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Chapter 681: Development of the Official Road

Zhao Xiu naturally noticed their actions.

However, Zhao Xiu had learned not to interfere in her family's matters anymore.

She just had to be filial to her parents in the future.

Speaking of this, Zhao Xiu recalled the shop they had opened in town.

Yesterday, her husband had mentioned that the two of them would go to town to stay for a few days to see how business was going.

Previously, she was a little unwilling, but now that she thought about it, it might not be a bad idea to go out for a few days.

After the watermelon was cut, Zhao Xiu quickly called everyone over to try it.

It had to be said that the melons tasted very sweet.

Li Xiaoran felt that this watermelon was even better than the watermelon she had eaten previously.

After eating the watermelon, everyone sat around and chatted while waiting for the peanuts to be cooked.

"How's business at the shop now?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked, "Things are getting more and more lively on the official road, since more and more people are selling food now. Is our business doing okay?" Upon hearing Li Xiaoran's words, the others started discussing.

"Our shop's business has always been very good and many caravans come to our shop to eat. Only when our shop can't accommodate them will those people go elsewhere. Speaking of which, I feel that the shop we built is too small. We should make it bigger!" Kang Zheng said.

"You make it sound so easy. The land size is limited. Where can I get the land to rebuild it?" Luo Cheng rolled his eyes at Kang Zheng.

Kang Zheng chuckled and stopped talking.

"Actually, I think our current shop is already very good! It'll be too much effort to make it bigger!" Wen Lu said, "Now, Mr. Luo and the consort have high statuses, so going too far is as bad as not doing enough. The status quo is the best!"

Li Xiaoran smiled when she heard Wen Lu's words.

"Wen Lu is right! It's better to keep the status quo for the shop on the official road!"

When the others heard Li Xiaoran's words, they understood something.

Luo Cheng thought of something and said, "Speaking of the market on the official road, do you have any good ideas? To be honest, if this market develops, it will be beneficial to the villages nearby!"

Gao Chen thought of something and said, "I think we should build a market or something. Look, now that someone is building an inn, there will definitely be more and more people here in the future. In the long run, it might become a small town. Instead of letting everyone build things recklessly, why don't we build it together right from the beginning?"

Gao Chen thought for a moment and added, "When I'm free, I'll go around the official road to take a look. This piece of land is actually not fertile, so instead of using it to plant food, we might as well use it to build shops and streets."

When Li Xiaoran heard Gao Chen's words, she remembered her plan for the food street.

Instead of letting others take advantage of the opportunity, it was better to let the villages in their hometown take advantage of it!

Land acquisition was very easy. When the time came, they could just use the houses or shops built to pay for those people's land.

However, if she really wanted to build a food street here, she had to take a closer look.

"That's a good idea. Let's go take a look later!" Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had the same idea and felt that Gao Chen's idea was quite brilliant.

Guan Dongshan thought of something and asked, "Have you decided on the matter of raising ducks?"

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "We have to raise ducks. The suggestion you gave us previously was quite brilliant! When the grilled fish shop in town opens, we'll start selling chicken and ducks!"

He Hui immediately laughed when she heard this.

"If that's the case, we won't have to worry about selling the ducks we raise in the future. We'll sell them to Mr. Luo and the consort! Mr. Luo, you can't try to bargain. At least let me earn some money!"

Luo Cheng laughed when he heard He Hui's words. "Aunt Hui, don't worry! I'll pay the market price. I won't let you lose money!" With Luo Cheng's assurance, He Hui was relieved.

"Huh? If that's the case, will you accept the chickens and ducks our family raises?" Mao Dao asked belatedly, "My family also raises a lot of chickens and ducks!"

"As long as it's not sick, I'll accept it!" Luo Cheng said.

"That's good. In the future, our family will have another way to earn money!" Mao Dao said happily.

Kang Zheng and Wen Lu were also a little tempted.

The house they lived in was quite big now and there was still some empty space in the vegetable garden, so they could use it to raise some chickens and ducks.

Luo Cheng noticed their expressions and thought for a moment before realizing their thoughts.

Luo Cheng wanted to say something, but after some thought, he decided to discuss it with the couple alone later.

Li Xiaoran looked at Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng and asked, "What about the two of you? What are your plans? You can't work in the shop for the rest of your lives, right? Although it's a stable job, it only lets you make ends meet! As men, it's better to have some ambition!"

"Aren't you guys going to build a shop here? I plan to buy or rent a shop in the future to specialize in selling steamed buns and spring rolls! I'm not greedy. I just plan to rely on this to continue my business!" Yuan Cheng said, "If there's a shop with a house behind it, that would be even better! I'll borrow some money from you guys to buy such a shop and house, so that in the future, even if I get a wife, I'll have a place to live!" Yuan Cheng said.

Yuan Cheng knew his abilities very well. He didn't have exceptional abilities, so he relied on taking things one step at a time to live a stable life.

He didn't care about becoming rich. He only wanted to live a peaceful life.

To be honest, he was already very content to have his current lifestyle.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran nodded when they heard Yuan Cheng's words.

Focusing on living a stable life was actually a good thing.

"What about you, Mao Dao?" Li Xiaoran asked.

Zhao Sisi also looked over, since she wanted to hear Mao Dao's thoughts.

Mao Dao thought about it seriously and said, "I've really never thought about what I want to do in the future!"

"In the past, I always felt that working in a shop to earn money was already very good! But now, I've changed my mind."

At this point, Mao Dao glanced at Zhao Sisi.

"I'm not as good at making buns and spring rolls as Yuan Cheng. I don't have his down-to-earth and levelheaded personality! But I'm smart and flexible, so I want to take another path. I've also thought about what I'm suitable for."

At this point, Mao Dao paused.

"But I still don't know what I'm going to do!" Zhao Sisi looked disappointed..

At this moment, Mao Dao added,

“I was actually quite a bastard in the past. My parents treated me well, but I misunderstood them. Later on, I fooled around with the idlers in the village all day long. It was all thanks to meeting Brother Luo Cheng and Madam that I

turned over a new leaf and started working steadily. My parents felt that meeting Brother Luo Cheng and Madam was the greatest blessing in my life. Therefore, I thought that I would just work for Luo Cheng and Madam for the rest of my life and I would do whatever you guys needed me to do. As long as I followed you guys closely and never fell behind, I would definitely be able to live a better life!”

No one expected Mao Dao to say such a thing.

“So, Brother Luo Cheng, Madam, I’ll have to trouble you guys to see what I’m suitable for! I can’t guarantee anything else, but I can definitely work hard and be loyal to you forever!” Mao Dao made up his mind and promised Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

“My mother said that I’m smart, but I lack a backbone. There’s no problem when I’m working, but it’s easy for me to make mistakes when making decisions. Therefore, it’s best for me to work with smart people like Brother Luo Cheng and Madam! This way, I can really play to my strengths and downplay my weaknesses!”

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were very moved by Mao Dao’s words.

It wasn’t difficult for a person to see their shortcomings and strengths clearly.

Mao Dao felt that he couldn’t do this himself, but he trusted Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, so he handed over what he wasn’t good at to people who were good at it.

