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Chapter 1121: I Will Make You Noble Through Me

Qi Taiguo gently comforted Classmate Cheng, who was feeling terribly upset due to her period, and then made her a bowl of brown sugar ginger tea, serving it to her.

"Oh, Cheng Su, you're really lucky to have married a husband like me, even taking care of you during your period!" Qi Taiguo watched her sip the ginger water slowly, deliberately sighing.

Cheng Su rolled her eyes at him and said, "You're not the lucky one? I cook delicious food for you every day, let you sleep well at night, and will even give you children in the future. You feel wronged serving me ginger water?"

Qi Taiguo rubbed his nose awkwardly and said, "You just can't take a joke."

Cheng Su snorted and said, "You be good to me, behave, and I'll comply with everything you want."

"Of course I'll be good to you, you're my wife!" Qi Taiguo thought for a moment and asked sourly, "Susu, was your previous boyfriend good to you?"

Although they weren't married, just thinking about her having liked someone else made him very unhappy.

She was his, both body and soul, and no one else should covet her.

"Yes, he was good. He not only made me ginger water but also helped me wash my underwear!" Cheng Su said intentionally.

Qi Taiguo's expression changed: "You guys were that close!"

Cheng Su burst into laughter, poked his forehead with her index finger, and said, "Look how nervous you are, looking as if you're being cheated on. I'm just teasing you. We only had feelings, it didn't go that far."

Even if it had, would she say it? She's not dumb; she knows how men think.

"You scared me to death. I just like you being only mine!" Qi Taiguo said. "Susu, even if you meet your ex-boyfriend in the future, you can't acknowledge him!"

"Are you kidding? Even if we meet, I'll be well into my fifties, an old woman! Would a young guy still be interested in me?" Cheng Su rolled her eyes dramatically.

Qi Taiguo thought it over and realized she was right, then started to laugh again.

"Then you didn't know me in your past life either?" Qi Taiguo asked.

Cheng Su's hand paused slightly, looking at him, and said, "According to my past, I wouldn't know you. In my..." She pointed to herself and said, "This body, when she jumped off a building, was in her fifties too. But since she was a VVIP guest at our hotel, her status must be either wealthy or noble. I just don't know if she was an official or a businesswoman, or maybe, very likely, she was connected to you."

"So, my future achievements won't stop there?" Qi Taiguo raised his eyebrow and asked.

"I don't know," Cheng Su shook her head and said, "Even my own abandoned days have changed. So whether everyone's trajectory in this life changes because of this, I don't know."

"But, no matter what, you can't give up on studying or take it lightly. Taiguo, success does involve a bit of luck, but it can never be entirely attributed to luck itself. Actually, the biggest reason is still about oneself. So..."

"I know." Qi Taiguo held her hand and said, "I never thought of relying on luck. Luck is intangible. In this era, it's all about strength. Just wait, I'll definitely make you a VVIP guest level, so you'll be respected because of your husband." Qi Taiguo said with determination.

Cheng Su smiled with her lips pressed together, "Okay, I'll wait."

"Hurry up and drink, we'll head out once you're done." Qi Taiguo pouted.

"Okay!"

Cheng Su obediently picked up the bowl, drank the brown sugar ginger tea in one go, then got ready and went out with him together.

Chapter 1122: Don't Let the Child Lose at the Starting Line

Last year on their birthday, Qi Taiguo and Cheng Su took a set of wedding photos. At that time, they agreed to take a photo every year for commemoration, so Qi Taiguo brought Cheng Su to the same photo studio as last year.

"You're here again." The owner of the photo studio still remembered them and smiled upon seeing them: "A year has passed, and you two haven't aged a bit. In fact, you look even better than last year!"

"Yes, we're here again." Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo exchanged a smile.

Another year has passed.

This time, they weren't in the mood to take wedding photos. They just took a simple picture and left.

After leaving the photo studio, Cheng Su asked Qi Taiguo where they should go next.

"I heard there's a new tourist spot developed around Xiushan County. They say it's quite beautiful, so why not take a stroll there?" Qi Taiguo smiled and said, "Nowadays, people are living better lives. They're full of ideas, even going on trips. Isn't it quite extravagant?"

