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Chapter 251: Madam Han and Ye Mengjie

She knew that Song Lu was only temporarily poor. With land, exemption from taxes and corvée and a job as a teacher, she would have a good life in the future.

In particular, Song Lu was also very polite. Even Madam Liu did not say anything about his character, so he was naturally very good.

The more dowry she had now, the more opportunities she would have to help Song Lu. At that time, her status in her husband's family would also be higher. Even if Song Lu became rich in the future, he would not mistreat her.

Song Lu had also seen the Chu family.

Song Lu first nodded at Madam Liu, Madam Zhang, and the other elders then greeted Chu Heng. Because there were too many people, he did not come over.

Soon, the first round of the competition ended.

There were not many who had good results, but those rich girls were also good at needlework and were all in the top 20.

There were also girls from the countryside who had good craftsmanship and a good ranking.

With the experience from the previous round, it was obviously faster.

By the time Chu Ziluo went up on stage, two hours had passed.

This time, it was Ye Muyu who went over, followed by Madam Zhang, Madam Wang and other sisters-in-law.

Ye Muyu found a seat and sat down. After a while, she heard Madam Han's name.

Madam Han was her maternal sister-in-law, and her daughter, Ye Mengjie, was also going up for the competition. Previously, the original host valued boys over girls, so she gave many good things to her maternal family.

Most of them fell into the hands of Madam Han.

Although Old Madam Ye did not say it, Ye Muyu asked later and knew that Madam Han had always been gloomy.

She, who never liked to go out, was actually willing to come to the county?

Ye Muyu felt that she might have underestimated her sister-in-law, but because she was sitting in front, she did not turn around to greet her.

Chu Ziluo went up the stage and was a little far away from Ye Muyu. She looked back at her mother and saw Ye Mengjie who was not far away. Worry and inferiority flashed in her eyes.

However, when she thought of how well her mother had treated her these days, Chu Ziluo clenched her fists and looked at the embroidered cloth in front of her. Her eyes were full of seriousness.

When she heard the bailiff say start, she seriously began to bring out her best skills and began to bury herself in embroidery.

Ye Mengjie also saw Chu Ziluo. A hint of surprise flashed across her eyes. However, when she saw that the others around her had also started to make their moves, she hurriedly lowered her head and started.

However, looking at her movements, it was obvious that her skills were not that good.

30 minutes later, time was up.

Chu Ziluo and the others followed suit.

Chu Heng was already waiting at the front door.

Ye Muyu retreated from her seat. As soon as she got back to her seat, someone bumped into her.

Lu Chuan quickly went over to separate the man who had knocked her down.

Ye Muyu instinctively lowered her head to look at the sachet at her waist. She didn't bring her money pouch, and all the silver was with Chu Heng. However, she felt a force on the sachet just now.

As expected, she looked down and saw the sachet on the ground, just two steps away from her.

However, there were people all around, and there were many women urging him from behind. In just a short while, the surroundings became crowded.

Ye Muyu was cautious by nature. She asked Lu Chuan for a copper coin and handed it to the little boy sitting on the chair next to her. "Help me pick up the sachet. Little boy, this copper coin is yours."

"Really?" Although the little boy was suspicious, he did not hesitate. He bent down to pick up the sachet and handed it to Ye Muyu. At the same time, he reached out for the copper coin.

Ye Muyu took back her personal belongings and felt relieved. She said to Lu

Chuan, "Let's go back first.."

Chapter 252: The Trust Brought by Selling Pickled Cabbages

“Yes, Madam.”

As Ye Muyu walked away, the crowd behind her slowly found their place and stopped blocking.

After Ye Muyu dealt with this small incident, she returned to her seat.

In a distant corner, Tang Rou, whose face was covered with a cloth, had a look of resentment in her eyes. She unwillingly tightened the handkerchief in her hand.

This scheme was indeed designed by her. As long as Madam Yates bent down to pick up the sachet, the people she hired would cause a panic. In the panic, someone would take advantage of the situation to knock Madam Ye out and take her away.

Then, she would find a random place to deal with Ye Muyu.

She would find another opportunity to be intimate with Chu Heng. At that time, with the Tang family's greedy personality, they would definitely help her. At that time, she would be able to sit firmly in the position of Chu Heng's wife!

Unfortunately... Tang Rou tightened her handkerchief and turned around to instruct the few strong men beside her. Her words had a hidden meaning. “In such a busy time, it shouldn't be a big deal to lose a few children in the county. I just don't know if that kidnapper came to the county.”

