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Chapter 1101: Sincerity for Sincerity

Cheng Su wasn't aware of what the Cheng family decided, but when they returned to the hotel, Wang Bo and the others excitedly shared about the visit to the Cheng family.

"President Cheng, I didn't expect Old Master Cheng to have such a significant background. He's an Old Red Army soldier, and his sons are quite capable, especially Second Master Mr. Cheng, who runs a mall. This network is truly important for the future development of our company," Wang Bo laughed.

"Yeah, President Cheng, that old man really likes you! It seems he truly treats you like his sister!" Zhao Da chimed in. Though young, he wasn't lacking in observation skills; he could see that the old man genuinely adored Cheng Su.

President Cheng really has great fortune, no matter where she goes, she seems to connect with influential people!

Cheng Su smiled, "When out and about, making more friends opens more paths, and the Cheng family is a local magnate, so their network is quite valuable for us outsiders. But don't get carried away just because you're favored, the most important aspect of friendship is sincerity. When someone helps you, it's kindness; if they don't, it's understandable."

Actually, she was quite surprised to have gained the Cheng family as a connection during this trip.

It feels just like winning a prize, so unexpected and delightful.

No one ever complains about having too many connections, especially in business. Some people, whether close or distant, just briefly meet face-to-face and call it networking.

Of course, sincerity is subjective and business is often driven by interests.

Old Master Cheng certainly seems genuine, treating her as a real sister; as for the others, perhaps they're influenced by him and see her favorably as well.

But no matter what, once the connection is made, it should be nurtured and maintained.

Cheng Su's principle in dealing with others has always been, if you treat me sincerely, I will do the same.

"Alright, we've been out and about for quite a few days. Now that the market research is almost done, it's time to head back; there are many things that need to be followed up on!" Cheng Su said, "Let's go purchase a train ticket first."

"Got it, President Cheng!"

The group tidied up and went to the train station together to buy tickets; the train was for the next morning, returning to Qing City by the following evening.

Guangcheng's local specialties were quite unique, and Cheng Su planned to buy some to take back.

Who would have thought that upon returning to the hotel, Fourth Young Master Cheng had someone bring over a huge pile of things, saying it was local specialties for them to take back.

Cheng Su was amused and said, "Fourth Young Master Cheng, did you move your whole department store over here?"

"Grandpa and my second brother insisted I bring it over for you. I'm not bothered; you just take it. Carrying all this stuff is exhausting!" Cheng Yaozu scoffed as he was ready to leave.

"Wait a second," Cheng Su stopped him, saying, "Please thank Grandpa for his thoughtfulness for me, and tell him we'll be leaving tomorrow morning, and will visit him again in the future!"

"Got it, women can be so picky!" Cheng Yaozu waved his hand and added, "Since our two families are going to stay connected, when I visit Qing City for fun, you'll entertain me, right?"

Cheng Su was taken aback, then laughed, "Of course."

"Hmm, good to see you have some loyalty. See you!" Cheng Yaozu waved his hand, got into his car, hit the accelerator, and sped off.

Wang Bo watched jealously and said, "That Fourth Young Master can drive, how nice!"

"Yeah, Brother Wang, when we get back, let's find a place to learn!" Zhao Da said, "Maybe in the future, we'll have the chance to drive too."

Cheng Su chuckled, surely technology will advance, and cars will be everywhere; she turned her head and saw the pile of things, how are they going to take all this?

Chapter 1102: I Might Not Exist

Before leaving, Cheng Su also considered whether to visit Little Cheng Su at the orphanage one last time, but after much deliberation, she decided not to. She feared that if she went, she wouldn't want to leave.

She was also afraid that seeing Little Cheng Su would further confuse her and make her wonder if in her past life, things were just as they are now—did she somehow end up sponsoring herself?

If that were the case, then where exactly did she come from?

Whenever Cheng Su thought about this, her head ached, and her mind felt like a tangled mess.

This made her feel as if she had become a snake biting its own tail, stuck in an endless cycle of repetition.

The train rumbled along, pulling Cheng Su's thoughts away.

After nearly two days and nights on the train, Cheng Su and the others finally arrived back in Qing City. At the train station, Cheng Su distributed the local specialties for Wang Bo and the others to take home to their families, as well as to the company to share with colleagues.

