

## Regaining 301

### Chapter 301: Crying and Laughing Alternately

That night, Pei Yining didn't go to the Xu family's dinner, tempting as their meals were. Concerned about her brother, she instead convinced Xu Nianhua to join her at the Du family for dinner.

"Nianhua, I haven't seen you in so long. Let's have dinner with Grandpa, he will definitely be happy." Pei Yining, clinging to Xu Nianhua's hand, appeared determined not to let go.

When Du Chang saw Xu Nianhua, his eyes crinkled with a smile, and he said, "Yining sure knows the way. It's rare for this young lady to dine here."

"Grandpa, Nianhua and I are very close." Pei Yining said proudly, her buoyant chatter unaffected by Du Chang's special regard for Xu Nianhua, making Du Chang burst into hearty laughter.

Xu Nianhua occasionally chimed in, and the three of them chatted and laughed together, creating a very warm atmosphere.

Outside, the sound of a car parking was heard, and Pei Yining's face lit up instantly. She excitedly said, "My brother is back."

The next instant, Pei Yining dashed to the door like a gracefully soaring butterfly upon seeing the familiar car, her hands tightly clenched. She had known her brother's legs had healed before the final exams and had spoken to him on the phone, but not seeing him standing before her in person had left her unsettled.

As the car door opened and Pei Yicheng's tall figure appeared beside it, Pei Yining opened her arms and ran towards him.

"Brother, that's wonderful! I just knew, I just knew your legs would heal."

"Once we return to Ningbei, we must make those people widen their eyes and see that your legs can be healed."

Pei Yining threw herself into Pei Yicheng's arms, tears bursting forth uncontrollably. She still remembered when it was announced that her brother's legs were incurable, the women who used to chase after him had all distanced themselves, a sight that disgusted and pained her.

Disgusted by those women who, before her brother's accident, had tried everything to curry his favor.

Pei Yining rambled on, her sobs making anyone watching feel heartbroken.

"It's okay, aren't I fine now?" Pei Yicheng, not very expressive with his emotions, could only pat her shoulder awkwardly, unsure how to console his crying sister.

In his memory, his sister hardly ever cried before their mother passed away. After their mother's departure, filled with his own sorrow, Pei Yicheng could only hold her quietly whenever she cried.

Latterly, as he grew up and she found... a teacher at school, her tears became less frequent, even during the period when his legs were injured, she only cried secretly behind his back.

"Brother, when I can't walk anymore, will you carry me?" Pei Yining asked through tear-filled eyes, looking up.

Pei Yicheng lifted a hand, wiping the tears from her eyes, and said, "I will carry you, who else if not you, my sister?"

The helpless words carried a tone of indulgence, for she was his only sister.

"Brother, you're so kind." Pei Yining's tears turned into a smile.

"Little Yining, you really have a baby face, and just like a child, you cry one moment and laughs the next," Cheng Hao teased from aside.

Pei Yining quickly wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes, not realizing Cheng Hao was also there. Turning around, she saw not only Cheng Hao but also the stunning and beautiful Zou Yaru next to him.

## Chapter 302: Waiting for You to Come Back

Unlike the side profile seen during the New Year, at this moment, Zou Yaru was dressed in a white short-sleeved top with lotus-leaf edges and a houndstooth skirt, her black hair smoothly cascaded down her back, and her pure, flawless face seemed to be without a single care in the world.

Pei Yining's gaze paused for a moment as she looked at Zou Yaru with a beaming smile and asked, "Cheng Hao, is this my future sister-in-law?"

Cheng Hao paused for a moment, and the next second, a burst of joy emerged from the depths of his eyes. He said, "Yes, yes, yes, Little Yining is absolutely right, she is your future sister-in-law."

Blushing instantly, Zou Yaru's fair face was suffused with red.

"Yaru, there's no need to be shy. We're going to get married sooner or later," Cheng Hao moved closer and whispered in Zou Yaru's ear.

Zou Yaru's smile stiffened, and she lowered her gaze, seemingly embarrassed.

Her hand clutched her clothes tightly; thinking about the trip to South City, her mother had been nagging her about marrying Gu Junhe, which she had clearly refused. However, her mother still secretly arranged their dinner engagements.

