

Peasant 261

Chapter 261: How Can I Not Take Benefits?

“With this kidnapping incident in the county, I’m afraid the city gates will be closed early. I’ll go back early in a while. We’ll still have time to come to the county to watch the show tomorrow or the day after that, but the children’s safety is the priority,” Ye Muyu advised.

She was afraid that she would not be able to spare the energy to take care of her family.

When Old Madam Ye heard that it was Soft Fragrance Cake, she suddenly understood. “So it’s this. But my daughter, you’re wrong. You said that Soft Fragrance Cake is very expensive and really delicious. How can you let it go and not take advantage of it? You even paid the entrance fee to enter the city today.”

“I’ll go back after taking the Soft Fragrance Cake. Madam Han, you take the two children back first. Just stay with the villagers. Don’t wander around. Call your father for lunch when you go back. Don’t sleep so much and starve yourself.” Old Madam Ye made arrangements for Madam Han in just a few sentences.

“By the way, Lan ‘er gave us a catty of meat. Don’t just keep it when you take it back. Cook it and eat it. We’ve only been eating vegetables for so many days. It’s so bland,” Old Woman Ye said.

Only then did Madam Han look at her in surprise. “Mother, a pound of meat can be sold to others. It can be sold for more than twenty copper coins. It would be a pity to eat it...”

“I don’t need to eat. I’m in good health.”

Ye Muyu looked at Madam Han, who had no reaction to Old Woman Ye’s arrangement but had a strong reaction to eating meat. The corner of her mouth twitched.

Old Madam Ye glared at her. "What nonsense are you talking about? That's not just for you to eat. Don't the children and your father-in-law have to eat? Moreover, your sister-in-law is pregnant, so doesn't she have to eat?"

"It's not like you can't save money now. If you're worried that you don't have any money, go home and help me make pickles. I guarantee that you'll earn copper coins every day."

"Also, take back the gifts that Lan 'er gave you. Don't wander around when you return to the village."

"Mother, I understand..." Madam Han was still a little unwilling as if eating a catty of meat was too extravagant.

However, Old Madam Ye always kept her word, so she probably wouldn't change her mind.

She felt a little helpless, but she still left.

Seeing Madam Han carrying big and small bags of gifts and the two children holding pastries in their hands, they first went to greet Madam Liu and Chu Zhiwen, the two elders, before being sent by Old Madam Ye to the city gate and taking the ox cart back.

Ye Muyu nodded and looked at the back of her family who had left. The reason why her family had sold all the items they had taken from the original host and were dressed in rags was most likely because of Madam Han.

With Madam Han's personality, it was obvious that she was reluctant to spend money. She could even tolerate her tattered clothes. She might be afraid of being poor, but it was more of self-pity.

Ye Muyu's personality was completely different from hers. If the two of them lived together, there might be conflicts.

Seeing that Madam Han listened to Old Woman Ye's words, it was obvious that she was a very common woman in the village. At home, she obeyed her father; After marriage, she obeyed her husband, and once her husband died, she obeyed her son.

Ye Hai was too young and she could not rely on him, so she subconsciously leaned on Old Woman Ye.

She only needed to subdue Old Madam Ye, and the days of her maternal family would not be difficult.

Ye Muyu understood and went into the kitchen.

Seeing that Chu Heng was almost done with the calming soup. Madam Zhang and Madam Wang had prepared the dishes, but they hadn't made them yet.

"Third Sister-in-law, did anything happen in the county?" She asked subconsciously when she saw her enter.

"The county magistrate won't let there be any trouble in the county.

Sister-in-law, don't let your imagination run wild." Ye Muyu knew that Madam Zhang was just asking casually, so she answered casually..

Chapter 262: Inside Story of Liu Jiao's Marriage

Sure enough, Madam Zhang went on to talk about other things.

Ye Muyu walked to Chu Heng's side, squatted down, and took out a fan to fan the flames.

"Go to the main room and talk to Uncle for a while. I'll watch over here."

"Okay, call me if you need anything." Chu Heng nodded. Although he did not want his wife to suffer, he did not want outsiders to gossip.

Chu Heng was not the type to lose the bigger picture for the sake of a small matter. Ye Muyu was also sensible. Seeing that she did not show any unhappiness, he knew that she understood his intentions. Only then did Chu Heng leave with peace of mind.

“Third Sister-in-law, is Third Brother usually this gentle?” Madam Zhang asked Ye Mu Yu with a smile as soon as Chu Heng left. As expected, it is said that even heroes would be charmed by beauties. It seemed that Third Brother is the same.”

