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Chapter 1151: Endless Explanations

Mother Qi found out about Cheng Su wanting to borrow money from the bank, thanks to Qi Fenglian. It turns out she went to the bank that day to deposit money and happened to run into Cheng Su coming out. She called her a few times without response and noticed Cheng Su looked a bit distraught, so she asked the bank teller what Cheng Su was doing.

As a result, she learned about Cheng Su's intention to borrow money. Such a large sum of money really terrified Qi Fenglian, wondering how it would be paid back.

So, when she called home to ask about the two kids' situation, she casually mentioned it. Later, feeling uneasy, she came to ask Qi Taiguo about it.

Cheng Su and Qi Taiguo were speechless. Cheng Su grabbed the phone and said, "Big sister, if something like this happens again, at least tell us first. Don't tell the family first, okay?"

Qi Fenglian responded meekly.

After hanging up, Cheng Su was too angry to speak, and Qi Taiguo said, "Let it be, big sister is just concerned."

"Not to be mean, but big sister lacks emotional intelligence. If she has doubts, she should ask us, not tell the family first. Now look, what's become of it? This isn't concern; it's stirring up trouble!" Cheng Su couldn't help but complain. In fact, this wasn't the first time Qi Fenglian had done this. There were several times before when she revealed things first, putting Cheng Su in a tough spot.

Qi Taiguo said nothing. That's his big sister, what's done is done.

Seeing him like this, Cheng Su said, "I'm not blaming her, it's just... I feel upset, sigh."

"I know!" Qi Taiguo squeezed her hand tightly.

Cheng Su sighed.

The phone rang again, and she said, "The explanations aren't over yet."

Answering the call, it was from the Cheng family, and Qi Taiguo said Cheng Su was there.

Cheng Su took the call, and it was Father Cheng, naturally asking about borrowing money and mentioning Mother Qi's visit to their house to question them.

"If it's for business and cash flow is tight, I don't have much, but it's something you can use!" Father Cheng said.

Cheng Su felt warm inside and said no need, explaining her purpose for borrowing money.

Upon hearing it was for investment, Father Cheng hesitated for a moment: "It's not a small amount, are you confident you can repay it?"

"Don't worry! If I can't repay, at worst I'll sell the Jam Company, I can always repay. However, I will definitely repay it." It's a pity the family doesn't have money, otherwise, they could invest in a piece of land together, wouldn't that be wonderful!

"You two make your own decision, discuss it well with Taiguo!" Father Cheng reminded before hanging up.

After hanging up, another call came in. Helplessly looking at Qi Taiguo, Cheng Su said, "No need to guess, this time it's definitely from your family. You take it!"

Qi Taiguo answered, and sure enough, it was Mother Qi. She had left the Cheng family in low spirits after getting nowhere, and immediately called home, and it was her son who answered.

So, Mother Qi started crying and speaking, saying how Cheng Su was a curse and must have a death wish!

"If she really dares to borrow this money, Taiguo, you might as well file for divorce. We can't let our descendants be dragged down by her like this!" Mother Qi bizarrely said, "Their Cheng family treats her like a treasure, saying even if she leaves, plenty of people will fight to marry her. You're a battalion commander as well, aren't you worried about finding a good wife? And didn't that doctor who liked you before also seem quite good, just marry her..."

"Mom! What are you talking about, such nonsense. This money is something the two of us must borrow, it's an investment for future generations. Don't say those outrageous things anymore! I don't want to hear it!" Qi Taiguo's face turned ashen with anger. He really hadn't expected his mother to have such thoughts.

Marry Chiang Qing? Bah!

Chapter 1152: Separation Is Also an Option

Mother Qi didn't expect her goodwill to be met with such a firm rebuttal from her son, and she was momentarily stunned and speechless.

"Mom, don't talk about dragging down the Qi family. This money is something my wife and I want to borrow, and we'll be the ones to pay it back," Qi Taiguo said in a very cold tone: "Mom, if you think we'll drag down the Qi family, then splitting the family is fine. This way, our debts won't be related to the family and won't affect Jianguo and the others."

Split the family!

"What did you say? Split the family!" Mother Qi almost screamed: "You said split the family? Are you crazy!"

Father Qi came in holding Xiao Bao from outside the house. He had taken him to someone else's wedding banquet today, and had just returned, only to hear Mother Qi screaming about splitting the family. What had happened now?

