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Chapter 261 Preparation for the New Factory Opening

Cheng Su sat down next to Ning Ge, who was idly fiddling with a pen in the corridor. When she sat down, he only lifted his head briefly but said nothing.

Cheng Su said nothing as well, and instead took out the materials she was reviewing from her bag to study, seizing a moment of leisure to focus on her learning.

"Can you solve all these questions?" asked Ning Ge, glancing at her materials.

Cheng Su gave him a look and said, "You might not know what I do, and I might not know what you do. Whether I can or cannot, I have a clear understanding in my own mind."

Ning Ge hung his head.

"This time it was my lack of consideration, acting on impulse. I won't do it again!" he finally added after a while.

Cheng Su acknowledged with a sound and said, "If you can consider not only yourself but others as well, that means you've grown up."

"Talking like you are so much older, yet you're younger than me!" Ning Ge grumbled.

Cheng Su glared at him, "Younger in age, but more mature in behavior!"

"Yes, yes, you're the big sister and I'm the little brother, alright?" Ning Ge surrendered with his hands raised.

Cheng Su smiled smugly, and they exchanged a look, laughing together, offering each other a way to step down gracefully.

Now that the subject was broached, Cheng Su talked to him about the factory's startup.

"Once the report comes back and if there are no issues, I'll start making the first batch of jam right away. It wouldn't make sense to open without any products." Cheng Su explained, "Also, I've invited County Chief Ying and Teacher Gong to come for the ribbon-cutting. We'll also have guests from the Huaji Supply and Marketing Cooperative. My idea is to hold a tasting event during the opening to promote our products and see if we can get some orders on the same day."

Listening, Ning Ge nodded and said, "Since we're holding a tasting, how about we send invitations to a few other Supply and Marketing Cooperatives? Let whoever can come, come."

Cheng Su agreed with this, "Then let's get to it when we get back!"

Having spent half a day leading people through health checks, Cheng Su worked with Ning Ge to prepare the invitations for dispatch on their return.

The following afternoon, Hualing stopped by the restaurant after work and brought Cheng Su the physical examination reports. Except for one person who had hepatitis B, there were no issues with the rest.

Cheng Su was satisfied with the results. The next day, she notified the villagers. As for the person with hepatitis B, naturally, she couldn't be hired. Cheng Su even gave her two yuan in apology, and explained about the infectious nature of hepatitis B.

The woman was understandably disappointed and sad, but Cheng Su's generosity was a consolation. At home, she followed the advice to avoid spreading the infection and ate her meals separately without further mention.

Cheng Su led the remaining people on a tour to familiarize themselves with the factory, taught them how to use the equipment, and had Sister Wang send over pineapples to try making a small batch of pineapple jam. Cheng Su settled on the quantities and specifics only when the process was nearly as safe as making it by hand.

Then they tested making strawberry jam, which was intended to be the flagship product for Joy Soon Loy. Since strawberries cost more than pineapples, Cheng Su was very cautious, imposing strict standards on the workers. From hygiene to the jam-making process, anyone entering the operation room had to wear a uniform, mask, and head covering—nothing could be missed.

As the launch day approached, Cheng Su handed over the restaurant temporarily to Old Song and Qiulan so she could focus on the jam. Qi Taiguo also helped out at the restaurant by collecting money sometimes and would pick up Cheng Su from the factory if it got late.

As for Ning Ge, he was busy confirming arrangements with the guests attending the opening tasting event. To get the new factory up and running, everyone was incredibly busy.