

## Peasant 431

### Chapter 431: Calculation

Old Madam Ye, who did not have a mule cart at home, took the ox cart at the village entrance and left very early every day.

Ye Muyu was relieved and nodded. It had been a while since she last saw Old Madam Ye, so she wondered how she was doing.

However, thinking about it, it was not bad. After all, every three or four days, she would help sell pickled cabbages.

“Ah Yu, this calculation of yours...” Chu Heng suddenly asked. His eyes flashed with a deep light, as if he could not understand Ye Muyu’s eyes. The shock in his eyes and the uneasiness hidden in the depths of his heart shocked him greatly.

He had a very serious and cautious expression on his face. Anyone who saw him would not dare to be presumptuous in front of him.

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Ye Muyu noted down the last transaction and looked up at him. Her heart skipped a beat when she saw his expression. However, she tried her best to calm down. “What’s wrong?” she asked.

“I’ve never seen this calculation before.” Chu Heng’s eyes were like torches as he stared at her.

Ye Muyu knew that Chu Heng would ask her if she used mental arithmetic, so she quickly calmed down.

It was not that she did not want to use an abacus, but she had never learned it in her previous life, nor had she seen anything related to it. Therefore, she found it troublesome, so she did not use it.

Moreover, she had read from some miscellaneous notes that whether it was the previous dynasty or Great Chu, there were people who knew how to calculate.

She would not be considered strange.

“After I started keeping accounts some time ago, I slowly learned mental arithmetic. Perhaps I’m very good at it...” Ye Muyu was not lying. Even if she said she was someone from the future, would Chu Heng believe her?

If she were to tell her that one of her relatives was someone from the future, he would probably feel a little estranged.

It was better to treat them as people from the same era.

She was not lying. In her previous life, she was indeed an all-rounder in science. In this life, she had the ability to do mental arithmetic. Although most of it was trained by her every time she kept accounts, she still had to have some talent.

“As for the calculation technique, I also read it from ancient books.” Many things could be traced back to ancient times. Ye Muyu was not lying.

“I read it in that book, ‘Arithmetic.’”

“Haven’t you seen it before?” Ye Muyu was also a little surprised. This book was from the study. The books in the study were all Chu Heng’s.

Chu Heng carefully recalled the book, and then remembered that he had just bought it from a merchant. At that time, he had just been reborn. Just as he was about to read it, Tang Rou knocked on the door.

Then, in a fit of anger, he stood up and dropped the book.

After that, he seemed to have forgotten the existence of this book.

"I haven't seen it yet." Chu Heng shook his head lightly.

Ye Muyu saw that he was not faking it. He really had not read it. She was curious. "Then I'll go back and read it tonight. There's a similar calculation technique in that book. I used it based on my own understanding."

"If you want to learn it, I can teach you." Ye Muyu recalled that the imperial examinations now tested mathematics. If Chu Heng could learn the arithmetic of Arabic numbers and memorize the multiplication table, it should not be difficult for him to do mental arithmetic.

Chu Heng reached out and rubbed Ye Muyu's cheeks. He nodded. It seemed like he was really going to learn.

"Okay, call me if you need anything." Ye Muyu's bright eyes were clear. After speaking to him, she lowered her head and taught Chu Ziluo how to write the account book.

Chu Heng looked at the girl in front of him, and a touch of warmth flashed in his eyes. He did not intend to take issue with the loopholes in the other party's words. Who did not have some secrets in their hearts? There was no need to expose them. It was enough to understand each other..

Chapter 432: Establishing Might

Soon, they arrived at the county.

The carriage went straight to the bookshop.

The originally simple bookshop had been covered with a red cloth on the horizontal board. The couplets on both sides were also covered by the red cloth.

It can only be taken off after the opening ceremony.

Chu Heng and Ye Muyu had just walked down.

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Lu Chuan appeared at the door.

The front door of the bookstore was opened.

Lu Chuan had just been in the shop, arranging the books.

“Master, Madam.”

“All the books have been brought back from the bookstore.”

“There’s also the ink that Old Master made.”

“As well as paper, ink, brush, inkstone, etc., they are all placed at the counter,” Lu Chuan said respectfully.

“Let’s go in and take a look first.” Chu Heng turned to look at Ye Muyu.