Cheng Su smiled subtly, "You don't get it. This is what they call knowing how to enjoy life. It's nothing now, but in the future, people will pay more and more attention to the quality of life. Traveling will become commonplace."

Qi Taiguo looked around cautiously and asked in a low voice, "And you, will you also know how to enjoy?"

But as soon as he asked this, he felt it was a pointless question. Cheng Su surely knows how to enjoy life; just looking at the various decorations at home and that fancy coffee shows she's someone who enjoys life.

He used to wonder how she knew so much, and she would say it was from reading books. But it turns out, it was from her firsthand experience!

Qi Taiguo couldn't help but think, even in this era of scarce resources, she manages to enjoy a carefree life. What would the world be like in her era, thirty years into the future?

Thinking of this, Qi Taiguo couldn't help but have a bit of longing for the future world!

"I studied abroad for two years, soaked up some Western knowledge, and backpacked all over Jiangnan. In that future era, the pace of life is too fast, and the pressure is much greater than now. So, for us working folks, we definitely have to learn to de-stress ourselves. Travel is a de-stressing choice for many, along with family vacations."

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As they talked along the way, the car soon took them to the touristic area of Xiushan County. It was basically an original forest enclosed with some renovations, complete with mountain streams, flora, and rare animals.

Anyway, they were out for a stroll and didn't care about the scenery. They walked and talked along the way.

Qi Taiguo was very interested in the future and asked her, "According to what you said, the future should be more convenient, and life should be better, so why say the pressure is much greater?"

Cheng Su sighed and said, "Because of the various national policies, you're aware that everywhere they're promoting family planning, advocating the benefits of having only one child. Actually, the ones hardest hit are those born in this era. Being the only child, without siblings, in decades, wouldn't they be the only ones to care for their parents and grandparents? If their spouse is also an only child, then their family structure is the same. Wouldn't it be two people supporting ten? And if they decide to have kids, wouldn't it be even harder? Don't you think the pressure is great?"

Qi Taiguo hadn't considered this before. Imagining it now, it does seem quite pressuring.

"Exactly!" Cheng Su stopped and looked at him, saying, "I have to carefully plan the birth of a child. This is one reason. I really don't want my child to also struggle like that in the future, losing at the starting line!"

The so-called starting line is actually determined long ago. Children from wealthy families will always run faster than those from poor backgrounds, a principle of class solidification.

Chapter 1123: I Have No Intention to Alter the Course of History

As they walked and stopped in the forest, both of them got tired, so they found a big rock by the stream to sit on. Qi Taiguo took out a coat from his bag and draped it over her.

"What are you doing, it's so hot!" Cheng Su protested.

Qi Taiguo glared at her and said, "You've got that thing going on, what if you catch a cold? The mountain wind in May is still quite chilly, put it on!"

"Bossy!" Cheng Su snorted lightly, but her heart felt sweet. This man was worrying about her.

Qi Taiguo then took out a thermos and poured her some hot water, and took out some snacks he bought along the way, peeling an egg for her as well.

Cheng Su couldn't help but laugh and said, "Look at you, like a nanny, it's so funny."

"You have something to eat and still can't keep your mouth shut." Qi Taiguo peeled an egg for himself and stuffed it into his mouth, saying, "Look at all these people coming and going, who has a husband as good as yours? Who isn't envious of you!"

"Just eat, but be careful you don't choke!" Cheng Su said with a bit of annoyance, handing him some water as she looked out.

This year is 1987. It's been some years since the economic reform and opening up. People's economy is improving, they're willing to spend money, and they're open to new things.

Cheng Su noticed many people traveling either as couples, families, or young men and women. Everyone wore flared pants, vibrant colors, floral shirts made of Dacron, and some fashionably sported sunglasses, gathering to take photos in groups of three or five, which brought a smile to her face.

Actually, every era has its unique features and interesting aspects. Although it's still the eighties now, many things that the 21st century doesn't have can only be reminisced about.

"Thinking of something nice? Your smile's peeking out!" Qi Taiguo noticed and asked.

"Nothing, just feel that people nowadays are quite interesting. Even though life isn't particularly affluent, they're easily satisfied and simple-hearted." Cheng Su sighed, "The further we go, the more depraved people become, committing all sorts of deceptions, sparing no means to make money and taking lives lightly, which is endless."

