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### Chapter 1111: Hope for the Future

When Qi Taiguo returned home from the army, he saw Ning Ge sitting on the sofa with a mournful expression, causing his curiosity.

"What's up with him? Did he receive any blow?" Qi Taiguo whispered.

Cheng Su stifled a giggle and said, "Him? He's been rivaled in love!"

Qi Taiguo raised an eyebrow, Cheng Su caught a whiff of sweat from him and said, "Did you do some training? You're all sweaty, go wash up quickly. I just need to stir-fry two more dishes, and then we can eat!"

"Alright!" Qi Taiguo replied while, seizing a moment when Ning Ge wasn't paying attention, quickly pecked Cheng Su's cheek.

Cheng Su was embarrassed and grumbled, "You're asking for trouble!" Then she glanced at Ning Ge's side, and fortunately, he was absorbed in his own thoughts and didn't notice.

Qi Taiguo had a triumphant look on his face.

Little did they know, Ning Ge had already observed their playful teasing, but he pretended not to have seen it.

He broke into a wry smile; everyone seemed to be coupled up while he was left alone, perhaps it was time for him to find someone.

Leaving the living room to them, Cheng Su brought the food to the kitchen where Guiying was cooking with Cancan strapped to her back.

"Cancan is already over half a year old. Are you planning to take care of the child yourself or what, not going back to work?" Cheng Su asked.

"I can only take care of him myself, and pick up some handicraft work. There are several brothers in Dahe's family, and my mother-in-law already has many grandchildren to look after, she can't manage. Dahe said, let's take care of our own. Once Cancan goes to kindergarten, I can work!" Guiying replied.

"Then life will have to be a bit tight for now!" Cheng Su said.

"What other options do I have? Besides, I can't bear to be apart from the child myself!" Guiying laughed. "Now isn't the subsidy increased? If we spend wisely, we can manage to get by. Life now is much better than before."

Cheng Su appreciated Guiying's open-minded personality, and said, "You're absolutely right. When paying attention to life, whether it's rich or poor, you manage to get through. The key is that your family is all together, and that's worth more than anything."

"That's what I think too!" Guiying smiled sweetly.

Chunhua dragged her tired body home from work and, seeing them busy in the kitchen, asked, "What are you talking about?"

"Not much, just about the kids," Guiying laughed. "Are you off work?"

"Yeah, I'm exhausted!" Seeing Cheng Su looking at her, she quickly smiled and said, "But it's worth it, the pay is high."

"Stop with the flattery, just do your best. Now the company is planning to expand southwards, and if business continues to improve, it'll become increasingly busier. If business prospers, the factory won't be able to keep up, it will gradually expand, and when it expands, there'll naturally be more staff required, and eventually, different levels of management will be established. Don't say I didn't warn you, if you perform well now and lay down a solid foundation, learning and reflecting more, there'll be greater chances for promotion and pay rises in the future." Cheng Su said, "It's tough now, but see it as gaining experience, build good relations with others, don't complain, and you'll realize later that this current hardship is worthwhile!"

Cheng Su was teaching Chunhua not to whine; no boss is blind, they clearly know who is competent and who isn't.

"Got it." Chunhua nodded eagerly; despite the fatigue, she actually felt it was quite rewarding. At least it wasn't like before where she was idle and indulged in gossip, and the monthly salary was considerable as well; having money made her family's life gradually better.

Now hearing Cheng Su talk about future promotion opportunities, she was naturally even happier.

"Sister Chunhua, your life is looking more promising, it's wonderful!" Guiying said enviously.

Noting Guiying's envy, Chunhua felt even more proud; a life full of prospects is certainly good.

#### Chapter 1112: Talking About Having Kids

Hualing came back from work, saw Cheng Su and the others chatting animatedly in the kitchen, and joined in on the conversation. A group of women standing in the kitchen were talking about work, then shifted to discussing their kids.

This Southwest Ladder building had four apartments per floor. Among the families here, everyone had kids, either already born or on the way, except for Cheng Su.

"Didn't you say you would have one this year? Still no signs?" Hualing glanced at Cheng Su.

She remembered when Cancan was born, Cheng Su had mentioned wanting a child this year, but it seemed like there was still no sign of it.