“Eldest Sister-in-law, you’re speaking like a scholar now. You’re starting to read now? Then should I learn from him?” Madam Wang asked hesitantly. She was willing to spend money on the child, but she was unwilling to spend it on herself and Chu Cai. Chu Cai had a similar personality as her. They were two honest people. They clearly had savings, but they lived extremely simply.

However, the two of them seemed to be enjoying it.

Speaking of studying, Madam Zhang thought of her son-in-law, Song Lu. She had greeted him before she left, but she had forgotten to remind him about the kidnapper. She did not know if her husband would remind Song Lu.

For a moment, she was a little worried.

She wiped her hands on her apron and said to Mrs. Wang, “Second Sister-in-law, we’re short of soy sauce at home. I’ll go get some. Help me look after the pot.”

“Okay, go ahead.” Madam Wang did not even raise her head.

Madam Zhang hurriedly left the kitchen and went to the central room. She said a few words before leaving.

Ye Muyu quickly boiled the soup and called Chu Jin over to drink it.

The dishes in the kitchen were all ready. It would be appropriate to cook them in an hour.

Ye Muyu and Madam Wang entered the central room and listened to Liu Cheng and his wife.

At this moment, there were only their own people in the house. The men and women did not sit separately, but they sat on two sides.

At this moment, Madam Liu had already finished talking to her younger brother, Liu Cheng, and was talking to her sister-in-law, Madam Luo, about Liu Jiao.

After Ye Muyu entered, she sat down on the stool beside her. Chu Ziluo came in after she was done playing and snuggled up to Ye Muyu.

Speaking of Liu Jiao's marriage, Madam Luo was a little hesitant.

Seeing her expression, Madam Liu knew that there might be some inside story.

She remembered that a few days ago, her family sent a letter saying that Liu Jiao was betrothed and that the man was from the city. He should be a good person.

However, although she was worried about her family, she would not take the initiative to speak up. If there was really a problem, as a mother, Madam Luo would not watch her daughter suffer.

Madam Luo wanted to ask Madam Liu for help, especially when she saw that her sister-in-law's life was getting better and better.

However, she wanted him to take the initiative to mention this matter. Otherwise, when she went back, her mother might be angry with her.

The two of them were in a stalemate for a moment, waiting for each other to speak.

The one who could not hold it in was Liu Jiao herself.

Liu Jiao saw that her mother did not get to the main topic after talking for a long time. She was a little anxious. She could not help but interrupt. "Eldest Aunt, please help me with my marriage. I will be filial to you in the future." Madam Liu was not surprised by her niece's straightforward personality.

Just as she was about to speak, Madam Luo slapped Liu Jiao's shoulder. She looked at Madam Liu nervously and interrupted awkwardly, "Second Sister, Jiao'er is becoming more and more willful. She's spouting nonsense. Don't take it to heart."

Madam Liu frowned slightly when she saw her behavior..

Chapter 263: Being Too Straightforward Can Easily Offend People

It was not that Madam Luo did not love Liu Jiao, but compared to her son, her daughter was definitely not that important.

She had originally planned to discuss with her sister-in-law about sending her son to the county to study, but this matter was mainly for Liu Cheng to ask Chu Heng. She was a woman, so it was not appropriate for her to talk about her son's studies.

Among the women, the topic was naturally about their daughters.

She tried to bring up the topic. Seeing that Madam Liu did not respond, she was a little disappointed, but she did not want to force it because of her daughter. If she offended her sister-in-law, her son's studies would be delayed. She had planned not to mention her daughter's marriage proposal.

She did not expect her daughter to say it herself.

Only then did Madam Luo panic and instinctively pat Liu Jiao's shoulder.

Liu Jiao was used to Madam Luo patting her from time to time. It did not hurt anyway, so she did not take it to heart. After thinking about it, a girl who dared to speak up would definitely have the best life.

She hesitated for a moment. Then, she grabbed Madam Liu's arm and shook it, "Eldest Aunt, you're the only one who can help me."

"What nonsense are you talking about? If you say that in front of your parents, won't you make them sad?" Madam Liu pinched the tip of her nose disapprovingly. Although she said that, she still had a smile on her face.

Liu Jiao had a straightforward personality. "Father and Mother need to think about my younger brother. I've grown up."

When she said this, she was still sincere. There was no trace of filth in her clear eyes. Madam Liu stretched out her hand and patted her head. This child was obviously a sincere person, but her words were too straightforward and could easily offend others.

