

## The Game 111

### Chapter 111: The Appetizing Conch!

The next morning, Qin Lin got out of bed happily with a look of surprise on his face.

The fruit of the Tree of Strength increased his physical fitness.

Seeing that Zhao Moqing had woken up, he leaned over and asked, "Moqing, how was my performance last night?"

"Qin Lin, it's so early in the morning!" Zhao Moqing snorted softly. With a flushed face, she extended her finger to Qin Lin's waist.

Qin Lin didn't feel any pain because Zhao Moqing didn't use much strength. This was just a form of fun.

"Hmph!" Zhao Moqing snorted again and got up to enter the bathroom.

Qin Lin smiled and followed her in.

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Qin Lin came out of his room and smelled a mellow fragrance. His mother was cooking porridge in the kitchen with Quality 2 Xiangshui Tribute Rice.

This thing had a high nutritional value and had a vitamin VPP anti-aging attribute. Not only did Lin Fen lose her white hair from eating it for a long time, but Zhao Moqing also looked radiant.

Smelling this mellow fragrance, Wang Cai strolled through the kitchen door. It was probably the dog that liked rice the most now. It was the richest dog in the world.

It ate whatever 90% of the world's rich couldn't.

"The porridge is ready," Lin Fen said with a smile when the couple came out.

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After eating the porridge, Qin Lin went to the warehouse to move the crops that were to be delivered today from the game and sent them to the villa.

Moreover, he had brought out some Quality 2 seedless watermelons from the game today. This was because according to the time, it was time to plant these two seeds in the greenhouse.

This way, the flowering period of the seedless watermelon and the ordinary watermelon would match and there would be a chance to pollinate it.

This was also a key step in cultivating this seedless watermelon seed.

When Qin Lin arrived at the villa, he saw Lin Feng, Wang Wei, and the other suppliers.

Usually, the products of these suppliers were delivered by employees. As today was the settlement cycle, they all came by themselves.

During the settlement, both parties had to take out a bill that had been calculated. After the bill was settled, both parties would sign it. The villa had a special settlement account that would pay for Lin Feng and the others.

After Zhao Moqing calculated the funds to be settled last night, he had already transferred the money.

When Lin Feng, Wang Wei, and the other suppliers saw Qin Lin arrive, they all greeted him with smiles.

“President Qin, business is booming!”

“President Qin, your villa is getting more and more popular.”

“President Qin, your villa will be expanded soon. At that time, your business will rise to another level.”

“...”

These people were more or less complimentary.

Qinglin Villa was already a big channel for them now. They had no choice but to flatter him. There were many people from the same industry watching them.

The villa was being expanded, one day at a time. When this scale of expansion was completed, the demand would be even higher. It was obvious that those in the same industry would come to compete.

“President Lin, President Wang, everyone, please take a seat first. Moqing will come to the villa to settle the bill with everyone soon.” Qin Lin also smiled and greeted these people. After chatting with them for a while, Zhao Moqing arrived. When these people were settling the bill with Zhao Moqing, he also found Chen Dabei and entered the courtyard at the back.

Now that the triangular plum pot had been successfully cultivated, he had great expectations for the seeds of the Xiangshui Tribute Rice and the watermelon seeds of Quality 2.

Unfortunately, before they reached the artificial paddy field, there was still no sign of any seeds sprouting. They might have failed again.

He now suspected that the chances of the adaptability mutation were close to zero.

Looking to the side, the Quality 2 watermelon seeds were already forming green watermelons the size of eggs. He would soon know the quality of the watermelons.

Chen Dabei had already walked into the shed and started working with a small hoe.

He now knew that the watermelon planted by his boss was not simple. It had already ended up in the greenhouse in the middle of winter.

Qin Lin also walked into the greenhouse and took out the Quality 2 watermelon seed that he had brought out from the game. He planted the seeds at the spot where Chen Dabei had dug.

After that, he instructed Chen Dabei to water the plants.

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The day passed quickly.

In the evening, another batch of crops ripened. Moreover, this time, there were also Level 2 conchs. After Qin Lin collected all the mature crops and conchs, he immediately found a deserted place and entered the game.

Because he was craving a conch.

After entering the game, Qin Lin went straight to the storage room and saw the harvested conch in a pool.

[Conch: Quality 1 (15 catties)]

[This is a delicious ingredient that Southerners like very much. It's rich in nutrition. Protein +1, texture +1, delicious +1, strength +1!]

[Conch: Quality 2 (2 catties)]

[This is a delicious ingredient that Southerners like very much. It's rich in nutrition. Protein +2, texture +2, delicacy +2, strength +2!]

These conchs were not small. The ones with a quality of 1 were already 3 centimeters, and the ones with a quality of 2 were more than 5 centimeters. There were very few such large conches in this season, and there were only about 20 of them per catty.

When he was young, he followed his father to farm. Every time he caught a conch in the field, there would always be one or two especially big ones. He liked to eat the biggest one the most.

The harvest of this batch of conchs was not much. Quality 1 and 2 only added up to 17 catties. However, they were only suitable for aquaculture and he did not intend to move them to the villa to sell. He did not insist on the number of conchs.

The conch needed to spit out some water and mud for some time before it could be eaten.

Therefore, Qin Lin exited the game. After an hour, he entered the game with two bags and took out all the conchs.

According to the game time ratio, these conchs had basically finished spitting mud.

When he entered the kitchen, Master Lin and the other chefs were already cooking for the employees. Tourists usually ate between five and eight. The waiters in the hall and barbecue area would finish their meals before five and arrive at the station. The other employees took turns eating in batches.

"Boss!" A helper saw Qin Lin enter and greeted him respectfully.

Master Lin smiled and asked, "Boss, are you here to cause trouble again?"

"No, I'm not cooking today. I encountered a person selling conches caught in an old farm. I bought it to add more food for everyone." Qin Lin smiled and found a basin to pour out the bag of Quality 1 conch.

Master Lin looked at the conchs in surprise. "They're so big. There are such big conches in this season?"

The other three kitchen chefs came up and were also surprised. Conch was one of the Southerners' favorite side dishes.

Qin Lin instructed, "Find a few pliers and deal with the conch's tail."

Master Lin walked to the side and took a few pliers. He summoned a chef and started processing the conch.

Qin Lin also took a pair of pliers and cut off the two catties of the conch tail. Then, he asked Master Lin to deal with the two catties of conch alone.

Master Lin was naturally attentive to Qin Lin's instructions. He could tell that these conchs were bigger. There were only about 20 of them per catty. Clearly, the boss kept them for himself.

Making the conch required a strong fire to cook the pot. As soon as Master Lin set the pot, the flames would rise high and some peppers would be placed into the pot. When it was 80% ripe, it would be seasoned with salt, cooking wine, and so on. If it continued to be stewed for a while, a fragrance would quickly drift.

When it was ready, the conchs were already shiny.

Master Lin habitually picked up his chopsticks and picked up a conch to taste. With a whoosh, the conch meat was sucked out.

This was a unique skill of the Southerners. Very few Southerners could not suck the conch out. This was a unique skill that the Northerners could not learn.

After sucking a mouthful of conch into his mouth, Master Lin's eyes lit up.

The smell ...

And that kind of texture was really perfect.

Master Lin hurriedly picked up another one from the pot and stirred it. Then, his face was filled with intoxication. He had never eaten such a delicious conch.

At this moment, a sip of wine would be perfect.

After swallowing one, Master Lin couldn't help but pick up another and suck it into his mouth.

After a few conchs in a row, he remembered that these were kept by his boss and hurriedly resisted the urge to take another.

However, this conch was really tempting. It made him feel like he had never eaten a conch before.

When he had time, he would let his son go to the countryside to take a look. He should be able to catch a lot of them.

## **Chapter 112: The Dwarf Arnie Is Here Again!**

As the sun gradually set in the west mountains, the staff canteen specially built by the villa also became lively.

The food at the villa was very good. Qin Lin was not stingy in this aspect. In the past, when there were few employees, the dishes would be served directly and everyone would eat together.

Now that there were more employees, it had become a buffet style. The dishes were also for the employees to choose from.

Today, there was also a pot of conch among the employees' dishes.

"These conches are so big," Gao Yaoyao said in surprise.

Other waiters crowded around. Southerners, both men and women, had a soft spot for conchs.

As the boss, even without saying anything, Master Lin would prepare a table and a separate dish for him, Zhao Moqing, and Lin Fen.

Lin Fen sat down and looked at the bowl of conchs on the table in surprise. "There are conchs today. I haven't seen such big conchs in a long time."

Zhao Moqing also picked one up and put it into his mouth. As she chewed the conch meat, she couldn't help but praise, "The texture and taste of this conch is really good."

"Yes!" Lin Fen agreed.