Qi Taiguo was also quick to suggest the words "split the family," not really thinking it through. After all, he was the eldest son, and his younger siblings were not yet adults. Even if they were to split the family, it would be after Jianguo got married and started his own family.

In the countryside, isn't this how it usually is? Children start their own families before splitting off.

But exceptions do exist. If the old mother feels that he and his wife would drag down the Qi family, then splitting the family is fine. In any case, they would still support and help with the younger siblings' education costs!

The more Qi Taiguo thought about it, the more feasible he found it.

"Even if we split the family, we won't cut back on living expenses for the family. In the future, we'll also take on Jianguo and Fengping's education expenses, so you won't have to worry. If they get married later and we have the ability, we'll help! Mom, if you think this is feasible, I'll talk to Dad!" Qi Taiguo said calmly.

Beside him, Cheng Su was surprised to hear this, looking at him in astonishment. It was unexpected for him to come up with this idea, and she couldn't help but listen with interest.

What would her mother-in-law choose?

But what Cheng Su heard next was Mother Qi's loud shouting.

"Your dad and I are still alive and well, and you're talking about splitting the family? No way. I know, is it Cheng Su, that little instigator, egging you on?" Cheng Su smacked her lips, feeling upset, and stopped listening.

Why was everything always blamed on her? Her mother-in-law might as well change her surname to Blame!

"It's not Cheng Su pushing me; it's my own idea. Mom, since you're worried we'll drag down the family, isn't splitting the family a good solution?" Qi Taiguo said. "Once we're split, we won't be a burden, and the money borrowed will be solely up to us!"

Mother Qi was momentarily at a loss for words. She didn't want Cheng Su to borrow this money but never thought it would lead to a family split!

"What's going on?" Father Qi asked.

Mother Qi immediately found her backbone and started crying: "Old man, you came at the right time. It's Taiguo; he wants to split the family, boohoo, this unfilial son!"

Father Qi took the phone: "Taiguo? It's Dad, what's happening!"

Finally finding someone reasonable, Qi Taiguo explained in detail about their plan to borrow money and buy land in Guangcheng for investment. He also explained Mother Qi's opposition and how she even threatened their marriage.

"...So, Dad, if you think we'll drag down the family, splitting the family is also an option. Even if we're split, we won't cut back on living expenses for the family or the siblings' education fees!"

Father Qi's face was livid, and he glared fiercely at Mother Qi, who was crying sorrowfully at the side, and said: "Taiguo, stop saying that. If you want to borrow, go ahead and borrow. Don't mind your mother."

Mother Qi looked up in shock, incredulous at the old man.

Chapter 1153: Falling Ill from Anger

After hanging up the phone, Father Qi started scolding Mother Qi, calling her things like pig-brained and muddle-headed, all at once.

"The idea of letting the two kids divorce, you can even say that? Why don't you just fly up to the sky? In this whole village, you're the only one hoping for the kids to divorce, you foolish old woman." Father Qi roared in anger.

"How did I do wrong? This borrowing money, what do you think it is, more than a hundred thousand, does she have the ability to pay it back?" Mother Qi shouted back loudly.

"If they have the ability to borrow, they have the ability to pay it back. It's not for anything bad; it's to buy land for investment. You short-sighted person, don't think everyone is like you. Can the future compare to now? Can now compare to before? In the past during the famine years, even grass roots weren't enough to eat. Did you ever imagine you'd be eating meat every day now?" Father Qi coldly sneered repeatedly.

Mother Qi was left speechless.

"Society will develop, times will advance. Can today's Great Unity RMB compare to the steel coins of the past? Now can't compare to the future. You're unable to think of this, you're really a muddle-headed fool, no wonder you have such little achievement!" Father Qi continued, "I'm telling you, whatever the couple wants to do, I forbid you from interfering. If you dare whisper here and there, you might as well go stay with your elder sister. You two sisters can accompany each other!"

"You, you..." Mother Qi was so angry her mouth was crooked and her eyes turned, and her heart twisted in pain.

There was no place for her in this home, nor a place for her to speak up!

Mother Qi plopped down to the ground, wailing loudly, scaring Xiao Bao to tears as well.

Father Qi held his grandson in his arms and said, "If you want to cry, then go live in the old house; just roll up your bedding and you can leave!" He said this while walking out with the child, unwilling to look at the foolish woman anymore.

Mother Qi cried even louder.

Meanwhile, over at Qi Taiguo's side, Cheng Su ran after Qi Taiguo asking, "So, what did Dad say?"