When Madam Liu heard Liu Jiao's words, her expression changed a few times. If it was not for the fact that her sister-in-law, Madam Liu, did not look angry and was in a good mood, she would have reprimanded this child a long time ago-

Thinking of what Liu Jiao said, she felt a little uncomfortable. She had raised such a big child, yet she actually hated her in her heart?

She treated this child quite well.

Seeing the change in her expression, Madam Liu knew that Liu Jiao had unintentionally offended her own mother. However, what disappointed her even more was that Madam Liu had treated her child well in the past, but she did not expect that after living with her for more than ten years, she did not understand her child's personality as well as Madam Liu, who was married off. She frowned slightly because Madam Luo misunderstood her child.

Madam Liu could see it clearly and felt that the relationship between the mother and daughter was troublesome.

However, she did not want to get involved.

She reached out and knocked Liu Jiao's forehead. "Are you blaming your parents for not treating you as well as your brother?"

"What? I am also good to my little brother. If he becomes a scholar, I will be happy. It is only right that father and mother are good to him. I just don't want to trouble my father and mother too much. If I can solve my own problem, then I won't trouble Father and Mother."

"It's just that the Wang family has encountered some difficulties this time. Jiao'er doesn't have the ability to deal with it, so she can only owe Eldest Aunt a favor. In the future, Jiao'er will also be filial to Eldest Aunt. If Eldest Aunt can't help, I'll go find someone else. In short, I can't let Wang Chuan continue to suffer losses. Those people are too evil."

Liu Jiao wrinkled her delicate nose. She got angry when she talked about how difficult it was for her husband to propose to her.

Madam Liu looked at Madam Luo and saw that she was a little ashamed. She snorted arrogantly in her heart. Although this sister-in-law's heart was not bad, she was not smart and easily made mistakes.

Madam Luo was a little embarrassed and subconsciously looked away, not daring to look at Madam Liu

"Child, you haven't even married into the family yet, and you're already siding with your husband's family. You'll be laughed at by others," Madam Luo reminded her softly..

Chapter 264: The Wang Family's Matter

Liu Jiao pouted and stopped talking. However, her eyes were still looking at Madam Liu. Clearly, she had not given up yet.

Madam Liu had been waiting for the other party to take the initiative to bring it up so that she could take the initiative. She did not dawdle any longer and asked directly, "Alright, child, I know that you might be causing trouble again if I don't help you."

“I’ll do my best.”

Naturally, she would not make any promises. She had a clear position in her ability. If she could not do it, she would not take responsibility for it. Therefore, she gave her a warning in advance.

“Eldest Aunt, it’s like this. Wang Chuan and his father have a small shoe shop in the county.” Liu Jiao hugged Madam Liu’s arm happily.

“It’s been doing pretty well before, but the Third Young Master of Landlord

Wang’s family in the county called his servants to the shop to ask Brother

Wang Chuan and Uncle Wang to make a new type of shoes.”

“Brother Wang Chuan and Uncle Wang spent a lot of effort to make it.” “But because it’s made of deerskin, it’s especially precious. However, there are very few Wild deer, and one piece of deerskin can’t make many shoes.”

“And back then, the Third Young Master of Landlord Wang’s family brought the deerskin that could be used to make three pairs of deerskin shoes.”

“But Brother Wang Chuan and Uncle Wang were very frugal. They used leftover materials to make the fourth pair.”

“I mentioned this pair of shoes before, but the people from Landlord Wang’s family didn’t want it. They thought it was scrap. At that time, they also agreed that the scrap would go to Uncle Wang.”

“Then Uncle Wang put this pair of shoes outside and sold it to a passing merchant.”

"Who knew that Landlord Wang's family would suddenly go to the shop and demand a fourth pair of shoes a month later. They said that Uncle Wang had stolen the material and asked him to hand over the shoes." Liu Jiao's anger grew.

"Uncle Wang has already sold the shoes. Who knew that Landlord Wang's family would demand an exorbitant price? They said that the Wang family must compensate. It's either a pair of shoes or fifty taels of silver." "Although the shoes were precious, they were only sold for twenty taels."

"Uncle Wang's family has been affected so much that they can't do business. They have been closed for a long time and are even harassed by the servants of the Wang family every day."

"Now Uncle Wang can only sell the shop and gather money to settle this matter with Landlord Wang's family."

