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Chapter 1061: I Just Love Watching Them Fight Among Themselves

Jiang Conghe knew early on that his daughter Chiang Qing wouldn't give up easily, so he had already instructed everyone not to answer if she called.

So, Chiang Qing couldn't get through to Jiang Conghe, and in her anger, she smashed the phone.

Why, why is it like this?

Why did Dad use such methods to drag her back? What happened, for what reason?

Chiang Qing stared blankly as the sky outside gradually brightened, and the swiftly passing scenery also told her that she was getting farther away from Qi Taiguo!

Qi Taiguo!

Chiang Qing clenched her fists tightly, her lips pressed into a thin line.

The mentioned Qi Taiguo sneezed twice, amused by Cheng Su's jumping and shouting.

"Look at you, you're so happy, aren't you?"

Cheng Su spun happily around and said, "Of course I'm happy. The thorn in our side is gone, and in such a spectacular fashion. Oh my, Jiang Conghe is really something, coming up with sedating her and all, so decisive!"

Going as far as to knock her out and immediately drag his own daughter away, he sure is something, makes things much easier, not having to worry about Chiang Qing clinging on without leaving.

Qi Taiguo also laughed and said, "It truly was unexpected for him to use this trick, quite a surprise." He paused and then added, "This shows that Jiang Conghe will stop at nothing for his own benefit, regardless of who it is, such a person is terrifying."

To be able to lay a hand on his own daughter, isn't that terrifying?

Even though it's because of Chiang Qing's stubbornness, silently knocking someone out and kidnapping them is tyrannical behavior, and he did it because Chiang Qing's actions made him wary, fearing she would bring negative consequences to him.

So, in simple terms, Jiang Conghe is just selfish, just doing it for himself.

"Just a selfish bastard!" Cheng Su shrugged and said, "But this kind of selfishness plays right into our hands. Just thinking about them fighting among themselves makes me so happy."

Nothing is more enjoyable than watching enemies fight among themselves; she would love to see more of such dramas!

Qi Taiguo, seeing her face full of mischief, was also pleased. He was happy because Chiang Qing was no longer in Qing City, a potential threat was gone, he could be at ease. Even though the threat wasn't fully eliminated, not having her around meant he didn't have to constantly worry about her suddenly snapping.

"I'll go buy some beef and a bottle of red wine, we'll have a proper celebration tonight." Cheng Su said joyfully.

Qi Taiguo naturally had no reason to refuse; the two tangled with each other for a while before going about their separate ways.

Meanwhile, in the Capital, as soon as Chiang Qing got off the train, she was taken back to the Chiang Family home.

Jiang Conghe was in the living room, leisurely reading a newspaper with his legs crossed.

Seeing this, Chiang Qing boiled with anger, rushed over, and coldly asked, "Dad, why did you do that? Why did you treat me like that?"

"What kind of attitude is this? Coming back and yelling at your father, what kind of manners is that?" Jiang Conghe put down the newspaper, knowing full well that this girl would go crazy upon seeing that bastard again in Qing City.

"Qingqing, you're back?" Lu Shufen rushed out of the kitchen, holding Chiang Qing's hand and saying, "Let mom see where you're hurt. Oh my, this..."

Before Lu Shufen could finish her exclamation, she was pushed aside by Chiang Qing, leaving her stunned.

"Dad, I'm asking you, why did you do this? If you wanted me back, you could have just said so, was it necessary to use such despicable methods?" Chiang Qing screamed at Jiang Conghe, "I'm your daughter, not an animal, how could you do this!"

Chapter 1062: Dog Eat Dog

Chiang Qing's relentless questioning made Jiang Conghe's face turn completely cold, his anger surging upward.

These days, the Loo Family had been suppressing him, and he'd been feeling quite suffocated and irritable. Never did he expect that even Chiang Qing would dare question him?

He was the head of the Chiang Family, the absolute authority in the family, and since when did they all dare defy him!

"You're questioning me? Who gave you the guts?" Jiang Conghe roared.

Lu Shufen sensed something was wrong. What happened? Why couldn't she understand? She pulled on Chiang Qing's hand, and said, "Qingqing, how can you talk to your father like that? Apologize right away."

"Mom, do you even know what he did?" Chiang Qing screamed, pointing at Jiang Conghe, "He had someone inject me with a sedative while I was completely unconscious and tied me to a train."