Cheng Su shook her head and said, "I'm still taking pills to regulate my body right now!"

The others were taken aback.

"After what happened last year, my health hasn't been great. My hands and feet are too cold, and my uterus is chilled, so I need to regulate it first," Cheng Su explained.

Hearing her say this, the others recalled that upsetting incident and felt a bit embarrassed, realizing they had brought up something painful to her!

Hualing felt sympathy for Cheng Su. She herself had experienced the distress of Chen Shouwang's affair. For someone as glossy as Cheng Su, she too had suffered from some flashy scoundrel's deed back then.

It shows that in life, eight or nine out of ten things don't go as one wishes. No one should assume others have it easy; you never know what they've gone through privately.

"Oh, let's not talk about this. Cheng Su, you're still young; there's no rush," Chunhua said. "Let me tell you, don't think having kids is so fun. Just look at me, a complete yellow-faced woman now, not as fresh as before. My Old Liang isn't even interested in me anymore. If it weren't for me taking the initiative, he probably wouldn't even think of touching me!"

Guiying blushed and lowered her head. Being thin-skinned, she couldn't bear to hear such bawdy talk.

Hualing spat, "Shameless, you'll say anything, don't you have any decency."

"We're all adults, all married, what's there to be afraid of saying? Really, after having a kid, down there isn't as good as before. When you do it, it's not as comfortable as when you haven't given birth. If you don't believe me, ask Guiying," Chunhua pointed to Guiying. "After she and Dahe had a baby, is it as loving as before? And our skin can't compare to pre-birth, it's all rough."

Guiying was so embarrassed she wished she could find a hole to hide in.

"No way, I think Guiying looks even more beautiful after having a kid!" Hualing deliberately teased her.

"Really?" Chunhua leaned in for a closer look and said, "Then I should buy some ginseng cream for my face too."

Cheng Su was amused and burst out laughing, saying, "Actually, I've heard that giving birth is like a rebirth for women. The key is to have a good postpartum recovery. If you handle that well, you can be

even prettier than before. Chunhua, don't underestimate yourself. I noticed your mother-in-law took good care of you during your recovery, and after having the baby, you looked even better, fair and rosy, really nice-looking."

"Really?" Chunhua touched her face delightedly and said, "You're the one who knows how to talk!"

Hualing rolled her eyes speechlessly; she thought this person was really easy to please.

"Your due date is July, right?" Cheng Su asked her, "When will you start resting, and how will you arrange your postpartum recovery?"

"Early July. We've got it all planned out; I'm going back to my mom's for the recovery. I can't count on his mom to take good care of me," Hualing said, pursing her lips.

On this point, Cheng Su agreed. Only your own mother will truly care about her daughter and take good care of you during recovery. It doesn't matter where you recover, as long as you're comfortable.

The group chatted for a while. Those who needed to cook did so, and those who needed to rinse rice did. There was lively commotion, with a homely atmosphere filling the kitchen.

#### Chapter 1113: Let's Have a Baby

In the evening, Qi Taiguo and Cheng Su washed up and lay on the bed. Qi Taiguo picked up a book on weapons and military matters and casually chatted with Cheng Su about the little details of life.

"Has your sister-in-law talked to you about anything these days? She's a woman here without any close friends. You're a woman, so it's more convenient than me. Just ask her more often if she has any concerns," Qi Taiguo said.

"Got it." Cheng Su was still preoccupied with the conversation she had earlier with Hualing and others about having children. Everyone had kids, but she still hadn't made any move.

Thinking this, she turned over and reached for Qi Taiguo's thigh...

They had been apart for about ten days; Qi Taiguo went for training, and she went to Guangcheng. It had been a while since they last did it, so when her hand reached up, Qi Taiguo's attention was immediately diverted from the book.

But he pretended not to notice, still holding the book and feigning great concentration. She rarely took the initiative, what stimulated her today?

Qi Taiguo decided to stay silent, curious to see how far she would go. He stared at the words in the book, but it was like looking at a dense swarm of tiny ants, totally unable to read what was actually written.

Cheng Su clearly sensed a change in someone's breathing, but he still showed no reaction. On any other day, he would have already pounced!

She glanced up and saw someone holding a book, completely absorbed in it!