"But Uncle Wang's shop is too small, and he can't find a buyer for a while. He's been forced by Landlord Wang's family every day. He can't eat or sleep, and his body has been exhausted."

"Aunt, I wonder if Cousin Chu Heng can find a buyer to help Uncle Wang sell the shop?" Liu Jiao had a straightforward personality and was not stupid.

Especially when it came to money, she definitely could not trouble her aunt. Therefore, she thought that with Chu Heng's cousin's identity as a scholar, he would definitely be able to find a rich person to buy the shop. At that time, the Wang family's matter would be resolved.

Uncle Wang and Brother Wang Chuan could continue to live. Although they had suffered a loss this time, as long as they had the craftsmanship, they would not starve to death.

If they continued to argue with Landlord Wang's family, he might lose both money and people.

When Madam Liu heard this news, she did not expect it to be so serious. They were actually being bullied.

"Jiao Er, it shouldn't be difficult for me to help you find someone to buy the Wang family's shop."

“But it will be difficult to seek justice from Landlord Wang’s family’s Third Young Master.”

In ancient times, status had always been strict. Ordinary people, even the rich, could not beat the landlord.

A landlord could not beat an official.

Officials could not compete with the royal family.

This was reality.

Liu Jiao nodded. “I understand, Aunt. Uncle Wang and Brother Wang Chuan have already said that the Wang family has no heir. Brother Wang Chuan is the only son, so he can’t let down his ancestors. So, these 50 taels can only be used as a lesson..”

Chapter 265: The Evil Landlord

“In the future, they will leave the county and live in the neighboring county. As long as they have skills, they can earn money. It’s just a little harder, but at least they are still alive.”

“But Eldest Aunt, if you find someone to buy Uncle Wang’s shop, the buyer has to be more powerful than Landlord Wang’s family. Actually, Brother Wang Chuan and I suspect that the shop can’t be sold because most people don’t dare to offend Landlord Wang’s family.”

“If Eldest Aunt is willing to help me, please be careful. Don’t let the Wang family know that you’re involved.”

“If the mad dog under Landlord Wang family’s Third Young Master acts up and bites you again, I’ll feel guilty toward Eldest Aunt.” Liu Jiao’s mouth was not forgiving either. She frowned deeply when she said this. It was obvious how much she hated Landlord Wang’s family.

Madam Luo saw that she had even used the word 'mad dog' when she spoke like this. She could not help but reach out and pat her head. "Child, how can you curse? Don't say it out loud."

Although Madam Liu also felt that it was not good for children to have the habit of swearing, it was not a big deal for a country bumpkin to swear a little.

Seeing that Madam Luo's focus was still on this, Madam Liu felt that her attitude was a little strange.

Madam Liu patted the back of Liu Jiao's hand. "Child, go down with Sister

Qingxiang. Play for a while. Eldest Aunt will talk to your mother."

"Eldest Aunt..." Liu Jiao did not want to leave. She still wanted to know Eldest Aunt's attitude towards the Wang family.

Madam Liu raised her head and looked at her. Her eyes were filled with comfort. "You still don't believe your aunt?"

Liu Jiao immediately hugged her arm and acted coquettishly. "Eldest Aunt, how can Jiao'er not believe you? Then Jiao'er will go down with Sister Qingxiang."

Chu Qingxiang had been listening from the side, but she was thinking about Song Lu. She wondered if her mother had informed him.

Just as she was thinking about it, she saw that her grandmother had arranged some work for her. It could be seen that the next thing she was going to do was to decide on the Wang family's matter.

"Cousin Jiao'er, let's talk in the room." She quickly got up and held Liu Jiao's arm.

Chu Qingxiang took Liu Jiao away.

The other children in the room were also brought out.

Ye Muyu patted Chu Ziluo's head and told her to keep an eye on Lil' Jin.

"Mother, I'll take good care of my brother Chu Ziluo nodded obediently and whispered.

Ye Muyu nodded gently and watched the two children leave.

After the children left, the room became quieter.

Madam Liu did not delay any further. She directly asked Madam Luo,

"Sister-in-law, the Wang family is in such a situation. What do you think?" Jiao Er has expressed her stance."

What was left unsaid was that Madam Luo, as a mother, seemed to have other thoughts in her heart.

As expected, Madam Luo's expression changed slightly. She wanted to say something but stopped herself. However, seeing Madam Liu's burning gaze, it was obvious that she had already guessed something. Madam Luo was a little embarrassed. She gritted her teeth and said," Sister-in-law, you also know that we are a family of farmers in the mountains. If Landlord Wang's family finds out that we helped the Wang family, if they attack us, we won't be able to live like this."