This self-awareness was very precious!

To be honest, Li Xiaoran was very touched that someone trusted her like this.

When Zhao Sisi looked at Mao Dao, she recalled her family and her brother, as well as everything that had happened at home recently.

If her parents or her brother had such self-awareness, perhaps none of these things would have happened.

If her family could give Xiaoran and her brother-in-law full trust and ask them for help like Mao Dao, Xiaoran wouldn’t refuse.

If that was the case, their family’s life definitely wouldn’t be like it was now. Instead, it would get better and better!

When Zhao Sisi looked up again, the way she looked at Mao Dao changed.

As expected of the man she had her eyes on. Just from what he had just said, she could tell how responsible and smart he was.

Zhao Sisi hadn’t misjudged him.

It wasn't difficult for one to admit one's shortcomings. The difficult part was knowing one's shortcomings and finding a way to make up for them.

Mao Dao had done this.

At this moment, Zhao Sisi made a bold decision.

She didn't want Xiaoran to help her anymore. She wanted to go home and express her intention to marry Mao Dao to her parents.

"Mao Dao, invite a matchmaker to propose marriage tomorrow!" At this moment, Zhao Sisi said what was on her mind.

This time, everyone was shocked.

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng exchanged looks, they laughed.

Although Zhao Sisi's actions caught them off guard, after hearing Mao Dao's words, the two of them felt that Zhao Sisi made the right choice by choosing to marry Mao Dao!

As the elder of the Zhao family, Zhao Huaishan quickly reacted.

"Everyone, I'm sorry, but I want to discuss things with my grandchild, so we'll be leaving for a while!"

With that, Zhao Huaishan looked at Zhao Sisi. "Sisi, come over and talk to me in the vegetable garden at the back!"

Without hesitation, Zhao Sisi stood up.

Worried, Mao Dao stood up and came to Zhao Sisi's side.

"Why don't I go with you?!"

Zhao Sisi glanced at Mao Dao and smiled.

"There's no need. You've already taken a brave step towards me, so leave the rest to me!"

With that, Zhao Sisi walked towards the vegetable garden at the back.

"I'll go take a look too!" Xu Xiufang thought of something and stood up to follow.

For a moment, there was silence in the courtyard. No one spoke.

"It's fine. There are some things that can't be resolved by procrastination! Since the two of them are in love, they might as well resolve the problem as soon as possible!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Zhao Xiu looked at the vegetable garden at the back with worry in her eyes.

"Xiaoran, once this matter spreads, I'm afraid your second uncle and second aunt will blame us for being nosy again!"

“Mother, don’t worry! This time, Second Aunt asked us to help Sisi find a suitable husband! As long as Grandpa and Grandma agree to this marriage, everything will be fine! Besides, Second Uncle and Second Aunt have a lot of complaints about us and we won’t make them feel comfortable no matter what we do, so we don’t have to worry too much as long as we have a clear conscience!” Li Xiaoran said indifferently.

Zhao Xiu felt that her daughter was right, so she threw this matter to the back of her mind.

“I’m sorry for causing trouble for everyone!” Mao Dao apologized. “But I have no choice. I’m sincerely in love with Miss Sisi and I must marry her!”

Hearing Mao Dao’s words, the others laughed.

“Good, good job! Men should take responsibility like this!” Kang Zheng came to Mao Dao’s side and patted his shoulder.

“If I had half of your determination and courage back then, I wouldn’t be alone now! You’re very impressive!” Gao Chen praised with a smile.

“That’s right! This is the responsibility of a man! No matter how difficult things are between you and Miss Zhao, you should bear the responsibility! You’re a man, so you have to do more!” Guan Dongshan also encouraged with a smile.

When Mao Dao heard everyone’s encouragement, his eyes stung and there was a lump in his throat.

“Thank you. I’ll work hard! Wait for me to invite you guys to my wedding banquet! I’ll definitely use my sincerity to move Miss Sisi’s parents and make them agree to let Miss Sisi marry me!”

Li Xiaoran leaned on Luo Cheng’s shoulder and looked at Mao Dao’s excited expression with a gratified smile.

“The heavens will always reward brave people! I think Grandpa and Grandma will definitely agree to this marriage when they hear what Mao Dao said today!

This kid is really lucky! After he exposed his shortcomings, he obtained a wife. This isn’t a loss!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he thought of something and smiled.

“That’s right! The heavens never let down brave people! Just like you and I back then! You dared to come to me and I dared to agree.. Aren’t we being rewarded

Chapter 683: The Transformation of the Descendants

In the vegetable garden, Zhao Huaishan walked over to a stone table not far away.

This stone table was where Li Xiaoran and the others usually rested in the vegetable garden.

After Xu Xiufang followed them in, the three of them sat down.

“Sisi! Have you thought it through?” Xu Xiufang asked.

After Zhao Sisi thought for a moment, she revealed her thoughts, “Although I’ve always thought that Mao Dao was a good person, I knew that my parents definitely wouldn’t agree to this marriage! Therefore, I’ve been thinking of a way to persuade my parents to agree to this marriage!”

In the Zhao family, only Grandpa and Grandma could help her.

She couldn’t drag Xiaoran and her aunt down anymore. This time, she should fight for her own happiness bravely.

“Today, when I heard Mao Dao’s words, I was suddenly very touched. Mao Dao knows what his shortcomings are and is also trying his best to think of a way to make up for them. Why can’t we? Father and Mother want me to climb up the social ladder and marry a rich and powerful man, but why can’t Father and Mother recognize reality? What’s so outstanding about me that they’re certain I’ll be chosen by a rich and powerful man? I don’t have anything that those people will fancy!” Zhao Sisi said calmly.

“Even if they do, it’s because of Xiaoran and my brother-in-law’s status! How can I dare to marry into such a family? Once they have requests for my cousin and my brother-in-law but my brother-in-law doesn’t agree to them, I’ll be the one in the most difficult position! Being sandwiched between my in-laws and my family is definitely not a good feeling! I don’t want to live such a life. I just want to have a husband who dotes on me. I’m not afraid no matter how bitter or tiring life is, as long as the two of us are diligent! We have hands and feet, so why would we be afraid of not having a good life in the future?”

When Zhao Sisi said these words, her tone became more and more firm.

Zhao Huaishan and Xu Xiufang could tell that their granddaughter had thought it through very clearly and didn’t agree to Mao Dao’s marriage proposal out of impulse!

“Grandpa, Grandma! Out of consideration for Father and Mother’s pride, you guys haven’t exposed the truth, causing my parents to be immersed in their fantasies and become more and more delusional! You’re doing this because you hope that my parents can come to their senses one day, but there are some things that my parents will never realize unless they see the harsh reality. This time, perhaps it should be me, their daughter, who should personally let them see what the reality is!” Zhao Sisi said.

Zhao Sisi said what she had wanted to say a long time ago. “Being filial isn’t about indulging one’s parents. If there’s anything wrong with one’s parents, as their child, one should help them correct their mistake!”

When Zhao Huaishan heard Zhao Sisi’s words, he revealed a gratified smile.