As a native farmer, she knew very well that it would take a long time for such a large conch to grow. Only a few would appear in the old paddy fields she used to plant with her husband every year.

Nowadays, the cultivated conches paid attention to benefits and had a fast cycle. They wouldn't be so big. Some of the bigger ones were also catalyzed, and their texture and strength were far inferior.

This bowl of conch was clearly more delicious than the ones found in the old paddy fields.

Qin Lin was also enjoying himself. Not only were they memories of his childhood, but they were also delicacies.

Now this was a real classic.

Not only Qin Lin and the other two, but Gao Yaoyao and the others were also enjoying the conchs. They also discovered the difference in these conchs. Even if it was only Quality 1, it was still more delicious than the conchs they had eaten before.

After the meal, Qin Lin controlled his game character to go to the Ore Town Seed Shop again. This time, he directly bought the Yellow Millet Seed and returned to the ranch. He placed the Yellow Millet Seed in the Level 2 paddy field to be cultivated.

In addition to the conch, the eel was also one of the delicacies of the fields. It was claimed to be the poetry of the Southerners in summer. There was also a saying that the eel was the key to nourishment.

If a Quality 2 conch or Quality 2 eel appeared in the game one day, he would decisively take it out to nurture it. At that time, it would definitely sweep across the entire south.

However, this eel breeding would take much longer than the conch.

The next day.

Qin Lin woke up early again and picked the ripe crops in the game. Then, he planted new crops before heading to the warehouse to transport the crops out of the game and send them to the villa.

As soon as he arrived at the villa, there was movement in the game in his mind. He asked Chen Dabei to bring people to move the goods. He sat down at the bar in the hall and focused on the game in his mind.

On the game screen, Qin Lin saw another familiar little man. It was the dwarf, Arnie.

[Hi! We meet again. Can I ask you a favor? Although my seven friends have moved to the outskirts of Ore Town, they haven't been able to blend in well with the town. Can you buy some flour food for them?]

This was another plot quest.

Qin Lin was naturally very enthusiastic about the dwarf Arnie's mission.

The fish that the other party gave him last time was worth 650,000 yuan.

Let's get another expensive ornamental fish this time.

Although he had caught some ornamental fish in his aquarium, he lacked one that was impressive.

The God of Fortune's mission had to be completed.

Qin Lin immediately controlled his game character to go to the grocery store in Ore Town and bought seven barrels of flour. Then, he returned to the ranch to take some crops and put them in his backpack before heading to the small wooden hut where the seven dwarfs lived.

As in the old version of the game, the seven dwarfs were dressed in different colors and moving around the house in boredom. Qin Lin controlled the game characters and gave a bucket of flour and some crops to the seven dwarfs respectively. Then he got the hint to complete the instructions given by Arnie the dwarf.

He immediately controlled his game character to head to the ranch and meet the dwarf, Arnie, again.

[Thank you so much. I hope you can take care of my friends. They might be willing to help you work in the future. Now as a thank you, I'll give you this big-tailed squirrel as a gift!]

"???" Qin Lin was stunned for a moment as he watched the dwarf Arnie leave.

What the hell?

He wasn't delivering ornamental fish?

[Congratulations on obtaining a large-tailed squirrel. It has been bound!]

[Special hint: You can go to a pet merchant to buy pet supplies. As you spend, the pet merchant might also have a new pet product targeted at sex.]

In the game in his mind, Qin Lin saw a cute cartoon squirrel wearing a small shirt and a small backpack attached to its chest appear where the dwarf Arnie had been. It immediately ran around the game character, and a moment later, it scuttled onto the game character's shoulder.

Ranches Story had a pet setting. The oldest version seemed to consist only of dogs and horses. In Ranches Story: Reunion Ore Town, another NPC pet merchant, Parban, would sell pets like penguins, cats, and capybara.

The squirrel should have been added in the new version now. After all, the old version did not have an NPC like Arnie the Dwarf.

Qin Lin remembered that interacting with pets in the old version could increase the joy of pets, so he immediately controlled his game character to pet the little squirrel.

Sure enough, a red heart logo also appeared on the squirrel's head, indicating its pleasure. Even the cartoon head revealed an obedient and cute expression.

Fish could be brought out of the game.

What about this squirrel?

With that in mind, he went to the toilet, found an empty stall, locked it, and entered the game.

As soon as he entered the game to replace his game character, he felt something move on his shoulder, and his face felt like it had been swept by fur.

Qin Lin grabbed the squirrel on his shoulder. The little squirrel looked at him with its innocent eyes. It wasn't afraid at all. It wasn't afraid that he would do anything to hurt it.

This was clearly a sign of absolute trust. It must be the effect of the system binding.

The squirrel in front of him was no longer a cartoon in the game. It was a real furry little thing with a very fluffy tail on its back. Moreover, it was still wearing small clothes made of some cloth. The small backpack on its chest should be able to fit a few small pine nuts.

Then, Qin Lin also saw the note that appeared on the little squirrel:

[Big-Tailed Squirrel: Pet (can be named)]

[It looks like an ordinary little squirrel, but it has a big fluffy red tail. It's very intelligent and very smart, but because it lives such a delicate life and eats so much, Arnie the dwarf has been having a headache. He's been planning to give it away, but he hasn't been able to find a sacrifice!]

"???" Qin Lin was stunned when he saw the notice.

A sacrifice?

Him?

### **Chapter 113: Squirrel Who Can Enjoy! Too Many Uncultured Tourists!**

Qin Lin was determined not to admit that he had become a sacrifice of Arnie the Dwarf. He only admitted that the squirrel was a gift from Arnie the Dwarf.

Looking at the little guy's small blue backpack and even its fluffy and neat fur, it was really quite exquisite.

Qin Lin fiddled with the little guy's tail. "Look at your big red tail. I'll call you Red Hair!"

As if it understood Qin Lin's words, the little squirrel squeaked at him.

"You can still understand?" Qin Lin was surprised and called out again, "Red Hair?"

“Squeak!” the little squirrel squeaked again.

This was amazing.

While Qin Lin was surprised, he exited the game with a thought and appeared in the toilet cubicle with the little squirrel Red Hair in his hand.

Qin Lin brought Red Hair out of the toilet and headed to the hall. Red Hair stayed quietly in his hand and looked curiously at the tourists around him.

After entering the hall, Gao Yaoyao saw the red fur in his hand and ran over in surprise. “Boss, this squirrel is so cute. It’s even wearing clothes!”

“It’s called Red Hair.” Qin Lin entered the bar and placed Red Hair on the long bar table.

The squirrel looked around and started moving around the bar, curiously observing what was on the surface.

Gao Yaoyao leaned against the bar and stared curiously.

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The cashier girl at the side was also attracted by it. Girls loved such furry and cute little things, especially when they were wearing clothes and had small bags attached to them.

But Red Hair was minding its own business, ignoring the two girls’ bright stares. Suddenly, it ran in front of the penlight as if it’d made a discovery.

It scrambled out and snatched a small hairbrush in the pen holder before dropping it on the table.

The cashier panicked. It was hers. She instinctively reached for it.

Red Hair seemed anxious, too. It squeaked at the cashier and wagged its tail at her.

“Boss, it...” The cashier looked at her boss in confusion.

Gao Yaoyao suddenly said, “Xiao Yun, did it ask you to comb its tail?”

“Y-yes?” the cashier said uncertainly. Maybe the little one was too cute. She tried to brush the comb against Red Hair’s tail.

To the surprise of the two girls, Red Hair cooperatively lifted its tail, its beady eyes narrowing in enjoyment.

When Qin Lin saw this scene, he knew better what the note meant by ‘exquisite life’.

This was f\*cking more enjoyable than he was.

“Boss, has it become a spirit?” Gao Yaoyao was in disbelief.

However, there were too many animals that had become intelligent on Douyin these days. They were definitely surprised, but they wouldn’t make too much of a fuss.



“Qin Lin, where did this little squirrel come from?” Zhao Moqing and Lin Fen, who was holding Wang Cai’s leash, walked in and looked at Red Hair in surprise.

“Previously, I saw that this little fellow was a little special. I met it again today and fed it some things, so it followed me. I bought these clothes at the pet shop, it’s originally for miniature dogs. It took me a long time to choose a suitable one for it. Isn’t it beautiful?” Qin Lin knew that someone would definitely ask this question. He had already thought of an excuse in the game, so he immediately made it up.

“Yes, the clothes suit it very well. Do you want to adopt it in the future?” Zhao Moqing did not doubt Qin Lin’s words, or rather, she believed Qin Lin’s words unconditionally and would not think too much about it.

Qin Lin smiled and explained, “I even named it Red Hair.”

When Zhao Moqing heard this, he teased, “What names do you have? It’s either Wang Cai or Red Hair?”

“...” Qin Lin was speechless.