"What?" Lu Shufen looked at Jiang Conghe calmly.

"I am a living person, not an animal. I'm your daughter! Dad, how could you do this? If word gets out, how can I face people in the future?" Chiang Qing shouted angrily.

This return had ruined all her plans. She was unwilling to accept it!

"I told you to come back, didn't I? What did you say when Secretary Gao said he'd withdraw you immediately? You refused to leave. You just wanted to meet that kid Qi Taiguo again. If I didn't force you back, would you have come back obediently? Leaving you in Qing City is like leaving you to cause more trouble!" Jiang Conghe sneered.

Lu Shufen was a bit bewildered, "What on earth is going on here? Qingqing, did you meet Qi Taiguo again?"

"Your beloved daughter needed a bodyguard to protect her. Ridiculous, right? Is it not embarrassing enough? I don't have enough Commanders' faces for her to throw away!" Jiang Conghe raged.

"In the end, you're just afraid I'll embarrass you. What did I do? I only wanted to humiliate him, is that not allowed? Or are you scared, Dad! Afraid you can't handle Qi Taiguo, so you're scared!"

Bang!

"Are you insane, the daughter just got back, still with injuries on her hands, and you hit her!" Lu Shufen immediately stood in front of Chiang Qing, like a protective tigress, glaring at Jiang Conghe.

"Wretched child, this wretched child, is going to infuriate me!" Jiang Conghe's hand trembled as he pointed at Chiang Qing, "I just knew you haven't given up on that kid!"

Chiang Qing covered her face and laughed coldly, "Admit it, I've hit the nail on the head, keep hitting! Hitting won't change the truth!"

"You, you..."

"Qingqing, stop talking already. Seriously, why are you provoking that damn Qi Taiguo again? Have you forgotten the hardships we've faced?" Lu Shufen said with a pained heart.

"I just wanted to humiliate him, who knew Dad would humiliate me instead!" Chiang Qing said with reddened eyes, "I hate you!"

After saying this, she turned to leave, but Jiang Conghe shouted again, "Stop right there!"

Chiang Qing stopped, looking at him with a face full of resentment.

"I've booked you a ticket; you're going to live in the United States. There's a Chiang Family house there," Jiang Conghe continued.

"Old Chiang!" Lu Shufen widened her eyes in shock. How had she never heard him say anything about this decision?

"The United States is also well developed, and you'll live well over there. If you want to work, you can work; if not, you can play around. I'll make sure you have money ready!"

Chiang Qing laughed coldly at him, "Dragging me back wasn't enough; now you want to send me abroad? Dad, I'm not a child anymore; I won't let you dictate my life! I won't go to the United States!"

"That's not up to you!" Jiang Conghe's face darkened.

"Is it?" Chiang Qing's lips curled up coldly, "Then let's see!"

Chapter 1063: Unwilling to Let Go

Chiang Qing refuses to go to the United States, the reason simple; because it's not her place. Only here, this is her home, her country, her world.

Everything she has is here, she cannot leave, even in death!

"Even if you drug me and bind me onto a plane again, I can jump off the plane and fly back from abroad." Chiang Qing glared at Jiang Conghe: "And if you force me, then take my corpse instead!"

"You, ungrateful wretch!" Jiang Conghe was so angry his body was trembling, pointing at her: "You're threatening your father!"

"Qingqing, you're crazy, how can you say such things!" Lu Shufen was also shocked beyond belief.

"You all forced me to this point!" Chiang Qing screamed.

"Fine, fine, we're forcing you, if you want to die, then go ahead, die!" Jiang Conghe sneered coldly.

"Old Chiang, you're crazy too, aren't you? Everyone, stop fighting!" Watching this father and daughter clash, Lu Shufen was tearful yet helpless, how could this happen, such a good family, how could it turn out this way!

Seeing how her husband and daughter looked at each other, it's like they wanted to devour one another. How could it come to this!

They were evidently such a loving family, Old Chiang loved his daughter the most, how did it change!

Jiang Conghe thought Chiang Qing was just using harsh words to threaten him, but unexpectedly, Chiang Qing actually slit her wrist, and it was Lu Shufen who discovered her, nearly unable to save her!

Jiang Conghe was dumbfounded!

He thought she was just saying it, who would have expected she really would...

Jiang Conghe was terrified, rushing to find Chiang Qing's psychologist again; wasn't her condition supposed to be cured, why were her emotions still so intense!