“I didn’t expect you to be the first person in your generation to see things so thoroughly! Sisi, you’re very impressive! You surprised me! If your siblings can be like you, the Zhao family won’t have to worry in the future!”

Zhao Sisi didn’t expect her grandfather to say this and she immediately looked at the two elders in surprise.

“Sisi, you don’t have to be shocked. Actually, I’ve seen through the shortcomings of your generation long ago! You guys lacked courage and boldness. The reason I wanted to bring you guys out of Eagle Village was because I hoped that you guys would gain experience when facing these things and hone your tenacity!” Xu Xiufang said.

“Originally, Grandpa thought that your brother would be the first to achieve this! After all, he had the best opportunity. Not long after he came out, he encountered the Hu family. Even when your brother was dispirited, we still didn’t do anything because we wanted to see when he would completely come to his senses! Unfortunately, your brother didn’t have your courage and boldness!” Zhao Huaishan sighed. “Fortunately, he went out to adventure later on, which gave him another chance!”

Zhao Sisi couldn’t process their words.

It turned out that Grandpa and Grandma had never interfered in anything because they wanted to use these experiences to toughen them?

“Alright, since you’ve already thought it through, I’ll help you! I’ll make your parents agree to this marriage! However, Sisi, have you really decided that he’s the one?” Zhao Huaishan said when he saw his granddaughter’s shocked expression.

After Zhao Sisi came back to her senses, she nodded solemnly and firmly. “Grandpa, I’m very sure he’s the one!”

“Since you’re sure, let’s go out together and let that kid propose marriage at the end of tomorrow morning! At that time, your grandma and I will make the decision for you!” Zhao Huaishan said, “Don’t tell your parents about this after you go back today. When the person proposing marriage comes tomorrow, your grandma and I will handle it! Don’t cause unnecessary trouble!” When Zhao Sisi heard her grandfather’s words, her face lit up. “Thank you, Grandpa. Thank you, Grandma!”

When Xu Xiufang saw Zhao Sisi’s happy expression, she smiled.

After that, the three of them walked out together.

Wanting to know the outcome of the three of them’s discussion, everyone looked over at this moment.

Zhao Huaishan looked at the nervous Mao Dao and said, “Mao Dao, invite the matchmaker to come and propose marriage tomorrow! Come to me at around

Mao Dao was actually prepared to be rejected. When he heard Zhao Huaishan’s words, he was immediately struck with joy.

“You look so overjoyed!” He Hui teased, “Mao Dao, hurry up and express your stance. Don’t you want to marry Zhao Sisi?”

Mao Dao immediately came back to his senses and he couldn’t suppress the joy on his face as he quickly nodded.

“Grandpa, no, sir, thank you! Don’t worry, I’ll definitely treat Miss Sisi well! If I don’t do it, you can teach me a lesson! I, I, I’ll be at your mercy!” Zhao Huaishan smiled when he saw how excited Mao Dao was.

“Of course. Your village is not far from Hele Village. If you bully my granddaughter, I’ll call my grandson over to beat you up!”

“I can build a house in Hele Village! I’ve saved up some money, which is enough to build a house! This way, you can watch over me every day in the future!” Mao Dao said..

Chapter 684: Strange Feeling

When the others in the courtyard heard this, they also congratulated him.

Li Xiaoqing pulled Zhao Sisi to the side and said with a smile, “Looks like with Grandpa around, you’re in luck! I really didn’t expect you to get married earlier than me!”

Zhao Sisi was immediately amused by Li Xiaoqing’s teasing.

“You can get married if you want! I can let you get married first, but you have to find a man first!”

“I want to, but there’s no suitable candidate!” Li Xiaoqing shrugged and said, “If I get married, those people won’t be able to harass me!”

When Zhao Sisi heard Li Xiaoqing’s words, she thought of something.

“Are you really going to find a man to marry into your family?”

Li Xiaoqing looked at Zhao Sisi. “Do you think I’m lying to you?”

“That’s not what I meant. Actually, you’ve always had a good candidate by your side. It’s just that you haven’t realized it yet.” Zhao Sisi said.

Li Xiaoran said with resistance, “Good candidate? Who? Don’t tell me you’re talking about Yuan Cheng? That won’t do. I don’t like people like him! He’s too meek. If I’m bullied in the future, he won’t be able to help me. He can’t even outargue other people!”

Zhao Sisi almost rolled her eyes when she heard Li Xiaoqing’s words.

“I’m talking about the people around you, the people around you, the people around you! Sigh, you’re so stupid! If you can’t think of it, forget it!”

With that, Zhao Sisi left Li Xiaoqing and went to Xu Xiufang’s side.

Li Xiaoqing looked at Zhao Sisi suspiciously and muttered, “Among the people around me? The only person I know is Yuan Cheng! Who else could it be?”

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang naturally heard the commotion.

Luo Cheng looked at Luo Ziyang and said with a smile,

“Did you see that? At least Mao Dao knows to fight for his happiness! You!

You’re really embarrassing me!”

When Luo Ziyang heard Luo Cheng’s words, he immediately blushed. “Buddy, you can’t say that! This is different!”

“What’s the difference? If you’re a man, you have to woo your woman! If you can’t, I’m really going to doubt your abilities!” Luo Cheng teased.

When Luo Ziyang heard Luo Cheng’s words, he glanced at Li Xiaoqing. No one knew what he was thinking.

Li Xiaoqing couldn’t think of anything, so when Li Xiaoran went to the kitchen to see if the peanuts were cooked, she followed her in.

Li Xiaoran told her what Zhao Sisi had said previously and asked in confusion, “Sister, who do you think the person Sisi is talking about is? Who else can it be other than Yuan Cheng?”

When Li Xiaoran saw that the boiled peanuts in the pot were ready, she looked at Li Xiaoqing as she took the basket and ladle.

“Then why don’t you think about who’s around you?”

When Li Xiaoqing heard her sister’s words, she said, “Other than our family and the shop, who else is around me? Don’t tell me you’re talking about my savior? He’s no good. To be honest, I’m starting to dislike him more and more! Other than him, the only person beside me is Yuan Cheng. Gao Chen, who is old enough to be my uncle, is even more impossible!”

Seeing that her sister hadn’t thought of it yet, Li Xiaoran immediately shook her head, but she didn’t speak.

Li Xiaoqing racked her brains.

At this moment, Luo Ziyang walked in.

“Madam, Luo Cheng asked me to see if the peanuts are ready. If they are, I’ll help you pack them up and bring them outside for everyone!”

Li Xiaoqing was thinking about the people around her when she suddenly saw Luo Ziyang walking in.

He was dressed in green and his upright figure made him look very handsome.

Why hadn’t she realized that Ziyang was so good-looking in the past?

The more she looked at his bold eyebrows, rosy lips, and handsome face, the more her heart fluttered.

At this moment, Zhao Sisi’s words appeared in her mind again.

Looking at Luo Ziyang, who was getting closer and closer to her, Li Xiaoqing immediately felt thirsty.

“I’m a little thirsty, so I’ll go drink some water now!” Li Xiaoqing rushed to the kettle to pour water.