"With me handling it, do you think they won't listen?" Qi Taiguo said with a self-satisfied smile, "Dad said not to worry about it, whatever we want to do we should just go ahead and do it, don't worry about what Mom thinks."

"What about splitting the property..."

Qi Taiguo sighed, "I was just saying, right now, Jianguo and them are still young, it won't happen."

Cheng Su didn't care either; whether they split it or not, she didn't live with the in-laws anyway, and it's not like it's the Qing Dynasty where the money she earns has to be given to the mother-in-law to manage.

The money is in her own hands, so whether they split the property or not, who can take it from her easily?

"I just fear that in the future, your mom will dislike me more and more." Cheng Su pouted.

"Then hurry up and give her a big fat grandson, wouldn't that settle things? If she doesn't want to look at the daughter-in-law, she'll look at the grandson instead!" Qi Taiguo joked.

Cheng Su glared, "I'm not a sow!" She touched her belly and said, "I don't even know if there's any this month, I'll find out in a few days."

She felt more disappointment than hope and didn't think much of it, because she sensed the child hadn't taken root yet.

"You're worrying for nothing again. If it's not this month, we'll try again. If not next month, then the month after that. Trying every day, it'll definitely happen!" Qi Taiguo smiled and comforted her.

Cheng Su nodded and smiled faintly.

A few days later, due to the stress and arguing with Father Qi and Taiguo, Mother Qi's mind was unsettled and after overthinking, she finally fell sick.

The news was brought by Qi Fenglian, who happened to be using her vacation to visit the two kids. Cheng Su gave her fifty yuan to take back as a gesture of goodwill as a daughter-in-law.

Chapter 1154: When Will the Big Tiger Be Defanged

The days of June arrived, and Cheng Su's expectations came true: this month, they still didn't succeed, and the good days were still arriving on schedule, so Cheng Su's mood suddenly sank.

However, Qi Taiguo continuously comforted her, saying maybe the Goddess of Childbirth was too busy, so she hadn't had time to bring them a child yet!

Cheng Su forced a smile. She wanted to conceive at this time, thinking that when the child is born, it wouldn't be in the sweltering heat of summer. Otherwise, having a child in such a hot summer, doing a confinement month would be utter torture. Nowadays, people do a full month of confinement, without exposure to wind, nor washing hair or bathing. Truly, if in summer they were to be covered up for a month, wouldn't they all be suffocated and stinky?

So Cheng Su hoped to conceive during this period, but things often go contrary to one's wishes.

Since the child hadn't come yet, the only option was to set these thoughts aside for now.

The materials that Cheng Su entrusted Ying Xiaoya to organize were all ready, taken to the bank for negotiations on the loan amount, because Ning Ge and the others also intended to borrow, so naturally, they talked about a larger amount.

On the other hand, Cheng Su made several calls to the Cheng family, hinting at a desire to buy land, to see if they could acquire a suitable plot.

It must be said, Cheng Su just happened to catch this opportune moment, as Guangcheng's planning aimed at development, and the government was successively releasing several plots of land to attract investment.

The plots meant for investment were huge; Cheng Su had the money to buy land but not enough to develop anything on it immediately—merely wanting to secure the land first.

So after the loan was approved, she had to go to Guangcheng to personally assess the situation.

Ning Ge returned at this point and immediately pulled Qi Taiguo aside for a lengthy conversation, though no one knew what they talked about.

Cheng Su then spoke to him about purchasing land, and that she would go to Guangcheng to have a look.

"In that case, once you set a date, I'll go with you. Anyway, our family is also interested; it's a good chance to check out the situation over there," Ning Ge said.

Of course, Cheng Su agreed, as Ning Ge is also the owner of the Jam Company, with a distribution store developing over there, and they should go inspect it.

As for buying land, everyone has a stake, and it wouldn't be right for her to decide for the Ning family on which one to buy, right?

Therefore, it was good for Ning Ge to go too, so they could support each other.

Qi Taiguo wanted to go see the area as well but couldn't accompany them because he was heading to Yanjing Military Academy for a half-month course in middle to late June.

"How come I haven't heard you mention this?" Cheng Su was a bit surprised.

"The meeting was only held today to notify us. This study session is primarily to strengthen weapon knowledge," Qi Taiguo explained.

Cheng Su was very sensitive about Yanjing, knowing it was someone else's territory, so she asked, "There won't be any trouble, right?"