Lu Shufen went berserk, arguing with Jiang Conghe, accusing him of forcing their daughter to die, forcing her, tearing apart this family.

Such a major incident naturally alarmed the Loo Family; Old Master Loo, who doted on this granddaughter the most, upon hearing her suicide attempts, directly struck Jiang Conghe with his cane, scolding him like a dog.

Everyone blamed him, saying he wanted to kill his own daughter; Jiang Conghe suddenly found himself the target of everyone's criticism, isolated and helpless.

In this realization, he clearly saw that to the Loo Family, he had always been an outsider. With this thought, the remaining guilt he held for Chiang Qing disappeared.

That girl was born to drag him down, so when Chiang Qing was clear-headed and taken in by the Loo Family to live and recover, he had no objection; out of sight, out of mind, better if she didn't cause trouble for him.

With such an incident arising, the Chiang family couldn't keep it hidden from those keenly observing their household affairs, like Jiang Dafang, who upon understanding the whole situation, felt satisfaction and relayed the tale to Ning Ge.

"I see the old man is increasingly dissatisfied with the Loo Family!" Jiang Dafang commented.

Ning Ge responded, "Then let's add more fuel to the fire!"

No one knew how the two planned their course of action.

Ning Ge further relayed the situation to Qi Taiguo, and with Qi Taiguo knowing, Cheng Su would naturally know too, finding Chiang Qing's actions speechless, and developing more fear towards her.

There's a kind of ruthlessness in the world, and it's called ruthlessness when one can be ruthless to oneself.

"It's really a pity, if she could truly go to the United States, that would be truly great!" Qi Taiguo sighed, lamenting the missed opportunity.

Cheng Su replied, "She won't go."

As long as her obsession remains, she won't leave this country.

Otherwise, if she let go, how would this present situation have occurred?

So it's more accurate to say Chiang Qing refuses to go to the United States because she refuses to let go.

Chapter 1064: That Woman Is Back Again

With the abduction of Chiang Qing, Cheng Su felt as if the sky was blue, and as March was quickly passing, she started preparing for her trip to Guangcheng.

Guangcheng, a developed major city, would become a first-tier city in the future and a great place to make money. More and more people would go there to strike it rich, driving rapid city development.

As for Cheng Su, she wasn't the kind to put all her eggs in one basket. Spreading them out seemed safer, and the opportunities would be greater.

Therefore, she thought of taking advantage of the trip to see if there were any business opportunities worth developing, and also wanted to introduce the Joy Soon Loy Jam business there.

After discussing with Xiao Pinshan, Cheng Su decided to take Zhao Da and Wang Bo along.

Speaking of Zhao Da, the young man had been eating well and grown quite robust. He was energetic and healthy, with strong learning capabilities and eloquence. He had risen from a janitor to a salesperson, and within two years, he became a team leader. His skills and performance were outstanding—an exploitable talent.

Wang Bo and Zhao Da had also become the main force for business trips. They cherished Cheng Su's support, and once Cheng Su decided on the trip's date, they quickly set about researching Guangcheng, including market surveys, culture, and history. Understanding these aspects would effectively broaden their perspectives.

Knowing that Cheng Su would travel with two young men from the Jam Company, Qi Taiguo felt more at ease. Originally, he wanted to take a leave to accompany her, but he then got a short-term training assignment, overlapping exactly with Cheng Su's travel days.

Upon hearing this, Cheng Su laughed, "I have two Protectors of Flowers with me; aren't you worried I'll get lost?"

Qi Taiguo responded, "Even ten of them can't compare to me."

Cheng Su sniffed.

"Susu!"

"Hmm?"

"When you return from Guangcheng, tell me your secret!" Qi Taiguo said.

Cheng Su's body trembled as she looked at him in surprise.

Qi Taiguo met her gaze, filled with anticipation and trust.

"Okay!" Cheng Su nodded with a smile.

Qi Taiguo also smiled, feeling relieved from the burden in his heart.

The phone rang, and Qi Taiguo picked it up and handed it to Cheng Su.

"Who is it?" Cheng Su asked as she answered.

"Hualing!"

Cheng Su found it even stranger, wondering what the call was about when it was nearly time to get off work.

"Cheng Su, listen, and make sure Qi Taiguo doesn't hear this!" Hualing said urgently over the phone.