She also took some herself, planning to share them with her neighbors. After all, she'd been away for ten days and returning empty-handed from the big city would be embarrassing.

After parting ways with them and carrying her bags home, it was already completely dark. Hearing her return, neighbors poked their heads out.

"Hey, Sister-in-law Qi, you're back!"

"Back so soon?"

Cheng Su looked tired and said, "I'm back."

As she was about to take out her keys, the door to her small home was opened from the inside, and Qi Taiguo appeared before her.

"You're back."

"You're back too!"

The two spoke at the same time.

Qi Taiguo smiled, took her luggage, and seeing this, the other people wisely went back inside.

Cheng Su kicked off her shoes and collapsed on the sofa, not wanting to move.

"Are you very tired? You haven't eaten yet, right? I'll go to the cafeteria and get you a meal!" Qi Taiguo said.

"No need, I'm not hungry, and I don't really feel like eating!" Cheng Su stopped him.

"How can you not eat? You should have something." Qi Taiguo disagreed with her, taking a lunch box as he prepared to leave.

"Really, don't go. I brought back some local pastries; I'll just snack on those!" Cheng Su said softly. "I'm thirsty, could you get me a glass of water to quench my thirst?"

Qi Taiguo had no choice but to go along, handing her a mug with hot water.

Cheng Su drank it down with a gulp and let out a breath.

"How about taking a hot bath to relieve some fatigue? The pastries are dry; I'll make you some noodles." Qi Taiguo, seeing how tired she looked, suggested with concern.

Cheng Su nodded in agreement.

Dragging her weary body to the bathroom, she lingered for a full half hour before coming out, her face flushed.

Qi Taiguo pulled her to the sofa, took the towel from her, and helped dry her wet hair. On the coffee table, there was a bowl of noodles with an egg on top.

Seeing it, Cheng Su had a bit of an appetite. Picking up the chopsticks, she started eating, not forgetting to thank him, and then asked how he had returned so quickly and how his training had gone.

Qi Taiguo answered each question and then asked about her trip to Guangcheng and her impressions.

"...Guangcheng is so big. The security isn't great now either. When we arrived, we saw someone chasing another person with a machete. It was terrifying!" Cheng Su recalled.

Qi Taiguo furrowed his brows, sensing her body tremble slightly, and said, "Then let's not talk about that, let's discuss something else."

"Something else?" Cheng Su put down her bowl and chopsticks, stared blankly for a while before saying, "Qi Taiguo, I might be a non-existent person. What do you think I should do?"

What on earth was she talking about?

Chapter 1103: I'm Just a Ghostly Soul

Qi Taiguo reached out to touch Cheng Su's forehead, it was cool, not a fever, what nonsense was she talking about?

"Are you too tired? If you're tired, rest first, and we can talk tomorrow, okay?" Qi Taiguo asked gently.

Cheng Su was indeed very tired, nodded her head and leaned directly into his arms, the past few days of running around coupled with the emotional ups and downs had already exhausted her greatly.

Now, leaning against Qi Taiguo's chest, inhaling his familiar scent, her whole body relaxed, and she quickly started to breathe evenly.

Qi Taiguo didn't expect that she would fall asleep just like that, hurriedly changed a dry towel, dried all her hair, then carried her back to the room and placed her on the bed.

Cheng Su murmured and continued to clutch the quilt, falling back asleep, though her brows remained furrowed.

"What exactly happened in Guangcheng?" Qi Taiguo gently stroked her brow, murmuring to himself.

Cheng Su nudged slightly, sinking into a deep sleep.

In the middle of the night, Qi Taiguo was half-asleep but then heard a soft sobbing sound.

He was stunned for a moment, gradually coming to his senses.

He pulled the electric lamp string hanging by the bed, turned his head, and saw Cheng Su's face covered in tears, crying and calling softly.

Qi Taiguo leaned over to listen.

"Why won't you want me, why won't you want us, why?"

She kept repeating these sentences, with tears flowing freely.

"Susu, wake up, Susu." Qi Taiguo gently patted Cheng Su's cheek.

Cheng Su slowly opened her eyes, meeting Qi Taiguo's worried gaze, and sobbed out, "Taiguo..."