Hearing the disheartened tone in her voice, Qi Taiguo patted her shoulder and said, "Don't think too much about it. Society is developing, and naturally, people are also developing—they're getting smarter, which is a natural law, changing with the changes. Don't think that people now seem harmless; they might turn bad, that's bad people aging."

"Yeah, getting smarter, but not using their wits for the right things!" Cheng Su's expression turned sour.

"Just look on the bright side." Qi Taiguo comforted, "Listening to you talk so interestingly, I almost want to go see the future right now!"

Hearing this, Cheng Su turned her head and said with a half-smile, "I'm afraid that by then, you'll be longing for this simple and pure era again."

"Maybe. Tell me about our country's soldiers and weapons, they've probably changed a lot too, right?" Qi Taiguo's eyes lit up.

Cheng Su hesitated for a moment and said seriously, "Taiguo, I can tell you, but just listen to it. Everything follows its natural development rules. Although it's somewhat incredible for me to return to this era, I have no intention of changing the course of history, nor do I intend to push it."

She's just a small human, and she knows the heavenly secrets can't be leaked, so she doesn't want to change anything significant in history, just goes along with it, both in life and in business. At most, she takes advantage of knowing a bit earlier and utilizes it.

"Being too wise can hurt, and extremes will reverse, I know!" Qi Taiguo nodded, "I won't ask anymore!"

"Don't worry, our country will become stronger and more powerful." Cheng Su said confidently.

Qi Taiguo smiled and changed the subject.

Chapter 1124: Old Qi's Honeyed Words

The two of them spent most of the day at the tourist park, and then they went to Xiushan Mountain to try some local snacks before heading home.

"Today, let's eat at the restaurant before going home," Qi Taiguo said. "You've got your period, so don't bother cooking. Let's eat out!"

Cheng Su laughed at him, "Not going for Western food this year?"

Qi Taiguo looked a bit embarrassed and said, "No, we're not. Our own cooking is better. The foreign devils' food doesn't fill you up anyway."

Cheng Su chuckled and teased, "Their food is about the ambiance, all about elegance and decorum, not big chunks of meat and bowls of wine."

"Well, I'm just a rough guy!" Qi Taiguo said with a grin.

Cheng Su was just making casual conversation, and they arrived at the restaurant during its busy dining hours. The hostess saw Cheng Su and smiled, bowing to greet her.

As for Qi Taiguo, he stood there with a stern face like a post. The hostess knew he was Cheng Su's husband, and seeing his serious demeanor made her a bit intimidated.

Cheng Su glanced around the first floor, which was full, and asked, "Is the second floor full? Is there a room left on the third floor? Is the Fall Equinox Room occupied?"

The hostess quickly turned the pages of her notebook and replied, "The Fall Equinox Room is free, and the second floor is nearly empty today."

"Then, let's have the Fall Equinox Room!" Qi Taiguo quickly interjected.

Cheng Su gave him a sideways glance, and Qi Taiguo cleared his throat.

As the boss, there was no way the hostess could refuse, so she nodded in agreement.

On the way up to the third floor, the waitstaff who saw Cheng Su all greeted her, and she inquired about the other guests in the private rooms for the evening. After she got the information, she said, "Pretend you didn't see me here. No need to let anyone know I came, so I don't have to socialize."

"Understood!"

Once they reached the private room, Qi Taiguo was very pleased and praised, "You've got the right idea. It's your birthday today, so enjoy the food and drink and forget about business interactions."

"You know, with that stern face of yours, you're going to scare the young girls away," Cheng Su teased.

Qi Taiguo maintained a cold expression, "My smile should be reserved just for you!"

"Sweet talker!"

Upon hearing that Cheng Su and her husband had arrived, Qiulan came over personally. She had a bit of a blush, and Cheng Su could faintly smell alcohol, so she asked, "Are you drinking already?"

"Director Li from the municipal office is hosting a few people for a meal and had me have a couple of drinks. I heard you were here, Sister Su, and came to hide for a bit!" Qiulan laughed.

"Well, just don't tell them I'm here!" Cheng Su replied quickly.

Qiulan chuckled at Qi Taiguo, "I know you and Deputy Battalion Commander Qi are having some alone time, so I wouldn't dare bother you, I definitely won't say anything!"