Hmph, pretending so well, like those who ignore worldly matters and focus only on their books!

However, don't grip that book too tightly, okay? Just looking at it, she felt the book must be in pain.

Let's see how long you can keep pretending!

Cheng Su turned over and, with one movement, pulled down his waistband.

Qi Taiguo's breathing immediately became erratic, yet he still hadn't put down the book, enduring with much effort.

You want to keep pretending!

Cheng Su mimicked scenes she'd seen in those little movies, using all her tricks to please him.

Thud!

The book fell and hit her on the head, and Cheng Su smiled in triumph.

"Little thing, why so passionate today?" Qi Taiguo flipped over, pressed her beneath him, and sealed her lips with his own.

Breathless, Cheng Su said, "Weren't you reading? Continue reading then!" She was so proactive, yet he put on airs, making her wait.

"The beauty in the book can't compare to my wife, no need to read, if I'm looking, I'm looking at you!" Qi Taiguo leaned over to pull the drawer next to the bed.

"Don't, we won't use that today!" Cheng Su held his hand, looking at him said, "Taiguo, let's have a baby!"

Qi Taiguo was stunned: "Now?"

Cheng Su nodded, looking at him expectantly.

"Did you finish your pills? You haven't stopped, right?" Qi Taiguo frowned and said, "There's no rush for children. We'll take our time. It's not too late to try after you finish the medicine."

"But I think those pills are made from herbal supplements, it should be fine." Cheng Su pouted, still acting spoiled.

Qi Taiguo hesitated. Of course, he wanted a child, but what he cared more about now was her health. After all, they had waited so long, what did a few more days matter?

"Susu, be good, just wait a little longer..."

"You're so long-winded!" Cheng Su gathered all her strength, flipped the tables, and took control herself, claiming her territory first.

All refusals transformed into passion, into flames, consuming both of them, oh well, let fate decide!

#### Chapter 1114: Because Everyone Has One

After a passionate and satisfying lovemaking session, Cheng Su lay there exhausted like a dog, having long lost the energy to seduce someone just now.

However, Qi Taiguo, well-fed and pleased, felt invigorated as he pulled her into his arms, flicked her cheek with his finger, and said, "You're not trying to tempt me now? Weren't you pretty confident just a moment ago?"

"That's not fair; we both put in effort. Why are you fine, and I feel like I'm falling apart?" Cheng Su muttered.

Qi Taiguo laughed and said, playfully, "Are you sure you put in effort? Wasn't it just me doing all the work?"

"You're annoying!" Cheng Su playfully punched his chest.

Qi Taiguo caught her hand, kissed it, and laughed heartily, saying, "I think you need more exercise. How about getting up early every day and running ten laps around the track to train yourself? It's good for your health."

"No way, that's too tiring!" Cheng Su pouted, as she really didn't like running; it was too boring.

"You're just lazy!" Qi Taiguo flicked her forehead again and said, "Why the sudden enthusiasm tonight? Did you suddenly want a child?"

We agreed to wait until your health was ready before we tried. Did someone say something unpleasant?



Cheng Su opened her eyes and said, "I was chatting with Hualing and them in the kitchen today. In our group, everyone has kids now. Even Hualing is expecting, and we haven't even planned for it yet. We're a bit behind, but we shouldn't miss out. So, we should get on it. We did say we'd have kids this year, so it should be on the agenda."

After she finished speaking, she looked up at him and asked, "Don't you want to?"

"Of course I do," Qi Taiguo said. "But aren't you still on medication? And you also have university; you're busy with career things too."

"Compared to last winter, I feel much better now. I think it's okay. I'm thinking of stopping the medication tomorrow. What do you say? Although it's not harmful, medicine always has some toxicity." Cheng Su said, "As for university, it takes four years to graduate. If we wait four more years, you'll be older. And as for career, it's more mature now and should be manageable, so it's not a big issue."

Actually, the best time for her to have a baby would be after finishing school, but that's too long a wait. She can wait, but can Qi Taiguo? And the Qi family?

The longer two people are together, the more they've gone through, the better they can understand things from the other's perspective. Qi Taiguo is already thirty, and being in the military, he should have children by now.

After all, those in the military often go on missions. What if there's no child left behind, and if something were to happen...