"Mm, I'm here, I'm right here!" Qi Taiguo hugged her and patted her back soothingly.

Cheng Su wrapped her arms around his waist, pressing her face against his chest.

"What a silly girl, I'm here, why are you crying!" Qi Taiguo's voice was extremely gentle.

Cheng Su continued to sob for a while before looking at him.

"No matter what happens, remember that I am here. There's no need to be afraid, understand?" Qi Taiguo wiped the tears from her face with his fingertips.

"Taiguo, if I am not myself, would you still want me?" Cheng Su slowly said as she looked into his eyes.

Qi Taiguo's heart raced, was she about to reveal her secret?

"How could you not be yourself? You are you, you're my wife, Qi Taiguo's wife, and you're right here by my side now." Qi Taiguo said.

"No, I'm not me, I..." Cheng Su suddenly became anxious, not knowing how to express herself.

"Don't worry, take your time, speak slowly."

Cheng Su took a couple of deep breaths, released him, lay flat looking at the top of the mosquito net, and said, "Two years ago, I woke up and found myself in this home, I had become another person, married to you for five days. And before that, I was a woman living in the 21st century, over thirty, a modern woman, a general manager at a star-rated hotel. Because of an accident while saving someone, I was pulled off a high floor and when I woke up, I was here. And the person who pulled me off the building was myself, to be exact, it was my current body, that pulled the version of me who was supposed to live in the future off the building, and then returned to this era, becoming who she was."

Qi Taiguo was taken aback, looking at her, he couldn't believe his ears.

What was she saying? How come he couldn't quite understand, it felt like a tongue twister.

Cheng Su turned her head like a robot, staring at him blankly, mechanically saying, "Qi Taiguo. I am merely a ghostly soul from the future."

Chapter 1104: Coming Clean

I am just a ghostly soul from the future.

The voice echoed in the spacious room, resonating repeatedly, causing the eardrums to ache and the heartbeat to accelerate.

Qi Taiguo swallowed, reached out to touch her forehead, but Cheng Su grabbed his wrist.

"I'm not feverish, nor am I confused. I'm very clear-headed and know exactly what I'm saying." She sat up and said, "I don't know why this happened either. I was quite confused, as if Heaven was playing a big joke on me."

Qi Taiguo also sat up, mimicking her posture by placing his hands on his knees. "You..."

He opened his mouth but felt he couldn't find the words. How should he speak about something so inconceivable?

"The day I woke up was the day this body fell down the stairs and hit its head, yes, when I went to Qiulan for some bad luck and got into an accident. Before this, I knew nothing about you, because that wasn't me! Only after merging with the memories of this body did I learn about her past." Cheng Su explained.

Qi Taiguo's heart skipped a beat, and for a moment, he didn't know what to say.

But thinking back carefully, her arrogance and willfulness before marriage, compared to after, she really seemed like two different people.

And her change — didn't it start after she fell down the stairs, and suddenly became sensible?

No, it's not just becoming sensible, but the soul of this body has already changed, hasn't it?

So her behavior, her interactions with others, seem to be two entirely different people?

Qi Taiguo's face slightly changed.

"Are you saying that you are Cheng Su, but your soul is someone else?" Qi Taiguo asked with difficulty.

Oh my, he must be dreaming, this must be a fairy tale.

"Yes, the body is the original owner's, but I'm the one in control. Yes, my name is also Cheng Su, so I find it quite inconceivable." Cheng Su said with a slight smile.

Qi Taiguo sighed, closed his eyes slightly. Such a 'secret' was truly too shocking, and to take it all in at once felt a bit overwhelming; he needed to digest it.

After a while, Qi Taiguo asked, "You said you came from the future?"

"Yes. My name is Cheng Su, born in '86, but I was abandoned at Guangcheng Orphanage by my parents when I was one year old and grew up in the orphanage." Cheng Su looked at him and said.

Guangcheng.

Qi Taiguo suddenly grasped the key point, looked at her, and asked, "This time you went to Guangcheng..."

Is it what he's thinking?

Cheng Su nodded, her eyes gradually reddening, and said, "Yes, I went to Guangcheng Orphanage to find myself. I want to know who abandoned me and why they didn't want me."

"So, did you find out?" Qi Taiguo asked, somewhat strangely.