Fortunately, Gu Junhe was not insistent on marrying her either; not being keen on her at all, otherwise, her mother would have been desperate to push her to marry Gu Junhe directly.

Because of this, Zou Yaru was quite worried and wanted to speak of her relationship with Cheng Hao but feared that her parents, knowing this, would be even more eager to marry her off.

Zou Yaru thought that if, if Cheng Hao were just a bit more outstanding, her parents would surely not oppose.

"Cheng Hao, then I wish you a wedding sooner rather than later, so I too can enjoy a celebratory drink," Pei Yining said and, without casting another glance at Zou Yaru, she grabbed Pei Yicheng and headed inside, meanwhile saying, "Brother, I brought you a gift, quick, take a look and see if you like it."

Xu Nianhua stood at the doorstep, having witnessed the scene unfold, and his gaze lingered on Pei Yining.

"Brother, look, Nianhua is here too, waiting for you to return," Pei Yining's words instantly made Xu Nianhua feel awkward.

Not waiting would make it seem as if Pei Yicheng lacked dignity, right?

Approaching Xu Nianhua, Pei Yicheng stopped and asked, "What's up?"

Xu Nianhua hesitated for a moment, then nodded vigorously and said, "Yes, it's about the Chili Sauce Factory."

Pei Yining: "..."

Brother, are you really my blood brother?

Are you seriously not just a block of wood?

"Is there a problem at the factory?" Pei Yicheng walked side by side with Xu Nianhua into the house while asking.

Xu Nianhua spoke rapidly, explaining some of the issues she had discovered and the future development of the factory; they were still discussing the matter as they entered the house.

Pei Yining took a seat to the side, cracking sunflower seeds and sizing up the two—Truly a match made in heaven, in terms of talent and beauty.

Du Chang came out after gathering medicinal herbs and saw this scene, not bothering to have it cleaned up.

Cheng Hao, holding Zou Yaru's hand, showed no sign of avoidance.

"Grandfather, this is my girlfriend, Zou Yaru."

Cheng Hao introduced her with a cheerful smile, saying, "Yaru, this is Yicheng's grandfather, just like my own real grandfather."

"Hello, Grandfather." Zou Yaru greeted him warmly, smelling the medicinal scent on him. She smiled and asked, "Grandfather, are you a doctor?"

"Yes, Grandfather is a doctor. The clinic at the end of that alley is run by Grandfather," Cheng Hao replied, praising Zou Yaru as if to commend her smartness.

"Xiaohao, now that you've brought her to me, you must take responsibility for her," Du Chang said, looking at Zou Yaru.

"Grandfather, rest assured, Yaru and I are definitely getting married."

Cheng Hao's emphatic words left Zou Yaru with no chance to interject.

### Chapter 303: A Big Stone in My Heart

At night, Cheng Hao took Zou Yaru home. At the entrance to the Zou family home, under the moonlight, Cheng Hao looked at Zou Yaru and said, word by word, "Yaru, don't you want to marry me?"

His peach blossom eyes sparkled as he looked at her, filled with full expectation.

Zou Yaru simply couldn't bear to reject him. She took his hand and said, "Of course, I want to marry you, but you can't shout about it everywhere, we're not married yet."

Zou Yaru's face flushed, and she looked at him shyly.

"It's my fault."

Seeing the shyness on her face, Cheng Hao immediately breathed a sigh of relief. As long as she didn't want to marry him, he stretched out his long arms, hugged her, and, rubbing her hair with his chin, said sentimentally, "Yaru, I want to marry you. I want to spend my life with you."

"I do too."

Zou Yaru responded by hugging his waist and quietly snuggled into his arms, the sound of Cheng Hao's heartbeat thundering in her ears.

"Go to bed early, I'll bring you breakfast tomorrow." Cheng Hao ruffled her hair, urging her to go home and rest. If he continued to hug her, he feared he might lose control.

"..."

Zou Yaru stood still, staring unblinkingly at Cheng Hao, her eyes filled with reluctance to part.

"Be good."

Seeing her like this, Cheng Hao almost wished he could kiss her.

"Hmph," Zou Yaru wrinkled her little nose and said, "Cheng Hao, last time you said you wanted to buy a house in the county, is that true?"

"Of course, it's true."