He had given it that name very seriously, all right?

Don’t Wang Cai and Red Hair have good names?

“Woof!” Wang Cai seemed to have heard Zhao Moqing call its name. It stood up and placed its legs on the bar counter.

The dog’s sudden appearance clearly shocked Red Hair, causing him to jump onto Qin Lin’s hand. Its movements were very agile.

When Qin Lin saw this, he rubbed Red Hair’s head to reassure it.

“Woof!” Wang Cai cried out again when it saw this scene. It also stretched its head towards Qin Lin and stared at him, its meaning very obvious.

Zhao Moqing couldn’t help but tease, “Is Wang Cai jealous of a squirrel?”

“Woof, woof.” Wang Cai called out to Qin Lin again, as if urging him.

Qin Lin was helpless and could only reach out to rub Wang Cai’s head.

Only then was the dog satisfied. It grinned happily and stared curiously at the red fur in Qin Lin’s hand.

The little squirrel seemed to have Qin Lin to rely on as it stared at Wang Cai.

At this moment.

Chen Dabei walked in from the entrance of the hall with four people in police uniform. The four police officers even had sticks and walkie-talkies on their waists.

The four of them immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

Qin Lin also looked at the four of them. When he saw the tourist police logo on their arms, he understood.

Chen Li had told him about the tourist patrol earlier.

With the rapid development of the economy and society and the great improvement of the people's standard of living, while tourism contributed to the economy, tourism safety management also faced new challenges and new requirements. It was no longer enough to rely on the security of the scenic area.

On the Internet, there was also news of many tourists throwing a tantrum. First, there were aunties who pushed down the trash can in a scenic area without any restraint. There were aunties who pushed the trash can to the scenic area's notice board one after another. Then, there were aunties who wanted to bring their granddaughters to break into the safety line to take photos with the young tiger cubs. There were also aunties who brought their grandsons to a scenic area to forcefully take away the scenic area's stones...

It was common for these scenic spots to be unreasonable. Most importantly, these tourists were fearless when they threw a tantrum. The security guards of the scenic spots did not have the right to enforce the law, so they were not afraid at all. They even looked like they would call the police if anyone dared to touch them.

Therefore, the scenic patrol officers were born because of some tourists who lacked quality. In addition to being in charge of the security of the scenic spots and scenic spots, they were also in charge of promoting tourism safety and guiding the tourists in their vehicles.

Naturally, the most important thing was law enforcement.

Some of the people who caused a disturbance in the law and order would immediately be given a pair of silver handcuffs on the spot. The more serious ones could basically be given a free 3-15-day tour of jail.

These four patrol officers were very young and heroic.

Chen Dabei brought the four of them to Qin Lin's side. "Boss, these police officers said that they are patrol officers from the county."

A young patrol officer at the front also walked out. "Boss Qin, I'm the captain of the patrol team set up by the county, Hong Linhao. We still need to cooperate with each other in the future."

Qin Lin shook hands with the other party and said with a smile, "Captain Hong, I'll have to trouble you with the security of the scenic area in the future."

There was no affiliation between the two parties, but there were many areas that were closely related to each other. Sometimes, the tourist police had to cooperate with the scenic area, and sometimes, the scenic area had to cooperate with the tourist police to promote the rule of law.

"Captain Hong, let me show you around the mountain villa." Qin Lin knew that at the current level of his mountain villa, he was not qualified to set up a tourist police station. Only at least a Grade 4A scenic area was qualified to set up a police station. Only at Grade 5A would they set up a police station to deal with the situation.

Now there was a team of tourist patrolmen in the county. This was the disguised support and platform. Naturally, he had to take it seriously enough.

#### **Chapter 114: A Squirrel Is So Vengeful!**

When Qin Lin led Captain Hong and the others out of the hall, he instructed Chen Dabei to bring a few security guards with him.

In the future, security guards would have to cooperate with Captain Hong and the others.

After all, Captain Hong and the others were only four people. It was impossible for them to really be in charge of everything. Most of the time, they were still in charge of the final law enforcement and legal propaganda. Sometimes, security guards had to take on supporting duties.

Red Hair climbed onto Qin Lin's shoulder and followed him out of the hall.

This scene made Captain Hong and the other three raise their eyebrows. Before they came, they had all been asked for detailed information about the villa, so they naturally knew that squirrels were a specialty of the Triangular Plum Blossom Sea.

Boss Qin kept some squirrels in the villa. They could interact with tourists and even stand on their shoulders to take photos with them.

Many people on the Internet were curious about how Qinglin Villa had raised squirrels to be so obedient.

Now, look at the one on Boss Qin's shoulder. It was really cute.

Naturally, no one would know that it was actually the ecological harmony effect of the three Quality 3 Triangular Plum Blossoms. Those squirrels had come to take up jobs and freeload.

"Woof!" Wang Cai seemed to have sensed the threat of the little squirrel and followed it, circling around Qin Lin's feet.

The Triangular Plum Blossom Sea was the most special feature of Qinglin Villa, so Qin Lin naturally had to show Captain Hong and the others around.

There were many tourists in the Sea of Flowers. Due to the effect of the game, the tourists would always recommend this place to the people around them. The videos taken had a camera effect and also attracted more and more photography enthusiasts. The videos of the sea of flowers in Qinglin Villa on the Internet were always popular.

Therefore, there was always an endless stream of tourists. It even attracted many tourists from the very north. This was because the ID registration information of the villa showed some beginning of 21, 22, and 23.

After passing through the periphery, Captain Hong and the others were also attracted by the game product, the triangular plum.

Before they came, they had also watched some of the videos of the Triangular Plum Blossom Sea in Qinglin Villa. However, when they arrived at the scene, they realized that the Triangular Plum Blossom Sea was much more beautiful and attractive than in the videos.

Captain Hong couldn't help but praise, "This sea of flowers is really beautiful. Boss Qin is really amazing to be able to make this place so popular."

Qin Lin shook his head and said, "It's all thanks to the county's support. We still need Captain Hong to take care of us in the future. If you were here last time, that unreasonable woman wouldn't have had the chance to defame us online."

As long as it wasn't a love rival, it never hurt to flatter the other party appropriately.

"We'll try to avoid this happening in the future." Captain Hong also knew about the incident at Qinglin Villa, because the villa did not choose to settle. After so long, the court had entered the trial process. That woman would have to be jailed for some time.

Captain Hong also followed Qin Lin to admire the triangular plum blossoms.

The most popular trees in the Sea of Flowers were naturally the three more than three-meter-tall ones in the central area. Captain Hong had made plans before coming here. This would be one of the duty points.

There were many fans and experts on the Internet who said that these three triangular plums were old collectible-grade plants. Due to the preciousness of the seven-color and the current reputation of Qinglin Villa, there would be people who would buy them even if they cost two million yuan each.

Although the three triangular plums were surrounded by wooden railings, there were special viewing and photo-taking platforms around them, allowing tourists to view and take photos under the trees.

Naturally, when the tourists arrived and saw the warning sign that said, "No destruction, destruction requires compensation", they did not dare to destroy it casually. They knew that they could not afford to pay.

In addition to the three triangular plums, the jumping squirrels on the trees naturally added a lot of characteristics.

Many tourists now knew that if they stood under that special platform to take photos and deliberately placed one or two pine nuts on their shoulders, they might be able to attract squirrels to jump onto their shoulders to take photos.

Besides, quite a few tourists had succeeded.

Captain Hong stopped there with his people. He watched as many tourists who were taking photos tried to lure the squirrels down with pine nuts. He also watched as the little squirrels collected the pine nuts that the tourists fed.

"Squeak squeak!" Red Hair stood on Qin Lin's shoulder and stretched its head out. It looked curiously at the squirrels on the three triangular plum trees and seemed to be eager to try.

Finally, Red Hair scurried out and onto a Quality 3 triangular plum tree.

The squirrels on the triangular plum tree froze at its entrance and stared at it warily. Dressed in blue with a bag attached to the front, it was like a wealthy child being surrounded in the slums.

Red Hair, however, was staring at a pine nut held by one of the squirrels. Without a word, he scuttled forward.

The squirrel seemed to realize it and sprang up on the branch of the triangular plum tree, but it was obviously not as fast as Red Hair. It was quickly crushed and seemed to be no match for him. In the end, it could only drop the pine nut in its hand on the branch and escape to the side.

Satisfied, Red Hair grabbed the pine nut and put it in its mouth to chew. Then it squeaked as if it was satisfied with the taste.

Qin Lin naturally saw this scene and could not help but look stunned.

Captain Hong smiled and said, "Boss Qin, the squirrels you trained are very interesting."

"They're alright," Qin Lin hurriedly replied.

He really hadn't trained these little guys, but if he said he hadn't, that the little squirrel had come running on its own, he wouldn't believe him, would he?