She must have found out, otherwise, why would she be here now? But if she didn't find out, then how could her current soul just appear out of nowhere?

Since she came from the future, everything would happen, right?

Qi Taiguo suddenly felt a bit confused, this damn situation felt like an unsolvable problem; he couldn't discern the true cycle of it all!

Cheng Su's tears fell down as she said, "I found out. Unlike my past life, they abandoned me a day earlier, precisely on Tomb Sweeping Day."

Qi Taiguo's heart tightened, instinctively grabbing her hand.

Cheng Su laughed at herself: "Just like in my past life, I never escaped the fate of being abandoned!"

Chapter 1105: The Snake Biting Its Own Tail

Watching Cheng Su cry so hard that she couldn't catch her breath, Qi Taiguo felt waves of pain in his chest. He pulled her over to lean on his shoulder, holding her hand in silent comfort.

At this moment, any words of consolation seemed futile; only by being by her side and demonstrating through action could he assure her that he was there, that she needn't be afraid.

Cheng Su cried heartily for a while, then wiped her tears, even using his clothes to blow her nose. Only then did she feel a bit better.

Qi Taiguo chuckled, "Feeling better?"

Cheng Su nodded, breaking into a teary smile. This bout of crying had indeed made her feel considerably more at ease.

Once her mood settled, she continued, "I found myself, Little Cheng Su. In a previous life, I grew up in an orphanage. A kind-hearted person continually fostered me, but I didn't know who she was or where she came from. Until this life..."

Cheng Su fell again into her strange loop and said, "I told the orphanage director that I wanted to foster Little Cheng Su. She didn't even have a name, so I gave her one—it's the name I chose for myself."

Qi Taiguo was stunned, and after a moment of thought responded, "You mean you've found yourself and fostered yourself? Do you suspect that the person who fostered you in your previous life was actually you?"

Cheng Su nodded, "That's what I suspect, otherwise why would it be this way? If it's like this, then how did I come to be? Taiguo, I now feel like I'm a snake biting its own tail, endlessly cycling, unsure where the beginning is, where the ending is."

Qi Taiguo also felt a bit baffled.

"Also, if I am that foster parent, then why? Why did I commit suicide, why did I pull myself down the stairs?" Cheng Su posed another question.

Hearing the word suicide, Qi Taiguo's face changed dramatically. He grabbed her hand suddenly and asked, "What are you saying? You committed suicide?"

Cheng Su looked at him and nodded.

"At the age of thirty-one, I—in this body—went to my hotel and jumped off." Cheng Su stated, "This body, in that year, had a noble status as a VVIP hotel guest. Our hotel is a star-rated hotel. Typically, guests of such caliber are either rich or powerful, yet I can't understand why she was so troubled!"

Qi Taiguo's expression changed several times.

"I don't even know if I'm the original madam who wanted to jump off or if I'm myself. I can't distinguish whether I am her or she is me!" Cheng Su's eyes were filled with confusion and pain. She pleaded, "Taiguo, what should I do? Who am I really? Do I even exist, I..."

Qi Taiguo gently patted her and said, "Don't worry, don't overthink."

"I can't help but think. I'm not certain. If I don't exist, then someday I will disappear." Cheng Su's eyes welled up with tears.

"Don't talk like that. You're here. How could you disappear?" His voice trembled slightly.

Why shouldn't suddenly appearing be followed by sudden disappearing? The word suicide further upended his understanding.

He was a bit scared!

"I'm scared!" Cheng Su seemed to hear his inner voice and held him tightly.

Is it Zhuangzi dreaming of a butterfly, or a butterfly dreaming of Zhuangzi? Is all of this merely a real dream, after which, once awakened, everything will be overturned?

Cheng Su didn't know.

Qi Taiguo didn't know either.

They could only cling to each other, feeling each other's warmth, each other's presence.

Because, at least in this moment, they were truly together.

Chapter 1106: All I Want Is This Lifetime

The two embraced, quietly feeling each other, the tranquil space so silent that it seemed somewhat frightening.

"Susu, you also said that in this life, you were abandoned on the day of Qingming, while in the previous life it was a day later, and the trajectory has already changed. So tell me, is there a possibility that in your previous life, you were raised by someone else? But in this life, you already knew of your existence, so you went to find her, saw yourself, and naturally named and raised her? Maybe you just got there a step earlier," Qi Taiguo broke the silence.