Seeing Ye Muyu nod, he reached out and held her hand. The two of them walked to the bookstore one after the other.

Chu Ziluo was about to chase after her, but the young sprout and Madam Hu

quickly called out to her.

“Miss, come with this servant. This servant will take good care of you. In a while, there will be many guests coming. If you get lost, this servant’s life will not be able to compensate you.”

“Young Lady doesn’t want Madam to worry, right?” Madam Hu could see that Ye Muyu and Chu Heng’s relationship had clearly progressed. In fact, she had been here for almost two months, but she had never seen Ye Muyu and Chu Heng call for water when they lived together.

Although the two of them seemed to have a good relationship, there was something strange about it.

It was only when she saw Old Master personally holding Madam’s hand that she suddenly understood. Yes, Madam and Old Master seemed to have a good relationship, but they had never seen any intimate actions.

This was a little abnormal for a normal couple.

Moreover, Chu Heng was still so young, and Ye Muyu was not old either.

In the future, if Chu Heng were to pass the high scholar examination, and if someone else were to be accepted as a concubine, this relationship would eventually dissipate one day if they stay in this state.

She was naturally happy that their relationship was getting better.

Chu Ziluo did not think that it would be so complicated. She did not want her mother to worry after hearing what Madam Hu had said. She nodded. “Alright, Aunt Hu. We’ll leave together later.”

“Miss is so obedient.” Madam Hu smiled gently.

The three of them then entered the shop together.

There were more books in the shop than Ye Muyu had expected, especially the test papers and policy papers.

Brush, ink, paper, and inkstone were all filled up on the shelf. They were divided into different types, and the prices were marked according to Ye Muyu’s request.

The house was cleaned up.

There were even three large desks in the empty room on the left. There were stools beside them. If they bought books, they could read them or even communicate here.

All the bookshelves were behind the counter, so there was no need to worry about students taking their books and leaving.

At the left and right counter, the hired shopkeeper had arrived.

When he saw Chu Heng and Ye Muyu come in, and Lu Chuan following behind them with a respectful attitude, he quickly came out from behind the counter.

“Master, Madam, I’m Zhang Yan.” Zhang Yan was the person whom Chu Heng had asked Lu Chuan to buy. Although he was the shopkeeper, the contract was in Chu Heng’s hands, so he was considered his man.

Ye Muyu nodded and did not ask any more questions. She could go back and ask Chu Heng about Zhang Yan’s background.

“Are you ready?” Chu Heng asked casually. His voice wasn’t gentle, and even carried a hint of coldness, making people not dare to underestimate him.

Seeing his reaction, Ye Muyu did not say anything.

There were rewards and punishments for servants, especially those who helped manage the shop. However, they had to make the servants afraid of them. Otherwise, it was inevitable that they would have disloyalty. Ye Muyu naturally would not stop Chu Heng from achieving this goal..

Chapter 433: A Reminder

Zhang Yan quickly nodded respectfully. "Everything has been prepared according to the master's request. I just don't know where there are still flaws."

"If there's a mistake, you should be the first to know." Chu Heng's strictness scared Zhang Yan.

"Master, I'm sure there's nothing wrong," Zhang Yan said fearfully.

He gritted his teeth and said this. In fact, he had done everything according to Lu Chuan's request. He was very sure that there was no mistake.

However, he had always been used to speaking halfway, which was to avoid being caught by the employer, so as to avoid being severely punished because of the employer's neglect.

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However, it was obvious that this new master was different from the ones he had served before. Although the monthly salary was not small, it was more rigorous.

He did not even dare to think about what would happen if he made a mistake.

"In the future, if you have done well, then you have done well. If you haven't done well, then you haven't done well. If you still want to hide your words from me, then you don't have to stay." Chu Heng picked up the pricing book and glanced at it. Then, he put it down calmly. He placed his finger on one of the columns and tapped lightly. "Here, the price of the New Policy Discussion should be increased by 200 copper coins in three days."

"Yes, Master. I understand." Zhang Yan's body trembled a few times. Seeing that his mistake had been found, a hint of bitterness flashed across his eyes. It seemed that the new master could not be fooled casually.

Although he had never thought of fooling around, if he accidentally made a mistake...Sigh...

“Husband, the auspicious time is almost here.” Ye Muyu reminded him gently.