With so many people, there must be kidnappers. However, everyone who came to the county took good care of their children.

Ye Muyu sat down on the stool, feeling a little uneasy.

“Lu Chuan, go and guard Ah Jin.” Ye Muyu touched her heart and made up her mind.

Lu Chuan was puzzled.”Madam, Master asked me to watch over you. Young

Master has Zhang Shu with him.”

“My family is here. It’ll be fine. Go. I’ll explain to Chu Heng when he comes back.”

“Yes, Madam.” Lu Chuan listened to Chu Heng more often. When Chu Heng and Ye Muyu’s orders conflicted, he subconsciously hesitated.

It was until Ye Muyu reminded him in a steady voice. Chu Heng would definitely not be angry with Madam. If he did not listen to Madam, he would be courting death.

Lu Chuan had never had the habit of courting death, so he decisively chose to listen.

After confirming that Lu Chuan was going to protect Lil’ Jin, Ye Muyu turned to Chu Liushi and said, “Mother, there might be some thieves and kidnappers today.”

“We can’t let the children leave our sights.”

Ye Muyu had a hunch that something like this would happen.

However, it was difficult to find the kidnappers and thieves. Moreover, there were many people on the streets now. If they chased after them, there might be casualties.

She could only wait for Chu Heng to return and spread the news to the magistrate as much as possible.

Then, the county magistrate would remind the crowd on the high platform.

They could try their best to avoid any accidents.

She could only try her best to help her own family. She could not control other people's families. Even if the county magistrate said so, there were probably some people who did not care.

Fortunately, the Chu family cared about their children.

"That's right. Why don't we go back? The children at home have finished competing anyway." Madam Liu knew that the children who were abducted by kidnappers were basically impossible to find.

As for the thieves stealing silver, they did not bring much silver with them today because they were afraid that they would be robbed if there were too many people.

After Madam Liu finished speaking, she tilted her head and looked at Madam Zhang. "Madam Zhang, what do you think? We'll go back first? As for when the county magistrate announced the rankings later, we'll just call someone back." Madam Zhang and Chu Qingxiang were looking forward to the final ranking, while Chu Cai went to fetch Chu Qingxiang and Chu Qingyu.

However, when she saw her two young sons beside her, she hesitated.

On the other hand, Madam Wang hugged her six-year-old son Chu Bo tightly and said without hesitation, "Mother, I want to go back."

She did not care about the ranking at all. She had heard what Ye Muyu said just now. Ever since she sold the pickled vegetables, she had sincerely chosen to believe in her third sister-in-law. She felt that she was outstanding and that there must be some truth in her words..

Chapter 253: Old Madam Ye Is Smug

Madam Wang did not think that staying here would affect the results of the competition.

Since that was the case, why would she stay? If she really met the kidnapper, she would really regret it.

Madam Wang thought for a moment and said to Madam Zhang, "Sister-in-law, the competition is over. Staying won't change anything. The children are still more important."

"That's true. I didn't think it through." Madam Zhang was somewhat embarrassed.

She felt that she had indeed placed too much importance on benefits. Even her second sister-in-law, who had always been honest, was more open-minded than her.

Madam Zhang's mentality changed. How could she lose to Madam Wang? Did she still want her face?

Madam Zhang's psychological changes aside.

When Chu Heng and Chu Cai returned with the three girls.

The family brought the child to the first branch's courtyard.

Ye Muyu saw Old Madam Ye on the way. She was talking happily with the person beside her. She had the eight-year-old Ye Hai by her side.

Ye Zhao and Madam Su were nowhere to be seen.

Chu Heng followed her line of sight and lowered his head to ask her, "Should I call you mother?"

"Okay, let's call her over. I just don't know if it's convenient for her to stay at Eldest Sister-in-law's place for now. My mother is careless. Anyway, Mengjie has finished the competition. I don't feel at ease staying here." Ye Muyu had thought that this grand event had been held well previously.

However, after the perfume sachet incident, she was always on tenterhooks.

Ye Muyu had been instinctively alert to danger in both of her lives. She would rather believe it than not believe it. Moreover, she was tired of watching for too long, so she naturally did not plan to stay.

“Alright.”

When Chu Heng walked to Old Madam Ye’s side, he heard Old Madam Ye flaunting her excellent scholar son-in-law.

Old Madam Ye said, “You guys don’t know, right? Not only is my son-in-law good at studying, but he also treats his wife well. My daughter has never suffered since she married him. Just wait and see. My granddaughter will definitely get a good ranking in this competition.”