"The military academy has strict discipline, and during the study period, you can't come and go as you please, so don't worry, there won't be any major issues!" Qi Taiguo understood what she was worried about and said with a smile.

Cheng Su nodded, but she couldn't shake an uneasy feeling, possibly because she thought of Chiang Qing's family living over there.

But she also knew this was unavoidable; study is study, and it couldn't be skipped just because of someone's presence.

She sighed again, thinking it would be nice if this big tiger had its teeth pulled out—they'd really be like a toothless tiger then.

Cheng Su didn't know how Ning Ge and the others had worked hard behind her back to pull the teeth of this great tiger.

And later, when she eventually found out about this, she sighed, pondering that there really is no such thing as poetry and a distant place; it's just someone behind you taking on the heavy load for you.

Chapter 1155: A Chance Encounter with Zhang Jisheng

Nowadays, not many people are willing to take out loans from banks, because borrowing is easy but repaying is hard, so Cheng Su and their process was completed rather quickly.

Both sides had loans, so to sign and collect the remittance, Cheng Su and Ning Ge went together.

"Why did you think of buying land in Guangcheng and not in Qing City?" After the procedures were completed, the two sat down in a café, Ning Ge asked Cheng Su.

Cheng Su took a sip of coffee and said, "Nothing special, because Guangcheng is more prosperous than Qing City."

"If that's the case, Beijing is even more prosperous!"

Cheng Su laughed and blurted out, "Indeed, the future of Beijing will surely be beyond reach!" The housing prices are sky-high.

Ning Ge looked at her aghast, the future?

Seeing his surprised expression, Cheng Su realized her slip of the tongue, coughed, and said, "It is the capital after all, it's already compelling now, let alone in the future!"

"But you never thought of buying land in Beijing!" Ning Ge slightly smiled and said.

Cheng Su looked out the window and said, "I can't afford it, and besides, I don't feel a sense of belonging there!"

Guangcheng is different. She grew up there, naturally having a special attachment to it.

But Beijing, she never had the ambition, especially now with Chiang Qing there, she's even more unwilling, she still prefers the South a bit more.

Sense of belonging, Ning Ge murmured, "But you don't live there either, you live in Qing City, what sense of belonging are you talking about!"

"You wouldn't understand even if I told you, anyway, I've taken a fancy to it, thinking it can develop into a big city!" Cheng Su snorted.

Ning Ge shrugged.

Cheng Su finished her coffee and stood up, saying, "Let's go!"

"Where to?" Ning Ge asked.

"Luh Kai is getting married, you've received the invitation too, don't you need to buy a gift? Let's go buy a gift!" Cheng Su said.

"Ah, well, isn't giving a red envelope enough, do you really need to choose something?" Ning Ge said, but still stood up with her.

The red envelope had to be given, but since it was private and Luh Kai had helped her before, Cheng Su thought of giving something meaningful.

She dragged Ning Ge to the gold shop and took a fancy to a pair of exquisite little smiling items.

"Such a generous gesture?" Ning Ge raised his eyebrows at her, "I didn't realize you were so generous!"

Cheng Su's eyes remained fixed on the glass cabinet, "When you get married, I'll give you an even bigger pair. So, hurry up and find someone!" She then pointed at a golden bracelet, asking the clerk to let her try it.

Ning Ge listened and felt slightly discomfort, said nothing.

Cheng Su didn't mind him, put on the chain with the help of the clerk, and asked Ning Ge, "How does it look?"

Ning Ge glanced and said, "Golden and flashy, what's so nice about it, quite vulgar, wear diamonds, they look good!"

Cheng Su rolled her eyes, took it off and handed it back to the clerk, saying, "Gold is valuable, it can be passed down to future generations!"

Ning Ge was just about to speak when suddenly a loud voice sounded not far behind them.

"I don't care, you have to buy me the ring today, otherwise I won't be pleased." It was a woman's voice.

Cheng Su didn't turn back, guessing it must be a woman pestering a man to buy her jewelry, she continued to look at the jewelry.

But the next moment, the man's voice surprised her.

"Can't we buy it next time? I don't have that much money today."...

Turning around, Cheng Su saw not far behind, the humble and cautious man, wasn't he Elder Sister's ex-husband, Zhang Jisheng?

Chapter 1156: Stuck With a Rowdy Broad

Only Zhang Jisheng and a fat woman were standing in front of the glass counter displaying gold rings, slightly bending over, carefully watching the woman.