Chu Heng’s expression softened a little. He nodded gently and turned around with her, walking towards the door.

Lu Chuan did not leave. After receiving Ye Muyu’s signal, he stood in front of Zhang Yan.

“Zhang Yan, Master just said that you made a mistake. Do you think it was the wrong price?” Lu Chuan asked directly.

Zhang Yan’s body trembled and he lowered his head respectfully. “How would I dare? This is indeed my mistake. I dare not shirk responsibility.”

“Zhang Yan, Master is saying that if you still hide anything from Master in the future, that will be where you are wrong.”

“As for the price being wrong, as long as it is not a deliberate betrayal, it is not a big deal.”

“Do you understand?” After Lu Chuan reminded him, he did not wait for him to answer. Instead, he said, “Zhang Yan, think about it. You will understand what kind of person he is if you spend more time with him. You will not regret it.”

Zhang Yan raised his head in shock. A thoughtful look flashed across his eyes. He was a little surprised by what Lu Chuan said.

Lu Chuan was Chu Heng’s closest bodyguard and was someone he trusted.

As for him, he had just joined the Chu family. Even though he had been the shopkeeper for more than ten years, he was still a newcomer in the Chu family. Naturally, he could not compare to Lu Chuan’s status.

Since the other party said so, it meant it was Chu Heng’s intention.



Zhang Yan was shocked.

He suddenly realized that he had almost misunderstood his master's meaning just now.

If this continued, he would have to leave.

However, he had already returned to his hometown to develop. His parents, wife, and children were all here. If he did not seize this opportunity, he was afraid that his family's life would fall into hardship in the future. If he was asked to go home and farm, he would not be willing.

Understanding this point, Zhang Yan quickly corrected his attitude and pondered over Chu Heng's words again. The more he understood, the more likely the new master wanted absolute loyalty-

Zhang Yan did not dare to delay and quickly went out to help.

Fifteen minutes before the auspicious hour...

The relatives of the old residence came one after another. Xie Yu and Du Heng arrived one after the other..

Chapter 434: An Invitation

Other than that, there were also many students.

Everyone smiled and congratulated Chu Heng when they saw him. It was very lively outside the door.

When Xie Yu arrived, he even gave Chu Heng two small gifts.

Du Heng was not bad either.

Every student had more or less given gifts.

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Zhang Yan was at the side registering the guests' names.

"The auspicious time has arrived-" Ye Zhao, who was the ceremonial officer, knocked on the gong and announced loudly.

Zhang Shu went to light the firecrackers, and instantly, crackling sounds could be heard.

When it was time to pull the silk cloth, Chu Heng wanted to call Ye Muyu over, but Ye Muyu shook her head at him in private. Seeing that the man had agreed to go alone, she was relieved.

Du Heng, who was standing beside Ye Muyu, heard their whispers.

"Sister-in-law, I didn't expect Brother Heng to be so clingy to you at home," he teased as soon as Chu Heng left.

"Cough, cough..." Ye Muyu's face turned red from his bold words.

Those who did not know better would think that the two of them were very close.

"It's just that this shop is under my name," Ye Muyu explained patiently.

Du Heng, however, pretended to not listen to her." He smiled and said, "Sister-in-law, you don't know. Usually in school, Brother Heng never takes the initiative to talk to anyone. Moreover, he's so gentle now."

“That’s not right. If Chu Heng was really a loner, why would the dean admire him?” Ye Muyu retorted without batting an eyelid, catching the loophole in his words.

The loophole in Du Heng’s words was very obvious. Chu Heng would not take the initiative to talk to others, but he would not refuse others to talk to him. Therefore, no matter from which aspect, Chu Heng was not a loner.

“Sister-in-law is indeed smart.” Seeing that he could not tease Ye Muyu, Du Heng could only give up.

“Oh right, thank you for bringing me food recently, sister-in-law. It’s delicious. Two days ago, my mother was asking me who cooked my food.”

Ye Muyu smiled. “Young Master Du, you’re too polite. They’re all home-cooked dishes. It’s just that your mother is worried about you. She’s afraid that you won’t be able to eat well outside.”

“Mothers will always be worried.”

The smile in Du Heng’s eyes deepened. He had not misjudged the person. It turned out that the person Brother Heng liked was so intelligent.

