't make you lose face."

"I don't think you're thinking before you speak," Chu Heng said indifferently, pouring himself a cup of tea and slowly drinking it.

Madam Xu was angered by his words. Just as she was about to make a scene, she was grabbed by Madam Zhang.

Madam Zhang's actions were a little too big.

Ye Muyu and Chu Heng could not ignore it.

"Mother, you must apologize sincerely." Madam Fang did not care if she offended Madam Xu. At this moment, she had already scolded Madam Xu several times in her heart. She had already bent over to apologize. Who in the village did not see her coming?

No matter what she said now, in the eyes of outsiders, the Cao family had lowered their heads.

Since they had already been laughed at, why did they have to offend others again? If Chu Heng had not forgiven them this time, the clan would not be able to explain themselves. Could it be that they still wanted to make a big deal out of this matter?

It was something that could be resolved with an apology.

Thinking of this, Madam Fang began to suspect where Madam Xu's shrewdness had gone. She was just being a fool now.

Chu Heng waited for a while.

Before Madam Xu could apologize...

"Madam Xu doesn't seem to be here to apologize willingly," he said calmly.

"Then you can go back."

Madam Xu's stiff old face flashed with a hint of success. She was an elder. How could an elder apologize to a junior?

She thought that Madam Fang, her daughter-in-law was the dumb one. As long as she did not speak, could Chu Heng force her to speak?

Little did she know that Madam Fang's heart skipped a beat when she heard this. She quickly said, "Scholar Chu, Mother and I are here to apologize sincerely."

"Lady Ye... I apologize to you on behalf of Mother." Madam Fang raised her teacup and looked at Ye Muyu with a fawning look in her eyes. She suddenly remembered the rumor in the village that Chu Heng treated Madam Ye very well.

Presumably, as long as Madam Ye spoke up for them, today's matter would be settled.

Madam Fang's idea was right.

However, the prerequisite was that Ye Muyu would agree with her.

Ye Muyu did not intend to let it go. With Madam Xu's personality, they might maliciously slander the Chu family or even Chu Heng in the village in the future.

She could not always look for the clan to settle things.

It was too troublesome.

"Sister-in-law Fang is too polite. Since this was done by Madam Xu, let Madam Xu apologize herself."

"My husband and I don't like to make things difficult for others. As long as Madam Xu is sincere, this matter will be over. You can also explain it to the clan, right?" Ye Muyu took a sip of tea.

She had a faint smile on her face and was gentle. Even though her tone was not domineering, the meaning behind her words was clear.

When Madam Xu heard Ye Muyu mention the clan, she felt a surge of anger in her heart, but she could not refute it..

#### Chapter 345: Teaching By Words and Instance

Madam Xu was indeed afraid that the clan would punish her, but she did not want to lower her head to a junior like Ye Muyu, which caused the deadlock just now.

“I shouldn’t have said bad things about Chu Heng outside.” Madam Xu closed her eyes abruptly. Her face was stiff as she began to apologize. “I won’t spout nonsense outside in the future. If I do it again, I’ll be struck by lightning.”

Madam Fang heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that her mother-in-law had finally cooperated.

Ye Muyu still smiled gently. “Madam Xu, you’re too serious. Since you’ve already said so, I hope I won’t hear any more rumors about you badmouthing my family. After all, nothing can be kept secret in this world.”

“I don’t think Madam Xu is happy in my house, so I won’t force her to stay. Madam Hu, come in and see the guests out,” Ye Muyu shouted.

Madam Xu was furious again.

But this time, she learned her lesson. With a dark expression, she did not say anything and stood up to walk out.

Madam Fang knew that the two families had completely offended each other.

However, she could not help but try her best. Before she left, she tried to put in a good word for Ye Muyu. "Sister-in-law, my mother is like this. Please don't mind her."