"Not only will it implicate the child, but it will also implicate Father and Mother. Father and mother are already old, how can they withstand the torment?"

"I... I want to find a new marriage for Jiao'er."

"No!" As soon as Madam Luo finished speaking before Madam Liu could say anything, Liu Cheng interrupted her.

"Husband..." Madam Luo was shocked. Her face turned a little pale. Her explanation was a little pale.. "I just don't want to be implicated..."

Chapter 266: What Are You Trying to Plot?

"Nonsense, is this something you can say? The Wang family already discussed this with Father previously."

"Father has already agreed. As juniors, how can we go back on our words? Moreover, that Landlord Wang's family probably doesn't want money. Don't interfere in the Wang family's matters, but you can't reject this marriage. We can't go back on our words."

"You'd better think back to the days when you brought Jiao'er to the county so frequently before the accident."

What Liu Cheng meant was already very obvious, especially to Madam Liu.

He was talking about her. When the Wang family was rich, she would compare them with others. However, now that something happened, she wanted to cancel the engagement. Madam Luo's eyes turned red. She lowered her head, not daring to let others see her as a joke.

She felt even more wronged.

If the Wang family had just lost their wealth, she would have accepted the other party. However, now that they had offended Landlord Wang's family and implicated her own family, she was afraid that her sister-in-law would be even angrier at her.

Madam Luo felt a little resentful, but since these words were said by her man, she could not say anything unpleasant, so she simply shut her mouth.

The only women in the room were Madam Liu, Madam Wang, and Ye Muyu.

However, Madam Wang did not expect Madam Luo to be so aggrieved that she wanted to cry.

Ye Muyu and Madam Liu could tell.

Madam Liu also agreed with her brother's words, but it was also important not to implicate her family.

Therefore, she was frowning and deep in thought. She had no time to appease Madam Luo, so she ignored...

As for Ye Muyu, she was not good at comforting others, especially since Madam Luo was an elder. She had not met her many times and was not familiar with her. Naturally, she would not speak casually. She did not know her personality. If she spoke casually, she might offend others.

On the other hand, the way Liu Cheng spoke showed that he was giving Madam Luo face.

After all, people would criticize them if they said that they would only share wealth but not hardship.

Although Madam Luo felt wronged, she had only suffered because of her own choice.

If her attitude towards the Wang family had been correct before the Wang family had met with any mishaps, and she had no intention of taking advantage of them, she would not be in this situation.

The same situation also occurred with Madam Zhang and Song Lu, the new Elementary Scholar.

If Song Lu was in the same predicament as the Wang Clan, Madam Zhang would have to choose whether she would want her family to go through thick and thin with them.

Everything was because, from the beginning, they had the intention to take advantage of the other party, but they had to be mentally prepared to be implicated by the other party.

The thoughts of Madam Luo and Madam Zhang were also what the general public would do. It was human instinct to seek benefits and avoid harm.

There was no right or wrong.

Speaking of which, Liu Cheng's words were right. Landlord Wang's family clearly had other ideas.

If he only wanted silver, he could easily help sell the shop and get Master Wang Chuan to give him the silver. Why would he go around in circles and make people not dare to buy Wang Chuan's courtyard and not accept the courtyard as silver? It was obvious that he had other plans.

Ye Muyu felt that there might be something inside that they did not know about.

Could it be the instructions for making shoes?

Or perhaps, he wanted the Master of the Wang family to sell himself and work for Landlord Wang for free in the future?

Ye Muyu could only think of the possibility that the value of the courtyard was either the craftsmanship or the people.

"Second Brother, Sister-in-law," Maddam Liu, who had been thinking for a long time, spoke up.. "Then do you know what Landlord Wang wants?"

Chapter 267: Go and Investigate

Liu Cheng shook his head weakly. "Sister, I wanted to ask him before, but Brother Wang chased me away after seeing me. He told me not to get involved so that I wouldn't be implicated."

It was precisely because of this that Liu Cheng felt even more sorry for the Wang family.

The other party was so kind-hearted. How could he just watch as something happened to the Wang family and not do anything?

"We don't know the exact situation of the Wang family, so we can't interfere." Madam Liu did not expect it to be so complicated, and she felt a little depressed for a moment.

Chu Zhiwen directly asked the most important question, "How is the Wang family's life now? How are Brother Wang and Wang Chuan?"