The appearance of Red Hair, a squirrel with clothes and a bag attached to its chest, naturally attracted some tourists under the tree. They took out their phones and took photos of Red Hair.

This little squirrel was particularly different. It was too cute.

A beautiful woman in a white one-piece dress with a slightly large front section was taking photos with her phone. She took out a pine nut and waved it at Red Hair before placing it on the wooden railing.

Red Hair saw what was happening.

Seeing that the squirrels on the two triangular plums beside it had gone to grab the pine nuts placed by the tourists on the wooden fence, it scurried down and grabbed the pine nuts.

The squirrels on this triangular plum tree seemed to know that this newcomer was very powerful, and did not dare to snatch it.

Red Hair didn't put the pine nut into its mouth this time. Instead, it put the pine nut into the small bag in front of it and stared at the other pine nuts in the beauty's hand.

The beauty was surprised and placed another pine nut on the wooden railing.

Red Hair picked it up and put it back into its small bag, still looking at the beauty.

"Hui Hui, it's so smart." A girl beside her said to the beauty in surprise, "It knows that you still have it. Moreover, it actually knows how to put things in a bag."

The beauty nodded in surprise and placed another pine nut on the wooden railing. Red Hair did not refuse and grabbed it and placed it in its bag.

Two squirrels sprang down from the trellis and scurried to either side of the wooden fence. They looked curiously at Red Hair, as if they had discovered a new continent.

The beauty called Hui Hui adored this cute little squirrel to death. She looked at the last pine nut in her hand and planned to tease this little squirrel.

She waved the pine nut at Red Hair and deliberately brought it to her mouth to take a bite.

Red Hair seemed to see that the other party was playing with it and seemed to express dissatisfaction.

Hui Hui seemed to get the pleasure of teasing it successfully before she placed the half-eaten pine nut in her hand on the wooden rail again.

She had thought that if the little squirrel took the pine nuts, she would have indirectly kissed the little guy.

However, when Red Hair saw the half pine nut, it took two steps back as if it despised it. It kicked the half pine nut to the ground with its hind leg.

“Pfft!” The woman beside him couldn’t help but sneer. “Hui Hui, you’ve been despised by the little squirrel. Do you have bad breath?”

The tourists nearby could not help but laugh when they saw this.

Hui Hui was dumbfounded.

She just wanted to tease this little squirrel, but who knew that she would be despised by this little squirrel?

It was just a squirrel. Did it have to be so vengeful?

### **Chapter 115: Factory Expansion! Mining Jade Ore!**

Night fell.

Most of the tourists had left the bustling Qinglin Villa. Only a few tents were standing in a few places, and the tourists inside were preparing to spend the exciting night.

“Boss Qin, we’ll get off work too. See you tomorrow.” Captain Hong also bade farewell to Qin Lin and left the villa in a patrol car.

“Woof!” Wang Cai cried for help.

It kept jumping in front of Qin Lin, Zhao Moqing, and Lin Fen, but the red fur on its back had no intention of coming down at all, as if it wanted to be a squirrel dog rider. The dog couldn’t do anything to it.

Faced with Wang Cai’s request for help, Zhao Moqing and Lin Fen just watched. Qin Lin only scolded, “Red Hair, don’t bully Wang Cai.”

It was like watching two small children make a scene and not helping each other.

Seeing that its three masters were not helping it, Wang Cai lay on the ground and rolled, forcing Red Hair to come down and crawl onto Qin Lin’s shoulder.

Wang Cai got up and whined unhappily at Red Hair.

Gao Yaoyao ran over. “Boss, look at Douyin’s trending list. Red Hair is famous.”

Qin Lin and Zhao Moqing both took out their phones to check. As expected, they saw a trending video about Red Hair on Douyin’s trending list. This was because many bloggers had reposted the same video which had hundreds of thousands of likes.

The video was the one where the beautiful woman fed Red Hair pine nuts and was despised. It was unknown which tourist took it and uploaded it online.

The title read: "The squirrels in Qinglin Villa have become spirits. They actually despise beauties!"

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"Red Hair actually did this today?" Zhao Moqing couldn't help but laugh when she saw Red Hair kick the pine nut away in disdain.

The comments below were even better.

"Little squirrel: This beauty has bad breath and wants me to eat her saliva!"

"Not very damaging, but very insulting!"

"The counter-attack from the little squirrel. It looked disgusted."

"The little squirrel has done its examination. The beauty has bad breath, so everyone move aside. Let me kiss this beauty!"

"..."

Qin Lin couldn't help but smile when he saw these comments.

That beauty would probably feel awkward when she saw this video, right?

"Qin Lin, look at this bear. It's even more popular than Red Hair." Zhao Moqing suddenly handed another video to Qin Lin.

It was a black bear wearing a roller skate. Most importantly, the roller skate was very slippery.

"Is this bear the reincarnation of the one from Journey to the West?"

"I don't live as carefree as this bear!"

"I just saw a spiritual squirrel, and now it's a black bear. Are all the animals in Douyin spiritual?"

Such intelligent animals were always popular on the Internet. The long-legged Internet celebrity that Douyin wanted to promote was suppressed by two animals.

With the appearance of Red Hair, the villa became much livelier.

In the next few days, many tourists appeared specifically to take pictures of Red Hair.

Moreover, something funny had happened at the villa in the past two days.

There was a tourist and a colleague from the company who came to the company to play. He seemed to have bumped into his girlfriend. Most importantly, there was a man beside his girlfriend. The tourist hit him on impulse.

After the beating, the woman said that it was her brother and angrily broke up with the tourist. The man was also taken away by Captain Hong. He had a free meal in jail and was later bailed out. In the end, he did not get a free three-day tour.

In addition, the 30 million enterprise guidance fund that the county had promised had already arrived at Qinglin Food Company's account.

In other words, Qin Lin had finally paid off his family's debt and now owed the county another 50 million.

However, this time, he did not feel the same sense of urgency as before. Instead, he was filled with hope for the future.

Because this debt was nothing like what it had been before.

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In the afternoon.

The sun was shining. In the winter before Christmas, it was definitely a touristy day.

Qinglin Villa was also more lively.

After receiving Deng Guang's call, Qin Lin immediately drove the BMW 5 Series to the factory.

However, there were two long queues outside the factory. There were also two tables at the entrance. The two managers promoted by the factory were registering information.

They were hiring people.

The money from the county had arrived. The factory was about to expand, and they were about to start hiring employees.

As soon as Deng Guang got into the car, he said, "President Qin, we've already contacted them. We can just go over and take a look at the factory one by one."

"Okay!" Qin Lin nodded.

The county's 30 million enterprise guidance fund had already been approved. Naturally, they had to spend this money to expand the production of Qinglin Ketchup as soon as possible.

All that money came with interest.

The fastest way to expand was naturally to buy a ready-made factory that met the requirements for food production. This way, he only needed to buy the production line, adjust it, and reach the approval standard before he could produce it.

Moreover, he had already ordered the production line for 30 million yuan. Apart from the money for the reserved use of the factory and the initial raw materials and employee salary, the rest of the money had been used to order the same ketchup production line as before.

There were 35 production lines in all.

Very few factories in Youcheng County could set up so many production lines, and companies with factories of this scale would not sell their factories. Therefore, Qinglin Food Company had to buy several factories to resettle them.



In a small county like Youcheng County, there was no way for them to develop quickly. They could only invest in a large-scale factory when Qinglin Food Company developed well in the future.

Qin Lin and Deng Guang took turns reading through the scheduled factories and were satisfied. They went through the procedures as quickly as possible and signed the contract.

These factories were actually contacted by the county, and those bosses did not dare to pull any tricks. Now, the county was even more anxious about Qinglin Ketchup than Qin Lin, the boss. Moreover, these factories were all in the industrial zone, which was not far away.

Naturally, the employees of these factories would also accept them. They would first go to the old factories to familiarize themselves with the use of production lines. Otherwise, even if they had already started recruiting, they would not be able to recruit enough people in a short period of time.

When the 35 production lines ordered this time could be put into production, Qinglin Food Company would have 42 production lines with 1,000 bottles of production capacity per hour.

At that time, Qinglin Food Company would be carrying out double shifts. Once the recruitment was full, there would probably be more than 600 employees.

However, at that time, the maximum production capacity of Qinglin Food Company could reach 840,000 bottles of 200g tomato sauce in a day. Not only would it be enough for Cheng He to spread out quickly in the province, but he could also find other agents in other provinces.

Naturally, when the time came, Qinglin Food Company would also face a problem of raw materials. Youcheng County did not have so many tomato raw materials to satisfy this production. If they bought tomato materials from elsewhere, the price would be even more expensive and the cost would increase invisibly.

However, the development was too rapid. There was no choice.