"Well, Qiulan, you're getting better at this!" Qi Taiguo praised, giving a thumbs up.

"Enough chit-chat, what's on the menu?" Cheng Su shot him a glance and asked.

"What do you feel like eating? How about some shrimp? It's your birthday, let's celebrate with shrimp, haha!" Qi Taiguo suggested.

"Is it really Sister Su's birthday?" Qiulan exclaimed in surprise, "Chef Song recently created a new dish. Would Sister Su like to try it? It's called 'Hundreds of Descendants'."

"That sounds great, let's have that!" Qi Taiguo's eyes lit up at the mention and he looked at Cheng Su with a pleased smile.

Cheng Su was completely defeated, so she said to Qiulan, "Please arrange it then. No need for big portions, it's just the two of us, we can't finish it all."

"Okay!" Qiulan replied and left.

As soon as she left, Cheng Su pinched the soft flesh on Qi Taiguo's body and scolded, "You shameless man, aren't you afraid people will laugh at you?"

"How am I shameless? We're planning to have kids now, so we need these good omens!" Qi Taiguo said earnestly.

Cheng Su glared at him, puffing her cheeks in annoyance, yet still couldn't come up with a retort.

Chapter 1125: The Three Wishes of Su

Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo intended to find a private room for a quiet couple's world, but couldn't resist the enthusiastic people in the restaurant. Once Qiulan mentioned it was Cheng Su's birthday, first Old Song came personally to offer his blessing, followed by department heads and service staff.

No one minds receiving too many blessings. Qi Taiguo was quite happy with it. After all, blessings are words of goodwill, and he was happy to hear them.

However, as Cheng Su sat in the room eating, with people coming in and out, naturally, some people noticed.

Soon, other guests learned that Cheng Su was dining there today, and they flocked over, turning the small Fall Equinox Room from a couple's retreat into a social gathering.

With good news surrounding Cheng Su, she couldn't drink, but with Qi Taiguo by her side, he became the one to down drink after drink with others.

Qi Taiguo, now holding a higher military officer position, attracted many people wanting to connect with him and make an acquaintance, making the room quite lively.

Eventually, Qi Taiguo spoke up, "Everyone, we appreciate your enthusiasm, but today is my beloved's birthday. We wanted to enjoy a quiet meal together as a couple. Please understand and give us some space; there will be plenty of opportunities to drink together in the future."

Everyone was taken aback, not knowing who chuckled and said, "I couldn't tell Deputy Battalion Commander Qi is such a doting husband. Alright, I won't disturb your couple's world. Just make sure to have a drink with us another time."

Once this was said, the others naturally took the hint and bid their farewells.

After everyone left, the entire Fall Equinox Room was left with a faint aroma of wine and a few cold dishes.

Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo exchanged a glance, both smiling helplessly.

"I was wrong. We shouldn't have dined at our own restaurant. Let's go somewhere else next time!" Qi Taiguo said.

Cheng Su laughed, "You were the one who insisted we come here to eat!"

Qi Taiguo looked a bit sheepish.

As they were almost finished eating, Qiulan came over holding a large longevity peach with a candle on it.

"Why this?" Cheng Su laughed with surprise.

"Our dessert department doesn't make cakes, so we made a longevity peach instead. I thought it has the same meaning, and it's even better. Sister Su, wishing you perpetual youth and happiness," Qiulan said with a smile.

"I said we should buy a cake, but you insisted two people couldn't finish it and it would be wasteful. This is good too, the meaning is there," Qi Taiguo was quite pleased, urging Cheng Su, "Come on, make a wish."

Cheng Su chuckled softly, looking at the large pink peach, she stood up, crossed her hands together, and closed her eyes to make a wish.

First wish for family health and safety, peace and reunion.

Second wish for the love of her life to always be with her.

Third wish for world peace and Little Cheng Su to grow up happily.

She blew out the candle in one breath, her eyes glistening with tears.

Qi Taiguo tore off a piece of the peach for her and suddenly asked, "Susu, when was your birthday before?"

Cheng Su was taken aback and replied, "During Qingming in April."

"Then from now on, shall we celebrate on that date?" Qi Taiguo said, "At least privately, just the two of us."

Cheng Su understood his intention. He wanted to thoroughly celebrate her true birthday!

"Okay!" Cheng Su nodded with a smile.