“Why don’t you talk about your granddaughter? No matter how good your daughter is, she’s still married off.” The few old women beside her seemed to not like Old Madam Ye being too proud, and they all found words to mock her.

Old Madam Ye smiled even more happily.

“That’s not the main point. The main point is that the child is good. What difference does it make if she marries or not? Look at the clothes I’m wearing. My daughter is filial,” Old Woman Ye said proudly.

“You guys can be envious. My daughter is also very smart. She’s enough to match my son-in-law. I know you guys are envious, so I won’t hold it against you.”

“You old woman...

“You’re still pretending to be good after getting a bargain.”

“Mother-in-law.” Chu Heng was still amiable. When Old Madam Ye heard this voice, she dug her ears, thinking that she was hallucinating. She looked at the old women in front of her and asked, “Did someone call me mother-in-law just

The other women were speechless.

Their gazes fell on Chu Heng, who was standing behind Old Woman Ye. Just his appearance alone was enough to satisfy all the old women.

"I wonder if your son-in-law has any brothers?" One of the old women even reached out to grab Old Woman Ye's hand and asked impatiently.

Old Woman Ye finally reacted. She followed the gaze of the few old women and when she saw Chu Heng behind her, her body subconsciously trembled, and the smile on her face almost disappeared.

Although she was bragging about how good her son-in-law was, she was really afraid of his cold personality.

However, with her sisters watching, Old Madam Woman Ye felt that she could not lose face. She tried her best to force a smile. "Is it really you? I thought I misheard it.."

Chapter 254: Maiden Family

"Is Lan'er looking for me?" Old Madam Ye would only feel safe if she was by her daughter's side.

How could Chu Heng not know what she was thinking? However, now that his wife wanted to protect her family and was not as shameless as before, he naturally supported her.

"Yes, Muyu is in front. Come with us to the county house." Chu did not ask Old Madam Ye anything at all.

Old Madam Ye walked past Chu Heng and saw Ye Muyu waiting not far away.

She quickly nodded. "Sure, let's go."

As she spoke, she held her grandson Ye Hail's hand and followed Chu Heng.

Halfway there, she met Madam Han and Ye Mengjie who had just returned.

They walked together to the first branch's house in the county.

Chu Heng went to see the county magistrate and reminded him about something. As for what the county magistrate would do, that was up to the county magistrate.

The people from the Chu family quickly returned to the courtyard.

Upon entering, they saw Chu Lin entertaining his uncle, Liu Cheng. His aunt, Madam Luo, and the young lady who came to compete, Liu Jiao, were all sitting in the central room.

Chu Lin found his uncle's family and brought them to the courtyard.

When Madam Liu entered the room and saw Liu Cheng, she happily went forward. "Second Brother, it's really you. Sit down quickly. We siblings can have a good talk."

"Sis, sure. Father asked me to bring you some mountain products when we came to the county this time. They're all mushrooms picked up from the mountains, some wild pears, and tea leaves grown in the village. They're not anything good." Liu Cheng was a little embarrassed. Ever since he was born, he had also lived a good life. Later on, his family became poor. He felt that it was all his fault for not being able to make a name for himself by being a scholar. Otherwise, he would not have wasted his family fortune.

However, the Liu family's mentality was very good. They would not be depressed.

Their family's life in the mountains was not bad.

After all, Madam Liu would occasionally provide subsidies.

It had been six years since Chu Heng had been admitted as an Elementary Scholar.

Liu Cheng's sons had also all grown up.

However, it was precisely because of Madam Liu's help that the Liu family felt sorry for this married daughter. As long as they came to visit, they would never come empty-handed.

Madam Liu pulled Madam Luo's hand and sat down. "Did you and Big Brother go up the mountain again?"

"Sis, I'm used to going up the mountain. It's not dangerous. By the way, many people in the village have found medicinal herbs in the mountains. Our family has also found some."

Chu Zhiwen also sat down.

When he heard this, he said, "Speaking of which, your Mountain Village is also divided into households. This time, our village found some medicinal herbs. You guys go back and look for them."

At the same time, he said to the eldest son of the first branch, "Ah Sheng, go and draw out the medicinal herbs such as the Kudzu root, and the Wild Fan flower and fruits, so your uncle can refer to them."

"Yes, Grandpa." Chu Sheng agreed and went to his room.