"Sister-in-law, you're too polite. Madam Xu is old. Naturally, there will be times when she will be muddle-headed. At such times, someone needs to watch over her so as not to offend more people." Ye Muyu naturally would not let go of this opportunity to "give her some advice" since Madam Fang had taken the initiative to talk to her.

In the village, there was no separation between the elderly and the children.

As for the daughter-in-law, she also needed to live with her mother-in-law.

However, who would be willing to be bullied all the time?

Madam Fang was one of the ordinary daughters-in-law. She had long been resentful of Madam Xu. In addition, she had offended Madam Xu today.

The days after she returned would definitely be a little harder.

With her keeping an eye on Madam Xu, Ye Muyu would have less trouble.

Especially when Madam Xu wanted to cause trouble for the Chu family, Madam Fang would be the first to disagree.

Madam Fang looked at Ye Muyu in bewilderment. She felt that the Madam Ye in her past impression could not be matched with the current one. Of course, she was more concerned about what Ye Muyu had said.

Was it a warning or a reminder?

No matter what it was, she did not want to be implicated by Madam Xu.

Madam Fang and Madam Xu left.

Ye Muyu watched him leave.

“Did you go out today?” Chu Heng walked to her side and saw that she had changed her clothes.

“Yes, Fifth Aunt asked us to pick peaches in the afternoon.” Ye Muyu did not care about Madam Xu. After this incident, the other party probably would not dare to target them again.

“Why are you back so early today?” Ye Muyu asked casually. At the same time, she noticed Ziluo and Chu Jin standing outside the main room.

It was obvious that the two children were eavesdropping outside the door just now.

She had already noticed it and had no intention of chasing them away.

Ziluo was a meticulous person, so she could always learn something.

Children loved to imitate adults, so adults should be a good example.

“I came back after the exams. When I passed by the bridge, I heard that Qi Sang argued with you?” Chu Heng asked. When he mentioned Qi Sang’s name, his eyes flashed.

Thinking back to his previous life, Qi Sang did not come to the village and did not know Madam Ye.

As the Young Master of the royal physician family, the Lu family, Qi Sang did not have a good ending in his previous life. The death rate of imperial physicians in the court was quite high. As long as it involved the affairs of the harem, few were not implicated.

Later on, when he gained power, it was also when the entire Lu family was exterminated. Thus, he had no contact with this Young Master of the Lu family who used the alias Qi Sang. He had only heard of him..

#### Chapter 346: Qi Sang's Identity

Unexpectedly, this person came to the village and bullied his wife?

Chu Heng's eyes flashed with a dark light. He planned to meet this person. If he dared to have any thoughts of bullying Ah Yu, then they should not blame him for taking action.

"Doctor Qi, huh? There's something wrong with this person. I was just about to tell you to investigate this person's identity. I keep feeling that he's not an ordinary doctor." Ye Muyu quickly told him what happened in the afternoon.

She did not hide anything. Chu Heng's method of finding information was much better than hers. Ye Muyu did not want to have too much conflict with Qi Sang, and she did not understand why he would go against her.

There must be a reason why Qi Sang did this.

"What did he say?" Chu Heng's eyes darkened when he heard Qi Sang threatening Ye Muyu. He felt that he might have been too gentle.

Ye Muyu recalled. "Actually, he didn't say much. Wait a minute. The only thing he mentioned was a medical book."

"Speaking of which, the only medical book I've ever received was Doctor Lu's. How is it related to Qi Sang? Could it be that Qi Sang actually wanted Doctor Lu to give him the medical book?" Ye Muyu thought about it carefully. How could he link the two together?

The two of them had different surnames and did not look alike.

Even Qi Sang had only mentioned it casually and did not ask her for any

medical books.

On the contrary, the hostility came out of nowhere.

However, this hostility was more of a scrutiny of her.

Looking at Ye Muyu's thoughtful expression, Chu Heng felt warmth in his heart. Although he had not said anything, Ah Yu could deduce so many things. It was obvious that Ah Yu only treated Qi Sang as a stranger in her heart, which was why she could analyze it so rationally.