Qin Lin followed Deng Guang and spent half a day dealing with the factory. He handed some follow-up details to Deng Guang before driving back to the villa.

When he reached the bar, he saw Wang Cai lying on the ground and Red Hair jumping on its back.

The little squirrel seemed interested in the dog's back.

After a few days, Wang Cai seemed to be helpless against it and resigned to its fate.

At the bar, Zhao Moqing was also busy introducing something to the four girls in front of the computer.

That was one finance and three accountants just recruited.

With the development of the villa and Qinglin Food Company, Zhao Moqing would not be able to handle it alone. She would definitely need help. She had planned to recruit more people previously, but she could not find anyone suitable for the time being.

A few days ago, she happened to arrive at the county's civil service examination. Coincidentally, Zhao Moqing had left the tax bureau, so she had to recruit another one. After the public examination made

an announcement, many accounting and finance majors tried it. Naturally, only one person could pass in the end.

These people definitely wanted to stay in their hometowns. Zhao Moqing had an uncle in the tax bureau, so she naturally contacted a few people.

Qin Lin didn't disturb Zhao Moqing. He walked straight to a table by the window and looked at the game scene in his mind. Then, he controlled the game character to go to the Spring Mine to mine.

Previously, he had obtained a secret recipe for ketchup from digging a Mystic Stone Slab on the first level. He was still looking forward to the mine.

After controlling the game character to enter the second level of the mine, he found a spot and started digging.

As he dug through the stones one by one and found a few pieces of gold, silver, and copper, Qin Lin received an unexpected notification.

[Congratulations on obtaining Violet Jadeite Ore: Quality 1]

Violet Jadeite Ore?

Shouldn't it be called a stone?

### **Chapter 116: The Pendant and Bracelet Produced by the Game!**

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[Congratulations on obtaining Violet Jadeite Ore: Quality 1]

[This is a piece of violet jadeite ore that can be sold for gold coins! I heard that Sebara of the Forging House has opened a jewelry forging service. You can take a look!]

Was this because mining could trigger a plot and open up new functions?

In Ranches Story, mines could be mined. Gold, silver, copper, and even agate could be found.

However, there did not seem to be anything like jade in the old version. It should be something newly added in the new version.

Moreover, although the old forging house could forge farm tools and upgrade them, and at the end of the upgrade, the farm tools could even chop off an area of wooden stakes with an axe, just like a martial arts expert, the forging house did not have the function of forging jewelry. It seemed like it was a new function.

Most importantly, if a prop like a fishing rod could be brought out in reality, could he do the same for jewelry?

From the time he and Zhao Moqing fell in love to the time they secretly registered their marriage, he had never given her a single piece of decent jewelry. Besides, tomorrow was Christmas Eve. It was time to give her something.

As Qin Lin thought about it, he directly controlled his game character to leave the ranch and head to the Ore Town Forging House to talk to the old NPC, Sebara. He chose to forge jewelry.

[May I ask what part of the jewelry you are forging?]

[Pendants, bracelets, rings...]

Qin Lin looked at the options and decisively chose the pendant because Zhao Moqing liked pendants. However, the most expensive pendant he had given her in the past was only 200 yuan.

[Please choose the style you want to forge!]

[You can also give me the design you already have!]

Two more options appeared in the game.

Qin Lin naturally didn't have any design plans, so he could only choose the pendant design that came with the game. There weren't many types of accessories in the game, only the three types of accessories.

Qin Lin chose the pendant beside the bag because this was the most beautiful of the three.

[Please select the forging materials!]

Qin Lin directly chose the Violet Jadeite Ore.

[Materials are lacking. You need wrapping materials to forge it!]

Seeing the game notification, Qin Lin understood. There were two materials needed. The violet ore was the main body, and another material was needed as the side.

Qin Lin immediately chose the gold ore in his bag. Gold jade had always been the best choice, but one gold ore was not enough. He chose 10 gold ores at once to click on the 'forge' option.

A moment later, the violet ore and the five gold ores shimmered. Then the light fused and a pendant slowly appeared.

[Congratulations on successfully forging a Violet Jade Pendant!]

Seeing this, Qin Lin controlled the game character to return to the ranch as quickly as possible. Then, he found an empty place in the villa and entered the game.

After replacing the game character, he also took out the Violet Jade Pendant and saw the note:

[Violet Jade Pendant: Quality 1]

[This is a pendant made from violet jadeite. It has a beautiful appearance and is very popular with women. Beauty +1, art +1, translucency +1.]

It was a very simple attribute. Beauty and art were both easy to understand. After all, any jewelry was associated with these two things. Didn't jewelry look at the beauty, the artistry, and the price?

Qin Lin looked at the translucency +1.

He knew nothing about jade, but he had seen the relevant videos and roughly knew that the more translucent the jade, the higher the price of jade.

The pendant was beautiful in appearance. The violet jade was the main body of the pendant, and the wrapping material was gold. It had even created subtle patterns, like two exquisite phoenixes.

The gold was also pure without any impurities.

This game's forging was quite convenient. Gold ores did not even need to undergo complicated industrial extraction before they were directly turned into finished gold.

But he had submitted 10 pieces of gold ore as materials. Was this all the gold he had?

This blacksmith shop was a little shady.

Fortunately, this pendant was very beautiful. Zhao Moqing would definitely like it.

However, looking at the pendant, Qin Lin fell into deep thought.

He didn't think he ever gave his mother any decent jewelry before either.

Even though his mother was old, she was still a woman. Didn't she like jewelry?

She surely did.

Older women liked jewelry just as much.

He could buy a golden bracelet and give it to his mother. He could guarantee that she would smile happily.

Qin Lin also firmly believed that his mother used to have jewelry and an emerald bracelet. She had only sold it when she was treating his father.

Now that he had to give Zhao Moqing jewelry on Christmas Eve, he definitely couldn't forget about his mother.

Although he knew that his mother wouldn't say anything even if he only gave Zhao Moqing a gift. However, as her son, he couldn't be biased and forget his mother.

But he only had one pendant now.

He could just keep digging.

Qin Lin controlled the game character to head to the Spring Mine again to continue mining.

The second floor of this new version of the mine was much bigger than the first. Some of them had been dug, but his luck didn't seem to be very good after that. He dug a lot more gold, silver, and copper, but no more jade ore came out.

He could only continue to control the game character and dig hard.

If it really didn't work out, he would use those gold ores to see if he could forge a gold bracelet for his mother at the forging house. If not, he would buy a bracelet outside.

No matter what, he couldn't leave his mother behind when he sent gifts tomorrow.

Fortunately, his efforts paid off. When he was about to finish digging in the open area on the second floor of the mine, he unearthed another jadeite:

[Congratulations on obtaining Flower-Green Jade Ore: Quality 1]

[This is a piece of jadeite ore that can be sold for gold coins! You can also go to the forging house to find Sebara to forge jewelry.]

Flower-Green Jade Ore?

Qin Lin's eyes lit up. The jade bracelet that his mother sold to treat his father was the Flower-Green Bracelet. He still remembered that the bracelet was only sold for 2,000 yuan because there was no certificate.

Perhaps it was fate!

Without hesitation, Qin Lin controlled his game character to head to the forging house again and chose to forge the bracelet.

This bracelet only needed one kind of jade.

[Congratulations on successfully forging two Flower-Green Jade bracelets!]

Qin Lin was surprised. He didn't expect two to come out this time.

In his hometown, other than as a big wedding gift, gold and silver bracelets were usually given in pairs, while jade bracelets were given by itself. The elders would give two, and the juniors would give one. Jade bracelets were usually only worn on the left hand. He just did not know how this tradition came about and what it meant.

He originally wanted to give both of them to his mother, but on careful thought, he already had gifts for his mother and Zhao Moqing. Although his mother-in-law had forgiven him, he could not take it for granted. He had to be filial to her as well.

To be honest, when the marriage certificate was discovered and Zhao Moqing's mother took out the 300,000 yuan, he was really ashamed and grateful.

Now, these two bracelets were just right for his mother and mother-in-law.

After the item was forged, Qin Lin controlled the game character to return to the ranch. Then, he found an empty place to enter the game again and saw the information on the bracelet.

[Flower-Green Jade Bracelet: Quality 1]

[This is a bracelet made of floral green jade. It has a beautiful appearance and is very popular with women. Beauty +1, art +1, translucency +1.]

Both bracelets were the usual size. Mother and mother-in-law's hands could fit the bracelet.

Moreover, the notes for the bracelet and pendant were similar, and they both had the attribute of translucency +1. This Violet Jadeite pendant and Flower-Green Jade bracelet couldn't be too cheap, right?

However, there was really no one around him who understood jade. He had to find someone to appraise it.

At the thought of this, Qin Lin logged out of the game with the bracelet and pendant and left the villa.