Cheng Su shook her head, not wanting to think about such ominous things.

"In short, I don't want you to be envious of others' kids, so let's have one!" Cheng Su said.

Qi Taiguo touched her abdomen and asked, "So tonight, will there be a successful planting?"

Cheng Su mentally calculated her menstrual cycle, teetering on the edge of a risky period, truly unsure if she'll be lucky enough or not!

"Still don't know!"

Qi Taiguo chuckled and said, "Since you're uncertain, then your husband will have to make an effort once more!" Saying so, he pulled up the blanket to cover them both and began moving again.

Inside the room, the temperature, which hadn't cooled yet, rose again, the atmosphere heated with passion, as if it were on fire.

#### Chapter 1115: Love Is Not About Constant Togetherness

After two consecutive bouts of passion, both felt satisfied. The sticky Cheng Su was carried by Qi Taiguo to the bathroom for a rinse, then they lay back on the bed to talk.

Qi Taiguo talked about the training session, where he got an opportunity to learn new skills. He signed up for a weapons training class, planning to constantly acquire more knowledge and skills related to weapons in the future.

"That's great! Improving your knowledge and skills increases your chances of survival," Cheng Su agreed wholeheartedly.

One's learning ability should be limitless. The broader Qi Taiguo's knowledge, the more confidence he would have, and the greater his future promotion opportunities. Cheng Su definitely supported this view.

Isn't she attending university herself? The couple progresses together so no one lags behind, which is called mutual advancement, the key to harmonious and lasting marital relationships.

"But with this, I might not have as much time to accompany you!" Qi Taiguo said.

"Are you really a person so caught up in romance?" Cheng Su looked at him and said, "We have plenty of time. Do we need to worry about every moment together? While companionship is important, gaining

another survival skill is even more crucial. Besides, I'd rather not become a widow than have a romantic companion!"

"Others want their husbands to be around, but you're so rational!" Qi Taiguo knew she was right, yet he couldn't help feeling a bit sour.

"That doesn't mean I don't care about you. I just believe that if feelings can last, why worry about constant companionship?" Cheng Su pecked him on the cheek. "Besides, while you're busy, I'm busy too. With studies, career, and later perhaps it's children."

"Won't that leave us with no time to meet?" Qi Taiguo frowned.

"Let's agree to spend time together whenever we have any free time," Cheng Su said.

"Hmm!"

"Our Jam Company is planning to expand southward. I haven't told you about meeting an influential person during my time in Guangcheng," Cheng Su said.

"What do you mean by that?" Qi Taiguo asked with his hands behind his head.

Cheng Su turned to the side, her eyes sparkling, "I met a local tycoon!"

Then she recounted in detail the events of meeting Old Master Cheng, ending with, "Do you think I'm really lucky?"

"Indeed, you are pretty lucky," Qi Taiguo was quite surprised. Meeting someone twice and forming such a connection is rare; perhaps this is what it means to be a kindred spirit?

"I often wonder if being brought back to this era by Heaven is the perk I've been given!" Cheng Su mentioned her past life.

Qi Taiguo was silent for a moment, then asked, "Susu, what is your future like? How's that world?"

"The future me has the same nature as I do now. However, in a few decades, the economy will experience a significant leap forward, and women will become increasingly strong and independent. In our era, not just having children in their twenties, but many modern women and professional women have children after the age of thirty, even forty!" Cheng Su said, "That's no big deal, and many women choose not to marry, which led to many older unmarried singles in that era."

Qi Taiguo was stunned. How could things be like that? He pondered a moment and tentatively asked, "Then did you marry before coming here?"

Cheng Su laughed and said, "What, are you jealous?"

"Tell me!"

"No, I had just been promoted to general manager not long before then, and was too focused on my career. I didn't have time to get married, although I did have a boyfriend..."

Cheng Su gradually recounted the things that happened during that time, until both of them couldn't keep their eyes open, and fell asleep.

#### Chapter 1116: Visiting the Zheng Family

In order to have a child, Cheng Su stopped taking those pills. Anyway, there weren't many left, so she let them be, and wholeheartedly focused on trying to conceive with Qi Taiguo.