As for Ah Yu's actions, he was also at ease.

"If I'm not wrong, Qi Sang should be related to Doctor Lu. He might even be a member of the Lu family." Chu Heng did not say it in absolute terms. He still needed to find Lu Chuan to investigate and find out what Qi Sang was up to.

"Doctor Lu's relative?" Ye Muyu suddenly understood. This way, she could explain everything. After a while, she could not help but purse her lips. "Doctor Lu is such a good person. How could he have a relative like Qi Sang? I really didn't expect that."

Ye Muyu silently complained about Qi Sang and threw it to the back of her mind. Since it was related to Doctor Lu, she was less worried. If he came to get the medical book, she would just give it to him.

Anyway, she had almost finished reading the medical book, so she could casually make a copy.

"I'll go prepare dinner with Madam Hu. You should communicate with Lil' Jin." Ye Muyu thought about the child and told Chu Heng about the discovery in a low voice.

After saying that, she looked worried.



Chu Heng was not as worried as Ye Muyu because he was a man to begin with. His goal was to teach Chu Jin to be a man. How could a man have such thoughts of shutting himself off and retreating?

Ye Muyu did not expect Chu Heng to go and teach Chu Jin a lesson after nodding his head.

Guide him?

That was not something he would do.

Chu Heng turned around and pulled Chu Jin into the study.

As usual, he asked him to finish his homework. Then, he took out his notes, which were all records of famous people's deeds.

The people recorded were all heroes.

As he explained to Chu Jin, he asked him what he would do if he encountered the same thing.

Chu Jin, who was in front, was a little timid. He would usually choose to retreat.

However, Chu Heng taught him to be brave, confident, and intelligent..

Chapter 347: Vision

Ye Muyu listened at the door of the study for a while and hesitated. She did not intend to go in and protect him. A loving mother and strict father should have their own duties. This child would not be a big problem.

She left and went to the courtyard.

Ye Muyu asked Madam Hu to pick the vegetables.

Chu Ziluo still remembered what she had promised her in the carriage that afternoon. She quickly followed her to the courtyard to help pick the vegetables.

Ye Muvu went into the kitchen and peeled a few peaches.

She sent it to the study for the father and son to taste.

The fresh peaches were crispy and sweet, although they looked a little ugly.

As she ate the peach, Ye Muyu remembered that the rich businessman wanted to buy the recipe for the Soft Fragrance Cake. "Have you met Third Young Master when you came back? Does he know about buying the recipe?" In the end, this matter was mainly related to Xie Yu.

If they could not afford to offend the other party, they could only give the prescription away.

However, if they did it well, they might be able to make the other party owe them a favor.

It all depended on how they operated. At this moment, Ye Muyu realized the importance of information.

She did not even know who the person who wanted to buy the recipe was, let alone how she could benefit from this matter.

Chu Heng nodded. "I've already informed them. Xie Yu really didn't know about this before. It was the Qin family who deliberately let those shopkeepers hide it from the Xie family."

"However, the Xie family's foundation in Nanchang County is not something the Qin family can compare to. The main reason is that Xie Yu has been taking exams these two days and has no time to care about business matters."

“Moreover, the Xie family has always been independent, especially Xie Yu, the only one who can become an official. Although the Xie family dotes on him, they never help him in foreign affairs.”

“In other words, even if Xie Yu’s two elder brothers knew about this news, they wouldn’t tell Xie Yu?” Ye Muyu could not help but sigh. No wonder the Xie family’s education did not produce any playboys who only wanted to enjoy themselves and played cockfights all day long.

Chu Heng replied, “Yes, the Eldest Young Master and Second Young Master of the Xie family are both business geniuses. They have spies everywhere and have long discovered this matter. As long as it’s not a life-threatening matter, they won’t interfere.”