Whether there is an infinite loop in this world, he did not know. He could only slowly unravel it.

Cheng Su was stunned, felt as if a tear was made in the fog, and asked, "Could it be like that?"

"It can't be denied that this possibility exists. Look, you can travel back here from the future and become someone else, so you could also become someone else and raise Little Cheng Su! The change in trajectory, perhaps something else changes along with it?" Qi Taiguo said.

Cheng Su said nothing.

"So you mean that in my previous life, the one living with you wasn't me? It was the original owner of this body?" Cheng Su asked.

Qi Taiguo was taken aback.

If that were the case, would he and the original Cheng Su get a divorce, living together for such a long time?

"You don't know either, huh," Cheng Su smiled bitterly.

She didn't know if these were two parallel worlds, where things seemed to happen but had slight differences.

Qi Taiguo held her tightly, saying, "Susu, let's not think about it!"

"Hmm?"

"About past lives, future lives, let's not dwell on them; I don't want to care. I only know that in this life, at this moment, the person by my side as my wife is you, Cheng Su, not someone else," Qi Taiguo said. "In this life, being together is enough; as for the rest, it doesn't matter. Whether we're together in the next life doesn't matter either. What's important is now."

"Taiguo..."

"I know you're scared; I'm scared too, but what I'm scared of is your absence. Forget about past and future lives; I just want us to live well in this life, have one or two children, grow old together. When our hair turns gray, you call me old man, I'll call you old woman, that's enough. As for the next life, let it go to hell, I don't care!" Qi Taiguo said with determination.

Cheng Su was somewhat surprised.

"You shouldn't think too much either, okay? A person's life isn't that long or that short. I'm a few years older; you're twenty-two this year, and I'm thirty. Live another fifty years, and we'll be in our seventies or eighties. If we're always hung up on who you are, isn't that too tiring?" Qi Taiguo looked at her and said.

"But I..."

Qi Taiguo placed a finger on her lips, "Isn't there a saying, 'Since you came here, settle into your place'? Does who you are matter? You are you right now, leading your own life, following your own thoughts. Why concern yourself with past and future lives? We can ponder these things after we're dead and starting a new life!"

Cheng Su stared at him for a moment, nodded, realizing she, a modern woman, might not even have it more figured out than he does.

"Aren't you afraid? I am, after all, from the future," Cheng Su asked.

"Afraid? I'm only afraid of your absence," Qi Taiguo said again. "Therefore, you must promise me, never disappear, okay?"

Cheng Su felt a lump in her throat, snuggled into his embrace, "Okay."

Since they were here, might as well settle for this life together.

Chapter 1107: Life Goes On as Usual

The two talked until dawn. Cheng Su yawned and wanted to pull Qi Taiguo to bed.

"You should sleep a bit more, but I can't. I have to go to training," Qi Taiguo kissed her.

Cheng Su was a bit embarrassed and said, "Then I'll sleep a bit more."

Qi Taiguo smiled, got up, and dressed. The 'secret' he received from this conversation really overturned his views, he needed good training to digest it.

As a result, the soldiers were all complaining, guessing whether Deputy Battalion Commander Qi hadn't had meat for too long, causing such restless and intense exercise.

Since Cheng Su came to this era, because she was busy with various businesses, she seldom slept in. This led her to wake up around eight o'clock.

Sitting on the bed groggily thinking for a while, Cheng Su realized she had told Qi Taiguo all her secrets about her origins.

And just like Qi Taiguo said, there's no need to worry too much about who she was or how she got here, just live this life well!

Life is like that, no matter how confused, troubled, or lost you are, life still goes on, meals have to be eaten, water has to be drunk.

So, just keep your feet on the ground and do what needs to be done.

Taking advantage of her day off, Cheng Su washed up and then returned to the Joy Soon Loy Jam factory to handle the matters of her market research trip to Guangcheng, discussing the setup of distribution points or agency counters.

Back at the factory, Ning Ge was surprisingly there. Cheng Su was a bit shocked and said, "You still know how to come back? I thought you were permanently stationed in Beijing."

