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Chapter 306: Money Never Leaves Their Mouths

During the conversation, Qi Taiguo arrived carrying bags and parcels. He handed the lunch box to Mother Qi and the others, and then went downstairs again to fetch more items, refusing Cheng Su's offer to help.

"They're quite heavy, you won't be able to lift them. I can handle it myself. You just sit and chat with Mom and Elder Sister!" he said before heading back downstairs.

Mother Qi felt uneasy when she overheard this. She thought that her eldest son was spoiling his wife too much, not letting her do anything—it just didn't seem right!

"Mom, you must be hungry. Go ahead and eat. I'll cut up some fruit for you!" Cheng Su said as she opened the lunch box and handed out disposable chopsticks to them, then took a bag of oranges to cut.

Seeing her leave, Mother Qi murmured in Qi Fenglian's ear, "Taiguo is being too indulgent. Look at how he spoils her! He says she shouldn't carry things, and she just doesn't, without a thought for sparing her own husband."

Qi Fenglian hurriedly replied, "Mom, those things are indeed heavy, and Cheng Su couldn't possibly lift them. Besides, if the two of them are happy, let them be. Their good relationship makes for a peaceful home. Would you rather they argued every day?"

Mother Qi was about to respond when Qi Taiguo entered with all the items, and she had to hold her tongue.

Soon after, Cheng Su brought in a plate of sliced oranges. Seeing her mother-in-law and elder sister had started their meal, she took the entire plate of fruit over to Qi Taiguo, saying, "Have some slices to moisten your throat. Are you going back to the military base later?"

Qi Taiguo casually took a piece of orange and ate it, replying, "I have to go. I only took a two-hour leave. I'll come back early tonight."

"Okay. Then, Mom, you and Elder Sister can rest at home for a while. I'm going out to buy some groceries," Cheng Su said.

Mother Qi felt a bit more at ease watching Cheng Su pass the oranges earlier, and nodded in response to her words.

Qi Fenglian laughed, "You all get on with what you need to do; we're fine here. Honestly, my back's getting sore from sitting for hours!"

Glancing at the clock, Qi Taiguo stood up and said, "I'd better head back to the base now. We can talk more when I come back tonight!"

Cheng Su saw him to the door, and Mother Qi watched quietly before whispering, "That's more like it."

Qi Fenglian found this slightly amusing and also felt very envious in her heart. The way her young brother and Cheng Su got along was so agreeable to anyone who saw it. The couple was cooperative and in sync with each other.

Thinking of Zhang Jisheng, Qi Fenglian felt a bitter taste in her mouth.

"Elder Sister, eat up. The food won't taste good when it's cold!" Cheng Su called out.

Snapping back to reality, Qi Fenglian began eating her meal.

"Wow, this dish is really delicious. Is this from your restaurant?" Qi Fenglian praised after tasting it.

Cheng Su, all smiles, replied, "Yes, doesn't it taste good? Let me tell you, the chef has imperial chef ancestry; he's descended from chefs who cooked for emperors. His skills are excellent. Everyone who tries it praises his cooking."

"That's amazing!" exclaimed Qi Fenglian in surprise. Imperial chefs were indeed prestigious, and she laughed while saying to Mother Qi, "Mom, we're lucky to have such great food!"

"She has it every day and hasn't mentioned it," Mother Qi said indifferently, looking at Cheng Su, "Having such a chef must cost a lot of money. How much do you pay him a month?"

"Mom!" Qi Fenglian frowned and nudged her mother's elbow.

"What, can't I ask? We're all family here," retorted Mother Qi with a glance at her daughter.

Being family, but always bringing up money, leaving the topic inescapable, Cheng Su felt quite uncomfortable and stood up, saying, "You eat first, Mom. Afterwards, why don't you go rest in the room? I'll go out and buy some groceries and come back."