“Sister-in-law, my mother even asked me to invite you to our house as a guest.

She wants to specially entertain you. I wonder if Sister-in-law has time?”

Ye Muyu was a little surprised. “Is Young Master Du serious?”

She had never considered entering the circle of madams in the county. Firstly, Chu Heng had nothing to do with them. Naturally, she did not need to do anything unnecessary. Moreover, the provincial examination was coming soon, and everything was focused on the provincial examination.

“Of course. Sister-in-law, don’t worry. My mother won’t make things difficult for you. I’m just thanking you for bringing me lunch many times. If you don’t mind, I’ll go back and inform my mother. She’ll find a time to send you an invitation.” This time, Du Heng’s expression became very serious.

Ye Muyu did not agree immediately.

Instead, she said that she needed to discuss with Chu Heng first before giving him an answer.

Du Heng was not surprised and nodded with a smile.

He began to whisper about how Chu Heng was like in the school to Ye Muyu.

Soon, after the excitement, the opening ceremony ended.

Ye Muyu and Chu Heng were busy arranging for the guests to go to the Fragrance Restaurant for a feast, and Madam Liu helped out.

Zhang Yan and his apprentice Zheng Chun were helping out at the bookstore, so they were not in a hurry to serve the customers. Everything was on track.

After entering the Fragrance Restaurant...

The second floor was reserved for drinking, and the third floor was the private room where the rich and noble sons of the county usually ate.

The first floor was for the common people.

Xie Yu, Du Heng, the elders in the clan, the teachers in the school, Dean Zhang, and others were all invited to a private room to eat..

Chapter 435: Already Made Preparations

After Ye Muyu explained the situation to Madam Liu, Madam Liu patted her chest and said, “Don’t worry. Young Master Xie has given us a lot of gifts and that plaque. I heard a lot of students discussing it just now. They are all very envious. You can see how big a favor this is.”

“The womenfolk here are basically our family. You don’t have to worry.”

“Thank you, Mother.” Ye Muyu wanted to bring Madam Hu to the kitchen of the Fragrance Restaurant to be the main table. This was something that had been decided from the beginning.

“No need to thank me. Hurry up and go. Don’t delay. The dishes will get cold soon.” Madam Liu waved her hand.

Ye Muyu nodded and went into the kitchen.

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She met Old Madam Ye on the way and only had time to hand Ziluo over to her.

“Mrs. Chu, please follow me.” When Shopkeeper Xie of the Fragrance Restaurant saw Ye Muyu, he quickly brought her into the kitchen.

“Mrs. Chu, I’ve already called the restaurant’s chef to prepare some of the dishes you brought over yesterday.”

“Thank you.” Ye Muyu heaved a sigh of relief.

Many of the dishes she cooked required time and the process was very long. She had to come late to attend the opening ceremony.

She could only ask the chef of the Fragrance Restaurant to help first.

Fortunately, the shopkeeper was easy to talk to.

After entering the kitchen...

After Ye Muyu got the ingredients, she called Madam Hu and started cooking. She had no intention of clearing the area at all.

Shopkeeper Xie was stunned for a moment.

Ye Muyu did not delay at all. The kitchen was a little hot, so she had to finish it early. Otherwise, she would have to change her inner clothes later. Fortunately, she had brought some gardenia essential oil. After changing her clothes, she should be able to spray the essential oil mixed with water. There should be no more smokey scent on her.

Ye Muyu prepared to make nine dishes.

Roast duck, pig knuckle, dried rabbit, celery and cashew nuts, spicy fish fillets, Golden Branch Jade Leaves, boiled broccoli, Four Happiness Mantou, and First Soup.

The remaining cold dishes were all prepared by the Fragrance Restaurant.

Her speed was not slow, and she had Madam Hu's help.

There were also some children in the kitchen who were responsible for the fire.

That was why they were all tidied up.

All she needed to do was to add the seasonings into the pot, so her speed was not slow. She was not afraid that the banquet in front of her would not be able to wait.

“Shopkeeper, is this Mrs. Chu the woman who sold us the fish with pickled cabbages recipe?” The head chef of Fragrance Restaurant could not help but ask Shopkeeper Xie.