Ning Ge said, "Look at you full of complaints, I do have things to do, you know?"

"Yeah, he brought back quite a big order," Ying Xiaoya interjected.

"Xiao Ya is the best, always speaks for me. Come, give me a high five." Ning Ge reached out a palm to Ying Xiaoya, who gave him a high five, and the two laughed.

This scene was seen by Xiao Pinshan, who came in behind them. He frowned slightly but quickly relaxed.

"Since you're back, it's just in time to participate in the Guangcheng seminar," Cheng Su said.

Ning Ge shrugged indifferently and turned to chat with Xiao Ya.

"Have Wang Bo and Zhao Da arrived? Is the market report ready?" Cheng Su asked Xiao Pinshan.

She had instructed them both to prepare a detailed report.

"They're back. I heard from the doorman that they returned early this morning and seem to be rushing the reports. Should I go get them?" Xiao Pinshan said.

"Yanmei, go call Wang Bo and the others, let's get ready for the meeting!" Cheng Su shook her head and asked Mai Yanmei to go get them.

Mai Yanmei responded and went. Cheng Su saw Ning Ge still loudly telling jokes and said, "Alright, you two, have you talked enough? Are we going to have this short meeting or not? Now that everyone's here, let's have a general meeting. As for the data reports you need to prepare, don't come up empty-handed later."

Ying Xiaoya stuck out her tongue and went back to her seat to work.

Before long, Wang Bo and the others arrived. Cheng Su also called for the technical manager and another sales manager, while Mai Yanmei prepared tea, serving each person a cup.

Cheng Su cleared her throat, and the small meeting room quieted down. She said, "Usually, I have classes and don't have much time. Today, taking advantage of this free time, let's have a general

meeting to talk about the recent affairs of each department of the company and the future development of the company..."

Chapter 1108: Her Foolishness Keeps You Safe

The meeting went from the morning past lunchtime, with heated discussions about the potential drawbacks and strengths of the company, as well as its future development.

"...Guangcheng is a big city in the South, while our company's business focus is in Qing City or up north, including Beijing. But I think expanding into the Southern market is inevitable, given the significant southward migration these days," Wang Bo said to everyone present.

"In the South, we don't have the same connections as we do here. If we shift our business focus to the South, we'll have to start from scratch over there, whether it's setting up distribution points or collaborating. This needs to be done gradually," Xiao Pinshan said.

Wang Bo smiled and said, "We don't need to worry about connections here, right, President Cheng!"

During their research, they encountered benefactors like the Cheng family; how could they worry about not being able to do business?

Xiao Pinshan and others were somewhat surprised.

"What? Is there good news?" Ning Ge asked, stroking his chin.

Cheng Su said, "In terms of connections, we really don't have to worry. During this research, I met a local tycoon who promised to provide some assistance if our company plans to develop over there."

Ning Ge raised an eyebrow.

"Wang Bo is right. I'm also interested in expanding our business in Guangcheng. As for setting up distribution points and ensuring product supply, we'll need everyone to brainstorm," Cheng Su glanced at the time on his watch and said, "It's past noon. Let's head to the cafeteria for lunch first. We'll continue this meeting after we're full."

Everyone readily agreed.

The group arrived at the cafeteria, ordered their food, and found seats.

As expected, Ning Ge and Cheng Su, the two bosses, sat together. Ning Ge asked Cheng Su about this trip to Guangcheng.

Cheng Su told him about the Cheng family.

Ning Ge was a bit surprised and looked at her, saying, "It seems you have a natural knack for making connections. Wherever you go, you meet important people!"

Cheng Su chuckled softly, thinking to herself that this might be Heaven's gift for her crossing time and space, always able to power up at any moment.

"So this expansion to the South is a must?" Ning Ge asked again.

Cheng Su nodded, saying, "Right now, our business is concentrated here, which is quite limiting. I hope to develop in Guangcheng as well."

Perhaps because she grew up in the Guangcheng Orphanage, she has feelings for that place and wants to do some business there. In the future, she'll always have an excuse to go to Guangcheng!

Moreover, Guangcheng will undoubtedly become one of the top cities. It would be a shame not to seize the opportunity now!

Ning Ge knew that once she had an idea, she would act on it, so he didn't say more.