"What's the matter?"

"Remember the last time when I told you about seeing Qi Taiguo being all close with a woman at the hospital?"

Upon hearing this, Cheng Su rolled her eyes. The person wasn't how Hualing imagined, so she said, "Don't talk nonsense, people..."

Before she could finish, Hualing's excited voice came through, "I'm telling you, that woman is here again, right at our hospital. I saw her in the inpatient ward."

Cheng Su was taken aback, "Are you sure you didn't mistake her?"

"My eyes aren't blind, how could I mistake her? She's on the third floor of the inpatient ward."

Cheng Su furrowed her brows, hung up the phone, and looked at Qi Taiguo.

"What's wrong?" Qi Taiguo asked, noticing her strange expression, "Did Hualing say something?"

"Hualing said, the woman she saw last time, Little Yu, is now in the inpatient ward at the hospital!"
Cheng Su said slowly.

Qi Taiguo was stunned, his face slightly changed.

Chapter 1065: Niannian

Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo rushed to the hospital; Hualing hadn't left yet, seemingly waiting for her to come. But seeing Qi Taiguo there too, Hualing was stunned for a moment and pulled Cheng Su aside.

"Why did you bring him too?" Hualing seemed a bit flustered and a bit embarrassed.

She had told Cheng Su that this was a matter for women; what was the point of bringing Qi Taiguo along?

Cheng Su purposely said, "If I don't bring him, how can we start tearing into it?"

Hualing became more awkward and said, "Why not wait until it's clear before saying anything? What if we've got it wrong, wouldn't that be mortifying?"

"Aren't you just waiting to see my joke?" Cheng Su replied with a half-smile.

Hualing's thoughts were exposed, and her face turned red with anger as she said, "Cheng Su, don't be like this, I'm saying this for your own good!"

"Okay, okay, it's not what you think. Old Qi already explained it to me; she is a widow of a comrade named Zheng Guixiang." Cheng Su stopped teasing her.

Hualing was taken aback; what, a widow of a comrade?

Heaven, what kind of big misunderstanding is this!

However, this name Zheng Guixiang seems so familiar, like I've heard it somewhere?

"Where is she, in which ward?" Qi Taiguo walked up and asked.

Hualing was startled for a moment, then replied, "In 303."

Upon hearing this, Qi Taiguo strode towards the inpatient building, followed closely by Cheng Su.

After thinking for a moment, Hualing followed them too.

In room 303, there were several hospital beds, all occupied; some people were talking, and others were lying down.

Qi Taiguo scanned the room but didn't see Little Yu; he looked again at the patients on the beds and his gaze fell on the innermost bed.

He walked over and found a pale and frail little girl lying there asleep.

"Niannian," Qi Taiguo murmured softly.

Cheng Su approached, glanced at the little girl, and asked, "Is it her?"

Qi Taiguo nodded, "It's Little Yu's daughter."

Cheng Su looked at the information card hanging at the foot of the bed and called Hualing over, asking, "What illness does she have?"

Hualing glanced at it and said, "Malnutrition and pneumonia caused by high fever." Then she asked, "Who is she?"

"The daughter of Platoon Leader Zheng, a posthumous child," Cheng Su whispered in her ear.

Hualing's throat tightened, and she instinctively touched her own raised belly.

Her face heated up, feeling ashamed and embarrassed for her own sordid thoughts.

"Uncle Qi." Sometime during this, Niannian awoke, opened her eyes, and hoarsely called out.

"Ah, Niannian." Qi Taiguo walked over, bent down, and rubbed his nose against the little girl's nose, clearly a gesture they were familiar with.

"Uncle Qi hasn't come to see Niannian for a long time!"

"Uncle has been busy and had tasks to do! It's Uncle's fault; he should have come to see Niannian sooner." Qi Taiguo brushed away the fine hair on her face with his big hand, saying, "But Niannian, why are you sick again? Uncle told Niannian to run ten big laps every day, didn't he?"

The little girl shyly said, "Niannian ran, but Niannian didn't succeed; she still got sick, worrying Mom and making Uncle look down on her. Niannian really isn't good!"

"Uncle isn't looking down on Niannian, he's just concerned. You're a good child; you need to get better quickly!" Qi Taiguo said softly, "Once Niannian gets better, Uncle will take Niannian to the amusement park, okay?"

The little girl's eyes lit up when she heard this, she hurriedly nodded and extended her hand, "Pinkie promise!"