When they got home, Qi Taiguo took out a long-prepared gift, a silk scarf, with a very soft texture.

Cheng Su was touched by his thoughtfulness. In the blink of an eye, it was already her third year here.

Chapter 1126: Even Brothers Settle Accounts Clearly

Cheng Su's birthday was joyfully celebrated, and shortly after, Little Yu called to say the bun shop had already opened, inviting them to visit when they had time.

Qi Taiguo had been quite busy these days and couldn't get away, so Cheng Su went by himself, bringing a God of Wealth statue as an opening gift.

The bun shop was located not far from the factory entrance, named Auspicious Bun Shop. The shop wasn't very large, only about twenty square meters, but it had been newly renovated with several tables set up. By the door was a large steaming stove, on which several steam trays were placed, with wisps of steam rising.

Under the steamer, several small signs were hung, displaying the types and prices of buns, various fillings, as well as steamed buns and soy milk.

Cheng Su had mentioned to Little Yu that since she was just starting, she didn't need to prepare too many things. She should focus on making buns and steamed buns, and there should be business, after all, if one person tries to manage too many varieties, it could become overwhelming and chaotic.

This time when Cheng Su arrived, he saw that Little Yu's mother-in-law was also helping her.

"Big brother, if you've enjoyed it, please help spread the word to your coworkers." Little Yu said with a smile as she handed a bun to a man wearing a factory uniform.

"Sure thing!"

Little Yu glanced at the money inside the box, smiled, and then noticed Cheng Su standing not far away, looking over with a gentle smile.

She quickly waved, and Cheng Su walked over, handing the God of Wealth over: "The God of Wealth has arrived, wishing you great success with the opening, sister-in-law."

"Why is this here, where should I place it?" Little Yu said happily.

"Just put it on the table, it will be fine," Cheng Su replied.

"Taiguo's wife, come sit over here!" Little Yu's mother-in-law called to Cheng Su.

She knew the bun shop was opened thanks to Taiguo's support for their family. Although it was called an investment, to be honest, it was all assistance, for which she was very grateful.

"Grandma, you're here to help too?" Cheng Su said with a smile.

"As long as I can move, I'll help." Grandma Zheng said, "You all chat, I'll keep an eye on the fire."

"Mom, don't move around, be careful not to burn yourself. I'll add the coal myself in a moment. I've just put on a pot of buns to steam." Little Yu hurriedly said.

"Oh!"

Little Yu pushed a cup of tea in front of Cheng Su and said: "It's not good tea leaves, just to make sure everyone doesn't eat the buns too dry."

"As it should be. So, how's business after two days of opening?" Cheng Su asked.

Little Yu replied with delight, "It's quite good, better than I imagined. There are more people in the mornings. I heard the factory breakfasts are quite expensive, so people either eat at home or buy something on the way. Seeing that I opened a bun shop here, quite a few people are buying!"

With elderly and children at home, Little Yu didn't plan for the shop to stay open late, just until around four or five in the afternoon before closing. After tallying up for two days, with these small banknotes of a dime or so, the daily income amounted to about twenty yuan.

Cheng Su calculated and said, "Then you'll have to calculate the costs well on a regular basis. Now that the business is up and running, don't skimp, or it could affect business and trust."

"I know!" Little Yu said as she took out a document from the house and said, "Here's the shareholder agreement, do you think it's written okay like this?"

"Sister-in-law, I told you, it's alright if you just treat it as a loan." Cheng Su chuckled when he saw her so earnest.

Little Yu, however, replied seriously, "No way, even close brothers settle accounts clearly. We agreed initially, you provide the money, I put in the effort, and you take a twenty percent share. If you don't take it, then I'll have to close the shop!"

She was poor, but she had principles. She accepted help, but she couldn't do it so matter-of-factly. If Cheng Su didn't accept, she would feel uneasy in her heart.

Chapter 1127: Passing Down Business Wisdom Again

Little Yu was very insistent. If Cheng Su didn't want this stake, she would close the shop. As a person, one can't forget one's roots. Even if Guixiang saved Taiguo, it's the same. What does that count for on the battlefield? If it were Taiguo, others would do the same, but would you support your own people for decades like they did?

One must empathize with others and not be ungrateful, or else, what kind of person would that be?