When her vacation ended, she returned to school to cancel her leave, picked up the textbooks, and caught up on her missed assignments. Fortunately, with her natural intelligence and the knowledge from her past life as a foundation, she quickly made up for the missed coursework, even writing her thesis impressively. The teachers, who originally disapproved of her long absence, had to admit that she was indeed a capable student.

As for her classmates, they looked at Cheng Su with admiration and envy. It seemed so unfair; she married well, had money, could run a business, and even her studies thrived despite casually taking a leave of absence and returning. She was practically the winner in life.

But they didn't know that all of this was Cheng Su's personal advantage in life.

As for her academics, in her past life, she worked extremely hard to escape the orphanage and make a name for herself, becoming a top student authority, didn't she?

Cheng Su's life returned to normal again.

Since reopening after the renovation, the Joy Soon Loy Restaurant, with its VIP services, had business booming and was now stable.

As for the fast food section at the train station, it was the same, with stable business. This branch officially remained a fast food place, and Cheng Su had no intention to expand it.

The most noteworthy was the jam business, where it was decided to expand southward. After carefully planning the market strategy, it was Wang Bo who was sent to break new ground and develop the jam market in Guangcheng. For this, Cheng Su also informed Cheng Yaozong.

When Wang Bo went off to develop, he brought a few people along. With this personnel change, it naturally required a reorganization and promotion of positions, and as the workplace competition heated up, Cheng Su smiled.

Vigorous workplace competition indicates more people and a promising future, so how could one not be happy?

In late April, remembering the earlier agreement with Little Yu to invest in a bun shop, Cheng Su took a weekend off, took Qi Taiguo along, and visited the Zheng family. It also counted as a short trip for the two.

Knowing that the Zheng family had children and elders, the two naturally bought a lot of gifts and supplements.

The Zheng family lived in Xinhua County. The house, which was earned through Zheng Guixiang's merits, wasn't large, about sixty to seventy square meters and was on the second floor.

Seeing Qi Taiguo and Cheng Su arrive, Little Yu and the others were a bit surprised, offering seats and pouring tea.

"You guys! Why didn't you give us a heads-up before coming? Look at this mess in the house." Little Yu apologized.

Cheng Su glanced around and said, "It's not messy, it's quite tidy."

The house was tidy, but there were many things placed around. The already small living room had a curtain drawn, behind which was a small bed.

"The child is grown now, not easy to share a room. This is where the eldest usually sleeps." Seeing Cheng Su's gaze, Little Yu explained, "I sleep with my younger sister in the room, and his grandparents are in another room."

The elder, seeing Qi Taiguo and Cheng Su arriving, seemed to be reminded of their own son. After some pleasantries, they retreated to the room.

Cheng Su then asked, "Are the kids going to school now?"

Little Yu nodded, "After Niannian got better, she insisted on going to school, so we had to let her go." She glanced at the time and said, "They should be about to finish class, the school is not far, they'll be back for lunch soon. You should stay and eat with us."

"We're here to enjoy sister-in-law's cooking. Don't forget, I also want to try the buns you make!" Cheng Su laughed.

A flash of delight appeared in Little Yu's eyes. She thought Cheng Su was just saying it before, but didn't expect she really meant it.

## Chapter 1117: A Token of Gratitude

Since Little Yu wanted to try making buns and such, they naturally needed ingredients. Cheng Su and Little Yu went to the farmers market to buy various materials, while Qi Taiguo stayed home to help Little Yu's family repair all sorts of broken furniture and items.

Cheng Su and Little Yu strolled through the market together, with Cheng Su explaining the various processes and considerations of setting up a shop to Little Yu.

"You really know everything." Little Yu listened in amazement, feeling as if a new Chapter had opened up before her; just listening was thrilling.

"Sis, I've been in business for two years now. Back then, I learned by trial and error. These are all valuable experiences, and I hope they can help you," Cheng Su said with a smile.

"Thank you." Little Yu smiled gratefully.

"We don't need to say thanks, we're good friends and comrades, helping each other is the norm." Cheng Su shook her head with a soft laugh, then asked her, "Have you found a good shop these days?"

"Yes, I've seen a few, but our county is just a small town, it's never as bustling as the city," Little Yu replied.

"It's all right, where there are people, there is business. The key is to find a place with high foot traffic, like the entrance of a school or a factory. Those places are good," Cheng Su recalled her own restaurant, remembering that she chose that location precisely for these reasons.