"How's it going in Beijing? How's that seductive and annoying Chiang Qing?" Cheng Su asked.

Ning Ge almost spat rice on her face, saying, "Why are your words so coarse now!"

"I'm just straightforward," Cheng Su rolled her eyes and said.

"I heard she's been recuperating at the Loo Family's place and hasn't returned to the Chiang Family. Last time, after being kidnapped, she had a fallout with her dad!" Ning Ge replied.

Cheng Su was very pleased to hear this, smiling cheerfully, "Do you think she's stupid for daring to argue with her dad? Doesn't she know her dad is a commander? What good does falling out with him do for her?"

Ning Ge knocked her head lightly with the handle of his spoon, saying, "It's a good thing she's stupid; that keeps you safe. Hopefully, she stays clueless and never thinks of her dad as a valuable resource!"

Cheng Su widened her eyes, "I warn you, don't knock my head like that again. I'm your sister-in-law; it's disrespectful!"

Ning Ge coughed twice, sticking out his tongue, "Oh, I'm so scared!"

Cheng Su was about to speak when she saw Xiao Ya storming towards them with a lunch tray in hand.

Chapter 1109: Xiao Ya Feels Wronged

Watching Ying Xiaoya walk over with a face full of grievance and anger, Cheng Su and Ning Ge stopped their conversation. What happened?

Ever since Ying Xiaoya started dating Xiao Pinshan, it's been half a year now, hasn't it? Although the two haven't openly declared it at the company, everyone pretty much knows.

After the two got together, they often had lunch together. What's happening today? Why aren't they sitting together?

Ying Xiaoya heavily slammed her tray on the table, glaring resentfully at Xiao Pinshan not far away, her lips pouting.

"What's wrong? Why are you suddenly angry?" Cheng Su asked.

"Yeah," Ning Ge also asked, "Who provoked you, our little spicy pepper? Tell us, let brother stand up for you."

"Isn't it Xiao Pinshan. Go, stand up for me, beat him up!" Ying Xiaoya said.

"Huh? Him! I wouldn't dare!" Ning Ge backed down.

"What, aren't you the one who can fight well? Now you're backing down?" Ying Xiaoya snorted.

"He's your guy. I'm afraid if I injure him, it'll break your heart, and then you'd want me to compensate you!" Ning Ge knew about their situation. He didn't have much to say. After all, this era doesn't have arranged marriages; love is free, regardless of whether someone has kids or is divorced!"

Ying Xiaoya giggled, playful and said, "Go ahead, I won't ask you for compensation!"

Seeing her smile, the two were relieved. Cheng Su said, "You were fine just now, what's the spat about?"

Ying Xiaoya's smile faded, and she glanced at Xiao Pinshan and said, "Who knows, acting all strange, ignoring people and not replying no matter what I ask."

She's also the Proud Daughter of Heaven with a temper, alright? To be with him, she's still been working hard to convince her parents, and trying to win over his daughter who only listens to her mom. Also, his family, his mom is afraid she won't treat her granddaughter well, whenever she takes the little girl out, it's like she's afraid I'll sell her, giving endless cautions.

She doesn't dare to tell anyone about these grievances, she just holds them in, and now Xiao Pinshan is even giving her attitude, what does that mean?

"Did you say something wrong that hurt a man's pride? Men are very concerned about face, especially in front of their women." Ning Ge asked.

"I didn't, I almost lowered myself completely." Ying Xiaoya pouted high.

Cheng Su furrowed his brow and said, "No one gets mad for no reason, if there's a problem, discuss it properly, he's looking this way!"

"Really?"

Ying Xiaoya was about to turn her head to look when Cheng Su quietly said, "Don't move."

She immediately stayed still, nervously asking, "What's going on?"

"Nothing!" Cheng Su said, "Men shouldn't be indulged, you can't let him feel you worry more about him than he does about you. In love, a girl should get mad sometimes, if he's worried about you, he'll definitely comfort you."

Ying Xiaoya muttered an "Oh," and said, "You're right, it's his turn to fret over me a bit."

"Here he comes! Just keep your head down and eat!" Cheng Su's eyes glanced sideways as Xiao Pinshan walked over, quickly saying.