When Luo Ziyang saw Li Xiaoqing running to the place where the kettle was placed, he asked curiously, “Xiao Qing, what’s wrong?”

Li Xiaoqing replied in a panic, “No, no, it’s nothing! Perhaps I spoke too much previously, so I suddenly felt thirsty!”

In the past, she didn’t feel anything special when she heard Luo Ziyang call her ‘Xiao Qing’.

However, hearing him call her ‘Xiao Qing’ today made her heart flutter. She wanted to hear Luo Ziyang call her ‘Xiao Qing’ again.

After Li Xiaoqing came to her senses, she was shocked by her thoughts.

When did she develop feelings for Brother Ziyang?

After realizing this, Li Xiaoqing felt her face flush and she choked on the water in her mouth.

“Cough cough cough!” Li Xiaoqing coughed.

Luo Ziyang was a little worried. Seeing that Li Xiaoqing’s face was a little red, he quickly walked over.

“Xiao Qing, what’s wrong? Why is your face so red? Do you have a fever?” As Luo Ziyang spoke, he reached out and patted Li Xiaoqing’s forehead.

That large hand felt cold on Li Xiaoqing’s forehead.

Because they were very close, Li Xiaoqing could even sense a very stable and comfortable aura coming from that big hand.

Xiaoqing was captivated by this feeling and didn’t want it to end.

“It’s not that hot, so why is your face so red? Did you bask in the sun previously?!” Luo Ziyang didn’t notice Li Xiaoqing’s abnormality. “I made an ointment here to treat

flushing caused by too much sun exposure. Hurry up and apply it. Your skin will recover tomorrow morning!"

Not daring to look at Luo Ziyang, Li Xiaoqing grabbed the bottle of ointment and ran away.

Luo Ziyang was immediately disappointed when he saw this scene.

Why wouldn't Xiao Qing look at him? Was he that scary-looking?

Or did she dislike him?

Or had Xiao Qing really fallen for someone else?

At the thought of this possibility, Luo Ziyang felt anxious..

Chapter 685: Can You Choose Me?

Luo Ziyang wanted to rush out and ask Li Xiaoqing what was wrong.

Why did she treat him like this?!

However, Luo Ziyang didn't dare to ask. He was afraid that if he did, he wouldn't have the chance to get close to her anymore. He was even more afraid that after Li Xiaoqing found out about his feelings, she would hide from him!

He was so anxious that he felt like his heart was being stir-fried in a pot.

When Li Xiaoran sensed their emotions, she was immediately amused.

Her sister was finally enlightened!

At this moment, she must have realized her feelings for Luo Ziyang!

As for Luo Ziyang, Li Xiaoqing didn't know that he wanted to approach her but was too scared to do so.

These two people were really interesting!

But speaking of which, this couple had progressed so quickly, but unfortunately, that blockhead Shu Ruyue still hadn't realized Wu Qinghe's feelings for her!

As Li Xiaoran pondered over it, she scooped up the cooked peanuts from the pot.

"Zi Yang, take out the boiled peanuts!"

After Luo Ziyang came back to his senses, he nodded. Then, he carried a large basket and walked out.

There were still some in the pot. After putting them in the small basket, Li Xiaoran carried it outside.

Wu Qinghe also brought over the herbal tea that he had prepared previously. Everyone drank the herbal tea as they ate boiled peanuts.

The cooked peanuts were addictingly delicious.

If they weren't careful, they might overeat.

Now, they didn't have to eat at night, since the meal was replaced by boiled peanuts!

After eating and drinking their fill, everyone bade farewell and left with the watermelons and peanuts.

Zhao Xiu's family was the last to leave. Before leaving, Zhao Xiu hesitated for a moment and finally said, "Daughter, son-in-law, your father and I will go to the shop in town tomorrow. We might have to stay in town for a while. Don't participate in Mao Dao's marriage proposal tomorrow. With your grandfather and grandmother around, your second uncle and second aunt won't cause trouble for you guys!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she smiled. "Mother, it's fine! It's useless even if Second Uncle and Second Aunt come to me!" With her daughter's assurance, Zhao Xiu was relieved.

Li Shun thought of something and said, "Xiao Qing will move in with you guys from tomorrow onwards! This way, her safety can be guaranteed, and Ziyang won't have to run back and forth!"

Zhao Xiu nodded and said, "Yes, yes, yes. I almost forgot about this. Why don't we let Xiao Qing stay here today?! Tomorrow, your father and I will go to the village and take an ox cart to town!"

"Father, Mother, don't we have an ox cart at home? Just use it!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and reminded them.

Zhao Xiu shook her head and said, "We need to feed the cows to reach the town. Why bother?! We just need to spend a few cents to get an ox cart to take us to town. It's more convenient!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she stopped persuading her.

Her parents were getting more and more independent now, so she should respect their decisions!

Li Xiaoran thought of something and reminded them, "Alright, you guys can make your own decisions! When you come back, go to the wine shop. Uncle He will arrange for a carriage to send you guys back!"

"Got it! Don't worry! It's not the first time we've done this!" Li Shun nodded and remembered his daughter's words.

Li Xiaoqing followed her parents back to get some clothes.

Although there were also clothes here, she hadn't washed them for a long time, so it was better to go home and get two sets of clean clothes.

After she took the time to wash and dry her clothes tomorrow, she wouldn't have to worry about not having enough clothes to wear.

If Li Xiaoqing wanted to go back, Luo Ziyang naturally had to follow her.

Because Zhao Xiu and Li Shun were around, the two of them didn't say anything to each other.

After Li Xiaoqing packed her clothes, the two of them walked on the road very quietly.

Li Xiaoqing could feel Luo Ziyang's gaze on her.

In the past, she wouldn't have sensed this at all!

But today, she was very sensitive to everything Luo Ziyang did.

"Xiao Qing, did I do something wrong to make you unhappy? Is that why you became so silent?" Luo Ziyang finally couldn't help but ask.

Li Xiaoqing blushed when she heard Luo Ziyang's words.

Fortunately, it was dark at this time, so no one could see her blush.

"No, no! I'm just thinking about something!" Li Xiaoqing said.

Luo Ziyang asked with concern, "Did you encounter any difficulties? You can tell me. Perhaps I can help you resolve these difficulties!"

When Li Xiaoqing heard Luo Ziyang's words, she suddenly stopped in her tracks.

At this moment, Li Xiaoqing could see Luo Ziyang standing there, but she couldn't see his expression clearly.

"This afternoon, I was envious that Zhao Sisi's marriage was settled, but Zhao Sisi said that I could get engaged before her. I said that I hadn't even found the man I wanted to marry, so how could I get engaged? In the end, Zhao Sisi said that I had someone by my side! But no matter how I thought about it, I only had Yuan Cheng by my side! Could it be that I should get engaged to Yuan Cheng?"

Li Xiaoqing's words were like a bolt of lightning to Luo Ziyang.

"I'm wondering if Yuan Cheng is suitable." Li Xiaoqing said, "Yuan Cheng is the only one in his family, so he might agree to marry into my family. With my sister and brother-in-law around, I'm not afraid that Yuan Cheng will mistreat me, so I think it's not impossible for me to marry Yuan Cheng!"