"I have my eye on a shop in front of a factory, but the rent is quite high," Little Yu said a bit sheepishly, "It'd cost forty yuan a month."

"If it's a prime location, then it's worth it. With lots of passersby, you won't have to worry about business. If you like it, you should rent it!" Cheng Su said.

"But, should I really do it? I haven't even tried if what I make is good!" Little Yu hesitated.

"You still lack confidence in yourself? Come on, hurry and buy it back, don't we need the flour to ferment?" Cheng Su said.

"Yes, for making buns or steamed buns, if the dough isn't springy enough, it won't taste good!" Little Yu said with a smile, "You all didn't give me a heads-up, otherwise, I could have prepared the dough in advance."

"We've been so busy lately, otherwise, we would have come earlier," Cheng Su said with a bitter smile.

While the two chatted casually, they finished picking out materials and headed home.

Upon returning home, they saw Qi Taiguo bringing people over to install a ceiling fan on the ceiling.

"What's going on here? Where did this come from?" Little Yu exclaimed in surprise.

"I bought it," Qi Taiguo replied, "You guys don't even have two fans here, and Xiao Bin sleeps in the living room. Now that summer's here, it gets stuffy inside, having a fan will be nice for staying cool, and the child can study in comfort." Qi Taiguo explained.

Little Yu was taken aback. Buying a ceiling fan isn't cheap. She looked at Cheng Su, who just smiled and gave Qi Taiguo a thumbs up, showing no hint of displeasure, which made Little Yu's eyes tear up.

"Look at you, why spend this money? We've made it through all these years just fine!" Little Yu's voice choked a bit, speaking with a slightly reprimanding tone, though her eyes were full of gratitude.

Cheng Su saw this and laughed, "Sis, the weather will only get hotter, buying it now is cheaper. If you wait until the height of summer, it won't be this price anymore! Besides, we bought it already; can't return it now!"

"But, it's too expensive..."



"It's not expensive, as long as it's useful." Cheng Su nudged her, playfully saying, "Sis, hurry up and cook, I'm starving."

Hearing this, Little Yu didn't pay Qi Taiguo any more mind. She quickly agreed and took the vegetables to the kitchen, and this time, Qi Taiguo gave her a thumbs up in return.

#### Chapter 1118: Able to Talk Up a Storm

Little Yu slipped into the kitchen to busy herself, and since Cheng Su had nothing to do, she simply went in to help.

"Hey, hey, you're a guest, how can you help in the kitchen? Go sit down!" Little Yu hurriedly pushed her away.

"Sister-in-law, I'd be bored just sitting there. I'll chat with you. Go knead the dough; otherwise, who knows when we'll have buns to eat!" Cheng Su said.

Little Yu giggled, "I didn't know you were such a foodie."

When she smiled, she had a dimple, making her look much prettier. Cheng Su was momentarily stunned and said, "Sister-in-law, your smile is so gentle and beautiful."

Little Yu blushed slightly and said, "What's so beautiful? I've aged and am fading."

"Sister-in-law, you've worked hard all these years. You've really had it tough." Cheng Su said sincerely.

Little Yu's nose tingled, and she quickly turned her head, saying, "You really know how to bring tears to people's eyes." She sniffled.

"That was my mistake. I admit it!" Cheng Su leaned in, resting her chin on her shoulder, and said, "Sister-in-law, you must smile more often. When people smile, their luck improves a lot. After all, whether you live sadly or happily for a day, it's still a day. Of course, we should live with smiles."

"Alright!" Little Yu wiped her tears and said, "I finally understand why Taiguo is so devoted to you."

"Why?"

"Your words can bloom like a flower, coaxing people as if it's effortless," Little Yu said with a laugh.

Cheng Su chuckled, "You don't know, sister-in-law, but I roll my words in honey every day."

Little Yu was taken aback, seeing the mischievous look, she couldn't help but laugh. She was joking!

Outside the living room, Qi Taiguo heard Little Yu's laughter and paused, the corner of his mouth lifting. It had been so many years since he heard his sister-in-law laugh so heartily.

Around noon, Niannian and Xiao Bin came back from school, both pleasantly surprised to see Qi Taiguo.