Liu Cheng hurriedly called out to Chu Zhiwen, and Chu Zhiwen nodded.

"I seem to have heard of this Wild Fan flower and fruit." Liu Cheng had not seen the Chu family for a long time. Moreover, their Mountain Village was deep in the mountains, so it was rare for the commoners to come out.

It was also an accident that he found the medicinal herbs earlier.

When Madam Chu heard this, it seemed like her maiden family did not know about the sale of Wild Fan flowers and fruits, and other medicinal herbs.

“Second brother, aren’t the herbs you sell the Wild Fan flowers and fruits, Kudzu root, and Solomon’s Seal?” Although Madam Liu had already guessed it, she still wanted to confirm it.

Liu Cheng shook his head. “No, we’re selling some herbs to treat colds.”

“I’ve never heard of any of these three.”

“Then you’re in luck. Our village also sells some medicinal herbs. It’s these three kinds. The price is not bad..”

Chapter 255: Unfounded Worries

“I reckon that only the remote mountain villages like yours in Nanchang

County don’t know about this.”

“Oh right, Kudzu root can also be turned into a dish.”

Inside the house, Madam Liu and the others were chatting happily.

Madam Zhang and Madam Wang went to the kitchen to cook.

Ye Muyu and Old Madam Ye were sitting in a room.

Chu Ziluo, Ye Mengjie, and Ye Hai were sitting on the bed in the room, eating pastries.

The pastries were given by Xie Yu, the Third Young Master of the Xie family.

Other than that, there were also various kinds of rice dumplings, all of which were festive gifts.

Chu Heng had sent the gifts during the second match, and the Xie family had returned the gift earlier.

Ye Muyu was a little surprised when she received it. After all, their relationship with Xie Yu was just an ordinary business partner. According to the etiquette of a rich family, they would not send gifts to people if it was only ordinary relationships.

Of course, it all depended on the master's mood.

Obviously, Xie Yu was in a good mood, and the gifts he gave the Chu family were not bad.

Other than two rolls of silk that looked very expensive, there were also various pastries and soft cakes.

The tea leaves, wine, rice dumplings, etc. were all the best.

It was worth more than ten taels.

At the very least, it was a huge gift for Ye Muyu.

She only had about 50 taels of silver in her savings. She had to admit that the Xie family was really generous and generous.

"Mother, Eldest Sister-in-law, why isn't little brother here?" Ye Muyu asked.

"This is a joyous occasion. Your younger sister-in-law is pregnant." Old Madam Ye could not stop smiling. Ye Zhao got married late because of his poor family conditions. He was now eighteen years old and had been married for a year. He also married a girl from the Su family, who was even poorer in the same village. Before that girl married into the Ye family, she was so thin that she was only skin and bones. She had to recuperate for a year before she could barely get pregnant.

Old Madam Ye did not want anything to happen if the girl were to get pregnant in such a weak state, so she could only wait.

Now that there was good news, she did not want anything to happen to her child, so she did not let the couple come to the county. She knew that the county was very crowded today.

“Pregnant?” Ye Muyu was surprised, but she felt that it was only natural. She smiled and said, “That’s good. Lil’ Zhao will have descendants too.”

“Mother, Eldest Sister-in-law, have some tea.” Ye Muyu poured tea for them.

Madam Han hugged her teacup and did not speak. It was as if she did not hear Ye Muyu and Old Madam Ye’s conversation. She was like an invisible person.

Ye Muyu saw that she was becoming more reserved and did not like to talk, so she did not force her.

She kept talking to Old Madam Ye.

Old Woman Ye was talking about Madam Su’s pregnancy care. “Oh right, Lan ‘er, should I send the pickled cabbages at home to Fragrance Restaurant in the county when they’re ready?”

“It’s not good for me to always trouble your servants to drive a carriage over. I don’t know when they will come. Sometimes, when your people arrive, I would be in the fields.”

“But you don’t have a mule cart at home. How are you going to bring the pickled vegetables to the county?” Ye Muyu simply felt that it was too tiring for Old Woman Ye to carry it over, so she usually let Zhang Shu drive the mule cart to collect pickled vegetables regularly.

“I’ll take the ox cart from the village,” Old Woman Ye said quickly.

Ye Muyu felt that something was wrong with her mood. She took a sip of tea and asked slowly, "Mother, what do you want? Can't you tell me?"

"Sister-in-law, this has nothing to do with you. It's me. I feel that it's too much trouble for you. Sister-in-law is also very capable. Moreover, I heard that there are people selling pickled cabbages in the county. They're selling quite well."