"No!" When Luo Ziyang heard this, he immediately said, "Don't even think about it. Not at all! If you really want to find someone to marry into the family, how about me?"

However, since he had already said it out loud, Luo Ziyang no longer felt so restrained.

"Originally, I just wanted to wait for you to grow up and understand my feelings before telling you about this! But now, I don't dare to wait anymore! I'm afraid that if I wait any longer, you'll be snatched away by others! First, it was Liu Mingkun. Now, even Yuan Cheng has appeared! If you can consider Yuan Cheng, why can't it be me?"

It was Li Xiaoqing's turn to be shocked.

"Brother Ziyang, are you willing to marry into my family?"

“Of course I’m willing! Actually, in this situation, there’s no difference between marrying into the family or not. I’m just an orphan who’s been following Luo Cheng. My parents are your parents, and you’re my family! Therefore, if you really want to choose someone to marry into the family, I’m the most suitable person! I don’t have the burden of a family, and I’m more reliable than others. At least, I can be your support and won’t covet your family’s assets.” Luo Ziyang explained his strengths.

After Li Xiaoqing thought about it carefully, she realized that it indeed seemed to be the case.

Ziyang was good-looking and capable. Her brother-in-law also valued him very much.

The key was that Brother Ziyang had no relatives. If he and she got married, they would really become family.

He would treat her parents as his biological parents and wouldn’t have any schemes in mind.

Therefore, Brother Ziyang was actually the most suitable candidate.

Most importantly, she hadn’t realized it before, but today, she did.

She didn’t have platonic feelings for Brother Ziyang.

He had a place in her heart!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoqing was secretly delighted.

She was very happy that Brother Ziyang treated her differently.

Otherwise, he wouldn’t have said such a thing.

“What do you think, Xiao Qing?” Luo Ziyang asked carefully while waiting for an answer.

Li Xiaoqing smiled. She originally wanted to tease Luo Ziyang, but she changed her mind.

“I think you’re very good! But my sister and parents have to agree to this!”

With that, Li Xiaoqing turned around and left.

Luo Ziyang was stunned for a moment before feeling overjoyed.

After catching up to Li Xiaoqing, Luo Ziyang mustered his courage and grabbed Li Xiaoqing’s hand.

“Sister Xiao Qing, it’s dark outside, so I’ll hold your hand in case you fall!”

Feeling the warm touch on her hand, Li Xiaoqing didn’t shake off Luo Ziyang’s hand. The two of them returned to the Luo family’s house hand in hand.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were still talking when Li Xiaoran suddenly stopped and smiled.

“What’s wrong?” Luo Cheng asked curiously.

As soon as she finished speaking, Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang appeared in hand in hand.

Luo Ziyang originally wanted to let go, but Li Xiaoqing grabbed Luo Ziyang's hand and walked in.

"Can we get married?"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed. Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoqing's words.

"Of course!" Li Xiaoran said softly.

As soon as she said this, Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang smiled.

"You finally figured it out? I thought you would really wait until Xiao Qing was snatched away before saying it! Fortunately, you didn't do such a stupid thing. Otherwise, I wouldn't acknowledge you as my brother!" Luo Cheng walked over and patted Luo Ziyang's shoulder as he teased.

Luo Ziyang smiled at Luo Cheng, but said nothing.

Luo Cheng thought of something and said, "You're going to marry into the Li family in the future, so you have to treat Father and Mother well!"

Li Xiaoqing suddenly said when she heard her brother-in-law's words, "If it's

Brother Ziyang, you can choose not to marry into the family!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoqing's words, he thought for a moment and said, "It's better for him to marry into the family! Ziyang is an orphan and even his surname is my surname, so it's better for him to marry into the family! Moreover, if Luo Ziyang marries into the family, he can live with your parents and protect you guys!"

At this point, Luo Cheng gave another excuse before anyone could object.

"Ziyang is an orphan, but that doesn't mean he doesn't have parents. If someone comes looking for him, it will save a lot of trouble! It's fine if the other party is kind, but if he's not, we can use the matter of Ziyang marrying into the family to save a lot of trouble!"

Li Xiaoqing asked in surprise, "No way! How can it be so coincidental? They haven't looked for him for so many years, so how can they look for him now?"

"Anything is possible. Think about it, those people started with Xiao Qing and even schemed against us by using the Zhao family. They might also start with Ziyang's background. When the time comes, what do you think we should do? After all, Ziyang is my brother now!" Luo Cheng reminded.

Now, all three of them were on guard.

That's right. With those people's methods, these things were possible.

"Luo Cheng is right! I'm also willing to marry into the family, so in the future, I can be considered to have a complete family!" Luo Ziyang said sincerely.

After Li Xiaoran and Li Xiao Qing thought for a moment, they felt that this was the best solution.

After a busy day, the four of them washed up and went back to rest.

The next day, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu left early in the morning on the ox cart.

It wouldn't be so hot if they left early in the morning. By the time they reached town, the sun had just risen.

Originally, the two of them should have gone straight to Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's house in town, but after some thought, Zhao Xiu suddenly had another thought.

"Husband, how about we buy a house in town too? We can't stay at our daughter and son-in-law's house forever, right?"

After Li Shun thought about it, he agreed.

"After paying back the money Xiaoran lent us previously, there's still a lot left. During this period of time, I sold some more and saved all the money. We might as well use this money to buy a house."

The more Zhao Xiu thought about it, the more she felt that buying a house was necessary, so she said, "Since we're here, why don't we look around? If we find a suitable house, we'll buy it!"

"Sure! Then let's go to the shop first. We didn't bring anything anyway!" Li

Shun nodded and echoed.

They had lived in their daughter and son-in-law's house before, so there were some clothes stored there.

Therefore, when the two of them came to town this time, they brought nothing but money.

Li Shun and the others knew where the shop was. The last time they moved furniture and jewelry over, the couple had come over to take a look. As they helped arrange the furniture, they also placed the jewelry in the cabinet.

After the two of them entered the shop, they saw that it was busy.

Coincidentally, a few customers had chosen their favorite furniture in the shop, so the owner was arranging for people to move the furniture out and deliver it to the customer.

"Boss, Madam, why are you two here?" When the shopkeeper Mr. Hu saw the two of them, he quickly came forward.

"Mr. Hu, we just came to see how business is going in the shop! Did you a lot more furniture get sold?" Li Shun asked..

Chapter 687: Refusal

Hu Xi was the shopkeeper of a local cloth shop.

Because the clothing shop had not been doing well in the past few years and had gone bankrupt, Hu Xi could only make a living some other way.

Coincidentally, this shop was recruiting owners, so he applied.

Although Luo Cheng had helped Li Shun and Zhao Xiu prepare this shop, the people inside weren't Luo Cheng's people.

Of course, Luo Cheng had also carefully investigated these people's character and family background and felt that they were reliable.

As it turned out, Luo Cheng had good judgment.

As the shopkeeper, Hu Xi recorded each transaction very clearly.