"There's a fan now!" Xiao Bin, a thin and weak boy, was overjoyed upon seeing the newly installed ceiling fan.

"Yes, from now on, you won't fear the heat!" Qi Taiguo said.

Xiao Bin watched for a moment, then solemnly bowed to Qi Taiguo, saying, "Uncle, I will repay you in the future."

"Uncle doesn't need you to repay me; just study well, become successful, and support the family. Xiao Bin, remember, as the eldest son, only by studying and going to university will you find a way out!" Qi Taiguo looked at him and said.

"Uncle, I understand. I will surely succeed, letting my mom, sister, grandpa and grandma all live good lives!" Xiao Bin said while clenching his little fist.

"Good, Xiao Bin is a good kid!" Qi Taiguo looked at his face, so similar to Platoon Leader Zheng's, and felt a tinge of warmth in his eyes.

"Niannian is also a good kid, and will also succeed!" Niannian said with a smile.

"Good, you are both good kids!"

Hearing voices, Cheng Su came out and said, "Who are the good kids?"

"Auntie!" As soon as Niannian saw Cheng Su, she dashed over, hugged her waist, and looked up at her.

"Niannian's back from school. Hmm, your complexion looks much better. It seems you've been exercising well." Cheng Su patted the little girl's head and then looked at Xiao Bin watching her from the side, "Is this Xiao Bin?"

"This is your uncle's wife," Qi Taiguo said to him.

Xiao Bin quickly stepped forward and, with a solemn bow, said, "Hello, Auntie!"

"Hey, hello Xiao Bin!" Cheng Su then had Qi Taiguo bring over the gifts they brought and gave them to the two children, which included some stationery and snacks.

After chatting for a while, Little Yu called everyone to eat.

#### Chapter 1119: No One Succeeds Easily

Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo lingered at Little Yu's house for half a day before leaving. After tasting Little Yu's handiwork, Cheng Su gave a firm nod of approval; the buns were indeed delicious, with finely chopped fillings and delicious meat juices running out, and the texture of the steamed buns was particularly chewy. With such skill, opening a bun shop would not be a problem; at least it could sustain a livelihood.

Cheng Su left three hundred yuan in one go as investment capital for Little Yu.

"Isn't that too much?" Little Yu felt that the few hundred yuan were a bit overwhelming and added, "I don't even know how to write that share agreement." "Sister-in-law, just write it however you want. If you don't write it, just consider it as us lending it to you, and pay it back when you have the money," Cheng Su said.

"It definitely needs to be written," Little Yu quickly replied.

"Then just write it casually, give me ten or twenty percent, whatever you like," Cheng Su said nonchalantly.

Little Yu furrowed her brow.

Cheng Su didn't mind, handing over a sheet of paper: "Sister-in-law, this is the shop opening process and advice I wrote for you. Take a look at it, if there's anything you don't understand, you can call me to ask. I've given the money, sister-in-law, the rest is up to you!"

Little Yu received the piece of paper like a treasure, saying, "I will."

"Well, we're off!" Qi Taiguo said.

Little Yu responded softly, escorting them downstairs, all the way to the station, and only left after watching their car depart.

"Are you tired?" Qi Taiguo tilted Cheng Su's head onto his shoulder.

"Not really, I just ate and drank, not tiring at all," Cheng Su said with a smile.

"Shall we take a nap? The road is still long."

Cheng Su shook her head: "It's already late, if we sleep now, we might not be able to sleep tonight, let's talk!"

"Alright!" Qi Taiguo adjusted his position to make her lean more comfortably.

"Taiguo, do you have any concerns? I only gave money to help Sister-in-law open the shop, but didn't tell her how to manage and run it, leaving her to figure it out herself," Cheng Su asked.

Qi Taiguo chuckled and said, "You always have your deep intentions when doing things, and I believe they're for the best."

Cheng Su hummed in agreement and said, "Actually, it's not that I don't want to help her run the shop, but things that come too easily aren't cherished. I want her to explore and experience it herself, to understand that doing business is not easy. When she invests her efforts into creating and managing her business, she will cherish every step she's taken in the future."

Qi Taiguo squeezed her hand and said, "I understand!"