Cheng Su squinted his eyes, Zhang Jisheng, wasn't he saying he wanted to remarry Qi Fenglian?

Now what's with the racket with this woman?

Some people just never change, huh?

"I don't care, Zhang Jisheng, I'm your woman now, aren't we dating? You don't give me a ring, what kind of nonsense is this? You want me to be with you for nothing?" The fat woman put her hands on her hips and said, "There's no such thing as a free lunch in this world, if you want to sleep with me, you have to pay a little."

As soon as she finished speaking, people around them were secretly talking, Zhang Jisheng's face turned red, wishing he could go up and cover her mouth, saying, "Can't you lower your voice?"

The fat woman snorted, sat by the counter, and when she saw the shiny gold, she was practically blinded by it.

"Zhang Jisheng, I want this one, this one." She yelled.

Zhang Jisheng was in great pain, looked at the people around him, this was really embarrassing.

Suddenly, his gaze paused, and when he met Cheng Su's eyes, his face changed dramatically.

Oh no, how come Cheng Su's here, Zhang Jisheng was very nervous, what should he do?

Cheng Su looked at him, let out a sarcastic laugh, Zhang Jisheng, you have your day too?

Having to deal with such a woman who's clearly a troublemaker, you've really outdone yourself!

And you still dare to say you want to remarry the elder sister, ha, truly laughable.

Zhang Jisheng's head was buzzing, a fine layer of sweat started to form on his forehead, what should he do now?

Leave, better to run!

"Let's go, I really didn't bring money today, I'll come back next time to buy for you!" Zhang Jisheng went to pull the woman.

The woman's eyes were practically glued to the gold, how could she be willing to leave, she shook off his hand and said loudly: "Zhang Jisheng, don't try to fool me, Lai Jinlan, when you took off my pants, you promised to buy me gold... woo woo."

That woman who called herself Lai Jinlan had her mouth covered by Zhang Jisheng, making muffled sounds.

Ning Ge, having watched, said, "How can a woman be so shameless, it's really coarse."

What kind of woman talks about bedroom affairs in broad daylight, doesn't she feel ashamed?

Cheng Su, however, felt amused, looking at Zhang Jisheng with a half-smile, while Zhang Jisheng, occasionally meeting his gaze, guiltily looked away.

Ning Ge noticed, raised an eyebrow at Cheng Su: "You know him?"

Cheng Su said: "That's my elder sister's ex-husband, I didn't expect, a woman like my elder sister doesn't please him, he actually likes this type!"

Ning Ge felt even more disdainful, said: "Have you finished choosing? If so, let's go, lest our ears get polluted."

Cheng Su nodded, asked the salesperson to wrap up the items, then paid the bill and left with the goods.

Over there, Lai Jinlan had already shaken off Zhang Jisheng's hand, and smacked his head hard: "Why are you covering my mouth, are you crazy or what!"

Poor Zhang Jisheng, being small and thin, almost got knocked to the ground.

"Zhang Jisheng, do you think I'm as easy to bully as that ex-wife of yours? I'm telling you, if you don't buy today, you won't get to leave this door!" Lai Jinlan said glaring.

Zhang Jisheng's face turned green, and from the corner of his eye, he saw Cheng Su walking over, he shrank his head even further, not daring to make a sound.

Cheng Su walked past him, gave him a disdainful glance, didn't say a word and just left.

Zhang Jisheng only felt his face burning, like someone had slapped him several times hard, couldn't have been more embarrassed!

Chapter 1157: Don't Fall for Zhang Jisheng's Tricks

Lai Jinlan noticed Zhang Jisheng constantly looking at Cheng Su's back, so she turned her head to take a glance and slapped him again: "What are you looking at? No matter how much you look, people like that would never be interested in a loser like you."

The couple just now, you could tell they were wealthy, just by the way they were dressed. I wonder what they bought. People like that could probably buy the whole gold shop if they wanted to!

It's really nice to be rich!

Zhang Jisheng felt humiliated by Cheng Su's gaze just now, and now, being slapped by Lai Jinlan, his anger flared up: "Can't you ever stop talking nonsense? Do you know who that is? That's my brother-in-law's wife!"

Lai Jinlan was taken aback, then looked at him with a cold sneer: "Your brother-in-law?"

Zhang Jisheng's face turned red with embarrassment. He had no brother-in-law anymore; they were divorced. No matter how capable his brother-in-law was, or how rich his wife was, it had nothing to do with him!