Luo Cheng had been arranging for people to keep an eye on the people in the shop. For now, these people were quite honest and didn't do anything like cook the books.

"Boss, your furniture sells really well! Not to mention the workmanship, the style is very novel. Most importantly, they're very practical. After people saw the furniture in our shop, they paid for it directly. Some customers even asked for custom orders! Come and take a look. Do you guys want to accept these orders? This is the order list I made separately!" Hu Xi said with a smile.

Li Shun followed Hu Xi over and looked at the order list.

"Eh, who ordered this? What a big business deal!" Li Shun frowned when he noticed a certain business deal.

When Zhao Xiu heard her husband's words, she also walked over to take a look.

Ever since Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's statuses changed, Zhao Xiu and Luo Cheng also began to learn how to read.

Although the two of them were late learners, they worked very hard, so they could recognize some of the commonly used words.

"This was ordered by a customer who looked a little unfamiliar. The other party claimed to be from the Miao family and came to town to order furniture and furnishings. Because he only liked your carpentry skills, he decided on such a big business deal. Of course, the other party promised that as long as you accepted this business, they would pay half the deposit in advance!" Hu Xi explained.

Although the other party appeared very sincere, Hu Xi felt that this business was a big deal. He only said that he was just a shopkeeper and still had to seek his Boss's opinion. That was why he didn't collect the deposit and only registered the information of this business.

When Li Shun saw this list, for some reason, he had an indescribable feeling.

"No, you can't accept this business! You haven't signed the contract with the other party yet, right?!" Li Shun asked.

Hu Xi shook his head and said, “Not yet. Because these few deals are too big, I was about to get someone to inform you to come, but you came today!”

“That’s good! Send someone to invite the Miao family over later and reject this business. Don’t sign any contract with them,” Li Shun nodded and said solemnly.

When Zhao Xiu heard this, although she was puzzled, she didn’t say anything.

It was just a business deal. If he didn’t accept it, so be it!

It took a lot of time and effort to make furniture.

Now that her family was doing well, she was very content. There was no need to work so hard.

“By the way, in the future, don’t accept any orders. I have to see all the orders and decide which one to accept before signing the contract with the other party. After all, I’m alone. If I accept too many orders and can’t produce so much furniture and damage my body, the gains won’t make up for the losses!” Li Shun said.

Zhao Xiu said, “Then why accept business?! We might as well not accept it. Just sell whatever you make. Why do you have to make yourself so tired?!”

Li Shun’s eyes lit up.

That was right. Why hadn’t he thought of that?

Now that the furniture in this shop was selling well, he had money on hand. It wasn’t a problem for his family to live comfortably. In that case, why did he have to take on business?

Wasn’t it better to do whatever he wanted?

Why did he have to be restrained by others?!

Li Shun nodded at Hu Xi.

“Mr. Hu, my wife is right. My body can’t withstand long-term labor, so I can only take things slow. Cancel all the custom-made furniture business! Just say that my body won’t allow it and I’ll let down the customers!”

Although Hu Xi felt a little regretful, his boss had already rejected him, so he could only do as he was told.

Fortunately, when these families said that they wanted to order furniture, he didn’t agree immediately. He only said that he had to ask his boss for his opinion on this matter.

Therefore, it was easy to reject the business now.

It was also because he had to ask his boss that Hu Xi didn’t charge a deposit, which saved him some trouble.

After checking the sale of the furniture, Hu Xi brought Li Shun and Zhao Xiu to look at the account book on the silver jewelry side.

There weren’t many silver jewelry sold, but at least some were sold. Zhao Xiu heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that someone liked the things she made.

Zhao Xiu didn't care how much she sold. As long as someone was willing to buy the silver jewelry she made, it would be the greatest affirmation and support for her.

Not long after the shop opened, five pieces of jewelry were sold. This was already the greatest encouragement for her.

After walking out of the shop, Zhao Xiu felt that the sun outside was no longer so scorching. Instead, she felt warm and comfortable.

"I'm relieved that some people like the jewelry I make!" Zhao Xiu said happily.

"Think about it. Doesn't our eldest daughter have good taste! If she says you did well, then you must have done well! The reason you only sold five is because you made too little jewelry.

"You're getting better and better at comforting people! I don't feel sad. I'm happy! With these people's encouragement, I'll be more confident in making jewelry in the future!" Zhao Xiu said.

"To celebrate the fact that everything we made has been sold, why don't we go to the restaurant to try something new?!" Li Shun said with a smile.

"Go away. You've just earned a little money, but you're already so content. Why go to a restaurant? Do you think there's too much money and nowhere to spend it? If you want to go to a restaurant, you might as well go and see if there's a suitable house to buy instead!" Zhao Xiu said.

"Yes, yes, yes. Let's go see if there's a suitable house!" Li Shun said with a smile..

Chapter 688: Correction

On Hele Village's side, Mao Dao had told his parents that he wanted to marry Zhao Sisi after returning yesterday.

Although Mao Dao's parents were a little surprised, they were overjoyed.

They all knew about Zhao Sisi's relationship with Li Xiaoran, so they were naturally willing to let their son marry Zhao Sisi.

Not to mention anything else, as long as they became relatives with Luo Cheng, if their family really had some difficulties, it wouldn't be a problem for them to ask Luo Cheng for help.

Therefore, early in the morning, Mrs. Mao went to invite the matchmaker.

With the gifts that they had prepared long ago, the Mao family came to the Zhao family to propose marriage.

Because of Zhao Huaishan's reminder, the matchmaker went straight to the main room where the two elders of the Zhao family lived.

Zhao Huaishan asked his wife, Xu Xiufang, to take care of the guests while he went to his second son, Zhao Long's room.

Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing were surprised to see their father.

"Father, why are you looking for me?" Zhao Long asked.

"There's something important. Mao Dao's parents brought the matchmaker to propose marriage to your daughter, Sisi. I think Mao Dao is a good guy, so I came to tell you guys to go watch them get engaged!" Zhao Huaishan said with his hands behind his back.

As soon as he said this, Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing were shocked.

"Father, why didn't you discuss this with us?" Jin Xiaojing asked.

Zhao Huaishan stared at Jin Xiaojing and said, "If you say that, I won't interfere in the children's marriage in the future!"

Jin Xiaojing was stunned and immediately broke out in cold sweat.

Now that their family was on bad terms with their eldest sister, if even their father-in-law ignored them now, it wouldn't be easy for them to get some benefits from Luo Cheng in the future.

Thinking of Luo Cheng, Jin Xiaojing immediately thought of something.

"Father-in-law, it's like this! We entrusted Sisi's marriage to Luo Cheng and the consort previously, so if they get engaged now, I'm afraid it'll be difficult for us to explain to Luo Cheng!" Jin Xiaojing quickly used Luo Cheng as an excuse.

How could Zhao Huaishan not understand Jin Xiaojing's scheme?

Not to mention Luo Cheng, even if the current emperor comes, the other party will have to give in to me!"

With that, Zhao Huaishan looked at his son, Zhao Long.

"Second son, tell me directly. Do you agree to this marriage or not?"