Cheng Hao answered without hesitation, "Yaru, I've found a house. How about, I take you to see it tomorrow?"

"Okay."

Zou Yaru agreed, and after returning to her room, she lit the light, stood in front of the window, opened it, and saw Cheng Hao standing by the car, looking up at her.

Under the moonlight, Cheng Hao's peach blossom eyes sparkled.

"Go back now."

Zou Yaru waved at him.

Only when Cheng Hao left did Zou Yaru close the window and return to her room. She threw herself onto the bed, clutching the quilt and her heart still beating wildly. She wanted to marry him.

Her father was easy to speak with, but for her mother, they definitely needed to find a way that worked best for both of them.

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The next day, Cheng Hao took Zou Yaru to see the house, a two-story small building on Bado Road. Although the house was not very large or luxurious, it excelled in warmth, especially the vibrant flowers and plants in the yard, which brought joy to whoever saw them.

Zou Yaru fell in love with it at first sight.

Cheng Hao said happily, "I knew you would like it. We'll live here after we get married."

"We'll live upstairs, and the room next door will be for our future children."

"Downstairs are the living room and guest room."

Cheng Hao envisioned a beautiful future, Zou Yaru's eyes sparkled, and a smile constantly played on her lips.

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"Oh, where's your second brother?" Pei Yining followed Xu Nianhua home for a visit again. She won everyone's hearts by addressing them affectionately as aunt and uncle, especially since she also brought gifts for the unborn child in Zhou He's womb. There was nobody in the Xu family who didn't welcome Pei Yining.

Ji Ying was in the factory during the day, Xu Qinghe was in the furniture factory. The house was left to her and Pei Yining, who, after tasting Xu Nianhua's cooking, shamelessly pestered Xu Nianhua to cook for them.

Having stayed at the Xu family for a few days, Pei Yining realized she had seen every member of the Xu family except for Xu Nianhua's second brother.

"He's in the county, selling mung bean jelly in a rented house, and in the afternoons he follows your grandfather to study medicine," Xu Nianhua explained.

Chapter 304: Is There More?

"Your second brother is really too diligent, isn't he? The college entrance exams just ended not long ago," Pei Yining said with a frown. It seems like everyone in the Xu Family is always busy.

Uncle Xu is at the furniture factory, leaving early and returning late.

Aunt Ji and the pregnant elder sister-in-law also work at the Chili Sauce Factory.

Eldest brother Xu sells bean sprouts, and also buys chili peppers to sell chili sauce.

Xu Nianhua had just clarified the matters of the Chili Sauce Factory with her brother a few days ago, and for the past couple of days, she has been holding a book, as if translating.

Who would have thought that the second brother Xu would be so diligent as well?

"There's a saying, 'three parts talent, seven parts hard work.' If you're not diligent and don't work hard, how can you catch up with others?" Xu Nianhua wasn't surprised at all—her second brother acted as if he wanted to turn one day into two, following Du Chang like a sponge, crazily absorbing knowledge.

"Sigh."

Pei Yining lay back lazily in her chair, a cool breeze blowing in, extremely comfortable. She said, "I seem too lazy in front of you all."

"You can also find something to do," Xu Nianhua suggested.

Pei Yining lay in the chair, shook her head comfortably. "Not really. I've been tired from studying for the college entrance exams for so long. I want to relax properly for a bit."

"Then where do you want to go to have fun?" Xu Nianhua didn't say much more. Pei Yining's family seemed well-off, and they weren't short of money, so there was no need for her to work as hard as they did.

"I just want to stay with you."

Pei Yining didn't think Gaoliang County had any fun places to visit. She just wanted to stay by Xu Nianhua's side. She felt quite comfortable with her and even got to eat delicious food.

Xu Nianhua: "..."

Why did she feel that something was off?

Xu Nianhua put down the book she was organizing, sat beside Pei Yining, and asked, "Don't you find it boring to stay by my side?"

"Not boring." Pei Yining glanced sideways and replied, "You don't know how it was back at my home— apart from studying, it was more studying. I finally came here and met you; I'm so happy. I feel especially happy every day."

"Nianhua, how about, you find me something to do as well?" Pei Yining suggested.

Xu Nianhua didn't rush to answer but thought earnestly before saying, "How about we go back to the county? The mung bean jelly made by second brother Xu is really delicious."