Qi Taiguo reached out and linked pinkies with her.

Cheng Su and Hualing watched from the side, their eyes warm.

Then, suddenly, there was a clattering sound of a water basin being overturned. Everyone looked, only to see a woman hastily rushing out of the ward.

Chapter 1066: Outstanding Medical Bills

"Sister-in-law!" Qi Taiguo hurriedly called out when he saw the woman's figure.

The little girl also looked a bit flustered, "Mom!"

"Niannian, be good, Uncle will go take a look!" Qi Taiguo quickly comforted her, then walked out briskly.

Cheng Su thought for a moment, then walked to Niannian's bedside, calling her name. The little girl looked at her curiously.

"I am your uncle's wife, you can call me Aunt!" Cheng Su took out a cloth doll from her bag and handed it over, "A welcome gift for you!"

This little cloth doll, she bought from a stall at the hospital entrance. As she came in earlier, she saw the shop and just impulsively bought the doll, who knew it would come in handy.

"Thank you, Aunt!" Niannian's eyes lit up, and she hugged the doll lovingly.

Cheng Su patted her head, looking at the child's thin hands, still attached to a needle, her face pale with very little flesh, her heart ached sharply.

Hualing also couldn't bear it, turning her head away, gently stroking her belly, thinking, a child with a father and mother is the happiest.

After comforting the child for a while, Cheng Su walked out of the ward. In the corner, Little Yu was squatting there with her legs hugged, burying her head in tears. Qi Taiguo was standing in front of her, at a loss, seeing Cheng Su like seeing a savior.

"Sister-in-law." Cheng Su squatted down, tentatively touching Little Yu's hand.

Little Yu lifted her head, seeing Cheng Su, hurriedly wiped away her tears, pulling out a slight smile, "Look at me, you must be Taiguo's partner!"

"Yes, my name is Cheng Su!" Cheng Su helped her stand up, her voice just like on the phone, which was indeed her calling a few days ago.

Little Yu's face was also exceptionally pale, as she stood up, her foot wobbled, almost falling to the ground. Luckily, Cheng Su quickly supported her.

"First meeting and I make you see a joke!" Little Yu said.

"It's okay." Cheng Su held her hand, glanced down. Her hands were rough and cracked, dirt embedded under her nails, indicating she usually did hard labor.

Compared to her own hands, which were fair and delicate, always cared for and maintained, the contrast was stark.

Little Yu also noticed, awkwardly pulling back her hand, hiding it behind her back.

Cheng Su acted as if she hadn't seen, with a faint smile on her face.

"I heard Taiguo married a good wife, and indeed, you two match well." Little Yu said, seeing them standing together, smiling.

"Thank you." Cheng Su smiled politely, "Sister-in-law called home a few days ago, right? Why not leave a name, it made us guess for a long time."

Little Yu gave a bitter smile, "It's not a good thing, and it alarmed you!"

"Niannian is sick, this is important. Just now, Hualing said she's malnourished. What happened? How did it come to malnutrition?" Qi Taiguo was a bit upset, he clearly had given money.

Little Yu's eyes reddened, shamefully lowering her head.

Cheng Su signaled to Qi Taiguo with a glance, softly said, "Sister-in-law, ignore him, he just has a hot temper, it's not blaming you!"

"It's my fault. If I weren't useless, the child wouldn't be like this, it's all my fault!" Little Yu cried.

Just as Qi Taiguo was about to speak, another nurse came over. Seeing Little Yu, she said, "Bed four, your medical fees owed today must be settled, if not, you'll have to be discharged immediately!"

Little Yu's face turned white.

Qi Taiguo was stunned, owing medical fees, what does that mean, that it means they don't even have money for treatment, how could this happen?

Chapter 1067: Struggling to Survive

With Cheng Su and the others around, there's no way to default on medical bills. Qi Taiguo immediately went to pay them, while Cheng Su stayed and talked with Little Yu.

"...For all these years, Taiguo has been supporting our lives. Without him, we women would have died long ago. Our family only has Old Zheng as a son, two sisters below him, and two elderly parents, with no other hopes. I need to take care of the elderly and bring up the young ones, so I can only pick up odd

jobs, which don't earn much. The old folks are getting on in years and have many ailments. Sometimes they suffer silently, preferring to find wild herbs and boil them for medicine."