Regret, truly regrettable!

"That's Xiao Yun and Xiao Bao's aunt!" Zhang Jisheng threw out a sentence and quickly ran outside. If he didn't run now, he'd really have to shell out money to buy gold, and where would he get that kind of money!

Lai Jinlan saw him dash away and immediately erupted in anger. She didn't even look at the gold and hurriedly chased after him: "Zhang Jisheng, you coward, stop right there for me!"

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Cheng Su was still thinking about the scene she witnessed at the gold shop today, recalling the words that woman had said so arrogantly. It was obvious that Zhang Jisheng had already gotten involved with her. So, is he still trying to mess with Elder Sister?

It's been a long time since Elder Sister mentioned this, but if he's involved with someone like Lai Jinlan on one hand while still trying to mess with Elder Sister on the other, then he's truly disgusting!

Cannot let Elder Sister be kept in the dark, and definitely can't let her be fooled by that scumbag.

When Qi Taiguo got back, Cheng Su told him all about her and Ning Ge's encounter with Zhang Jisheng at the gold shop.

Qi Taiguo spat out a mouthful of water: "Look at that, truly not a decent person?"

"Just listen to what she says, you can tell what kind of person she is. Do you think she's the gentle and kind type?" Cheng Su mocked. "Anyone who knows a bit of shame and decency wouldn't say such things. Just hearing it makes me embarrassed for her."

You can tell if someone is cultured just by listening to them speak. Talking about lewd bedroom matters so publicly, how good can she possibly be?

But actually, this is quite good. If Zhang Jisheng really found someone kind-hearted again, then heaven would truly be unfair.

Qi Taiguo exclaimed in agreement, saying, "Serves him right, someone like him should be paired with such a fierce woman to keep him in line! Really, they're a match made in heaven!"

Cheng Su said, "That's why I think we should warn Elder Sister not to fall for Zhang Jisheng's tricks and be persuaded to go back to him."

Qi Taiguo nodded.

If he was genuinely inclined to remarry, would he be getting involved with someone else? How long ago did they divorce, and now he's dating one woman while talking about remarriage? It's truly disgusting.

"Since you agree, I'll go talk to Elder Sister then!" Cheng Su said.

"Go ahead, there's nothing to disagree with. It's fortunate that you saw it, and lucky he's working here now. Otherwise, we wouldn't know what he was up to back home, and Elder Sister might be convinced into going back with him," Qi Taiguo said coldly.

Cheng Su also felt relieved. Escaping a pit of fire takes great courage; jumping back in would indeed be seeking death!

Seeing that Qi Fenglian hadn't finished work yet, Cheng Su dialed the phone to the fast-food restaurant.

Chapter 1158: Xiao Ya's Heartbreak

Cheng Su called Qi Fenglian, only recounting what she saw and heard without any embellishment, telling her like it was a joke.

Qi Fenglian just said one sentence, "I know," and then hung up the phone.

Cheng Su had no intention to make decisions for Qi Fenglian; she'd merely tell her what kind of person it was. Adults should have their own opinions.

In the middle of the month, Cheng Su packed up Qi Taiguo's luggage, lingeringly bid farewell, and let him focus on his studies.

A few days later, Cheng Su's school held final exams. She skipped even the graduation ceremony and prepared to go to Guangcheng with Ning Ge.

However, Ying Xiaoya joined their group.

Ying Xiaoya had been dating Xiao Pinshan for over half a year and finally, due to reality, they fell out.

It was Xiao Pinshan who proposed the breakup, citing that they were not suitable for each other.

Ying Xiaoya was both shocked and unexpectedly hurt but stubbornly said, "You better not regret it."

The heartbroken person is very sad. Seeing Cheng Su and the others going to Guangcheng, Ying Xiaoya, who hadn't been there, asked Cheng Su, and joined them to get some change of scenery.

On the train, no matter how Cheng Su and Ning Ge tried to amuse her, Ying Xiaoya remained sullen, her eyes red like a still pond, often hugging her knees and staring blankly out the window.

"Hey, Ying Xiaoya, can't you pull yourself together? It's just a breakup, is it worth being so lifeless? There are plenty of men out there; why cling to one who's with someone else?" Ning Ge couldn't stand it and patted Ying Xiaoya's arm.

Ying Xiaoya replied, "Out of vast options, I choose the one, you haven't been in a relationship, so you don't know this feeling?"