“What do you want?” Shopkeeper Xie glared at him. Seeing that the chef’s eyes were constantly darting toward the Ye Muyu’s face, he instantly warned, “Scholar Chu has a good relationship with the Third Young Master. Quickly retract your gaze. If you get punished by the Third Young Master, don’t tell me that I didn’t warn you.”

When the head chef heard this, he knew that the shopkeeper had misunderstood. He quickly raised his hand and said, “Oh my god, shopkeeper, you’ve misunderstood me. I’m just curious about the way she cooks these dishes. Look at the others around me, they can’t wait to have their eyes glued her cooking.”

When Shopkeeper Xie saw that it was indeed the case, he instantly frowned and coughed lightly. Instantly, the gazes of the other chefs were restrained a little.

The head chef hesitated for a moment before gritting his teeth.” Shopkeeper, we don’t know how to cook these dishes. Why don’t you go and ask Mrs. Chu if she’s willing to let us see them?”

“If Madam Chu was unwilling, she would have chased us away long ago.” Shopkeeper Xie agreed.

He was also a little tempted. Ever since the fish with pickled cabbages became the restaurant’s signature dish, his monthly salary had increased for the past two months.

Even the branch managers in other counties were more polite to him..

Chapter 436: Return the Gift

Of course, the most important thing was that he would only feel at ease if he did a good job for his master. After all, who would be willing to let trash stay?

Shopkeeper Xie hesitantly walked toward Ye Muyu. When he saw her stir-frying the dishes, he asked, “Mrs. Chu, can I ask shamelessly? Aren’t you going to clear the area?”

“No need.” Ye Muyu smiled. “It’s just some home-cooked dishes. If everyone can learn it, Third Young Master Xie and Young Master Du can come to the Fragrance Restaurant to eat in the future.”

Shopkeeper Xie’s eyes were full of surprise. He carefully tasted Ye Muyu’s words and slowly realized that Mrs. Chu had deliberately let their own people watch!

Was it for the return gift to the Third Young Master?

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He heard that the Third Young Master had even written a letter to the Second Master, who was an official, to write an inscription for Scholar Chu’s book shop. He thought very highly of Scholar Chu.

Today, he also gave Chu Heng a lot of gifts.

Originally, he was still puzzled as to why Third Young Master valued Scholar Chu so much.

Now, seeing Ye Muyu’s actions, he felt much better.

She had allowed the Third Young Master to benefit without batting an eyelid. She was even very generous.

There were a total of nine dishes, and they could even develop some new products from them.

He had thought that these dishes were for Ye Muyu to sell for money.

They were all mentally prepared to discuss this matter with their young master.

Now, it seemed that the other party was much more generous than he had imagined.



Especially since this Mrs. Chu was said to be a country bumpkin. However, her way of thinking and her way of doing things were a little different.

Shopkeeper Xie was shocked. At the same time, he waved his hand and called the chefs over. He smiled and said, "Mrs. Chu, I'll arrange for them to come over and help you. If there's anything you need to do, just tell them."

"Yes, Mrs. Chu. We can do any kind of rough work. Don't stand on ceremony with us."

A few chefs rushed over.

No matter what, Ye Muyu was still the wife of a scholar.

Usually, as chefs, they did not dare to offend scholars, and they could not meet him either, so they naturally treated him with more respect.

"Alright, then I won't stand on ceremony." Ye Muyu smiled.

She had the intention to reveal the cooking method of these nine dishes to the chef of the Fragrance Restaurant in order to repay the gifts that Xie Yu had given her. Naturally, she would not hide her skills. She told him the steps of cooking word by word.

She also knew how to cook a lot of dishes.

Only revealing a few dishes and even the principles would not affect his sales of the recipes.

Moreover, Ye Muyu had high hopes for the Xie family's character.

Moreover, he heard from Chu Heng that in the future, the entire clan would work together to make ink, so they would not need to rely on selling recipes to help the clan.

Moreover, there was a need to give and take. She did not think that what she did today would be a loss.

Ye Muyu told them the details of the cooking method, which shocked the chefs. As a chef, one must not let their skills be easily learned, or else they would not be able to keep their jobs.

Because of this, Ye Muyu's unreserved teaching made them very touched and had a good impression of her.

They were even more sincere in helping.

As a result, Ye Muyu finished the nine dishes much faster than she had planned.

15 minutes later...

Ye Muyu watched as the waiter brought out the last piece of roast duck.

