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### Chapter 309: Big-Hearted

Qi Fenglian and Mother Qi came and went so openly that the neighbors on both sides all knew that Cheng Su's mother-in-law and elder sister had arrived, and they couldn't help but come over to make small talk. Mother Qi was now quite generous, and when people stopped by, she would grab a handful of peanuts to hand over, saying they were homegrown, to try for freshness, and she instantly won good favor.

At dusk, Qi Taiguo also returned from the army. While Cheng Su was busy in the kitchen cooking meals, Mother Qi pulled him aside stealthily and began to inquire about having children.

Qi Taiguo was peeling raw peanuts and, hearing this topic, felt his scalp go numb. Hearing the old mother's suspicion that Cheng Su might have health problems, he hastened to say, "Mom, there's nothing like that, both of us are very healthy!"

Mother Qi clearly didn't believe him and said obliquely, "Then why haven't you conceived?"

Qi Taiguo dodged his mother's X-ray-like gaze and said, "Aren't we both very busy? The army is downsizing recently, and there's a lot to do. And Cheng Su, she's busy with the restaurant, and now she's teamed up with someone else to start a Jam Company, very busy indeed. Where have we got the time to think about that?"

After a pause, he continued, "Moreover, we're still young. There's no hurry about having kids!"

"You're already thirty, and you're not in a hurry!" Mother Qi became very anxious, patting her chest and saying, "You're busy, fine, just have the baby, and I'll take care of it for you. You just need to have it, nothing else to worry about!"

Qi Taiguo was greatly embarrassed and glanced at Elder Sister.

Qi Fenglian came out to smooth things over and smiled, "Mom, it's not like planting a vegetable, where you just put a seed in the ground and it grows. Children are all about fate, you know that. I waited for Xiao Bao for so many years before she finally came!"

Mother Qi gave her a look, "What's the same with you; you're older than them!"

"Mom, this really can't be rushed. When the child is meant to come, they will come. Don't worry, we'll definitely have them!" Qi Taiguo placated her as he saw how insistent she was.

Mother Qi, seeing his discomfort, decided to put that topic aside and asked, "What did you just say? Cheng Su has teamed up with someone to do what kind of business?"

Qi Taiguo hummed a response and briefly described the Jam Company business Cheng Su had started with Ning Ge.

"The elder daughter-in-law is really impressive. No wonder she got so thin, she must be working hard," Qi Fenglian remarked admiringly, patting Baobao's back.

"It's quite tough!" Qi Taiguo showed his concern in his eyes.

"This afternoon, when I was chatting with her, I heard her saying she wants to retake the college entrance exam," added Qi Fenglian.

Mother Qi's face grew darker upon hearing this and said with a grim face, "No wonder there's no time to have grandchildren, busy with so many things!"

Great, after going around in circles, the topic had come back to grandchildren again!

"A woman, being a good wife and mother is enough, earning a bit of money from a restaurant is enough. Why bother with business, and if she gets labeled a capitalist, I'd like to see how you'd handle that. And studying, she's already married, why waste that time and money? This girl, I never knew she had such big ambitions!" Mother Qi got more dissatisfied as she spoke.

No wonder there are no children yet; all her time has been taken up with those messy things.

Qi Fenglian gave her younger brother a helpless look to show she had done her best!

"Mom, she's just being ambitious. Think about it, if we make money, when we have children in the future, they can eat well, drink well, be raised healthy and chubby, being born holding a golden key – that would be really something to celebrate. If they're born and can't get enough to eat, how heartbreaking would that be!" Qi Taiguo said.

"With the way things are these days, do you think children will ever lack a mouthful of food?" Mother Qi's expression softened a bit upon hearing this, and seeing her eldest son looking so dejected, her heart softened and she said, "Anyway, you need to hurry up, you're not getting any younger!"

Sensing the softening tone, Qi Taiguo breathed a sigh of relief and hurriedly picked out pleasing words to smooth out his mother's mood.