Ning Ge was softened by her sentimental words, exchanged a look with Cheng Su, and said, "Even so, you shouldn't act like you're soulless! Just say the word, and I'll find you a man!"

Ying Xiaoya rolled her eyes at him, "Don't bother me!"

"Hey, you're just..."

Cheng Su pulled Ning Ge aside, shook her head, and said, "Forget it, heartbroken people are still suffering because they haven't met someone new. Once they do, they'll be fine without your consolation."

Ning Ge raised an eyebrow, gave a thumbs up, while Ying Xiaoya glared at Cheng Su, then looked back out the train window.

They had promised to be together for a lifetime, but in the end, it was he who let go first.

His words sounded nice - for her own good, she deserved a better man, and shouldn't waste her youth on an old man like him.

Liars, all lies!

Ying Xiaoya's tears started to fall.

A tissue appeared before her; she took it and wiped carelessly, crumpling it, another one offered; she took it and looked along the hand, it was Cheng Su.

Ying Xiaoya burst into tears, fell into her arms, and said, "He said we'd get married, have a son in the future, but now he's the one backing down. How can he do this, how can he treat me like this, what's wrong with me, sob sob!"

Cheng Su looked at Ning Ge helplessly, patting her arm, and agreed, "Yes, he's truly a bastard, blind, didn't know what he had, he'll regret it in the future!"

"He will regret it, he surely will," Ying Xiaoya nodded while crying, "But even though he should regret it, why is my heart still in pain? Sob sob, I can't take this pain!"

"How about I go back and beat him up!" Ning Ge said irritably.

Ying Xiaoya's sobbing paused, then she burst into big tears and pointed at him, "Even you're bullying me!"

Ning Ge was dumbfounded; he was clearly trying to stand up for her, wasn't he!

Chapter 1159: The Youngest Cheng Hosts a Welcome Dinner

Cheng Su and the others didn't expect anyone to come to meet their train, let alone someone from the Cheng family, the youngest, Cheng Yaozu.

"You, how come you're here?" Cheng Su looked at Cheng Yaozu with surprise.

Cheng Yaozu said, "The old man insisted I come to pick you up, wants to give you a welcoming feast." He noticed Ning Ge and Ying Xiaoya scrutinizing him and waved, "Hello, everyone!"

His Mandarin was quite a mix, neither here nor there.

Ying Xiaoya burst into laughter, then felt it was a bit impolite, so she quickly bowed her head.

Cheng Yaozu chuckled and said, "Hey, no need to worry, the Mandarin here all has a local accent, not that pleasant, actually I'm considered quite good, many can't even speak it."

He was indeed telling the truth, Cheng Su knew this very well, Mandarin wasn't very common among locals, if not for people from all over Jiangnan coming here to make fortunes, the Mandarin speakers might have been even fewer!

"Hello, I'm Ning Ge." Ning Ge stepped forward and extended his hand.

"Hello, I'm Cheng Yaozu, welcome to Guangcheng!" Cheng Yaozu also reached out and shook his hand, showing a friendly smile.

"This is my partner at the company." Cheng Su said, then pulled over Ying Xiaoya, "And this here is my good friend and our company's accountant, Ying Xiaoya."

"Hi!" Cheng Yaozu waved his hand again, his eyes sparkling.

Ying Xiaoya gave a slight smile, a bit awkward and shy.

"Got all the luggage? Shall we go? We've set up a banquet for you at Full Fragrance Tower." Cheng Yaozu directly took Ying Xiaoya's luggage and said with a smile.

Cheng Su looked at Ning Ge and the others, seeing him nod, then said, "Then we'll trouble you!"

Watching Cheng Yaozu lead Xiao Ya ahead, chatting with her occasionally, Ning Ge observed and then said to Cheng Su, "You have an amazing network, don't you? I remember, you've only met once? And now he's here to pick you up?"

Cheng Su said, "I didn't expect it either, alright?"

The car was still the one Cheng Su rode last time, Cheng Yaozu drove it himself, Ning Ge sat in the passenger seat.

All the way, Cheng Yaozu kept talking, and when he saw a notable building, he would introduce it.

"There are so many people!" Ying Xiaoya looked out the car window, there were people pushing bicycles, a lot more than in Qing City.

Cheng Yaozu glanced back and smiled, "Of course, they say you can make a fortune in Guangdong, there're naturally a lot of people traveling all over. There'll be even more coming to Guangcheng in the future."

He then looked at Ning Ge, "Master Ning from Beijing, you should know, right? There are even more people in the Capital!"