"I also went to the Wang family this morning to take a look, but the Wang family's shop was closed. I knocked on the back door for a long time, but no one came to open the door. I don't know what is their situation now."

"If that's the case, the last time I saw the father and son was half a month ago. At that time, I only knew that Brother Wang was taking medicine. Wang Chuan had also lost some weight, but he looked quite energetic." Liu Cheng knew that this matter had troubled his married sister. Seeing that Chu Zhiwen, the elder, did not show any annoyance, he could only grit his teeth and trouble his sister and brother-in-law.

Fortunately, his sister and brother-in-law seemed to be more rational and had brains. He was a little relieved.

Of course, he would remember this favor.

"We still have to ask Wang Haiyan and Wang Chuan about this."

"It's good to have one more person to help them think of a way," Madam Liu said.

It was just that they needed to discuss who to contact the Wang family.

Chu Heng spoke. "Mother, there's no need to go directly to the Wang family.

Let's go to the medicine shop and ask. If Wang Chuan went to get the medicine, we can ask the doctor and know Uncle Wang's condition."

"Secondly, go to the Wang residence and ask around. If there really is such a thing, the gatekeeper of the Wang residence will know a little. Of course, this place needs to be visited by someone who is not from the Chu family."

"Thirdly, Uncle Wang and the Wang family seemed to have asked a servant to help wash the clothes and clean the room. Uncle, remember the appearance and identity of that servant and ask her about the situation."

"As for the rest, let's ask these people first before we make a plan. Since Uncle Wang and Wang Chuan can hold on for so many days, it won't matter if they wait a little longer."

"Oh right, you can also ask the neighbors near the Wang family. If anything really happens, they should know a little."

Chu Heng was very clear about the situation and did not plan to put himself in danger. However, he was able to obtain some information, which made Liu Cheng's eyes light up. "Ah Heng, you're right. Uncle is really stupid. I didn't even think of this."

"It's just that you're worried and confused," Chu Heng said.

"Uncle, you and Aunt can talk to Father and Mother in peace. I will arrange for someone to ask about these three matters."

After all, this was his uncle's family, Chu Heng could not just leave them in the lurch. He wouldn't be so inhumane.

Moreover, he felt that something was wrong.

Chu Heng asked Lu Chuan to do it.

Lu Chuan could even hide his identity from the officials in his previous life. How could ordinary people in the county see through him?

Lu Chuan went out.

Ye Muyu tilted his head to look at Chu Heng. Seeing that he was calm and not worried, she was a little surprised. She opened her mouth, wanting to ask him what he was thinking.

Chu Heng gave her a comforting look.

Ye Muyu persisted and calmed down. It made sense. What if things were not as complicated as she thought? She was just worrying about nothing.

When Lu Chuan brought back the results of the investigation, they would know the exact situation..

Chapter 268: Follow-Up

Even if Chu Heng had intervened in this matter, it was not something that could be resolved in a short time.

Liu Cheng did not want to affect his sister and brother-in-law's mood, so he no longer insisted on this matter and changed the topic.

For a moment, the house was quite lively.

After a while, Chu Lin, Chu Cai, and Madam Zhang had all returned.

Madam Zhang came back early and seemed to be in a good mood. It could be seen that nothing had happened to Song Lu.

Chu Lin and Chu Cai entered the central room. "Father, Mother," he said to Chu

Zhiwen of the Chu Liu family, "Second Brother and I have informed the clan."

"There are indeed many children who came this time, but because of the incident where Lil' Jin met the kidnapper, the news spread. Many people are protecting their children tightly."

"There are guards from the county government guarding the competition area.

It's very quiet. The kidnappers don't dare to go there, so many people have gone there to watch the competition."

"The other streets are instantly empty."

"Oh right, Father and Mother, the competition will be over in less than an hour. Should we send someone to collect the Soft Fragrant Cakes from the magistrate?"

"I can also take a look at the ranking of the competition."

"Aren't you talking nonsense?" Madam Liu rolled her eyes and said to Chu Lin,

"You guys rest for a while. You can go when the time comes."

"I'll go make some tea for your uncle and aunt."

Madam Zhang hurriedly said, "Mother, you should accompany Aunt to have a good chat. I will do it."

"Mother, what kind of tea should I make?"

“Make some herbal tea. The weather is too hot.” Madam Liu did not get up. She instructed Madam Liu and asked her to make it.

Madam Zhang agreed and left the central room with Madam Wang.

Seeing this, Ye Muyu also retreated.