She took off her apron and heaved a sigh of relief.

She raised her head and looked at Shopkeeper Xie. She had a faint smile on her face. "Shopkeeper Xie, sorry to trouble you. May I ask if there are any empty rooms here? Can I wash up?"

"Yes, yes. I've already prepared it for you." Shopkeeper Xie was all smiles, and his smile toward Ye Muyu was obviously more sincere.

After saying that, he brought Ye Muyu and Madam Hu to the door of the backyard..

Chapter 437: The Hospitality Was Excellent

“Liuya, bring Mrs. Chu to the room to wash up.” Shopkeeper Xie called out to a little girl who was busy inside.

“This servant understands.” Liuya looked like she was only twelve years old. She walked up to Ye Muyu obediently and waited for her instructions.

Ye Muyu nodded in satisfaction. “Shopkeeper Xie, you can go back to your work. I’m fine now.”

“Alright then, I won’t delay you any further, Mrs. Chu,” Shopkeeper Xie said. Before he left, he reminded Liu Ya to take good care of Ye Muyu before he quickly walked to the private room on the second floor.

He still had to wait for the young master’s instructions, so he explained the names of the dishes and the taste.

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Ye Muyu gently nodded at Madam Hu.

Madam Hu quickly went to the carriage to get the clothes she needed to change into.

Ye Muyu did not say much. The girl called Liuya was very sensible. When Madam Hu came with the package, she squatted down and bowed. “Madam, please follow me.”

Seeing that her salute was not standard, he knew that she was indeed a servant girl who had been working in the restaurant.

“Sorry to trouble you.” Ye Muyu nodded.

“No trouble at all.” Liuya lowered her eyes and looked even more respectful.

As expected, they soon arrived at a clean room.

After the two of them entered, Liuya waited at the door.

After Madam Hu closed the door and windows tightly, she walked over to open the package and helped Ye Muyu change into her outer clothes.

Only then did she put hers on.

Ye Muyu sprinkled some water mixed with essential oil on her body and her hair. Instantly, the fragrance of gardenia spread out.

She was only at ease after she was sure that she would no longer have the smell of oil and smoke on her.

She sprinkled a little more on Madam Hu before giving up.

“Madam, this fragrance smells so good.” Madam Hu had seen how Ye Muyu made it with her own eyes. It was similar to the cream she had made before.

Although she had heard that the young ladies of wealthy families would use flower petals or even essence for bathing, she had never seen it before, so she did not know what it was exactly.

However, she felt that Madam did not do a bad job.

“If you sell it... It will definitely sell for a good price.” Madam Hu was rather confident.

“You sure are confident in me.” Ye Muyu smiled.

“Naturally, Madam, you’re different from others. Which woman can compare to your intelligence?”

“Stop praising me. There are many people who are stronger than me.” Ye Muyu shook her head helplessly, but she was not proud at all. It was someone else’s technology after all. If she developed a unique perfume, only then it was worth praising.

Madam Hu saw that she was not agree, so she sensibly did not say more. It was fine as long as Ye Muyu was happy.

As for Madam’s intelligence, there would always be people who would realize and respect her.

She changed her clothes.

The two of them did not delay and went out to the front yard to entertain the guests.

Madam Hu put the changed clothes back into the carriage.

Ye Muyu had just reached the second floor when Old Madam Ye bumped into her.

“Mother, be careful.” Ye Muyu reached out to support her. She looked around and frowned when she did not see Ziluo.

Old Madam Ye saw her reaction and quickly explained, “Ziluo went to the private room. It was son-in-law who brought her in. I won’t lie to you.” “Why aren’t you eating?” Ye Muyu felt relieved and asked with concern.

Old Madam Ye saw that she was in a good mood and a silly smile appeared on her old face. “I’m just happy. I heard that the bookstore is worth a lot of money. Your life will definitely be better in the future. Then I can rest assured..”

Chapter 438: The Seat That Had Been Prepped

“So I drank some wine...”

Ye Muyu looked at Old Madam Ye's slightly red cheeks and was a little suspicious. She did not just drink a little...

"Madam, Master wants you to go in." At this moment, Lu Chuan walked over and whispered.

Old Madam Ye's eyes lit up when she heard that. She winked at Ye Muyu and said, "Daughter, go quickly. I told you that my son-in-law is not bad. He's still thinking about you. I just saw that the dishes inside are different from the ones outside."