Little Yu didn't want her two children to follow the same example, so she was determined to have Cheng Su accept the share certificate.

Seeing her insistence, Cheng Su had no choice and said, "Alright, I'll take it. In the future, if your bun shop expands and becomes successful, and you have the funds to buy back this stake, you can come to me anytime!"

"Thanks for your good wishes!" Little Yu breathed a sigh of relief. She was really afraid that Cheng Su wouldn't take it. As for buying back the stake after expanding, that would be up to fate!

Neither of them expected those words spoken today would come true later, but the share certificate was never redeemed; instead, it became the foundation for a lasting friendship between the two families, enduring for a long time.

After signing the share certificate, Cheng Su put it away and asked Little Yu if there were any issues she hadn't anticipated in the shop.

"We've just opened, so it's been smooth so far. Issues haven't come up yet, just busy. I've found that we have the most customers buying buns in the morning, so it's the busiest time. My mother-in-law helps me; otherwise, I'd struggle on my own. I can't look after my two kids, but fortunately, they've learned to cook some noodles for breakfast before school or come here and take a couple of buns! There's also a small kitchen here at noon, so the whole family comes here to eat." Little Yu said.

"That's how it is when you're trying to make a living. You should focus on breakfast and lunch, then around three or four in the afternoon, you can basically close the shop since fewer people buy buns then. Unless they're buying buns for the next day's breakfast, but with the weather getting hotter and no fridge, they won't buy much. So in the afternoon, you can reduce the bun production. It's better to run out than to make too much." Cheng Su said.

Little Yu nodded and asked her about a few issues to pay attention to.

"When making buns and steamed buns, kneading the dough is important, but the filling is just as important. You must ensure the ingredients are fresh. Really, if they're not fresh, it's better to take a loss than use them, otherwise, it might upset someone's stomach and definitely affect the business. Aren't we in business hoping for longevity? Ensuring fresh ingredients and making them tasty will bring people back, right?" Cheng Su said.

Little Yu asked, "Is your restaurant and fast food shop like this?"

"Of course, when it comes to food that people eat, you have to be cautious." Cheng Su said with a smile.

"I got it!"

"Sister-in-law, in business, you can't just focus on short-term profits; you have to think long-term. You have to learn when to give up something. Only then can you have long-lasting success. You're a smart person; you will understand this!" Cheng Su said, "It's easy to open a shop but hard to keep it running. Opening a shop is not a great feat; being able to keep it going is the real skill."

"It seems, in the future, I'll have to learn more from you!" Little Yu said with a smile, "I never knew so much could be learned in business until I actually got into it."

Cheng Su flashed a gentle smile and said, "You're welcome. We can help each other out. Women can also hold up half the sky!"

Little Yu seemed to be in deep thought, and the light in her eyes began to shine more brightly as she nodded firmly.

Chapter 1128: New Goals

After Cheng Su returned home from Little Yu and the others, she told Qi Taiguo about the situation of the bun shop and showed him the stock ownership document.

"She insisted that we accept it, I couldn't refuse her, so I accepted." Cheng Su said, "In the future, if there's an opportunity, they can redeem it back."

Qi Taiguo replied, "Since she gave it to you, just keep it. Don't be fooled by her gentle appearance; she's actually quite stubborn inside. Once she decides on something, she won't turn back. Back in the day, even when her parents-in-law advised her to remarry, she refused, kneeling in front of them saying she wouldn't leave, and if they forced her to leave, she would die with her two children."

Cheng Su was surprised, "Really, something like that happened?"

Qi Taiguo nodded, "That's why her parents-in-law treat her even better than their own two daughters. After all, they were touched by her sincerity. She's suffered for so many years, and now with the bun shop, she hopes life will get better and that there's hope for the future. It's not in vain that she's endured all these years!"

Cheng Su also liked Little Yu's character very much, so she said, "It surely will be. Good things happen to good people."

"Speaking of which, it's also her luck to have met you." Qi Taiguo held Cheng Su's hand and said, "Wife, thank you. All these things you've done are actually for me. Thank you!"

Cheng Su felt a bit shy and said, "Why are you saying all this?"

"I'm so lucky you came to this era, to be by my side!" Qi Taiguo looked at her sincerely.