"Great!"

Pei Yining loved to eat, and she hadn't tried this mung bean jelly yet.

That day, they packed their things and went back to the county.

"Little sister, you're back. I saved some mung bean jelly for you." As soon as Xu Nian'an saw Xu Nianhua return, he immediately scooped up some mung bean jelly from the well. After scooping up the jelly, he then saw Pei Yining who had followed in and was surprised. "That's perfect. I saved two bowls, one for each of you to share."

"Thanks, second brother."

While divvying up the mung bean jelly into bowls, Xu Nianhua asked, "Second brother, how did you know I would come today?"

The mung bean jelly drenched in brown sugar syrup, still hanging in the well's water, was the perfect icy-cool treat to beat the heat.

"I've been saving some for you every day."

Xu Nian'an's words made Xu Nianhua smile, her eyes curving more like crescent moons.

"Delicious."

Pei Yining buried her head in eating the mung bean jelly, and soon her bowl was empty. With a greedy look, she asked, "Is there any more?"

Xu Nian'an scratched his head and said, "We sold out today."

"Ah..."

Pei Yining looked disappointed.

Xu Nianhua comfortingly said, "It's okay, Yining, tomorrow you can eat as many bowls as you want."

"Really?" Pei Yining's eyes instantly lit up.

Chapter 305: Served Him Right

"Of course it's true," Xu Nian'an nodded affirmatively. Although mung bean jelly was being sold for money, Pei Yining was Xu Nianhua's friend and also Pei Yicheng's sister. He wouldn't be so stingy over a few bowls.

"Thank you."

Pei Yining said cheerfully.

The next day, Pei Yining ate mung bean jelly to her heart's content. Despite Xu Nianhua's advice, she didn't listen, and soon, having eaten too much cold food, she began to feel unwell.

"Glutton," Du Chang felt her pulse and knew at once she had overeaten again.

Xu Nianhua said guiltily, "I'm sorry, it's my fault. I felt yesterday that too much cold food wasn't good for her, but I didn't stop her."

"Grandpa, it's not Nianhua's fault, it's all my own gluttony." Pei Yining couldn't possibly push the blame onto Xu Nianhua, she quickly added, "She advised me yesterday, but I just craved it."

"Grandpa, you don't know how delicious mung bean jelly is."

Pei Yining looked earnestly at Du Chang, adopting an apologetic and obedient demeanor.

"Hmph," Du Chang glared at her and said, "Stop making that pitiful face. As a girl, you shouldn't eat so much cold food in the first place."

Since Du Chang had only this one granddaughter, of course, he was worried. Fortunately, over the years, he had been conditioning her body every time she visited. Otherwise, no matter how strong her constitution, it wouldn't be enough considering the harm she could do to herself.

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That evening, Xu Nianhua dined at the Du Family's house at the insistence of Pei Yining. Pei Yicheng, knowing that her gluttony had upset her stomach, appeared upset himself. He handed over all the snacks Ling Dong had brought back to Pei Yining, saying, "There's so much good food, don't just eat the mung bean jelly. I know it's tasty, but from now on, you can have at most one bowl, not more."

"Oh."

Pei Yining obediently admitted her fault. She naturally had a baby face which, upon being looked at, appeared even more pitiful and endearing.

"No overeating," Pei Yicheng pursed his lips, leaving no room for negotiation. He looked at Xu Nianhua, paused for a moment, and said, "You're not allowed to overeat either."

Xu Nianhua looked up in confusion.

"Ha ha~"

The previously pitiful looking Pei Yining suddenly burst out laughing. She squinted her eyes and gestured at Xu Nianhua, saying, "Look how much my brother cares about you."

Xu Nianhua: Since when did I overeat?

With a look of satisfaction, Du Chang laughed, and Pei Yining also looked happy. The room was filled with a warm atmosphere.

This pleasant atmosphere was disrupted when Cheng Hao arrived with Zou Yaru.

Lately, Cheng Hao and Zou Yaru had been busy decorating their new house. To buy the house, Cheng Hao had used all his savings.

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"Yining, what you think about Cheng Hao..." Xu Nianhua had barely started when Pei Yining interrupted, "Don't, don't lump me together with him, he's just a heartbreaker who goes around deceiving young girls. Personally, I think it's just a matter of time before he falls flat on his face."

