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Chapter 66: Shuangshuang vs. Mrs. Jin (First Update)

Mrs. Jin suddenly lashed out, and even someone as arrogant as Mrs. Lin was caught off guard for a moment.

It was Mu Dazhong who jumped up to refute. "Sister-in-law, what kind of talk is that? Our second branch just hopes our elder brother will make it big, and by then, the whole family can enjoy life with him."

After speaking, Mu Dazhong glared fiercely at Mrs. Lin. "Aren't you going to apologize to your sister-in-law? What are you standing there doing?"

Mrs. Lin wasn't angry initially, but because of her man's rebuke, her blood surged from her feet to her head, and just as she was about to curse back, Mrs. Jin suddenly covered her mouth with a handkerchief and began to laugh stealthily.

"I was just joking with my sister-in-law to lighten the mood. Given the recent incident in the third branch, everyone's emotions are a bit off."

After Mrs. Jin finished speaking, she stood up briskly, ignoring Mrs. Lin's face turning as black as coal. "Father, Mother, at this time, Dandan's father should have finished lunch. I'll go make him some tea."

Old Mrs. Mu was concerned about her son, hoping Mrs. Jin would return quickly, so she didn't even try to retain her.

Because Mrs. Jin had bound feet, she walked differently from others, swaying with a lotus gait, indistinguishable from the official's daughters outside.

Mu Danian, sitting on a chair, was momentarily entranced...

His sister-in-law was so well-proportioned and spoke softly. She was nothing like the pig-like women at home who talked like thunderclaps. If he could find a wife like her, he might die of happiness.

Thinking about this, Mu Danian suddenly felt a surge of resentment in his heart!

After leaving the main room, Mrs. Jin's smile vanished. She hoped more than anyone else that her man would pass the exam soon so they could leave this house.

Over the years, she had received countless cold stares. Her husband had taken the exam many times without passing, and she had borne two daughters in succession. Her status in the Old Mu Family had gradually declined.

She knew that Mrs. Lin cursed her behind her back as a hen that doesn't lay eggs. Just wait, when her man becomes a big shot, she'll see how long Mrs. Lin's ugly mouth can remain arrogant.

Mrs. Jin gave others the impression of being educated and well-mannered, which she indeed was. However, ever since marrying into the Old Mu Family, she learned to scheme for herself; otherwise, everything would have been snatched away by Old Mrs. Mu.

To ensure Mu Dashan would get up to work in the afternoon, Mrs. Jin deliberately detoured to the third branch's house. The small shabby house hadn't changed over the years. She knocked, and Yu Si Niang quickly came to open the door.

It was obvious Yu Si Niang had been crying; her eyes were red. As soon as she saw Mrs. Jin, Yu Si Niang immediately wiped away her tears, remembering it was Mrs. Jin's words that forced her man to work just now.

"What are you doing here? Our house doesn't welcome you." Yu Si Niang was not polite at all; she didn't need to curry favor with the first branch as long as her man was good.

Inside the house, Mu Dashan got up when he heard voices, and called out to the doorway towards Yu Si Niang. "Si Niang, is it sister-in-law? Please invite her in."

With her man's permission, Yu Si Niang had no choice but to let Mrs. Jin in.

Upon entering, Mrs. Jin began to carefully observe the third branch. Fortunately, despite being shabby, the unpleasant smell from before was gone. She hadn't visited the third branch all these years because of that stench. Who knew, it didn't take long for them to stop smelling, quite a wonder.

"Old Three, Si Niang mentioned that thing to you, right? Don't take it too much to heart. If your health can't handle it, then don't go. I can tell Mom to have the kids help in the fields, after all, we have plenty of kids."

Mrs. Jin spoke with tact while observing Mu Dashan's reaction.

Sure enough, when he heard the suggestion of having the kids go to work, Mu Dashan got anxious.

"The kids are still small, I'll go, I'll get up to work right now." He said, starting to put on his shoes.

"No, there's plenty of time. The sun's too hot right now. Old Three, you can rest well. Mom will call you to work later." Mrs. Jin stopped Mu Dashan from getting up and showed her understanding.

Sure enough, upon hearing her words, Mu Dashan's eyes flashed with gratitude.

This man was so honest, he didn't think he was being used as a workhorse at all.

Suddenly, Mrs. Jin saw a wicker cage at the tail end of the kang in the third branch, but because it was covered with some cloth, only a bit of gray fur was visible.

Is it a rabbit?

Mrs. Jin's face lit up, recalling that her man hadn't eaten anything good despite his hard studies. She spoke up. "Auntie Three, you actually have a rabbit at home. Why not give it to me for Dandan's father to nourish himself, maybe he'll pass the exam because of it."

"Aunt, so the top scorer relies on a rabbit to pass the exam, huh? I've really learned something today."

Mu Shuangshuang walked in from outside, holding the axe she had used to chop wood in the morning, grateful that she had returned early, or the house would have been emptied by this shameless woman.

Mu Shuangshuang's face was cold, her eyes full of disdain for Mrs. Jin. The axe in her hand moved to her chest as she walked, unbothered by the idea of letting Mrs. Jin come in white and leave red, as long as she dared to say another useless word.

Mrs. Jin was worldly, and she noticed the change in Mu Shuangshuang, her expression and demeanor evident. She realized there was no getting that rabbit today, but she could at least say a few words.

"Shuang, what's a big girl doing holding an axe? You're supposed to go with our first branch to become an official's daughter. Isn't this making a joke of yourself?"

"I'm not like you, Aunt. Born with good fortune, not needing to work, even as a wife, always having someone to serve you. Naturally, Aunt's greatest fortune must be that you could let Uncle pass the exam with a rabbit, tsk tsk tsk..." Mu Shuangshuang coldly mocked Mrs. Jin, showing no regard or respect for her.

"You..."

"Are you leaving, Aunt? Safe travels, won't see you off!" Mu Shuangshuang said, swinging the axe in her hand, scaring Mrs. Jin into quickly rushing out of the third branch's house.

"Even with bound feet, she's this swift. Without it, she might do a hundred-meter dash." Mu Shuangshuang sighed and turned back to see Yu Si Niang smiling, yet tears brimmed in her eyes.

"Shuangshuang, why are you back?" Yu Si Niang asked, excitedly.

"If I hadn't come back, this house would've been emptied and my dad's life would be over!"