Ying Xiaoya hurriedly lowered her head to eat, though absentmindedly, and sure enough, Xiao Pinshan walked over, looking at her and said, "Xiao Ya, let's talk!"

"Why should I! Aren't you ignoring me?" Ying Xiaoya retorted sharply.

Xiao Pinshan felt a flush in his face, nodded at Cheng Su and Ning Ge, and pulled Ying Xiaoya out.

Ning Ge watched, raised his eyebrow and said, "I didn't know Manager Xiao is so cold outside and warm inside."

Cheng Su sighed and said, "What's the point? I don't have much hope for this relationship. Xiao Ya is bound to feel wronged, it's just about seeing how far they can go!"

Chapter 1110: The Fourth Young Master Meets a Love Rival

After lunch, they continued the meeting, discussing the proposal to set up a distribution point in Guangcheng.

Since Wang Bo had participated in the research, Cheng Su intended to train him, so she asked him to write a planning report. If there were no major issues, Wang Bo was expected to pioneer this distribution point in the future.

This pioneering opportunity meant a promotion to distribution manager, essentially a raise, so Wang Bo was very excited and repeatedly promised to write it well.

Cheng Su encouraged everyone a bit more before ending the meeting. She noticed Xiao Ya and didn't forget to ask her what was going on with Xiao Pinshan at lunch.

The question caught her off guard. It turned out that Xiao Ya and Ning Ge were playing around too intimately, which made Xiao Pinshan jealous and unhappy.

Ying Xiaoya blushed and said, "I didn't expect this outcome. He just said that seeing us behave like that made him feel uneasy."

Cheng Su laughed, unable to cry or laugh: "We are all very good friends, and we knew each other before him. Didn't you tell him?"

"I did, I told him everything. He just said he didn't like me getting too close to other men. To put it bluntly, he's just anxious about me!" Ying Xiaoya said shyly and sweetly.

Cheng Su, however, became serious: "And what's your view on this? Are you going to follow his thoughts and not be friends with guys, including Ning Ge?"

"No, of course not, but maybe I'll keep some distance!" Ying Xiaoya tilted her head and said.

"Keeping some distance is necessary, but first, it should be your own idea and not because of him. Should you distance yourself from your male friends? Do you and Ning Ge have anything improper going on? Xiao Ya, even when in love, don't completely submit to a man's whims. If he tells you what to do, will you just do it? If so, you will lose yourself!" Cheng Su said solemnly.

Ying Xiaoya was stunned, feeling a bit wronged: "Is it that serious?"

"If in a relationship you lose your true self because of it, bending over backward, then I suggest you withdraw early, because it's too tiring and will drain all your enthusiasm," Cheng Su said. "My dear friend Xiao Ya is an innocent, kind, lively, and cheerful girl, strong and optimistic. I don't want you to become a resentful woman."

Ying Xiaoya stood there, dazed.

Cheng Su patted her on the shoulder and prepared to leave.

"Wait for me." Ning Ge caught up and said, "I'm going to your place for dinner tonight. I have something to discuss with Big Brother Qi."

"Oh!"

Ning Ge waved to Ying Xiaoya, and the two left side by side.

Ying Xiaoya watched them disappear at the gate, suddenly feeling a sense of loneliness and an inexplicable urge to cry.

She suddenly remembered the days before the jam factory opened, chatting and laughing with Ning Ge and Cheng Su at the restaurant—those were truly happy times.

But now, she felt like an outsider!

Ning Ge asked Cheng Su why Ying Xiaoya looked so bewildered just now.

Cheng Su looked at him sympathetically and said, "Poor child, you've become someone's perceived romantic rival!"

"What?" Ning Ge was taken aback.

Cheng Su explained why Xiao Pinshan was having a tiff with Xiao Ya.

Ning Ge looked as if he had been struck by lightning and said, "I've been wronged. I wasn't being playful and intimate with her!"

Cheng Su still patted his shoulder sympathetically and said, "That's why if you had paired up with Xiao Ya earlier, wouldn't there be no issues today?"

With that, she walked towards the bus stop, leaving Ning Ge standing there completely perplexed.

Xiao Pinshan saw him as a romantic rival? No wonder Xiao Pinshan had been casting unfriendly glances at him!

Unbelievable! He's the boss, for crying out loud!