"Then if we don't send our pickled cabbages earlier, we won't be able to sell our pickled cabbages if the restaurant already bought it from others." Madam Han stammered, her eyes full of worry. Her alarmist character was displayed in full respect..

Chapter 256: Bean Sauce

"Sister-in-law, don't worry. The Fragrance Restaurant won't ruin its reputation. Other people's pickled cabbages are done every two to three days, but the price is also low. They can only sell for 20 copper coins per jar, but ours can sell for 100 copper coins per jar. The price itself is different."

"Mother, you also know that our pickled cabbages are even more delicious. The Fragrance Restaurant belongs to the Xie family. They have always kept their promises and will not change them at will."

"Let's take the pickled cabbages as an example. There aren't many cabbages left now, and the pickled vegetables can be preserved for a long time. The Fragrance Restaurant is the largest restaurant in the county, so it consumes them faster. They'll need more in the future."

"However, since you're worried that you can't sell them, then sell them all to the Fragrance Restaurant and let them keep them for themselves." Ye Muyu changed her mind because she remembered that the Xie family had more than one branch of the Fragrance Restaurant.

The shops in other counties also needed pickled cabbages.

As for why the other party did not mention it, it was probably because they knew about her family's situation and thought that the amount was not much. In addition to the cooperation regarding the soft fragrant cake shop, Xie Yu's attitude would affect the attitude of the stewards below him.

It was just a popular dish, so it was not enough to catch the Xie family's attention. Of course, the restaurant manager would definitely want to sell more, but unfortunately, he did not dare to offend the main family's distinguished guests, so he could only continue to sell the fish with pickled vegetables in limited quantities.

As for Madam Han's unfounded worries, Ye Muyu did not think she had the ability to change them. When the pickled cabbages business could continue, she did not need to guarantee anything. Madam Han naturally wouldn't think about these things.

Old Madam Ye did not know what Ye Muyu was thinking. However, she had earned a lot of money recently because of her daughter. Naturally, the hesitation in her heart was dispelled.

"Mother, you can't tell anyone else about this pickled cabbage recipe. This was agreed upon with the Fragrance Restaurant. If it were to be leaked, the Fragrance Restaurant's profits would be damaged, and they wouldn't accept any more pickled cabbages." Ye Muyu had to be alert.

Originally, this pickled cabbage business was a way for her family to increase their income.

It is better to teach them to fish than to keep giving them money.

She kindly reminded them that it would be good if they could keep this business. Either way, she would rather be eliminated by the market than have her own family foolishly tell others the recipe and quickly destroy the way to earn money.

The former was natural.

The latter was a choice of stupidity.

Madam Han's eyes flickered as she looked at Ye Muyu with a stammering expression. She looked at her clothes with envy, then at her own coarse clothes, her face full of sadness.

Seeing her reaction, Ye Muyu did not say anything. Madam Han's personality was like this. She would rather talk to her calmly than argue with her.

"By the way, Mother, did you make bean paste at home? You can make more. The master of the Xie family likes the ones you sent to the Xie family last time. If you have more, you can take them out and sell them like pickled vegetables." This bean paste was usually made by Old Madam Ye to eat with pickles.

In her eyes, it was not anything precious. When she heard Ye Muyu say that she could earn money, she felt that there was an opportunity. "Really? I thought you were the only one who liked to eat this. Other people have also made it. It shouldn't be worth much, right?" Old Madam Ye said hesitantly.

"It's delicious." Ye Muyu's name dispelled Old Madam Ye's self-doubt.

She smiled smugly. "That's true. Daughter, your culinary skills are the best. If you like it, others will definitely like it too."

"Then I'll go back and make more. I'll plant more beans and red peppers this year.."

Chapter 257: What Happened

"By the way, where's my son-in-law?" Old Madam Ye looked outside the door but did not see Chu Heng. The central room was very lively, but because the Chu family was entertaining their guests, so Old Madam Ye did not disturb them from catching up.

"He should be back soon," Ye Muyu said as he looked outside.

On the way back, Chu Heng split up and went to look for the county magistrate and Xie Yu.

“Father! Mother!” Ye Muyu heard a commotion outside. She could hear Chu Jin’s voice.

“Is Lil’ Jin back?” Old Madam Ye also heard it and followed him out.

Ye Muyu followed closely behind.

In the courtyard.