Chu Heng followed her out and stopped her not far from the door. “Are you hot?” If you’re not feeling well, go and rest.”

“My body is already much better. I just went to help make some tea. As for the Wang family’s matter, you... Take care of yourself. Although you are a scholar, the Wang family is also a veteran landlord in Nanchang County. They must have their own connections.”

“Are you very concerned about me?” Chu Heng deliberately lowered his head and looked at her face. There was something in his voice, and his gaze was as scorching as the sun.

Ye Muyu felt that obvious gaze and her heart was in a mess for a moment.

However, she thought of Chu Heng’s deep personality. He deliberately stayed so close to her and suddenly said such ambiguous words. He must have some ulterior motive.

“Have you forgotten that you’re my husband?” She looked up at him calmly. “It’s only right to care about you.”

Chu Heng was speechless.

He had thought of many possible answers, but he never expected Ye Muyu to be so direct and frank.

However, this was indeed in line with her personality.

She was gentle yet firm. She hid great wisdom in her heart and had a calm temperament. It was as if her first reaction would be to think of a solution to any problem that fell on her, and not to let her emotions control her rationality.

“Yes, I am your husband.” Chu Heng thought for a moment, looked at her face, and suddenly smiled. Although it was very short, it was obvious that he was in a good mood.

“I’m going in.”

“Yes.” After Chu Heng left, a smile flashed across Ye Muyu’s face, and her beautiful face returned to her usual expression.

Ye Muyu did not care about Chu Heng’s teasing and walked into the kitchen.

At this moment, the sun was setting in the west, and the temperature had dropped a little.

When he entered the kitchen, he finally did not feel like he was being baked. Because it was Jiangnan, the climate was a little humid. Cooking in the kitchen would not be dry and hot..

Chapter 269: Missing?

“Second Sister-in-law, let me make the herbal tea. Do you still need this winter melon skin?” Ye Muyu walked to the chopping board and asked gently.

When Madam Zhang heard her words, she instantly remembered. “Third Sister-in-law, I remember that you know how to make winter melon tea, right? Then I’ll have to trouble you with this herbal tea.”

“Second Sister-in-law, you’re the best at controlling the fire. I’ll have to trouble you to start the fire.”

“I’ll cook. I’ll cook it early. The city gates will probably be locked earlier at night,” Madam Zhang arranged their work.

When Madam Wang saw this, she heaved a sigh of relief. When it came to making tea, she would usually make the most common bitter tea leaves at home. She would just grab a hand and put it into the water. There was no need to be so particular.

However, it was obvious that her mother had specially mentioned herbal tea just now, and she really did not know how to do it.

Madam Wang went straight to the fire.

Ye Muyu took over the task of making herbal tea. Winter melon tea also had the effect of cooling their body, but the taste was slightly different.

She did not need a pot either. She could just use the small stove that Chu Heng used to brew the calming tea for the child to brew the winter melon tea.

The kitchen was busy.

The county outside was also very lively. Although there was a kidnapping incident, the county magistrate specially sent bailiffs to maintain order, so there was no big problem.

Lu Chuan had just gone to investigate the kidnapper. He only spoke to Chu Heng for a while before he was sent to investigate the Wang family.

Ye Muyu would ask about the kidnapper when she got home at night.

Soon, the food was ready.

When Chu Lin heard that the county was starting to make Soft Fragrant Cakes, he went to line up.

Over here, Ye Muyu helped to bring the dishes to the table.

Liu Cheng looked at the table full of good dishes and felt a little ashamed.

“Sister, Brother-in-law, it’s such a pity to serve such good dishes to us...”

“What pity?” Madam Liu called for Liu Cheng, Madam Luo, Liu Jiao, and the rest to sit down.

“You’re from my maternal family. How can I not invite you to a meal since you’re here?” she scolded with a smile.

“It’s fine as long as you don’t mind the dishes.”

“Sister, these are such good dishes. If I reject them, I’ll be blind.” Liu Cheng was also very happy.

After everyone was seated, they were discussing whether they should wait for Chu Lin to come back and have dinner together.

However, Lu Chuan came back first.

“Master.” Lu Chuan stood at the door and did not enter.

When Liu Cheng saw that it was Lu Chuan, he was a little excited. He had always been thinking about the Wang family. After all, he had also received Uncle Wang’s kindness back then.

However, the whole family was having dinner, so it did not seem appropriate to talk about this.

Liu Cheng was a little hesitant.