After entering the county city, he went straight to a jade shop called Jadeware Pavilion.

This shop was different from those fraudulent jewelry shops. Although it also dealt in jade jewelry, it was only custom-made and came with an appraisal service. The owner was in charge of the appraisal. He was an old man who had retired and returned to his roots. The price was considered fair and his reputation was good.

Nowadays, many people would look for the Jadeware Pavilion to forge jade artifacts when they got married. After all, there were too many shops on the streets that cheated people when it came to jade artifacts.

Qin Lin also had some experience with this. When his mother was selling her jade bracelets, the other party would tell the shortcomings of several bracelets at a glance. It was as if she was afraid that others wouldn't be able to tell that she was deliberately lowering the price.

If the other party took his mother's bracelet and sold it, those few flaws would become several merits again.

Those who could sell their jewelry were all from their families. They could only accept it if they were cheated. They only hoped that they wouldn't be too ruthless.

### **Chapter 117: Heartbroken? Are Students These Days Thinking So Boldly?**

Qin Lin entered Jadeware Pavilion. There was only a girl in her 20s receiving him.

"Welcome, sir." The girl offered a professional smile in return.

The girl's figure was very good and eye-catching, but as a married man, Qin Lin could only ignore her. Then, he told her the purpose of his visit. "I want to appraise jade jewelry."

"Yes, sir. One moment." The girl nodded and walked to an inner door. She shouted inside, "Grandpa, someone wants to appraise jade jewelry."

"Coming," said an old man in an apron.

"Grandpa, this is the gentleman." The girl pointed at Qin Lin.

The old man nodded and said to Qin Lin, "Sir, I'll take a look at your jade artifact."

Qin Lin also took out the Violet Jadeite pendant and the Flower-Green Jade pendant.

The old man was surprised to see two pieces of jade. "Sir, this is new, and it's handmade and custom made, right?"

“You have a good eye. Tomorrow is Christmas Eve, so I ordered three pieces of jade for my wife, mother, and mother-in-law online. I was afraid that I would be deceived, so I wanted to appraise them before giving them away.”

Qin Lin couldn't help but admire this old man. This was indeed newly forged. The forging shop, Sebara, could be considered custom-made.

When the old man heard Qin Lin's words, he smiled and nodded. He took out a magnifying glass and appraised it. “This is Violet and Flower-Green Jadeite. Their customization skills are not bad, their beauty and translucency are not bad. They are already considered ice jade.”

“Sir, according to the custom price, this Violet Jadeite Pendant is about 60,000 yuan. You won't lose out if this Floral-Green Jade Bracelet is about 50,000 yuan.”

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The old man appraised quickly. After all, it was not a complicated type of jade, so he quickly gave Qin Lin a price.

Qin Lin knew that jade jewelry was expensive, but he didn't expect it to be worth 50,000 to 60,000 yuan.

This was more valuable than anything produced by the game before.

It was a pity that there were limited mining areas on each level of the Spring Mine, and the yield was also random.

However, the old man thought highly of Qin Lin. Youcheng County was a small county after all. To many people, 50,000 to 60,000 yuan was already a huge sum. There were probably very few young people who could think of customizing these three pieces of jewelry for their wife, mother, and mother-in-law at the same time.

The girl took the opportunity to promote it. “Sir, you must have a decent gift box as a gift. You can choose three gift boxes from us.”

“Alright, I'll buy three gift boxes.” Qin Lin nodded. Gifts indeed needed exquisite gift boxes.

A moment later.

Qin Lin paid the bill and left. Then, he hid the three pieces of jewelry in the car and waited to surprise his mother and Moqing tomorrow night.

However, the old man looked at his granddaughter and said, “You have to find a boyfriend like him. To be able to customize three pieces of such jewelry at such a young age means that he's very capable. You know that giving a wife a gift on Christmas Eve means that he dotes on his wife. He didn't forget his Mom, so he is also filial. He even remembers his mother-in-law, so he has a good character. Look at your...”

“Grandpa, can you stop nagging him?”

‘What did he give you last year?’

“An apple!”

“And the year before?”

“Apple!”

“What about the year before last?”

“Grandpa, can you stop asking?”

The old man teased, “Doesn’t it hurt to receive such different treatment?”

The girl said nothing.

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When Qin Lin drove back to the villa, Zhao Moqing asked him, “Qin Lin, Yaoyao and the others are asking if we want to do Christmas decorations.”

Qin Lin asked, “Are there other scenic spots in the tourism association?”

Previously, after Chen Li asked him to join the tourism association, although the association did not have a base of operations, there was a WeChat group with all the scenic spots in Youcheng County.

Zhao Moqing explained, “Initially, they wanted to do it in Hero Valley, but Gingko Valley gave up because they were afraid that someone would target them online.”

When Qin Lin heard this, he sighed. “Then let’s not set it up. We won’t get ourselves into trouble.”

Christmas was not their traditional culture, and there were always some fierce arguments online about whether or not to celebrate it.

Many people defined Christmas as a time to sell their country and worship foreigners.

Qin Lin didn’t have much of an opinion on this. If he wanted to celebrate it, he would. It was purely his personal freedom.

For example, if he wanted to send jewelry to Zhao Moqing and his mother on Christmas Eve, he didn’t think that he was a foreigner. He just happened to dig up jade ores at this time and used this holiday to hold a ceremony.

Actually, to say something that would be scolded by some people, he felt that their traditional culture had stood strong for 5,000 years not because they chased away all the foreign things.

Protecting their traditional culture in a sterile box would also be suffocating their own culture.

Naturally, Qin Lin did not want to cause trouble for himself. After all, there were many people on the Internet who deliberately tried to attract attention.

His villa was so popular now, it was obvious it would become a target.

Zhao Moqing nodded. “Got it. We won’t set it up anymore. Should we send a gift to the employees of the villa and factory? Like chocolate, nuts, and so on?”



Qin Lin didn't refuse. "Yes, even if we don't set it up, we can let the employees feel the atmosphere in private. No one can cause trouble for us. Tomorrow, I'll go to RT-Mart and get a batch of nuts and chocolate gift bags."

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The next day.

After Qin Lin got up and moved the items from the game to the villa, he went straight to RT-Mart to look for President Chu Chu. With his current relationship with President Chu, he could easily get a batch of nuts and chocolate gift bags based on the purchase price.

Instead, President Chu made tea and asked him to stay. They bragged to each other for a long time before leaving and returning to the villa.

When he arrived at the villa, he was surprised to see Chen Li sitting at a table with a young girl.

The little girl seemed to be still a high school student. She was very pretty, but very thin. She didn't look very healthy in some aerodromes.

"Boss Qin." Chen Li saw Qin Lin return and greeted him with a smile.

"Chief Chen, what instructions do you have?" Qin Lin smiled and walked forward.

"Boss Qin, I'm here as a father today. You don't have to treat me like a chief." Chen Li smiled and said. Then, he looked at his daughter and said, "This is my daughter, Chen Xiaoru. She's in her third year of high school this year and has a lot of pressure on her studies. It's rare for me to bring her out to play on the weekend."

"Year Three is indeed tough." Qin Lin nodded and thought of the sea of exam papers piled high on his study desk in the past.

The Year Three students nowadays suffered the most.

"Boss Qin didn't do any Christmas decorations?" Chen Li asked, "Everyone in the county is doing it."

Qin Lin shook his head and said, "I'm afraid of trouble. The villa is so popular now that no one will notice those shops. If I do this, I'll definitely be targeted. There might be news of our Qinglin Villa worshipping foreigners tomorrow."

Chen Li stopped talking about this topic and said to Chen Xiaoru, "Xiaoru, you can call this Boss Qin Uncle Qin."

"Uncle Qin?" Qin Lin was stunned.

He had graduated from university at the age of 23. His daughter was 18 years old, right?

Was it appropriate to call him Uncle?

Chen Xiaoru also looked at Qin Lin in surprise and asked curiously, "Do you have the cheek to agree with me calling you uncle?"

Qin Lin was stumped. "Actually, you don't have to listen to your father. You can call me brother."

Instead, Chen Xiaoru asked, "But your surname is Qin, so shouldn't I call you Brother Qin? I'm afraid your girlfriend will be jealous."

"???" Qin Lin was stunned.

Why did Chief Chen's daughter feel like a campus boss?

Chen Xiaoru continued, "So, I'll call you Uncle Qin!"

Chen Li was helpless and could only apologize to Qin Lin. "Children's words carry no harm. Boss Qin, don't take offense."

Chen Xiaoru was dissatisfied. "Dad, I'm 18 years old. You're already so old, but you still don't know how to speak. No wonder you still can't woo my form teacher even after I've helped you a few times."