"Cough."

Xu Nianhua cleared her throat. Although she also felt that Cheng Hao and Zou Yaru might not be quite right for each other, but...

Once Pei Yining began expressing her disdain, there was no stopping her. She raved, "If he truly falls, I'll definitely clap. He deserves it!"

Xu Nianhua looked at Pei Yining with a complicated expression, thinking: Easy to say.

After a while.

"Everyone has their own thoughts, their own choices. Since it's his choice, whatever the outcome, good or bad, he must bear it himself." Xu Nianhua spoke up. The relationship between these two people was indeed very deep according to Cheng Hao. Should anything unexpected happen to their relationship, Cheng Hao would certainly be the one most deeply hurt.

Chapter 306: Eat This

"I think, he wasted his time with so many girlfriends before," Pei Yining muttered.

On July 20th, all the candidates were quietly waiting for their acceptance letters.

Getting the letter meant being admitted to university.

After Xu Nian'an had turned all the Fruit Jelly into Mung Bean Jelly and sold it, he focused on learning from Du Chang.

"Where's Grandpa?"

That day, after hanging around Xu Nianhua enough, Pei Yining went to the clinic to find Grandpa, but Du Chang was not there; only Xu Nian'an was seen bustling about in the clinic.

"Master has gone out to see a patient," Xu Nian'an, busy packaging herbs, said upon seeing Pei Yining, "It might be a while before he comes back. Is there something you need?"

"Nothing, I just came to see Grandpa."

Pei Yining put the tasty treats she had bought aside and observed the clinic. Grandpa had always been reluctant to move to Ningbei, firstly because he didn't want to abandon his hometown, and secondly, because he couldn't bear to leave the clinic he had run all his life.

Seeing Pei Yining wandering around the clinic on her own, Xu Nian'an didn't say much, just continued with his work.

Suddenly, the entrance of the clinic became noisy.

"Doctor Du, please save my son."

"Please save my son."

The woman's crying and the man's panicked voice filled the air as a man carried in a child under ten, whose hands and legs were injured, bleeding in many places. It looked serious.

"What happened?" Seeing this, Xu Nian'an felt flustered for a moment, but then calmly asked, "First, put the child here."

Xu Nian'an led them to the examination bed in the treatment room and inspected the young child, who, despite his young age, was injured all over and crying incessantly, drawing on what he had learned.

The abrasions on the boy's arm were severe, and his leg seemed to be broken.

"He fell down the slope while playing, please check on my son, doctor," the woman said amidst sobs.

The man, looking around frantically, then asked, "Where is Doctor Du?"

"I am Doctor Du's apprentice; he's out on a house call and should be back soon," Xu Nian'an replied while grabbing materials to clean the wound, also procuring wooden boards to stop the bleeding. As he

worked to stop the flow, he said reassuringly, "Little buddy, don't be scared. Your leg will heal after some time."

"If it hurts, then..." Xu Nian'an wanted to suggest giving the boy some candy or a treat, but he didn't have anything on hand.

"Eat this."

Pei Yining took out candy from her pocket, waved it in front of the little boy, and said, "Be good, and once your leg is bandaged, sister will give you candy, okay?"

The little boy, amidst his tears, paused when he saw the beautiful candy.

"Look, sister has lots of candy."

Pei Yining coaxed the little boy, handing him a handful of candy, and said, "Once this big brother finishes bandaging your leg, all these will be yours."

"A reward for the bravest little buddy."

Pei Yining was thankful for her habit of loving snacks, as she often carried tasty things around. Otherwise, she wouldn't have known how to comfort the child. As she spoke to the little boy, diverting his attention, she watched Xu Nian'an who was adeptly stopping the bleeding and securing the boy's leg with a splint.

Throughout the ordeal, Xu Nian'an didn't panic at all, not resembling an apprentice in the slightest. From the moment he had started treating the patient, he had been organizing the process well, instilling trust in both the patient and the family members.

Chapter 307: Will Be a Good Doctor

"Master, his left leg bone is fractured, and I have already stopped the bleeding and stabilized it. I have cleaned the abrasions on his hand and dressed them."

The moment Xu Nian'an saw Du Chang return, a weight was finally lifted from his heart, and he meticulously explained the condition of the little boy.