Lu Chuan and the others had just returned from outside. He was still hugging Chu Jin. Chu Jin’s clothes were all over the place, as if he had just gotten into a fight.

Beside him was Zhang Shu, who was also wearing a slightly wrinkled shirt.

There was also Chu Xing, who was pulling a trolley over.

“What’s going on?” In the central room, Madam Liu and Chu Zhiwen also heard the noise outside.

They called Chu Jin and the others in.

Chu Jin had already come down. He quickly ran into Ye Muyu’s arms and hugged her dress. He looked up at her with fear and excitement in his eyes.

Ye Muyu wiped the dust off his face with a handkerchief.

The group entered the central room.

“Grandpa, Grandma, Granduncle, Grandaunt.” Chu Jin called out to everyone.

Immediately after, Chu Xing called for help.

"Did something happen?" Chu Zhiwen nodded and asked Chu Xing.

Chu Xing patted his chest that had just calmed down. He said with some lingering fear, "Third Uncle, it's like this. We met kidnappers."

"That kidnapper almost kidnapped Lil' Jin."

"Fortunately, Lu Chuan had some skills. He was able to beat those strong men to the ground."

"You guys don't know, but those strong men tried to run away with Lilt Jin in their arms."

"Zhang Shu could not even grab Lil' Jin's robe."

"These kidnappers are too arrogant!" Chu Xing frowned and cursed.

Madam Liu was shocked when she heard that. "Aren't they afraid of being arrested and sent to the yamen?"

"Fortunately, we came back early."

"I wonder if anything happened to the other clansmen." After Madam Liu said this, the others were also a little worried.

Chu Zhiwen looked at Chu Lin and Chu Cai. "Chu Lin, Chu Cai, go and remind the other clansmen and your father-in-law's family. If they meet such a bold kidnapper, their child would be taken away."

Chu Zhiwen knew that not everyone was as capable as Lu Chuan.

"Yes, Father," The two of them answered.

Before they left, their worriedly reminded their children not to go out.

After Chu Lin and Chu Cai left, the door of the courtyard was locked from the inside to prevent any children from being tricked out. Chu Jin described the scene of them being taken away as a little scary.

“Lil’ Jin, are you alright?” Madam Liu asked with concern. When she heard Chu Jin say that the kidnapper wanted to knock him out with sleeping pills, he cleverly held his breath and bit the kidnapper’s wrist.

“What you did was right.” Madam Liu felt a lingering fear.” Those bad guys should be cut into pieces.”

“Grandma, I’m not afraid. I’m fine. Mother said that she would be worried about me if something happened to me, so I bit tem. I’ll bite whoever dares to hurt me.” Chu Jin said with a ruthless tone.

However, her hand grabbed Ye Muyu’s and refused to let go.

Ye Muyu saw the seriousness in his eyes and felt a little cold towards the kidnapper.

Fortunately, this event did not traumatize him and he had not really been kidnapped. After talking to the adults, he ran to the courtyard and gestured to his other cousins..

Chapter 258: Kidnapper

Chu Jin looked like a storyteller.

“Did you send the kidnapper to the police?” Ye Muyu asked Lu Chuan.

“They were sent to the officials. I knocked down those kidnappers. When the people nearby found out what happened, they were furious.”

“We saw him enter the government office with our own eyes before we came back,” Lu Chuan replied respectfully. At this moment, he felt a little emotional. Madam’s intuition was really accurate.

If he had not gone over, Chu Jin might have really been kidnapped.

Looking at the kidnapper’s skills, things probably would not be so simple.

“Serves them right. They should be sent to the officials,” Madam Liu said. When she heard that they were sent to the officials, she heaved a sigh of relief.

After this incident, both Madam Zhang and Madam Wang were worried that something would happen to their children.

They were a little anxious to cook.

Madam Luo was also a little worried about her family, so she suggested going out to ask.

Liu Cheng stopped her and said that he would go.

Madam Liu and Chu Zhiwen could not stop him, so they agreed.

The women in the house waited worriedly while the men outside informed their families.

In fact, it started when Lu Chuan and the others met the kidnapper.

The county began to spread the news of meeting kidnappers.

Hence, the news had already spread on the streets.

The county magistrate had just been reminded by Chu Heng, who had come with Xie Yu, that there might be kidnappers. He saw a bailiff come over to inform him that the kidnappers had been caught.

County Magistrate Xu's expression instantly turned ugly.

"Did anything happen?"

"Milord, no, but those kidnappers were sent here by someone. I'm afraid that in less than fifteen minutes, the whole county will know about this news." The bailiff did not dare to hide it.