“No wonder. I knew that the Xie family had many shops in town. How could they hide it from the other shopkeepers? So that’s why.”

Ye Muyu was slightly relieved. After all, it seemed that the Xie family’s foundation was not bad.

It was not an exaggeration to say that they were the local tyrant.

“Is the Qin family from the capital city?” Ye Muyu asked.

“Yes, the Qin family is considered a second-class force in the capital city. Three generations ago, there were also officials in the imperial court. Now, there are quite a number of shops in the capital city. They have been developing quite well in recent years.” Chu Heng’s expression was indifferent.

“You mean that the Qin family is only a merchant family, but has good relations with officials of all levels in the capital city?” Ye Muyu was a little surprised. She had thought that the Qin family would have the backing of an official.

Of course, Ye Muyu would not look down on the other party. However, compared to the Xie family, the Qin family’s development was somewhat declining. After all, no matter how much money they had, they could not keep it if they did not have the capabilities.

If no one in the family studied, how many generations could they be rich and noble?

Looking at it this way, the Xie family was indeed more far-sighted.

“Yes.”

“So you don’t have to worry. Since Xie Yu already knows, he will take the next step. The Qin family won’t come over. To be able to build such a big family business, no one is a fool. They are all smart people. They will never offend anyone if it’s possible to befriend them,” Chu Heng explained.

At this moment, Chu Jin had already finished the peach.

Chapter 348: Spicy Fish Fillet

“Father, Mother, what are you talking about? I was reading seriously today.”

“It’s nothing. I’ll be going out to make dinner. There’s your favorite meat pie tonight.” Ye Muyu left the study with a faint smile.

She agreed with what Chu Heng said.

Even women from the countryside would not say bad things in front of their target.

They would just gossip behind their back.

Which of the wealthy families were stupid? If they were really stupid, how could they have developed the family so well and so big?

Therefore, the chances of brainless people looking for trouble or even bullying people like those in novels he had read in his previous life were very low.

Since Chu Heng said this, it meant that Xie Yu's people would directly find the Qin family to discuss this matter.

As for her, she probably would not have the fortune to meet the Qin family.

Ye Muyu had wanted to see how impressive the people from the capital city would be. Now that she had lost the chance, she felt a little regretful.

She threw this matter to the back of her mind and did not think about it anymore.

Madam Hu, Nanya, and Ziluo had returned.

They picked a basket of vegetables.

As soon as Madam Hu returned, she saw Ye Muyu cutting the meat into small pieces and knew that she was going to mince the meat.

She quickly walked over, washed her hands, and took over the chopping of the meat.

"Madam, the vegetables this year are all very good. Look at these beans. They're tender and plentiful. There's only half a basket of them on the shelf outside. It's enough to make 20 to 30 pies."

"The weather is good this year. I'm afraid there will be a bumper harvest." Ye Muyu smiled. This was good news. The weather was good, so they would be able to grow ginger in winter.

At that time, he could bring his clansmen to earn a fortune.

“Madam is right. There’re more rice grains this year. I heard from the elders in the village that this year is very likely to be a bumper harvest.” Madam Husmiled and said.

This year, the villagers were living better than in previous years.

Not to mention selling medicinal herbs, storing Kudzu root powder, selling pickled cabbages, and even fishing from the river. Although the pickled cabbages made by the villagers themselves could not be sold at a high price, they could still earn some money.

They were also willing to eat meat once every three to four days.

Ye Muyu waited for her to mince the meat stuffing before starting to season it.

She planned to make two kinds of pancakes, a fresh meat pie and a bean bacon pancake.

The rice was steamed into the fragrant potato rice in the big iron pot.

Also, the fresh mountain peppers that he picked today could be used to make spicy fish slices.

The meal took an hour to prepare.

The sky was getting dark, but the villagers who had just returned home smelled a fragrance. After working for a long time, their stomachs were already growling. Now that they were hooked, their hunger rose.