Zhao Long didn't know what to say.

In the end, Zhao Long said, "Father, look, Luo Cheng has already agreed to help us find a husband for Sisi. Sisi is a good girl, so we should plan for her future life! The candidate Luo Cheng finds will be better than Mao Dao!"

When Zhao Huaishan heard this, he immediately laughed.

"Second son, you're really delusional! Don't you know what kind of family we are? If you want to cling to the rich and powerful, aren't you afraid that you'll hurt yourself instead?! Haven't you learned your lesson from the Hu family? You've already almost ruined your son, but now you're going to harm your daughter? Don't think that the

Zhao family is the consort's family so you guys are high and mighty now. Why don't you take a look at yourself in the mirror? What kind of person are you?!"

"I didn't interfere in Lijun's matter previously because I felt that it was a good thing for a man to experience some things. However, a girl needs to be careful with marriage. I've always seen what kind of person Mao Dao is. If Sisi marries him, she won't have to worry about food or clothing and will live a comfortable life. A child's marriage isn't to fulfill your vanity and greed. If the two of you continue to be stubborn, you're disqualified to be her parents!"

Zhao Huaishan lectured his son.

He couldn't say anything about his daughter-in-law, but teaching his son a lesson was what he should do.

At this moment, Zhao Long was also ashamed by his father's words and lowered his head.

"Father, Mother, I'm willing to marry Mao Dao!" At this moment, Zhao Sisi walked in from her room and expressed her wish. "Rather than marrying an unfamiliar person and going to an unfamiliar place, I might as well marry Mao Dao. At least, I know Mao Dao and the Mao family very well. As long as Xiaoran is around, Mao Dao's family can't bully me."

"Why are you so stubborn?! I'm doing this for your own good! Tell me, what's wrong with me wanting you to marry into a rich family? You'll live a good life and have people serving you when you go out. What's wrong with that?" Jin Xiaojing said angrily.

"This is the life you want to live! This is not the life I want! Mother, you only see the splendor of the rich and powerful, but why don't you see the difficulties of being a wife of the rich and powerful? Anyway, I'll stop here today. I want to marry Mao Dao. I won't marry anyone else!" Zhao Sisi said firmly.

Jin Xiaojing was so angry that she felt dizzy.

Zhao Huaishan stared at Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing and said, "Alright, I have no time to talk to you about this! Sisi, go to the living room with me!" Zhao Sisi nodded and followed him.

After Zhao Huaishan took a few steps, he thought of something.

"Second son, old daughter-in-law, you can't forget your roots. You have to be down-to-earth! If the two of you still don't come to your senses, you'll probably be on your own in the future! Think about it carefully!" With that, Zhao Huaishan left with Zhao Sisi.

Zhao Long pondered over it for a while before walking out.

"Husband, where are you going?"

“Where else can I go? Of course I’m going to settle this marriage! If your daughter is willing, are we going to forcefully break up this couple? Don’t forget that Xiaoran has a good relationship with Sisi. Even Mao Dao is being taken care of by Luo Cheng. If we really fall out, can you bear the consequences?” Zhao Long said.

Jin Xiaojing was stunned for a moment. Although she was indignant, she could only compromise. Just as her husband had said, they could no longer afford to become enemies with Luo Cheng. Hearing footsteps behind him, Zhao Huaishan sighed softly.

“Sisi, you have to make your own decisions in the future. Don’t be affected by your parents! Your parents are blinded by greed!”

When Zhao Sisi heard her grandfather’s words and the footsteps behind her, she understood something..

Chapter 689: As You Wish

“But it’s a good thing! If not for that, your marriage wouldn’t have gone so smoothly!” Zhao Huaishan lamented.

At this moment, he didn’t know if he should feel happy or sad.

He had done everything he could. Now that his son and daughter-in-law were already like this, what else could he do?

At least for now, he would help them one by one. As for the other matters, they could resolve them in the future!

At this moment, Zhao Huaishan only hoped that after his eldest grandson, Zhao Lijun, went out to adventure, he would come to his senses and forget about taking shortcuts.

Mao Dao’s parents and Xu Xiufang had a good chat. There was also a matchmaker around, so the atmosphere was very harmonious.

Both parties went straight to the point and decided on this marriage.

The matchmaker knew that these two families were very familiar with each other, so they decided on it readily.

At least she could get the money directly as the matchmaker, so it was a good thing.

After the exchange of invitations, the marriage contract was finalized.

After the marriage contract was stamped with the official seal, the marriage would be considered a success.

“The marriage has been decided already, so why don’t we strike while the iron is hot and set the date of the marriage? Including the betrothal gift, you can ask for

anything!" Mrs. Mao was a straightforward person, so she simply went straight to the point.

Zhao Huaishan liked straightforward people.

"We won't be picky about the betrothal gift. Just prepare it as you see fit! No matter how much betrothal gift you give, we'll return it in the form of a dowry, so there's no need to go beyond your family's means. Prepare whatever you can. However, there's something we have to make clear first. After Sisi has married into the Mao family, I hope that the Mao family will treat her like your biological daughter! After all, this girl has been pampered by us!"

When Mr. Mao and Mrs. Mao heard Zhao Huaishan's words, they immediately nodded.

"Of course, all children are precious to their parents. Don't worry, we're not that kind of evil mother-in-law or father-in-law. Sisi will also be our family member in the future, so we'll definitely treat her well! In order to express our sincerity, we plan to build a house in Hele Village for the couple to live in. We can work now, so we won't disturb their lives for the time being, but we still have to rely on them to support us in retirement!" Mrs. Mao said.

Zhao Huaishan nodded and said, "Of course. It's their duty to support their parents!"

After the two families discussed it, they decided to set the marriage date in October.

It was mid-August, only a month or so away from October, so it was just right.

Zhao Sisi secretly glanced at Mao Dao, who was also looking at her.

When their gazes met, they quickly looked away again.

After a while, Zhao Sisi looked at Mao Dao again.

Mao Dao kept staring at Zhao Sisi in a daze and he was already overjoyed.

Li Xiaoran was talking to Luo Cheng about the official road. "Husband, what do you think about the official road?"

"Do you have any good ideas, Xiaoran?" Luo Cheng asked.

"Aren't we going to hold a food festival? Instead of looking for other places, it's better to build a town near the official road. Besides, I already planned to hold a food street previously. A food festival, a food street, and some other activities can continuously attract customers! In addition, the town is built by the official road, so we don't have to worry about there being no roads!" Li Xiaoran said.

"It's easy to build a town, and it's easy to organize competitions and activities like the food street you mentioned. But Xiaoran, we don't have enough manpower!" Luo Cheng said the most important thing, "We've just developed White Foothill City as a fief and we're short-staffed."

Luo Cheng said his thoughts, "In addition, there's still many potential dangers. Before those things are resolved, we can forget about developing our economy in peace. Once we appear, someone will immediately target us. Therefore, let's not be anxious and let's take things slow! Let's open the grilled fish shop first before developing the fruit and herb business. After we have a certain amount of money, it will be easy to do anything we want!"