Ning Ge raised an eyebrow: "I don't recall ever saying I'm from Beijing!"

"From your Beijing accent, I can't tell? I also stayed there for two years!" Cheng Yaozu said.

Ning Ge said, "Seems like accents can give away your origin." He secretly praised that this guy seemed carefree and a bit wild on the surface, but he was quite attentive, at least observantly detailed.

Cheng Yaozu laughed and said, "No worries, we're all friends, if it gets exposed, so be it!"

The car turned a corner and soon stopped in front of a shophouse, with a high hanging sign of Full Fragrance Tower, someone came up to open the car door.

"We're here, you guys get off first, I'll park the car. No need to take the luggage, we'll be sending you to the hotel later, and you'll have to bring it up again." Cheng Yaozu said.

Cheng Su and the others took their small bags and got out of the car, waiting at the entrance.

Chapter 1160: Call Him Big Brother

Full Fragrance Tower is one of the most renowned restaurants around here, authentic and grand. Locals who visit there would go back boasting for several days.

The Cheng family is clearly a valued guest of this restaurant, because you can see how the staff treat Cheng Yaozu with utmost respect and deference.

As they made their way to the Peony Private Room on the third floor, Cheng Su thought this welcome banquet was just for the Old Master, but unexpectedly, there were quite a few people inside.

"So many people!" exclaimed Ying Xiaoya in awe.

"Compose yourself!" Ning Ge lightly coughed and straightened up a bit. His grandfather had told him that the old man here was an Old Red Army soldier who fought against the Japanese back then, a man deserving of respect.

Red Army soldiers are one family, so there's no way we can lose face.

"Dad, I've safely brought them over!" Cheng Yaozu chuckled.

This was an exceptionally large private room with a big dining table that could seat up to sixteen people, while the other half was partitioned into a sitting area with a huanghuali wood screen, which was now opened, revealing its entire arrangement.

The room was furnished with huanghuali wood furniture, a set of kung fu tea utensils on the table, a fruit platter, and some snacks. The walls displayed various calligraphy and paintings, including Chinese peony paintings and landscape ink paintings.

A large TV sat on the TV cabinet against the wall, with a big round-bellied blue-and-white porcelain vase holding a perennial plant.

People were scattered around the room, either sitting on sofas or at the dining table, and they all stood up when they saw Cheng Su and her group enter.

"Xiao Su, here we meet again!" Old Master Cheng's eyes lit up upon seeing Cheng Su, and he stepped forward, followed by others behind him.

"Old Master." Cheng Su smiled, slightly bowed, and greeted him, "It's been only two months, but it looks like you've been obedient. Look at your healthy complexion and energetic state; you're definitely not sneaking drinks and keeping up with exercise, right?"

Old Master Cheng laughed heartily and pointed at her, "This mouth of yours still knows how to speak well." He then looked at the people standing behind her.

Cheng Su slightly turned her body to introduce Xiao Ya and Ning Ge to the Old Master.

Ning Ge and Xiao Ya weren't from ordinary families; they had seen much of the world. Especially Ning Ge, what grand scene had he not seen? Unhurriedly, they paid their respects, each movement exuding the distinguished demeanor of children from a noble family.

As for Xiao Ya, she was sweet and delightful, clearly a child one would like at first sight.

"Good, good, all good kids!" Old Master Cheng said with satisfaction, looking at Cheng Su, "I thought you might bring your partner this time for me to meet, but he's not here?"

Cheng Su replied, "Unfortunately, he was assigned to study at Yanjing Military Academy this time, so he asked me to convey his apologies to you and pay his respects."

"I see, that's fine, there will always be chances to meet." Old Master Cheng laughed heartily, then pointed to a line of people behind him, "Come, meet the family. Yaozu, you do the introductions."

Cheng Yaozu dropped the orange peel in his hand and stepped forward with a smile, "Let's skip my second brother since you've met him already. This is my eldest brother."

Cheng Su had long noticed this middle-aged man who'd been watching her, and she stepped forward to greet him, "Secretary Cheng."

Before Cheng Yaoguang could speak, Old Master Cheng interjected, "Why call him Secretary, that's too formal, call..."

Everyone looked at him, and after a brief moment, Old Master Cheng concluded, "Call him elder brother, yes, just call him elder brother!"

The people of the Cheng family were taken aback, Cheng Su herself was also stunned, while Ning Ge just slightly narrowed his eyes.