Madam Liu saw his reaction and knew what he was thinking. She looked up at Chu Heng and said, "Old Third, let Lu Chuan come in and talk about the Wang family. It's summer, so the dishes won't get cold so quickly. Moreover, your uncle insisted on waiting for your brother."

"Then let's hear about the Wang family. We shouldn't just wait."

Liu Cheng knew that his sister had seen through his anxiety and was helping him. For a moment, he was even more grateful.

Seeing that no one else objected, Chu Heng waved at Lu Chuan.

When Lu Chuan saw this, he walked in from the door and stood behind him. He told him everything he had found out.

"Master, I've asked the doctor of Huichun Hall. Wang Chuan hasn't come to get medicine for three days, and Master Wang's illness is a high fever caused by a cold."

"In addition, he was overly worried, causing his body to collapse. According to the doctors of Huichun Hall, Old Master Wang's health is indeed not very good. Although he survived, his body collapsed."

"Apart from that, that servant woman also didn't go to the Wang Family three days ago."

"The neighbors haven't seen Wang Chuan and his father go out these past few days.."

Chapter 270: Getting Harmed?

"There was a child who seemed to have seen a mule cart parked outside the back door of the Wang family in the early morning."

When Lu Chuan said this, his emotions did not change much. On the other hand, Liu Cheng was extremely anxious, afraid that something would happen to Wang Chuan and his father. Liu Jiao was even more so.

“This subordinate saw that these two ways were not going to work, so I finally found someone to ask the Wang family’s gatekeeper for information. ”

“However, there’s something unexpected here. The Wang family’s gatekeeper doesn’t know anything about Landlord Wang family’s Third Young Master and the Wang family. There’s nothing else.” After Lu Chuan finished speaking, he took a step back and hid behind Chu Heng. He did not say anything else.

The worry in Liu Cheng’s eyes could not be concealed. Could it be that Wang

Chuan and his father had already left the county town? Whose mule cart is it?

“Could it be that someone from Landlord Wang’s family attacked the father and son?” Liu Jiao’s words shocked everyone. Chu Cai and the others, who had thought that the situation was not very serious, were shocked and hesitant.

If Landlord Wang made a move, how could ordinary people like them defeat a landlord...

For a moment, everyone felt powerless.

Chu Cai frowned. He had thought that his family had earned a lot of money this year, which was already considered good. Now, the matter with the Wang family made him realize that this bit of money might be just a meal in the eyes of others.

One still wanted to study!

Only then could they stand out and not be bullied!

Madam Liu saw that everyone was panicking, frowning, or extremely anxious.

She rolled her eyes in her heart and coughed a few times to rouse everyone's interest. "Jiao'er, what nonsense are you spouting? Don't forget your rationality even if you're anxious. Why don't you think about what Lu Chuan said just now?"

"Do you think that with Landlord Wang's style of doing things and Third Young Master Wang's arrogant personality, he would beat someone up? Besides, he's gone, where would he get the money? If he only wanted the shop, he could have just said so. Why did he have to kill people?"

"I think the Wang father and son went out to find someone to help. We can't

Just Sit DaCK ana wait."

"Alright, don't let your imagination run wild." Madam Liu could not stand the gloomy atmosphere.

She winked at Chu Heng.

Chu Heng received the hint from his mother's eyes. "Mother is right," he said slowly. "There are many suspicious points."

Firstly, where did the father and son of the Wang family go? Secondly, it's the response of the gatekeeper of Landlord Wang's family. Logically speaking, even if the entire residence doesn't know about the matter of Landlord Wang's family's Third Young Master, the gatekeeper should have some information."

With Chu Heng's words, the women were relieved.

Madam Zhang entertained the Liu family for dinner.

The children did not understand what was going on. They buried their heads in their food and did not waste any food.

Liu Cheng was somewhat absent-minded. Although Chu Heng's was right, how could he be at ease about the disappearance of the Wang father and son?

"Go down and have your meal. Try your best to find out where the Wang father and son went," Chu Heng instructed Lu Chuan.

"Yes, Master." Lu Chuan left.

Liu Cheng also heard Chu Heng's arrangement and felt a little ashamed. "Ah Heng, I'm sorry. Uncle has troubled you."

"Uncle, we're just asking around Don't take it to heart. Eat well. Nothing will happen." Chu Heng's attitude was firm.

Liu Cheng was indeed embarrassed to show his worry and affect others.

Today, it was his sister and brother-in-law who were helping him.

The meal was quite satisfactory..