Li Xiaoran also knew that she was too anxious, so when she heard Luo Cheng's words, she decided to calm down.

"I was too anxious! As the saying goes, more haste less speed!"

When Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran's expression, he reached out and held her hand.

"Xiaoran, now that there's a good start, don't be anxious. Take things slow." Li Xiaoran nodded, then she thought of something.

"By the way, I wonder if Mao Dao's marriage proposal went smoothly today?"

"Don't worry! With Grandpa around, this marriage will definitely be settled! Zhao Sisi is lucky. If it were anyone else, they might not be able to settle this marriage so easily," Luo Cheng said with a smile.

Thinking of the trouble regarding her second uncle's family, Li Xiaoran felt a headache.

"By the way, so much time has passed. I wonder how the mushrooms my cousin planted are doing!" Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something. "Why don't we go take a look together?!" Luo Cheng was also interested and decided to take a look.

Last time, Li Xiaoran's plan to go up the mountain to pick mushrooms went down the drain, so she could only tell Zhao Yan the method of planting mushrooms and let him figure it out himself.

This time, she came back to see if Zhao Yan had done as she said.

Because the weather was hot, there would definitely be a lot of mosquitoes.

Li Xiaoran changed into a long-sleeved shirt and pants. After applying sunblock and mosquito repellent on her exposed skin, she walked towards the place where Zhao Yan planted mushrooms with Luo Cheng.

When the two of them arrived, they realized that there had been a huge change in this piece of land.

The originally cold and damp place became much cleaner after being tidied up.

The muddy path from before was now paved with gravel.

Now, even if it was raining, they weren't afraid of getting their shoes covered in mud.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Looks like my cousin, Zhao Yan, has really put in a lot of effort tidying up this place!"

Zhao Yan, who happened to walk out of the mushroom house, heard his name and looked over.

“Hey, Xiaoran, Mr. Luo, why are you guys here?” Zhao Yan waved and greeted them.

Seeing that Zhao Yan was here, Li Xiaoran smiled.

“I haven’t been here only for a while, but this place has changed a lot!”

“You told me that the place where mushrooms are planted needs to be cleaned up. Deep in the mountains, the places where mushrooms grow are actually very clean. This place was indeed a little too messy. Besides, these mushrooms are planted for everyone to eat, so it’s better to tidy them up so that they can be sold for money in the future!” Zhao Yan said.

Li Xiaoran looked around at the forest, which looked much cleaner, and said, “Then you spent a lot of effort to tidy it up?”

“That’s right! I called my parents, brother, and sister over to help. It took me more than ten days to tidy up this place! Mr. Luo, Cousin, come and take a look. I think my mushrooms are growing!” Zhao Yan said as he gestured for them to come over.

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard this, joy flashed across their eyes. Then, they followed Zhao Yan to the wooden house closest to there.

“After you taught me how to plant mushrooms, I built a few wooden houses like this. I also built a few stone houses. I plan to compare the houses and see which one is more suitable for planting mushrooms. From the looks of it, there’s no difference between these houses!” Zhao Yan explained his progress in planting mushrooms during this period of time.

Zhao Yan said happily, “Cousin, look, these mushrooms have already grown. When they grow a little older, they can be harvested! I have to say, your method is really brilliant. Mushrooms actually grew!”

Li Xiaoran walked over and took a closer look. As expected, the fungus bags made of wood shavings were already filled with white mushrooms.

Luo Cheng also looked over curiously. When he saw the mushrooms in Li Xiaoran’s hand, he was shocked.

“The mushrooms really grew? This mushroom looks much cleaner and softer than mushrooms picked from the mountains.”

“That’s right. Mr. Luo, when I saw these mushrooms grow, I was so happy that I ran around the forest a few times. This means that my thoughts are right. In the future, I can rely on planting these mushrooms to earn money and raise my family!” Zhao Yan said as he handed another piece of wood to Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng sniffed the mushrooms growing out of the wood. They smelled the same as the mushrooms he had picked previously.

“Not bad. It seems that we can eat mushrooms whenever we want in the future!”

Zhao Yan nodded with a smile. “That’s right! You guys can eat mushrooms anytime you want. Just tell me and I’ll send it to you!”

Li Xiaoran was also happy to see these mushrooms that were growing well.

“Looks like the commoners here are going to have an additional ingredient available! I can think of more than ten mushroom dishes to cook now!”

“These mushrooms will be edible in a few days. I’ll send them to you guys then!” Zhao Yan said, “I’ll get some for everyone at home to try and celebrate my success in planting mushrooms!”

“Alright, then I’ll be waiting!” Li Xiaoran agreed.

After that, the three of them went to see how the mushrooms in the other houses were growing.

It had to be said that the mushrooms in every house were planted well. When they harvested in two days, they would be able to harvest a lot.

“Don’t give them all away. Send some to the market to sell.” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, “If you sell this thing now, it should be able to sell for a lot of money. That is rare is dear, so set the price higher!”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “There’s no need to sell them. Send them straight to my wine shop! I believe it won’t be long before many people from restaurants come to you to buy these mushrooms!”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “There’s no need to sell them. Send them straight to my wine shop! I believe it won’t be long before many people from restaurants come to you to order these mushrooms!”

Luo Cheng nodded and said, “That’s a good idea. Let’s arrange it!”

When Zhao Yan saw that his cousin and cousin-in-law planned to sell the mushrooms, he was so happy that he grinned from ear to ear. “Looks like I have to build more houses to plant mushrooms!” Luo Cheng thought of something when he heard Zhao Yan’s words.

“It’s time to build more. I think this forest is very big, so we can still build more! If you don’t have enough money, we can lend it to you first. You can pay it back slowly after you earn money!”

Zhao Yan nodded and said gratefully, “Thank you, Mr. Luo. I still have to go back and discuss this with my parents! Since I’m going to plant mushrooms to sell, I have to bring my family along.”

Luo Cheng nodded and said, “Alright, discuss it first. You can come to us if you need anything!”

To be honest, Luo Cheng had a good impression of this family.

They knew how to solve their own problem. They were also diligent, down-to-earth, and smart, so Luo Cheng was naturally willing to help such relatives.

After they left Zhao Yan's place, they realized that the weather outside became even hotter.

Fortunately, there was a stream not far away. There were big trees on both sides of the stream, and the undersides of the trees were shady.

The two of them walked towards the stream and took refuge in the shade.

Upon seeing the clear stream, Li Xiaoran was very happy and wanted to take off her shoes to step in it.

"Don't!" Luo Cheng seemed to have seen through Li Xiaoran's thoughts and quickly stopped her.

"The stream here is filled with gravel. You'll get cut if you go down barefoot. If you want to tread water, let's make a sturdy straw shoe next time and walk through the water together!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she looked at the stream regretfully.

"Sigh, that's the only way! But it'll definitely be very cool and comfortable to step into this stream. Why don't I take off my shoes and socks and soak my feet in the water?" Li Xiaoran thought of a way to cool herself down.

"It wasn't easy for you to recuperate, so don't be too anxious! Go back with me quickly. I'll get someone to buy delicious food for you!" Luo Cheng coaxed..