"Doctor Du, please save my son, he's still so young. His leg, can it be cured?"

The man hurried up to Doctor Du as soon as he saw him.

Without saying a word, Du Chang assessed the child's condition and began treatment right away.

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"You did very well today," Du Chang praised, his eyes shining with approval. At first, he had no intention of taking apprentices, considering only that he was the girl's brother and thinking it wouldn't hurt to try. But over these days, Xu Nian'an had exceeded his expectations significantly—he truly had the makings of a good doctor.

"The way you stopped the bleeding and fixed the child's injury today was excellent, and you handled the abrasions correctly. When patients arrived, you were not at all flustered, calm to a degree not like an apprentice at all, instilling trust in the relatives. This is very important."

Remembering his first time dealing with such an emergency, Du Chang recalled he had been quite nervous standing beside his master.

Xu Nian'an felt very embarrassed to be praised so much, scratching the back of his head, he said, "Master, I was very nervous too."

"Feeling nervous is normal, but being able to stay calm is excellent," Du Chang continued to praise, then began to teach Xu Nian'an even more about emergency care. By the time the master and apprentice finished talking, night had already fallen.

"Grandpa, it's time for dinner," Pei Yining called out to them, grinning, "Today, Ling Dong made quite a few delicious dishes."

"Nian'an, stay and eat with us. The road to becoming a doctor is long—we'll take it slow," Du Chang said, intending to pass on all his medical skills. He was in high spirits.

"Then I'll impose."

Xu Nian'an glanced at the pitch-black sky outside and did not refuse.

The next day, when Pei Yining told Xu Nianhua about the incident, she was so eloquent that she all but lauded Xu Nian'an to the skies.

"No matter what my second brother does, he does it to the best," Xu Nianhua said, her eyes sparkling with admiration and pride—that was her second brother.

"Nianhua, don't take what Yining said too seriously," Xu Nian'an, who had already been praised many times, laughed off the flattery, explaining, "Actually, Yining also did very well. If she hadn't quickly offered candy to soothe the little friend, he wouldn't have cooperated so well."

"I definitely can't dress a child's wounds; I don't even dare look at the place where the child is hurt, it's too frightening," Pei Yining shook her head repeatedly, the sight of the wound, the muddled flesh, and the bright red blood looked terribly horrifying.

"Xu Nian'an, I think you'll definitely be a good doctor in the future," Pei Yining said word for word. She had been so fearful yesterday, not knowing what to do until Xu Nian'an took control of the situation. Only then did she think to comfort the child.

"Agreed," Xu Nianhua raised both hands in approval, supported her chin with one hand, and asked, "It's almost the end of July now, so our admission notices should be arriving soon, right?"

"They should be, I suppose?" Xu Nian'an replied uncertainly.

"They haven't called yet, so they must not have been sent out," Pei Yining blinked, her address was listed as her home address, and there was an aunt at home. If the notice arrived, they would definitely call to share the good news.

#### Chapter 308: Pei Yining Is Stunned

"Master, good morning."

Just as Xu Nian'an opened the door of the medical clinic, Du Chang had already arrived, and he quickly greeted him.

"Good morning."

With a hearty laugh, Du Chang responded, looking at the energetic Xu Nian'an, he felt genuine happiness from the bottom of his heart.

"We don't have much going on today, which is just perfect, let's continue our discussion from yesterday that we didn't finish."

After wandering around the clinic, Du Chang began to pass on his medical skills; after all, Xu Nian'an wouldn't be by his side for much longer, as he would go back to school for further studies after the school term commenced.

Now, Du Chang wished he could use every day as two, having finally found such an ideal apprentice.

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"What is this?" Xu Nianhua looked at the item in her hand, examined it carefully, and it seemed somewhat like an instruction manual.

"An instruction manual."

Pei Yicheng explained, "The instruction manual for the hand cream, I've already had it made, so I plan to translate a foreign language version of it."

"You should be able to do it, right?" Xu Nianhua looked towards Pei Yicheng, whose foreign language skills she found quite impressive.

Pei Yining sat quietly on the side without speaking. Her brother always excelled in every subject, including foreign languages. No wonder, could Nianhua be even more skilled than her brother?

"Cough."