Little Yu wiped away a tear and said, "There are two little ones... The money Taiguo has given us in recent years, if used sparingly, is enough for our living expenses. But in these past two months, first the two elders got seriously ill, costing a huge amount, and then Xiao Bin got into a fight at school because a classmate insulted his father, injuring someone who ended up in the hospital, costing another sum. This is when our situation began to unravel."

"So, when you called a while back, you were trying to..." Cheng Su tentatively asked.

Little Yu bowed her head in shame and said, "The family has no money, we can only skimp it through. The child is in the growing age, how can they get nutrients from only eating vegetables every day? Niannian is a posthumous child, she's been weak since her birth. She's very obedient and sensible, she knows how tough life is at home and won't pester for food. Sometimes I see her staring longingly at others eating candy, licking her lips, and my heart just aches!"

"Recently, she fainted at school, they said it was due to poor nutrition. Then she got a high fever that wouldn't go down for days, so she had to be hospitalized. But the family really has no money left, I don't know who to borrow from, I could only think of Taiguo... I'm sorry, I'm really..." Little Yu was extremely embarrassed, saying, "At wit's end!"

"Sister-in-law, don't say that. You called but didn't leave a message, so we didn't know who it was. You should have spoken sooner, you wouldn't have had to be so embarrassed!" Cheng Su said.

Little Yu chuckled bitterly, "I've troubled you enough, how could I feel at ease!"

"But the child shouldn't suffer!" Cheng Su said, "How did you get the money later for hospitalization?"

Little Yu's face changed slightly, she bowed her head and stayed silent, rubbing one hand against the other.

Cheng Su felt uneasy, "Sister-in-law, you..."

"I... I sold blood twice!" Little Yu hesitated for a long time before murmuring.

Cheng Su's face suddenly changed, "Sister-in-law, you are really confused. Blood is fundamental to life, how can you sell it? If you collapse, what will happen to the kids and elders?" It's no wonder she is so thin and pale, managing to hold on is already the limit.

Little Yu covered her face with hands, the tears seeped through those dirty black fingers, sobbing, "I had no choice, I had no choice!"

The reprimanding words in Cheng Su's mouth swallowed back down as he raised his head, seeing Qi Taiguo standing over there, sighing inwardly.

When people reach a dead end, to survive, what won't they do?

These days, having no money but being forced to spend it, not finding a way to earn, it's highly likely one would resort to selling blood. Little Yu is like this, and Chen Shouwang was too.

"Sister-in-law, don't do that anymore, money is never more important than people, people are fundamental. If you really need money urgently, you can come to us." Cheng Su asked, "What are you doing for work now?"

"I... I went to join people to dig mines for a few days." Little Yu replied.

Cheng Su was taken aback, mining? A woman doing this, if there's a mining accident, this family would truly despair!

Chapter 1068: No Child Should Suffer

Little Yu watched Cheng Su and Niannian talking. She didn't know what they said, but Niannian giggled, and her pale little face had a touch of color. Little Yu couldn't help but smile as well.

"Taiguo, you've married a good wife!" Little Yu looked at Qi Taiguo and said, "She is wonderful. She will surely be a good mother in the future."

Qi Taiguo looked over and saw Cheng Su genuinely smiling, then nodded and said, "She is quite attentive to the children."

Whether it's Niannian, or Xiao Yun from the eldest sister's family, or Dahe's Cancan, and so on, she always shows that she loves them.

You can usually tell if someone is good by whether the children like her, because children's eyes never lie.

Qi Taiguo felt honored and proud to have her.

"You've settled down, so your Brother Zheng can also be at ease!" Little Yu remarked.

Qi Taiguo's smile slightly faded as he looked at her and said, "These years have been hard on you!"

She worked herself so hard. Although she was roughly the same age as him, because of the toil, wrinkles had early crept onto her face, making her look as if she were in her early forties. This was due to how tough her life had been.

As a woman to uphold a household, it was very difficult!

Qi Taiguo felt a pang of heartache and thought of that towering figure again.

"It is hard, but after enduring a few more years, there will be light." Little Yu smiled slightly and said, "Once Xiao Bin goes to college, he'll have prospects. Then I can hold my head high in front of Old Zheng!"

"Sister-in-law!" Qi Taiguo choked up.

"Enough, let's not talk about it. You came with such care. As for the medical bills, I will repay you someday!" Little Yu smiled, "Though I don't know when that day will be."