The one next door was the Lin family.

The daughter-in-law of the Lin family smelled the fragrance coming from Chu

Heng’s house and could not help but sniff. It smells so good.” “It smells like fish. I saw the coachman go buy fish.”

“It tastes different from the fish with pickled vegetables.”

“Don’t be anxious. Let’s wait. We’ll know what dish it is in two days.”

There was usually nothing to gossip about in the countryside. Even what other people ate would be brought up.

Ye Muyu did not expect the spicy fish slices to be so fragrant. She smiled in satisfaction when she saw the dishes that looked, smelled, and tasted good. With her collection, the condiments at home were now very complete.

She was very satisfied to be able to make the same taste as she had in her previous life.

Delicious food could improve one’s mood..

Chapter 349: Using the Firewood Mountain

Ye Muyu asked Madam Hu to send a plate of spicy fish fillets to the old residence.

The family members filled their bowls with rice and sat at the dining table, preparing to eat.

Lu Chuan and the others had their own table.

Chu Jin looked at the table full of delicious food and grinned from ear to ear.

“Mother, it smells so good. I want to eat it.”

Chu Ziluo sniffed the fragrance in the air and smiled in satisfaction.

“Eat.”

After Ye Muyu finished speaking, it was time to eat.

She liked to eat potato rice with rice crust, and the spicy fish fillets did not disappoint. Even Chu Heng, who was a sweet food lover, ate a lot of fish slices and even drank fish soup in the end.

“Mother, is this the mountain pepper that we picked from Fifth Grandaunt’s firewood mountain this afternoon?” Chu Ziluo ate slowly because Ye Muyu had taught her to chew and swallow slowly and to develop good eating habits to prevent stomach problems.

In modern times, stones could be removed through surgery.

There was no surgery at this time. If one had gallstones, they would not know how to treat them.

Therefore, the whole family ate slowly, including Chu Jin.

Fortunately, there were more dishes at home now, and they did not have to fight with others. They were not afraid of not having enough to eat. The two children’s habits slowly changed.

Even though Chu Jin wanted to finish all the food in one bite, he restrained himself and only took another bite after he finished what was in his mouth.

“Yes, this is fresh mountain pepper. It’s most suitable for making pepper and sesame fish fillets.”

“Speaking of which, we can ask Lu Chuan to buy more mountain pepper trees. This mountain pepper tree is full of treasures.”

“The mountain pepper can be used as seasoning. The mountain pepper leaves can be plucked and eaten. The mountain pepper root is a high-quality wood.”



“Since not many people know the benefits of it yet, let’s buy more mountain pepper trees and plant them. When the time comes, we can sell the recipe of spicy fish fillets and earn a sum of money.” Ye Muyu rubbed her chin.

She did not mind earning too much money. After all, her family was not considered rich.

She had spent almost 50 taels of silver to buy the shop. Adding on the bookshelves and other things, she had less than twenty taels of silver left.

There would be many places to spend money in the future.

As Ye Muyu said this, she looked at Chu Heng. She remembered that he had a caravan, so transporting the mountain pepper trees from Shudi would be much more convenient.

“Mother, transporting the already grown mountain pepper trees? Don’t you mean the seed of the mountain pepper tree?” Chu Ziluo was a little surprised. “Won’t the trees that are dug out die?”

“It can’t be a seed. If it’s a seed, it’ll grow too slowly. It’ll take a few years.”

Ye Muyu continued, “The key is to ensure that the saplings will not get wet during transportation. So, we have to take it step by step. We’ll start from the nearest county. There will be people who are willing to sell the mountain pepper saplings.”

“I’ve never been to Shudi, so I don’t know how they eat the mountain peppers there. I’ll ask around when the caravan goes there next time,” Chu Heng replied. Seeing that Ye Muvu was full of interest and seemed to want to do it, he did not say anything discouraged and directly told him the solution. “It’s not difficult to transport the saplings. There’s such a skill in the imperial court. I accidentally learned about this skill and it came in handy.”