Ye Muyu smiled. "Mother, the dishes in the private room were made by your daughter. Where else do you think I went?"

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"Third Young Master and the others are used to eating the dishes of the

Fragrance Restaurant. My daughter's cooking is barely acceptable."

"Don't drink too much. If you really like it, you can bring it home to drink later.

Otherwise, how can you go back drunk?"

"If you have nothing to do, eat more. You guys are tired of eating my dishes, but you haven't tried the dishes in the restaurant, right? There's always a different taste."

Old Madam Ye was even more pleased with herself when she heard that. "So even the young masters like your daughter's cooking. I knew it. Daughter, you're quite capable, hahaha."

Ye Muyu saw her excited state and felt a little helpless. She was worried that Old Madam Ye would go drinking again after she left. Just as she was hesitating, Madam Hu came.

She heaved a sigh of relief and whispered, “Madam Hu, help me take care of my mother. Don’t let her drink.”

“Also, tell the other guests not to drink too much. If they like it, just bring it back to drink.”

“Madam is still the most considerate. I think everyone will be happy.” Madam Hu said with a smile.

There was a smile in Lu Chuan’s eyes. It was rare for an employer to be as considerate as Ye Muyu.

With Madam Hu taking care of Old Madam Ye, Ye Muyu went to the private room without worry.

The tables in the private room were not small. There were two tables, and each table had ten people.

From the family was Chu Zhiwen and the clan leader, Chu Yonghua.

The ones who were closer to Chu Heng and had higher statuses were Xie Yu, Dean Zhang, and Du Heng.

The rest were mostly scholars, students, and classmates.

These people had a higher social status and naturally could not be compared to ordinary people. This was extremely characteristic of the era.

Ye Muyu entered.

Chu Heng stood up instantly.

Everyone looked at her.

“Sister-in-law.” Du Heng was the closest to them.

“Sister-in-law.” Xie Yu also stood up and cupped his hands.

His attitude shocked the students who did not think much of Ye Muyu.

“Third Young Master, Young Master Du, Dean Zhang, Clan Leader, Father.” Ye Muyu returned the greeting.

Chu Heng had already walked to her side and naturally brought her to the seat that had been reserved for a long time.

It turned out that Xie Yu and Zhang Yue were sitting at the main seat.

On the right side of Xie Yu sat Chu Zhiwen and Clan Leader Chu Yonghua. On the left side of Zhang Yue sat Du Heng and a few other scholars.

Chu Heng sat next to Chu Zhiwen, leaving an empty seat for her.

The number of people was just right, her appearance did not make it cram.

Ye Muyu suddenly realized that Chu Heng had calculated the number of people and even prepared her position from the beginning.

Ziluo and Nanya were sitting at a small table by the window. Chu Sheng, Chu Zhang, and the other young scholars were sitting at the same table.

At this moment, they were eating while watching the scenes outside the window.

Ye Muyu did not care much.



Instead, she toasted the elders and said a few polite words.

Only then did she sit down and eat slowly..

#### Chapter 439 Change in Mentality

Most of the conversation at the dining table was about guessing the exam questions.

Xie Yu did not talk much throughout the whole process and was eating seriously.

Du Heng was the same as him. However, Du Heng would always be called by Dean Zhang to ask about the topic, so every time he ate, he would eat very little. He was afraid that when the dean asked him about it, he would have food in his mouth, which would be very embarrassing.

Chu Zhiwen and Chu Yonghua could not interrupt. After all, the others were a group of literate scholars.

Chu Yonghua felt helpless. He was also increasingly aware of the importance of studying.

As for Chu Zhiwen, this was the first time he felt these scholars being polite to him. It was all because of his son. His mood had been great. He ate the entire time. It was rare for him to not drink, afraid that he would lose his composure and lose face.

Seeing this, Chu Yonghua did not dare to drink too much.

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However, he was always a little depressed, especially when he thought of his eldest son, Chu An, who had studied when he was young but eventually stopped studying because he did not pass the exam.

If the eldest son was a student today, he would be qualified to sit inside.

Although Chu An had taken the initiative to help entertain the male guests, once saw how the other students spoke with confidence, the bitterness, unwillingness, and self-doubt in Chu Yonghua's heart grew stronger.