"That's not urgent!" Qi Taiguo quickly responded.

"Mm, thank you. It's dark now; the road is not easy to walk, so you both should head back!" Little Yu said.

Qi Taiguo nodded, "We will come to visit Niannian again tomorrow!"

"No need to come over; the doctor said there were no major issues, and she will be discharged in a couple of days!"

Qi Taiguo did not respond definitively.

Calling Cheng Su, Little Yu escorted them out of the ward. Cheng Su took three Great Unity RMB bills from her bag and stuffed them into Little Yu's hand, "Sister-in-law, take this money to buy the child some nourishing food. She is too thin!"

"How can this be, you've already helped to cover the medical bills!" Little Yu hurriedly declined.

"Sister-in-law, just take it!" Qi Taiguo said, "Let no one suffer, especially not the children. They need nutrition, particularly Niannian. Her health has never been good; without nourishment, how will she grow? She seems smaller than kids her age."

"Exactly! Sister-in-law, don't feel pressured, just consider it a gesture for the child." Cheng Su smiled and said, "Tell her that in the future, when she has achieved success, we'll be there waiting for her to bless us!"

She didn't mention Platoon Leader Zheng, or talk about repayment, only about the child. Everyone knew the reason for the money, but by not saying it, they preserved some dignity for all.

You won't think I'm using kindness to demand payment.

You won't think I'm using money in return for the fact that your husband accomplished so much for us with his life.

Little Yu clutched the money, turned away, and wiped the corner of her eye, saying, "I owe you both too much!"

"Sister-in-law, don't say things like that. If not for..." Qi Taiguo gritted his teeth and said, "I treat Xiao Bin and Niannian like my own children. If you face any difficulties, don't shy away from coming to us. We will always lend a hand when we can!"

"Yes!" Cheng Su echoed.

Little Yu nodded and smiled as she saw them off.

Chapter 1069: Teach a Man to Fish

On the way home, Qi Taiguo was silent, his lips pursed, lost in thought.

"Is your heart aching?" Cheng Su sat on the back seat of the bicycle, hugging his waist, and leaned forward to ask.

Qi Taiguo nodded absentmindedly.

"I thought I'd done enough, but it's still not enough. The child ended up like this, in and out of the hospital. If Platoon Leader Zheng finds out, how will he blame me?" Qi Taiguo said self-reproachfully.

"That kind of thinking is wrong!" Cheng Su said: "You've actually done really well, although life is tough, they're still holding together. Without your support, they would probably have been unable to survive long ago!"

"But, it's still not enough!"

"There's no 'enough' or 'not enough' here. When we help others, we have to act within our means. Your monthly allowance is limited, how much can you give away? You have family responsibilities too." Cheng Su said calmly: "Sacrifice on the battlefield is indeed tragic, but when you headed to the battlefield, didn't you have this mental preparation?"

Qi Taiguo remained silent, gripping the bicycle handles tightly.

"We are grateful to Platoon Leader Zheng, so we do what we can to take care of his family, but it can only be within our capabilities; it's not our responsibility. Taiguo, being human means each of us must be responsible for ourselves, we can't just rely on others."

"I know, I'm just upset." Qi Taiguo replied gloomily.

Cheng Su patted his back and said, "I feel sad too, but this can't be helped."

"How about I set aside forty yuan for them each month in the future?" Qi Taiguo hesitated and said.

He used to give them money, but actually, he didn't do it every month.

Now it seems that Little Yu's family is really struggling; if he doesn't do something, he can't feel at ease.

Cheng Su thought for a moment and said, "I have something to say, not sure if I should."

"What?"

"It's still the same saying, 'rescue the urgent, not the poor,' giving money every month isn't a long-term solution." Cheng Su hesitated and said: "In my opinion, teaching someone to fish is better than giving them fish."

Qi Taiguo stopped the bike and turned to look at her: "Hmm?"

"You've heard Little Yu say it too, when there's no money, it's about selling blood; the work she's doing, like mining, is really risking her life to earn. I think instead of giving her money every month, why not support her to do something, lend money or whatever, help her start a small business, and she'll have a livelihood, and won't need to do mine work which is so arduous!" Cheng Su said.

Mining, you often hear about mine accidents, and Little Yu being a woman, to say something unpleasant, if anything happens at the mine, then the family truly would be ruined.