"Cough... cough!" Chen Li was eating a strawberry. When he heard this, he almost choked. As if he was afraid of misunderstanding, he hurriedly explained to Qin Lin, "Her mother passed away after giving birth to her. Her form teacher also lost her husband very early on. The two of us met by chance in the park. They wanted to matchmake us when they knew the situation."

"Did you see that? My father is explaining very nervously. He clearly wants to woo my form teacher." Chen Xiaoru instead teased her father, Chen Li. "If he can woo my form teacher, my form teacher will definitely be more serious and responsible for my studies. Moreover, the form teacher's son is so handsome. He even got into Qing University. When the time comes, I'll be able to enjoy the benefits of being close to him. Isn't that killing two birds with one stone?"

"..." Qin Lin was really stunned when he heard this. Were high school students nowadays so bold?

It seemed that his mother was also following a TV series where both parents and children were in a relationship.

It seemed to be called 'Minnie's Home'.

A family should really keep the goodies to themselves.

### **Chapter 118: The Young Man Who Came Knocking**

Chen Li felt that he couldn't do anything about his daughter and hurriedly changed the topic. "Boss Qin, actually, I have something to ask of you today."

Qin Lin smiled and said, "Chief Chen, you're being too polite. I'll definitely help if I can."

Chen Li said in embarrassment, "Xiaoru's mother gave birth to her. Actually, Xiaoru's health has never been very good. She's in her third year of high school now and her studies are heavy. I'm usually busy, so I can only give her money to eat outside. Now, she's anemic."

"She's going to take the college entrance examination next year. She's in the midst of a breakthrough now, so her body can't collapse. The doctor suggested giving her more food to nourish her blood."

"But I don't know what food is useful for anemia. Right now, the county's Regional Tourism+ plan is also busy. The food your villa cooks is delicious, so can I ask your villa for help?"

Qin Lin understood why Chen Xiaoru was so thin and didn't reject Chen Li's request. "Chief Chen, I understand. Since she calls me uncle, I can't ignore my niece. Just let her come over every day. I'll get the kitchen to make some food supplements for her."

There were many supplements that were effective for anemia. For example, loaches were effective for anemia. His Level 2 paddy fields could farm some loaches. There were also things like carrots, spinach, and black beans that could be planted in the Level 1 fields. They were at least Quality 1 and also effective for anemia.

When the time came, he would just prepare some for Master Lin to make every day. Occasionally, he would get some Quality 2 for Chen Xiaoru.

This was a small matter to him. It was up to him to help.

Chen Li had always been running around for him. Previously, he had even specially stood up for him. Of course, he had to do it on account of their friendship.

If it were someone else in Chen Li's position, they might be high and mighty. They might not necessarily get along so well.

Seeing that Qin Lin had agreed, Chen Li was also full of smiles. "Then I'll have to trouble Boss Qin. When the time comes, I'll transfer some money on you. You can just deduct it when she comes over."

"Alright!" Qin Lin nodded.

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He also knew that given Chen Li's position, he could not give this treatment to the other party for free. That would not benefit either of them. When the time came, he could just calculate the price of the ordinary ingredients for the other party. It would not cost much.

Chen Li's thoughts were settled. He asked with concern, "Boss Qin, is your ketchup factory progressing smoothly?"

Qin Lin nodded and said, "Yes, the contracts for several factories have been signed and the employees are being recruited step by step. We're just waiting for the production line to be ordered. We still have to thank the county for their support."

Chen Li sighed. "The county naturally has to support it. It's also good for Youcheng County to have more brands like Qinglin Ketchup."

"Actually, the county has always wanted to create some specialty brands, but they have invested a lot of money in bamboo and tinsel without any results. There's no other brand with potential like Qinglin Ketchup in the county."

When Qin Lin heard this, he thought of the sauce in Shui Nan's shop.

That was also a Quality 1 formula. Its potential wouldn't be too bad. Unfortunately, the old man was traditional in his thinking and didn't sell the formula at all. He couldn't force it.

He could tell Chen Li about this. Perhaps the county had a way to convince the old man.

To be honest, it was a pity that such traditional craftsmanship was lost.

The key was that this sauce took the path of Lao Gan Ma. The taste and texture were different, so it could not conflict with his ketchup.

As he was thinking, Gao Yaoyao suddenly walked over with a young man and reported, "Boss, this gentleman wants to see you. He has something important to discuss with you."

"You are???" Qin Lin looked at the young man in confusion. He didn't seem to know him.

The young man hurriedly introduced himself. "President Qin, my name is Zhou Chengjun. I'm a fourth-year student. I'm currently doing an internship and studying business management."

"You want to intern here?" Qin Lin asked in surprise.

Zhou Chengjun shook his head and took out a business card. It was Qin Lin's business card.

Qin Lin was stunned. The business cards Deng Guang had prepared for him weren't distributed much. Only Qin Ren Studio, Zhang Shi, and Lin Feng had them.

Zhou Chengjun continued, "I came back this time because of Grandpa's birthday. I accidentally saw President Qin's business card in his shop. I just didn't expect that the boss of Qinglin Villa, who is already so accomplished, would actually be around my age. It's really admirable."

"You're the grandson of the sauce boss?" Qin Lin reacted. Wasn't this the same as speaking of the devil?

This was such a coincidence.

Zhou Chengjun nodded and said, "I came to look for President Qin today because of the sauce formula."

Qin Lin asked, "Your grandfather agreed to sell the formula?"

Zhou Chengjun shook his head and said, "My grandfather won't agree to sell the formula, but if I want to learn it, he will teach me. The reason why I waited so long to look for Boss Qin was to learn how to make this formula from him."

"However, I'm not here to sell the formula today. I want to work with President Qin and beg you to invest. This is the proposal I wrote."

As Zhou Chengjun spoke, he handed a document to Qin Lin with anticipation in his eyes.

This return might be the greatest opportunity of his life.

He used to think that his grandfather's sauce was delicious. When he was studying in university, he had wondered if it was possible to promote his grandfather's sauce. After all, there was the precedent of Lao Gan Ma.

It was just very difficult to promote a product, especially one that was not famous at all.

But now there was a perfect opportunity in front of him.

Qin Lin was surprised by Zhou Chengjun's motive. He picked up the other party's proposal and started reading.

The proposal was detailed, and even the market investigation was serious.

This Zhou Chengjun was clearly talented.

After reading the final investment in the proposal, Qin Lin looked at Zhou Chengjun seriously and asked, "Are you serious? You're willing to give up 70% of the shares for a five million yuan investment?"

To be honest, even if an intern had any projects, they would be rejected most of the time if they asked for an investment of five million yuan.

However, he had to admit that the other party's formula was definitely worth the investment. It was a formula that could make a Quality 1 sauce and 70% of the shares. It was more than worthwhile.

Zhou Chengjun nodded affirmatively. "As long as President Qin agrees to those additional conditions, it will be worth it."

Qin Lin nodded.

The additional condition was to use Qinglin Villa's channels to help promote it. As long as the other party did not make a big mistake, the management rights would always belong to them.

Actually, this sauce was just icing on the cake for him. After all, his ketchup hadn't been spread out yet, and the sour and spicy taste hadn't been released yet. Moreover, he would definitely obtain other secret recipes in the game later. It didn't matter if he had the sauce formula or not. There was no need to think of forcefully taking it for himself.

That kind of investment was fine.

He did not mind supporting Zhou Chengjun, so he said to him, "Your plan is not bad. I'm very willing to invest in you, but I can't fork out five million yuan in one go now! Once I sign the contract, I'll also need to transfer money to you."

### **Chapter 119: The Squirrel in the Mountain Villa Upgraded?**

When Zhou Chengjun saw that Qin Lin had agreed to invest, his face immediately lit up. "Thank you, President Qin. When can we sign the investment agreement?"

"Are you in a hurry?" Qin Lin asked with a smile.

Zhou Chengjun's expression suddenly darkened. Then, he took a deep breath and said, "President Qin is also a young man. You should understand that we young people are eager to succeed most of the time. Otherwise, some things can't be defended."

Qin Lin was stunned.

The other party seemed to be someone who had a story.

Indeed, he was right. He was a young man, too, and knew how young men longed for success.

Now, the pressure on young people was unprecedented. Work, betrothal gifts, cars, and houses were all mountains. They were suffocated by reality. When they went online to relax, they would be stabbed in

the heart by countless videos of 'successful' people and forced to swallow countless poisonous chicken soup.

His body was overwhelmed, and his mind seemed to be suffocating.

Which young man didn't carry the weight of what they wanted to protect? But society left fewer and fewer chances for young people to succeed.

Before obtaining the system, if such an opportunity was placed in front of him, he might be even more anxious than Zhou Chengjun.

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The year he graduated, he was really afraid that he and Zhao Moqing would die without a cause. Fortunately, Zhao Moqing gave him the greatest confidence and warmth.

This made him subconsciously look at Zhao Moqing at the bar.