The meal was a feast for both the host and the guest.

After the meal, Dean Zhang was the first to leave. He had always been a strict person. The reason he was willing to come to the banquet today was because Chu Heng was a student that he valued. In the past, he would only attend banquets with the Xie family or the county magistrate's family. He would never show up at other banquets.

Xie Yu and Du Heng did not leave immediately.

It was rare for Xie Yu to come out for a breather. These days, he had been studying at home every day. He also had some doubts and happened to look for Chu Heng to discuss them. Later, he would go to school with him.

Chapter 440: Causing Trouble

"Fifth Aunt, don't make fun of me. You're just reluctant to spend money to eat at the restaurant. It's not that you can't afford it," Ye Muyu said gently.

She then looked at Madam Liu. "Mother, you've worked hard today. Have you eaten?"

"I've used it. You don't have to worry. The food in this Fragrance Restaurant is indeed different from what we cook at home. It's delicious, right, Madam Xu?" Madam Liu said with a smile on her face.

Madam Xu had also come this time. Even though she had clearly had a conflict with the Chu family previously and had even personally come to apologize and embarrass themselves, she still had the cheek to come today.

Other than that, there were other in-laws from the village who also came over.

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For example, the Zhang family and the Wang family.

When Madam Xu heard that Madam Liu was deliberately targeting her, she forced a smile. "Sister-in-law is right. Of course, it's delicious. However, it can't compare to Lady Ye's cooking. Otherwise, why would Young Master Xie be more willing to eat her cooking? It's a pity I'm not lucky enough to taste it." Although her last phrase was soft, everyone heard it.

"So Madam Xu also knows that she's not blessed," said Madam Liu with a smile.

Ye Muyu understood. Was this person here to cause trouble again?

Just because Ye Muyu only cooked for the main table and not the other tables, Madam Xu wanted to sow discord.

Ye Muyu suddenly laughed. "So you think I didn't treat you well enough? I wonder what kind of banquet would you be willing to eat if the banquet in the Fragrance Restaurant is not good?"

"It seems that in the future, no one in the village will have to call you when they hold a wedding. After all, I'm worried that the reception will not be good enough, causing you to gossip and cause misunderstandings."

"You..." Madam Xu was a thick-skinned person. When she heard that Chu Heng had opened a bookshop and that it would cost at least a few hundred taels of silver, she knew that Chu Heng must have struck it rich. She could not help but want to come over and build connections.

However, she was just a b\*tch. She was jealous when she saw that others were living well. In the end, she did not manage to get along well and even offended others.

Madam Liu smiled faintly. "Muyu, you are right. Well, my granddaughter

Qingxiang is getting married. It will be difficult for me to entertain you, Madam Xu. ”

When the others heard this, they looked at Madam Xu with schadenfreude.

Madam Qian added with a smile, “Third sister-in-law is right. Since Madam Xu doesn’t like it, we can’t accept the two eggs she gave us. After all, they are too expensive.”

“Pfft... ”

Someone laughed first.

It could not be stopped.

Even Ye Muyu smiled.

Madam Xu, the Eldest Madam of the Cao family, was so angry that her face turned red. She stomped her feet. ‘You shrews! Are you bullying the Cao family because we don’t have anyone here?’

“I think you don’t care about the Chu family at all.” Madam Liu’s eyes turned sharp. Madam Xu, who was stomping her feet in fear, was stunned. This time, she was really frightened by Madam Liu.

“Send the guests out.”

As soon as she finished speaking, Madam Hu hurriedly stepped forward.

Madam Xu reacted. Her eyes were filled with anger and her entire body trembled. She pointed at Madam Liu, Ye Muyu, and the other members of the Chu family. “Is this how you treat guests as the host? You’re bullying an old woman like me...

Madam Xu slapped her legs, indicating that she wanted to sit on the ground and make a scene.

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

Seeing that her mother-in-law had started to cause trouble again, her mood was particularly complicated. However, seeing that the Chu family obviously did not like the Cao family, she was also a little unhappy.

There was a trace of hesitation.

It was this hesitation that failed to stop Madam Xu.

“Has Madam Xu gone mad?” Madam Liu raised her voice and waved her hand in disdain. “Hurry up and drag her down. Throw her out from the back door..”