"Then treat me well in the future, don't let other people bully me, always stand by my side!" Cheng Su took the opportunity to ask for a promise, why not take advantage when the opportunity arises?

Qi Taiguo nodded, "Absolutely!"

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The bun shop on Little Yu's side opened successfully, and Cheng Su felt relieved, turning her focus to expanding her jam business southwards.

Wang Bo brought news that the shelves set up at Lilai Department Store were already stocked, and the location for the distribution store was also chosen. It's right in the city center, with very convenient transportation and a large flow of people, thanks to the Cheng family's help. He had already sent the salespeople out to secure orders.

This is considered a good start, and Cheng Su felt happy inside, revisiting her plans once again.

Her interest in Guangcheng is substantial, not just because of the jam business. While the business itself is one matter, what she's truly interested in is its future development and the land in Guangcheng.

Cheng Su was no longer content with buying land and constructing houses in Qing City; her sights were set on Guangcheng. The land is cheap now, and if she could gather a few plots, she could profit when the real estate market booms in the future.

However, this year all of Cheng Su's money was invested in the construction of a restaurant, which only reopened three or four months ago. It's still far from breaking even; it would take at least a year or two to see any dividends!

So, calling Cheng Su a pauper now isn't wrong. She doesn't have the money to invest in buying land; she's just a pauper, and the thousands on hand aren't much, just enough to scrape by.

But that doesn't stop this from becoming Cheng Su's new goal.

It's already 1987, and if she doesn't seize the opportunity, once the 90s arrive, the land will become expensive. By then, even with money, she might not be able to afford it. So, if she wants to buy, she has to buy now.

But there's no money, so what should she do?

Cheng Su set her eyes on the current policy of economic reform and opening up. Among the excellent benefits provided by the country to stimulate rural economic development is an interest-free loan.

If she could secure such a loan, how could she still worry about being unable to buy land?

Chapter 1129: If Heaven Sent Me Here, It Owes Me a Sweet Date

Cheng Su learned that in order to promote rural economic development, the country allocates certain amounts of interest-free and low-interest loans every year. To put it bluntly, it's poverty alleviation, encouraging people to borrow money to boost the economy and actively eliminate poverty.

But even so, not many people have the courage to borrow because of their limited vision and mindset; most rural people's thinking is still quite backward, sticking to outdated ways.

They're afraid that if they can't repay the borrowed money, or worse, their descendants would have to repay it, that wouldn't be eliminating poverty, but dragging down future generations.

So, they don't dare to borrow, and it's precisely because of this lack of courage that most people remain poor. As for those who become rich, they are the ones with the courage and drive, those who dare to gamble.

Life is a gamble; if you don't participate, you'll never know whether you'll win or lose.

Cheng Su enthusiastically shared her idea with Qi Taiguo.

"What, you want to take out a loan to buy land?" Qi Taiguo's eyes widened in disbelief.

In this day and age, are there still people willing to go into debt?

"Do you know where I come from?" Cheng Su pointed at herself and mouthed two words.

Qi Taiguo saw the words "future" and said, "Even so, a loan means debt, this..."

As the saying goes, "Without debt, one feels at ease. Better to suffer personally than to owe others."

Everyone wishes they had no debts, but my wife actually wants to take on a big debt.

"Since you know, everything I do must have a reason. In the future, when real estate booms, if we have a few pieces of land, we won't have to worry about our future days. This is a great opportunity, I can't just let it slip away," Cheng Su said.

Qi Taiguo replied, "But doing this, doesn't it go against the natural order? You said before not to rush the historical process."

Cheng Su blinked, "I'm not going against it, I'm just using the Prophet's insight. I'm not doing anything wrong; I'm buying with real money. How can that be wrong?"

"That's true, but it is indeed touching the secret of Heaven," Qi Taiguo worried that there might be some kind of punishment.

Cheng Su put her hands on her hips and said angrily, "How is this touching the secret? To think about it, I was living well in the 21st century, eating, dressing, and living well, as a glamorous girl, then Heaven suddenly sent me here without a word, making me suffer. Shouldn't it give me a little reward? I'm not doing anything wrong, just buying land, I'm promoting capital flow and economic development!"

Qi Taiguo was stunned.

Even the judges on high were stunned, I can't believe I've brought such a star to this era!