Clearing his throat, Pei Yicheng said, "A lot of it is professional jargon, and I need to manage things at the factory, so I don't have time for this, hence, I wanted to ask for your help. Of course, there will be payment; I couldn't possibly let you help for nothing."

Pei Yining's eyes widened in disbelief as she looked at Pei Yicheng.

Xu Nianhua glanced at the thin sheet. There were indeed a fair number of professional terms, but she used to work in this field, so it wasn't difficult for her. She smiled and refused, "Yicheng, to do this small favor for you, there's no need to talk about money."

This was different from the contract she had translated before when they were not familiar with each other, and she had needed the money.

But now, they were business partners, and Grandpa Du was also her second brother's Master. It didn't seem appropriate to take money for such a favor; it would feel too impersonal.

"Let's keep things separate," Pei Yicheng shook his head, trying to persuade Xu Nianhua.

However, Xu Nianhua said, "This is merely a minor favor, a trifle matter. If I start charging for something so small, considering all the meals I've eaten at Grandpa Du's home, this favor is nothing."

The shine in Pei Yicheng's dark, shimmering eyes flickered as he said, "Alright, whenever you need help, just say the word."

"Of course, I will," Xu Nianhua responded with a gleeful laugh.

Pei Yining, standing to the side, was completely stunned. Why did she feel like her brother had been waiting for Nianhua to say just that?

Could it be that she misunderstood something or was under some illusion?

Pei Yining discreetly observed Pei Yicheng's reaction, and although his facial expressions were usually minimal, the almost imperceptible upturn of his lips and the sparkle in his eyes seemed to confirm that her illusion was indeed a reality!

Her brother was indeed waiting for Nianhua's words.

She had always thought her brother was as dull as a block of wood, but now it seemed, he was not a block of wood at all, but more like a big bad wolf wanting to snatch away a little white rabbit.

Initially, Pei Yining was worried about whether she should help her brother pursue Nianhua, but now it seemed that her concern was unnecessary.

After Pei Yicheng left, Xu Nianhua began to translate.

Translating the hand cream instruction manual was not too difficult for Xu Nianhua, but some particularly specialized vocabulary required her to ponder it over several times.

### Chapter 309: Training Class

"Nianhua, how did you learn foreign languages?" Pei Yining rested her head on her hand and watched as Xu Nianhua flipped through dictionaries and books, strands of rebellious hair falling forward. Xu Nianhua occasionally reached up to brush them back, and that gesture, not to mention to a man, even Pei Yining found it utterly charming.

Nianhua's seriousness was particularly alluring.

Pei Yining's mind wandered as she thought, no wonder her overly critical brother treated Nianhua so differently.

"As long as you work hard and stay focused, you can always learn it well." Xu Nianhua's hand clutching a pen, gliding swiftly across the paper—for someone who had once been a training teacher, understanding the best way to learn a foreign language was too simple. Those words, like indelible marks, were etched into her mind.

"You make it sound easy, but it's not that simple to actually do it," Pei Yining sighed. Everyone desired to work hard and stay focused, yet sometimes, that alone just wasn't enough.

"Add a good method to that, and you can master it," Xu Nianhua put down her pen. She had considered for a long time about running a training course, but with her current situation, she couldn't run it effectively; it might be better not to run it at all.

Once her university situation stabilized, she could start it up without ending halfway through.

"Where can you find such a good method?"

Pei Yining pouted. Everyone wanted a good method, but even with one, it still required relentless effort and perseverance.

It's not hard to persist for a day or two; the hard part is to continue for ten years as if each were the first.

"Is what I taught you not a good method?" Xu Nianhua raised an eyebrow and countered.

As Pei Yining recalled what Xu Nianhua had taught, she immediately felt like she had misspoken.

"Nianhua, I didn't mean your method isn't good. It's just, just that it's too difficult." Pei Yining quickly took her hand, coaxing her gently, her beautiful doll-like face filled with caution.

Xu Nianhua smiled faintly, not taking it to heart. She said, "You're right, it is difficult; therefore, we need to help others find easier and more straightforward methods of learning."

"I want to start a training class in the future, specifically teaching these methods, enabling everyone to find a good way to learn." Xu Nianhua's voice was soft yet firm, her eyes seemingly shining with light.