Giving money can solve living expenses, but can you keep giving for ten months, ten years, or forever?

Even now it's manageable, but just giving like this, you may feel at ease, but the other side may not rightfully accept it.

But if we change the way, they find a long-term solution for their livelihood, and we don't have to constantly support them, both families can maintain their relationship better long-term. Otherwise, just giving money, over time, even the purest feelings might deteriorate.

Qi Taiguo hadn't thought of this, but upon careful consideration, it was indeed a good idea. But as Little Yu hadn't done business before, he said, "She seems to have never done any business, do you think she can do something? I don't know what she's good at."

Seeing him agree, Cheng Su said: "How about this, I'll visit them again in the next couple of days, explain this idea and check her thoughts, and we'll plan it out carefully."

"Okay!" Qi Taiguo smiled, turned around and kissed her: "Wife, thank you, no wonder Little Yu says good things about you!"

Cheng Su spat at him: "Hurry up, it's getting dark!"

"Alright!"

Chapter 1070: Face-to-Face Guidance

Early the next morning, Hualing was waiting for Cheng Su, hesitantly saying, "Um, I didn't know Niannian's mom was Platoon Leader Zheng's widow, sorry about that."

Last night, she asked Chen Shouwang about the matter with Platoon Leader Zheng and finally understood the whole story. It turns out that Qi Taiguo had a great favor.

But she herself misunderstood the situation and thought in a skewed way, even though Cheng Su had helped her a lot before, she had thought it was a joke.

No doubt about it, Hualing felt a bit like a petty person!

Cheng Su replied, "I wouldn't have known either if Qi Taiguo hadn't mentioned it."

Hualing laughed awkwardly and said, "It's quite pitiful."

"Yes, indeed!" Cheng Su sighed and continued, "By the way, I made some lean meat soup. When you go to work, please take it to Niannian, and tell her mom I'll come by after class this afternoon to discuss something."

Hualing nodded repeatedly. She made a big mistake, so how could she not help when Cheng Su asked?

Cheng Su packed a full thermos of lean meat soup for Hualing to take, then rushed to school herself.

In a few days, she was going to Guangcheng, and she hadn't asked for leave from school yet, so she needed to ask her teacher for time off.

In today's university, even though it's more leisurely, you can't just skip classes without a formal request. Cheng Su handed in the leave slip and was questioned by the teacher.

Cheng Su had already thought of what to say and guaranteed she wouldn't fall behind in coursework, so the teacher reluctantly approved.

Leaving the teacher's office, Cheng Su stuck out her tongue, thinking how lucky she is to have the knowledge from her past life as a foundation. Otherwise, she wouldn't know how to handle exams every semester.

After finishing a day of classes, Cheng Su hurried to the hospital, bought fruits and a toy at the city hospital, and went to Niannian's ward.

"Why did you buy these things again?" Little Yu felt embarrassed seeing her come with big bags.

"It's nothing, just some fruit!" Cheng Su smiled, gave the toy to Niannian, checked her complexion, and praised, "Hmm, you look much better today. Seems like Niannian is eating well!"

"I even had a chicken leg today!" Niannian's eyes sparkled.

"Really? That's great!" Cheng Su said with a smile.

Little Yu felt a bit embarrassed and said, "She's been craving for days, so I bought her one. And thank you for the soup you asked Miss Hua to bring today. She drank it, too. Thank you."

She was genuinely grateful; the soup was rich, and such a big pot, Niannian couldn't finish it, so she had some as well. She understood that Cheng Su intentionally made so much.

"It's just a couple of bowls of soup, not much!" Cheng Su shook her head with a smile.

"By the way! Miss Hua mentioned you wanted to discuss something with me. What is it?" Little Yu asked.

Cheng Su handed a big apple to Niannian, letting her play with it, then pulled up a chair and sat down, explaining the idea she and Qi Taiguo had discussed.

"Starting a business?" Little Yu was startled and said, "I-I have never done business before; I'm clumsy and don't know how!"

"You can learn if you don't know. No one is born knowing these things. When I first opened a restaurant, I stumbled my way through learning!" Cheng Su said, "Sis, mining is too exhausting and not suitable for you; it's too dangerous. You need to consider your situation. What if something happens, what will your family do? It's different now than it used to be; doing some small business can earn some money and isn't impossible for living."

Little Yu pursed her lips, deep in thought.