County Magistrate Xu heaved a sigh of relief. As long as there was no trouble, it was not a big deal.

Obviously, County Magistrate Xu was too optimistic.

"Since the county magistrate has something to do, then the servants of the Xie family will distribute the Soft Fragrance Cakes according to the rules so that you won't be distracted." Xie Yu spoke up at the right time. He did not want to ruin his plan of promoting the Soft Fragrant Cake because of the kidnapper.

County Magistrate Xu understood what Xie Yu meant.

Since he had given him face in the beginning, he naturally would not reject him because of this matter. "Then I'll have to trouble you, Third Young Master. The yamen doesn't have enough manpower. After this incident, we can only arrange for more people to go to the county to maintain order and deal with this kidnapper."

"There are not enough people in this competition venue. Third Young Master, I owe you a favor."

"Milord is too polite." Xie Yu was not arrogant, as long as County Magistrate Xu did not ruin his plan.

County Magistrate Xu arranged for many bailiffs to patrol the area.

On Xie Yu's side, he arranged for guards to guard the place of the competition and not let anyone cause trouble here.

Chu Heng did not stay for long. After confirming that it was none of his

business, he naturally did not get involved. After informing County Magistrate Xu and Xie Yu, he left.

Along the way, there were many rumors about kidnappers.

It caused a ruckus among the commoners everywhere.

The adults no longer dared to let go of the young children. They were all hugging them. Many people even had the intention to go home.

As soon as the bailiffs began to patrol the streets, the panicked citizens instantly quieted down.

In a secret place, there were some guards of the Xie family.

It could be seen that Xie Yu did not want anything bad to happen today, lest the reputation of Soft Fragrance Cake was ruined. It could be seen that he had put in a lot of effort this time.

When Chu Heng arrived at the residence, he found out that this matter was related to his own child.

His expression instantly turned solemn. 'Master,' said Lu Chuan. 'I've found something.' 'What discovery?' Chu Heng asked..

Chapter 259: There Are Not That Many Coincidence In This World

"Those people are very skilled and don't seem to be ordinary kidnappers. Moreover, after I beat those people until they couldn't fight back, I found a money bag on the leader's body. There were two pieces ten taels of silver in it. Other than that, there were only a dozen copper coins. The others did not have any money on them."

“This subordinate deliberately took the silver in his hand. Then, he heard a kidnapper moaning beside him say that they barely touched the silver yet... This subordinate feels that there must be someone else behind this. In fact, the attack on the Young Master might have been intentional.”

“Other than that, I feel that there are kidnappers wandering outside.” Lu Chuan told Chu Heng his guess.

Chu Heng recalled that the thieves in the village seemed to be targeting his own family.

After the incident, he even asked the villagers to draw a portrait of him. However, no matter how much money he spent, he could not find him. It was as if the thief had disappeared in an instant.

Of course, this was not surprising. After all, it was very likely that he was hiding in the mountains.

H had entered the officialdom in his previous life and offended many people, so he would not have found it strange.

Now, he had not offended anyone in his previous life or this life.

Could it be a coincidence?

No, it should not be a coincidence.

Unlike Ye Muyu, Chu Heng never believed in coincidences. Everything happened for a reason, but he was still young and could not find out the reason.

The only one who seemed to be involved with him was the Tang family...

“Last time you went to ask around the Li family’s woman at the village entrance. Do you think that it could be related to today’s matter?” Chu Heng asked.

Lu Chuan said. "I went to ask about it last time. I heard that it was someone from her family. They wanted to know about Miss Ziluo's situation. Her nephew wanted to propose a marriage to Miss Ziluo."

"I went to ask the Tang family too. Mrs. Tang scolded Tang Rou every day, but Tang Xueren did not care. There were two other sons, but the younger one doesn't know anything, and the older one hides money and lives freely in the county."

"Master, why don't I go find Tang Rou?" Lu Chuan was not stupid. He could sense that Chu Heng was suspecting Tang Rou. The previous investigation did not have anything to do with Tang Rou. It was all the wishful thinking of the women in the village who wanted to get close to the Chu family.

Thus, he did not take it to heart.

However, it was different now. Chu Jin had almost been kidnapped.

Looking at Chu Heng's expression, he knew that he would not let this matter rest.

"Go and check. She should still be in the county." Chu Heng nodded. He gave Lu Chuan a tael of silver and said, "Get someone to keep an eye on the county government. Those kidnappers might be the breakthrough point." "Yes, Master." Lu Chuan took the silver and left.