Pei Yining hadn't expected Xu Nianhua to pursue this path. She paused, then asked, "Nianhua, after Beining University, you could become a translator, even a diplomat. You could do a lot of things. So why focus on training?"

Here, 'training' was a quite unfamiliar concept. Aren't schools for teaching kids anyway?

Would people really send their kids to her training courses?

Xu Nianhua laughed but offered no explanation. She preferred letting her actions speak. She said, "It's just an idea. By the way, how is the little boy who got hurt that day?"

"Oh, he's already better." Pei Yining was quickly distracted from the topic of training courses. She said, "When I saw him yesterday, his hand was already better, though his leg will need a few more days. He chats incessantly. Every time he visits his grandpa's clinic, he just keeps calling me 'sister' non-stop."

"Also, he called your second brother 'uncle,' haha, you should have seen the look on your brother's face—it was priceless." Pei Yining seemed amused to recall this, unable to contain her laughter.

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"Big brother, you chose Medical University, right?" Xu Nianhua couldn't help but confirm again, fearful that Xu Nian'an might have made a mistake.

"I did, I did, didn't you see it?"

Xu Nian'an was speechless about his little sister's behavior. When initially filling in his choices, Xu Nianhua had checked countless times, seemingly terrified of making a mistake.

Even having seen it with her own eyes, once back home, Xu Nianhua would ask about it countless times again.

It wasn't just about choosing university majors; with other matters too, Xu Nianhua always had to double-check several times.

"Little sis, not to criticize you, but you're a young girl of just twenty, how come you nag more than an old lady?" Xu Nian'an sized up his sister, whose small face was adorned with a pair of sparkling eyes as if they could speak.

How could such a youthful and beautiful face be as nagging as an old maid?

No, even more than our own mother.

"Ahem."

Xu Nianhua cleared her throat, her head hanging down, her eyes filled with guilt. In her previous life, she may not have lived to the age of an old lady, but she certainly wasn't a young girl either.

"Big brother, aren't you going to the clinic? Be careful, or Grandpa Du will get there before you," Xu Nianhua changed the subject.

When Xu Nian'an heard this, he looked at his wrist and saw it was already seven o'clock. Normally, he would have been at the clinic by 7:10 to clean up. Now it was already seven, and he hadn't even eaten yet.

"Big brother, take it easy."

Xu Nianhua watched as Xu Nian'an dashed off. Helplessly shaking her head, she followed, buying her brother's favorite pork buns on the way, and kept up with him as he hurried to the clinic. When she saw him bustling into the clinic, she walked over too.

Suddenly, she stopped in her tracks. Beside the clinic, there was a dirty figure crouching down, only a blackened head and grimy clothes could be seen.

Without paying much attention, Xu Nianhua delivered the pork buns and then took the broom from Xu Nian'an's hand, asking, "Big brother, who's that squatting at the door?"

Xu Nian'an, who was hungrily eating a bun, looked outside and indeed saw the dirty figure crouching there. He said, "Not sure. They've been squatting there for a couple of days? I asked yesterday if they were feeling unwell, but they didn't say anything. I even bought them some buns to eat."

"Oh."

After sweeping the floor, Xu Nianhua also bought buns for the person squatting by the door.

"The buns are still warm." Xu Nianhua held out the buns to the person in front of her. The person, with head bowed, looked up to reveal messy hair and a filthy face, but their eyes, shifting from Xu Nianhua to the buns, reddened instantly.

"Eat up," she said.

As Xu Nianhua glanced at the passing crowd, she placed the buns in his hand and asked, "Have you come across some trouble?"

The person paused in their eager biting of the bun, then bowed their head and continued eating.

Xu Nianhua found their eyes vaguely familiar, but after thinking it over, she couldn't recall knowing them.

With head lowered, the person bit into the bun voraciously, as if starved.

"Eat slowly, these are all for you," Xu Nianhua said softly and gently.

When they had nearly finished eating, she asked again, "If you've encountered any troubles, you can talk about it. Maybe we can help you. What's your name? Where do you live?"

Xu Nianhua's voice was as tender as water, gentle as a spring breeze.

"I..." As soon as the person opened their mouth, they burst into loud sobbing.

"You, please don't cry," Xu Nianhua was taken aback.