"Anyway, since I'm here to suffer, there must be some sweet rewards. They can't just punish me for this opportunism. Otherwise, when I die, I'll take it up with Heaven!" Cheng Su huffed and sat down.

"You, you're so persuasive that you can argue anything into making sense!" Qi Taiguo was exasperated by her rhetoric.

Cheng Su said, "Everyone knows that after a slap, one should offer a date. Heaven sent me here, such a big thing, can't it give me a few sweet dates?"

Heaven: "Fine, I admit I'm wrong, alright?"

Qi Taiguo held back his laughter, "Okay, okay, you want a loan, then take a loan. I won't say anything more, alright?" After all, he couldn't win against her.

Cheng Su finally smiled, and with the demeanor of a teacher to a promising pupil, patted his head, "Now you're talking, being my husband means standing by my side!"

Qi Taiguo, faced with her rogue-like attitude, was left speechless.

Chapter 1130: What Are You Using as Collateral?

With Qi Taiguo's permission, Cheng Su excitedly went to find out more about the details of the loan, but she returned home disappointed.

Why?

Because considering some people might not repay their loans, this gap couldn't be filled, so the no-interest loan policy had been canceled by the state several years ago.

Basically, there was no longer any good deal of getting a loan without interest.

However, while there were no interest-free loans, low-interest loans were available. The bank employee looked at Cheng Su expectantly and said, "As long as you have collateral property, you can get a loan. The interest is incredibly low, which is perfect for someone in business like you!"

Cheng Su asked about the interest rate. Although it was low, it still required paying interest, unlike an interest-free loan, so she didn't dare to make a decision and decided to think it over at home.

She walked out of the bank, weighed down with concerns, as the bank staff saw her off. She didn't even hear someone calling after her.

Cheng Su returned home looking dejected, and when Qi Taiguo saw her like that, he was naturally puzzled. After hearing her explanation, he understood the whole story.

Having learned from previous conversations, this time he didn't dare to say much but cautiously asked, "So what do you plan to do? Still going to take the loan?"

"Of course, I am!" Cheng Su gave him a look that said he was being silly.

Qi Taiguo rubbed his nose and said, "But didn't you say you're not happy about having to pay interest?"

"Of course, I'm not happy. Just think, what originally required no interest now does, which means, something that could be resolved with one hundred yuan now requires me to pay an extra fifty. If it were you, would you feel good about it?" Cheng Su said.

"You're not happy about it, yet you still do it," Qi Taiguo muttered under his breath.

"What did you say? Speak up!" Cheng Su squinted at him.

Qi Taiguo immediately laughed, "Nothing, nothing. The interest is low anyway, so if you don't mind, just take the loan. This amount of money probably won't be worth as much in the future..."

"Exactly!" Cheng Su slapped her thigh and said, "Future money won't be worth as much as it is now; ten thousand yuan in the future will be like a thousand now, how did I not think of this!"

Her wild realization made Qi Taiguo shake his head in amused exasperation, and he said no more.

Cheng Su jumped up, hugged Qi Taiguo's face, and gave him a peck while sweetly saying, "Thank you, hubby, you reminded me."

"I think you've gone a little crazy these past few days." Qi Taiguo was completely thrown off by her antics.

Cheng Su giggled, humming a tune with her eyes squinting in joy.

"This loan needs collateral, right? What are you planning to use as collateral? Which business? The jam company, the restaurant? Don't forget, both have shareholders." Qi Taiguo saw she was so happy she'd lost her bearings, but he didn't forget to remind her lightly.

Cheng Su's humming stopped. Oh right, she wasn't the only shareholder in the restaurant; she couldn't just use it as collateral.

That left the fast food shop, but it was such a small place, not worth much. Even if it could be used as collateral, it wouldn't fetch a large loan. The only thing of real value was the Jam Company.

But the Jam Company wasn't just hers; it's also Ning Ge's. And this loan wasn't for business expansion but for her personal use. Would it be appropriate to use it for a loan?

No matter how close she and Ning Ge were, even siblings have to be clear about financial matters. Would she be willing?

Cheng Su felt uncertain and looked to Qi Taiguo, unsure of what to do.

Qi Taiguo sighed and said, "Talk to Ning Ge, at most just share some benefits with him."

When it comes to interests, using interests to resolve them is natural.