Ye Muyu had just walked over and saw Chu Heng giving Lu Chuan the silver. She walked to his side and asked with concern, "Did you ask Lu Chuan to go out and buy something?"

"No." Chu Heng turned around and grabbed Ye Muyu's hand.

Ye Muyu was slightly stunned. She was not used to it and instinctively pulled her hand back. Chu Heng's eyes darkened, but this time, he did not let Ye Muyu pull her hand back.

He felt the softness in his palm. This warmth felt like it was beating his heart, and the heat spread throughout his body.

Chu Heng had a certain thought in his heart, and he did not want to let go, even if she did not like him now.

Either way, as long as he liked her, he would become the man she liked. Chu Heng lowered his head and hooked his fingers around Ye Muyu's palm. He saw that she had retracted her hand, but his big hand did not retreat. Instead, he shackled her wrist, not hurting her, but not allowing her to escape. Ye Muyu curled her fingers several times, but she could not avoid the man's childish actions..

Chapter 260: The Child Could Be an Accident

She smiled." Why are you playing around? Aren't we talking about serious matters?"

"I asked Lu Chuan to investigate Tang Rou. Maybe she has something to do with this."

"In short, Lil' Jin was almost kidnapped. We need to investigate it clearly, or else you won't be at ease," Chu Heng said.

When Ye Muyu heard this, she agreed with him to investigate. However, when it came to Tang Rou, she felt that Tang Rou was too stubborn. She was not someone who would give up easily, so it was good to investigate.

Ye Muyu glanced at him and reminded him, "Don't let Lil' Jin hear you.

Otherwise, he'll think you don't care about him. You're his father. How can you rest assured if you don't find out?"

"It's alright." After Chu Heng answered this, he saw Ye Muyu's speechless expression.

However, he indeed needed to protect his son. After all, he was a father.

After all, Chu Heng had experienced two lifetimes, so his childish behavior only lasted for a moment.

As for what he was thinking, only he knew. He added, "Don't worry. It'll be fine."

"Go and rest first. I'll go and brew some calming tea for Lil' Jin." Chu Heng turned around and went into the kitchen. Ye Muyu was used to him doing things that outsiders thought could only be done by 'women'.

Thus, she did not have much reaction.

On the other hand, Old Madam Ye and Madam Han, who were beside her, watched as Chu Heng entered the kitchen. When they saw him 'condescend' to take out a ceramic jar and boil the calming tea, they felt a little shocked.

Old Woman Ye muttered, "My daughter, my son-in-law is a scholar. How can he cook? His hands are used for writing, so how could he do such menial work? Didn't he hire servants at home? Does Son-in-law usually enter the kitchen personally?"

Madam Han looked worried. "Second Sister, you can't be willful. You'll have to live your husband for your entire life. A woman should be obedient and serve her husband. I, your sister-in-law, don't have the fortune..."

As Madam Han spoke, her eyes turned red.

However, unexpectedly, Old Madam Ye, Ye Mengjie, and Ye Hai were not surprised at all.

Ye Muyu was confused.

She saw that Madam Han had recovered after a while and was still energetic enough to tell Ye Hai not to be too naughty.

Ye Muyu was speechless. So this was an indirect resentment?

“Daughter, you’re amazing. Son-in-law is not bad. Look at the other girls. How can they have a better life than you? How can their husband be better than yours? In that case, it’s still me who is blessed.” Old Madam Ye was surprised and then proud, especially when she saw her daughter’s unsurprised expression. It was obvious that she was not pretending in front of her.

Ye Muyu did not bother to explain since her family had always been direct. Chu Heng was a very capable person. When she thought about how he was in the county, she knew that he did not need anyone to take care of him.

However, Ye Muyu still felt that Chu Heng’s actions were too familiar. Logically speaking, students did not need to cook in school. So, how could Chu Heng cook? Moreover, his cooking tasted good.

Although Ye Muyu had some doubts, she fully trusted Chu Heng. She thought about it for a while and then stopped thinking. No matter what, she could see that Chu Heng was a good man.

“Mother, when are you going back?” Ye Muyu asked.

“Didn’t the county magistrate say that there are any benefits after the competition?” Old Woman Ye asked. “It would be a loss to go back now.”

“That’s just the Soft Fragrance Cake. I gave it to you last time. It’s nothing special. If you really want to eat it, I’ll make it for you in two days..”