"In truth, only after actually diving into a business do you realize how challenging it is, waking up early and staying up late, exhausting every effort to control costs. Running a business is akin to raising a child, requiring an immense amount of energy and effort, it's not easy!" Cheng Su reflected on her own journey, sighing softly.

The hardest times were when she had to make breakfast, getting up alone in the darkness at four or five in the morning to busy herself in the shop, and the same going for making jam, with constant bustling.

"At that time, you must have been very tired, I'm sorry I couldn't help you!" Qi Taiguo apologized.

"Tired!" Cheng Su smiled lightly and said, "But the achievements I have today prove that what I gave back then was worthwhile."

"Dear, I'm proud of you," Qi Taiguo held her hand and kissed it gently.

No one succeeds by mere chance; behind each person's brilliance lies a lot of effort. Cheng Su hopes Little Yu understands this and thus cherishes the opportunity.

## Chapter 1120: Relatives Arriving Right on Schedule

Cheng Su said she wouldn't interfere, and she really didn't. She didn't inquire about Little Yu's progress in opening the store, nor did she meddle. She had said she'd only be an investor, and she truly stepped back, letting Little Yu stumble through it all.

Days passed one by one, and soon it was May. The weather was heating up, and on the streets, people were already wearing long skirts.

Lately, Cheng Su had been living quite comfortably, without much to worry about, and her businesses were thriving. She walked with a confident stride, becoming more and more beautiful to everyone's envy.

In the blink of an eye, it was Cheng Su's birthday. Thinking back to last year, Qi Taiguo had given her a sweet birthday. How would this year turn out?

Qi Taiguo had asked her to take the day off so they could go out and celebrate. So, early in the morning, Cheng Su got up to get dressed.

She carefully drew her eyebrows while humming a song, but suddenly froze, her expression changed several times. She rushed to the bathroom, and soon returned dejectedly, sitting on the sofa without finishing her eyebrows.

Qi Taiguo returned from training, saw her sitting on the sofa, and laughed: "Up so early, waiting for me?"

Cheng Su hung her head, not saying a word.

Qi Taiguo sensed something was off, walked over and asked, "What's wrong? Today is your big day, why aren't you happy?"

These days, she had been cheerful as a bird, full of joy. What happened today?

Cheng Su pouted and said, "I... it's here!"

"Oh, it's here... oh, you mean your monthly visitor?" Qi Taiguo realized belatedly, looking at her abdomen.

Cheng Su nodded, very dejected.

"It's here, so what? Why be upset? Isn't it normal every month?" Qi Taiguo chuckled and said, "Is your stomach hurting? I'll make some Brown Sugar Ginger Tea for you!"

Cheng Su held onto him, pouting: "Don't you know we've decided to have a child?"

"Yes!"

"But it's here, which means it didn't work." Cheng Su sighed with disappointment.

They had been trying hard to conceive, but this month, the child didn't come, only her regular visitor. How could she not be disheartened?

Qi Taiguo burst out laughing: "You're always in such a rush. It's not like it happens instantly. Even if you plant a seed in the ground, it doesn't always sprout, let alone having a baby? Plus, we've just started not avoiding it, so it's normal it hasn't happened yet. Why rush?"

"I'm so sad and you're making fun of me." Cheng Su pouted, feeling very frustrated.

Seeing her delicate and aggrieved expression, Qi Taiguo almost laughed but worried she would get angrier. So he said: "Alright, alright, I'm not making fun of you, just telling you not to rush. I'll tell you, the more you rush a child, the less likely they'll come. Just look at Hualing and her situation."

Cheng Su felt a bit better and scoffed: "You talk as if you know it all."

"I'm just learning from others. Anyway, we're trying, staying positive, and the child will come." Qi Taiguo patted her shoulder.

But Cheng Su lowered her head and murmured: "What if they don't come? We haven't had one before, so we don't know if we're healthy."

Qi Taiguo's smile faded, feeling her vulnerability. He sat down and embraced her: "Doctors have said you're much healthier now, so don't overthink. We've never done anything wrong, we'll definitely have a child." He paused, then continued: "Didn't you also say you're a time traveler—the Qing Dynasty gave you such benefits!"

Cheng Su burst out laughing, playfully hitting him before resting her head on his shoulder.