Then I’ll go to the county tomorrow and find a merchant group to buy some mountain pepper trees.”

Chu Heng never did things poorly. At this moment, he had already thought of how to arrange and how many pepper trees to transport in the first batch.

With his support, Ye Muyu felt more confident that this would work.

“Don’t you have a hill? It’s a waste to leave it empty there. We can plant fruit trees, mountain pepper trees, and so on.” Ye Muyu was not a wasteful person.

She had been planning to use the hill under Chu Heng’s name for a long time..

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It would be a waste to leave the land unused. After all, there were not many medicinal herbs on the mountain. The rest were all ordinary trees. If she planted mountain pepper trees and fruit trees, she could earn a lot after selling the fruits and wood.

She had originally planned to buy some firewood mountains to put in her dowry, but unfortunately, there were too many people in the village and there were too few firewood mountains. They had long been bought.

“Alright.” Chu Heng nodded in agreement and drank another mouthful of spicy fish soup.

After dinner, the sky was completely dark.

Chu Heng brought Chu Jin to the study room to study.

Madam Hu washed the dishes and cleaned up the kitchen.

Ye Muyu wanted to take a hot bath, so Nenya quickly added fire to the stove.

It only took fifteen minutes for the water to boil.

She still let the child wash up and bathe first.

In the Chu family, they were considered one of the more diligent ones when it came to bathing. In the village, it was considered good to take a bath once a month.

It was not that the villagers did not wash themselves. Most people would use water to wipe their bodies at night. Due to the weather, bathing would waste firewood and could cause them to catch a cold if there was not enough later on.

If the cold was serious, it would kill them.

As a result, when the temperature was higher in summer, they would take baths more often.

Ye Muyu asked Zhang Cong to call Lil' Jin, but she was told that he was still drawing patterns on the Zhuge Lock.

Speaking of the Zhuge Lock, there were many carpenters in the village who could make parts of the Zhuge Lock now.

Chu Xing was now going further away to sell more Zhuge Locks.

He then hired people to renovate the house in the village.

The villagers were happy to take on such a job. They could earn more than 20 copper coins a day and even get a meal at noon. This was considered good treatment in the village.

Chu Xing was also smart. He found would ask a carpenter to only make a part of the Zhuge Lock and everyone's parts were separated.

He would do the crucial parts himself.

He did not care. He had sold them in the nearby counties.

The next step was to go further and earn a sum of money. If the villagers wanted to sell it later, it would not affect the money he had already earned.

Even without Chu Heng and Ye Muyu's guidance, he had already realized that Zhuge Lock was not a commodity that could be bought and sold for a long time.

Therefore, he did as much as he could to earn as much as he could.

Ye Muyu did not disturb Chu Jin. She just waited for him to finish showering at home before letting him do it.

The weather was the hottest in July. At night, everyone at home would sweat even when they slept and opened the windows. Ye Muyu was not worried that she would catch a cold.

When she came out of the bathroom, Chu Heng was standing at the door, giving her a fright.

"Why are you here?" Ye Muyu's voice turned hoarse. She quickly coughed a few times, and her throat instantly felt much better.

"Did you catch a cold?" Chu Heng frowned when he heard her cough.

As he spoke, he even reached out to touch her forehead.

He was only relieved when it did not feel like she had a fever.

Ye Muyu was shocked by his actions and did not respond for a long time.

Chu Heng saw her dazed look and a hint of worry flashed in his eyes. He reached out and helped her into the house very naturally.

Ye Muyu felt the heat coming from her fingertips and her heart beat faster, like fireworks exploding in her head. Her ears turned red and her body trembled.

She pursed her lips and subconsciously pulled her hand back.

“What’s wrong?” Chu Heng did not expect her to move so quickly. He was a little unhappy and wanted to grab her hand again..