Zhao Moqing seemed to have noticed Qin Lin's gaze and looked over.

Now the ending was happy.

Qin Lin turned to Zhou Chengjun and said, "Bring your grandfather, the sauce you made, and a copy of the relevant documents over tomorrow. We'll sign the investment agreement directly."

"Thank you, President Qin." After receiving Qin Lin's reply, Zhou Chengjun finally couldn't help but smile. After confirming the details with Qin Lin, he bade farewell and left the villa in a hurry.

As soon as he left the villa, Zhou Chengjun clenched his fists and couldn't help but look excited.

A summer house, a BBA, and 400,000 yuan of betrothal gifts were almost impossible for him, an intern who had yet to graduate, even with his family's financial support.

Now, starting from this five million investment, anything was possible.

Heaven still favored him.

Zhou Chengjun took out his phone and dialed a number. He could not wait to share this good news with her.

A female voice came on the line. "Chengjun, I'm sorry! Between you and my parents, I can't abandon my parents. They have raised me for over 20 years..."

Zhou Chengjun panicked and immediately said, "Xiao Jue, I..."

However, the other party interrupted him. "I'm sorry. I've already listened to my parents' arrangements for a blind date. My parents are very satisfied with the other party. He has a house, a car, and a decent job in Xia City. Just take it that I lack the courage to give in to reality!"

The only thing left on the line was the dead tone.

Zhou Chengjun's expression instantly froze.

He did not know why this had happened in the short few days.

Couldn't she wait for him?

For some reason, he remembered a senior's warning: Us men from a small city shouldn't date girls from big cities. Otherwise, it will be unforgettable when we graduate. Even if we can continue, we can't escape the label of a poor rural man.

He had once thought it would never happen to him.

He believed in love, but everything seemed to be on a loop. No one could escape it.

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Chen Li had been watching silently just now. When he saw Zhou Chengjun leave, he finally couldn't help but ask curiously, "Boss Qin, I wonder what the sauce you were talking about is?"

Qin Lin explained with a smile, "Chief Chen, didn't you say that you couldn't find a second product like Qinglin Ketchup in the county? Actually, there is. Zhou Chengjun's grandfather knows how to make a sauce that is absolutely delicious with steamed dumplings."

Chen Li asked worriedly, "Boss Qin, will this sauce affect your ketchup?"

Qin Lin shook his head. "The route is different. This sauce takes the route of Lao Gan Ma. Unfortunately, it has only just been discovered. Otherwise, it might have become another Lao Gan Ma 20 years ago."

Chen Li did not expect Qin Lin to have such a high evaluation of a sauce.

If Qin Lin was just an ordinary young man, he wouldn't care much about these words. After all, there were so many people shouting that he was the next famous person. All of them were just daydreaming.

However, Boss Qin had already created Qinglin Villa and Qinglin Ketchup, which had a huge impact on Youcheng County. His words carried too much weight.

This made him look forward to the sauce.

"Little squirrel." Chen Xiaoru suddenly shouted in surprise and ran to the bar.

Red Hair was already jumping around on the bar counter. To Qin Lin's surprise, there were two cute squirrels following behind Red Hair.

These two squirrels were clearly a little timid. They followed behind Red Hair and looked around nervously. When they saw Chen Xiaoru run over, they were so frightened that they scurried up the hall's beams.

Qin Lin watched this scene in surprise.

The two squirrels were clearly wild squirrels from the Sea of Flowers.

These squirrels were attracted by the ecological harmony +3 attribute attached to the Quality 3 triangular plum tree.

Usually, they would only move around the three triangular plums and not outside.

Now that these two had appeared at the bar, it seemed to be related to Red Hair.

“Squeak!” Red Hair seemed to bark at the two little squirrels.

After a long time, the two wild squirrels quietly landed on the bar again.

### **Chapter 120: The Squirrel in the Mountain Villa Upgraded? 2**

Seeing Qin Lin walk to the bar, Red Hair jumped into his arms and squeaked at him, his claws constantly moving his clothes.

Qin Lin miraculously understood. The little guy was going to get clothes for these two wild squirrels?

There could be such a thing?

Thinking about it, it was really possible. After all, squirrels were one of the top 10 intelligent animals in the world and Red Hair was a game product. The note said that it was very intelligent.

But didn't that mean Red Hair was helping him train these wild squirrels?

Qin Lin didn't know if his guess was right, but it was worth a try.

He immediately looked at the game character on the screen in his mind and controlled the game character to go to the pet merchant. Previously, he had received a hint from the little squirrel game that he could buy what pets needed from the pet merchant.

Did that mean there were clothes for squirrels to wear?

After controlling the game character to head to Ore Town and finding the pet merchant, he clicked on the purchase list. Not only did a row of available pets appear, but various pet supplies also appeared.

Among them were supplies including squirrels, everything from rations of pine nuts to clothes.

Small clothes like Red Hair's were not expensive. They did not cost much gold.

Qin Lin decisively chose to buy two clothes for the squirrel.

But on second thought, he bought more.

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Then, Qin Lin hurriedly left the hall and found an empty place to enter the game. He brought the squirrels' clothes out of the game.

When he returned to the hall, he found that Zhao Moqing and Lin Fen were also there.

Chen Xiaoru was holding some pine nuts and placing them on the table one by one. Red Hair picked up the pine nuts and placed them in the small bag in front of his chest. The other two wild squirrels hooked their heads and watched. One of them even reached a paw towards the bag in front of Red Hair's chest, but Red Hair quickly retracted it with a squeak.

Chen Li quietly watched from behind his daughter. He also felt that this little squirrel was very cute. He really didn't know how Boss Qin trained her.

“Qin Lin, why are these two squirrels here?” Zhao Moqing asked in surprise when he saw Qin Lin.



“They’re lackeys that Red Hair brought over just now,” Qin Lin explained as he placed the squirrel’s clothes on the bar.

When Red Hair saw this scene, he immediately squeaked. The other two squirrels seemed to have heard the call and hesitated behind Red Hair.

Seeing this, Qin Lin tried to reach out and grab one of the squirrels.

The little squirrel was very timid. Under such circumstances, it would usually have scurried out and run. But this time, the squirrel was actually in his hand. Its watery eyes looked at him nervously.

Qin Lin picked up a squirrel-sized shirt and carefully put it on the little squirrel. He was afraid that he would accidentally hurt it.

Miraculously, the little squirrel did not resist.

He felt incredulous.

A moment later, there was another piece of clothing on the little squirrel. It was the same style as Red Hair, but the color was different.

Then, Qin Lin grabbed the other squirrel and dressed it up.

The scene surprised everyone. The little squirrels were too well behaved.

Chen Xiaoru took out another pine nut and placed it on the bar. This time, a wild squirrel ran over and grabbed the pine nut. It seemed to want to put it in its bag, but its first attempt failed and the pine nut fell back onto the bar.

The other one scuttled forward and picked up the pine nut. It also tried to copy Red Hair and put it in its bag, but it didn’t succeed the first time either. Instead, the two squirrels started fighting over the pine nut.

Seeing this, Chen Xiaoru hurriedly placed all the pine nuts on the table. Only then did the two wild squirrels stop fighting and start trying to put the pine nuts into their bags again.

Zhao Moqing couldn’t help but say, “Qin Lin, aren’t they too smart?”

Qin Lin smiled and said, “In terms of food processing, squirrels are the top 10 intelligent animals in the world.”

It took half a day for the two wild squirrels to successfully put a pine nut into the bag.

“Squeak!” Red Hair squeaked as he scuttled away.

The two squirrels looked around and immediately ran out.

Chen Li brought Chen Xiaoru to play in the villa for a while before leaving with the reluctant little girl.

As evening approached, the kitchen started to get busy again. Master Lin and the others started to cook for the employees. Just as Qin Lin was about to enter the kitchen to see what he wanted to eat today and ask Master Lin to make some, he realized that Red Hair had appeared again.

This time, other than the two wild squirrels from before, Red Hair actually brought four more over.

Qin Lin looked at the four squirrels lined up behind Red Hair in surprise.

Was this guy addicted to taking in underlings?

“Qin Lin, do they want clothes too?” Zhao Moqing was surprised. If that was the case, she really wondered if these little squirrels had become spirits.

“Probably.” Qin Lin nodded and took out the little squirrel’s clothes from under the bar. Fortunately, he had bought more previously.

Seeing this, Zhao Moqing asked eagerly, “Can I dress them?”

“Here.” Zhao Moqing took the clothes and carefully grabbed a small squirrel.

The little squirrel actually did not resist.

This made Zhao Moqing happily help it put on its clothes.

When she helped the seven squirrels put on their clothes in unison, it was especially graphic. The seven dressed squirrels gathered there as if they were an animated scene.

“Squeak.”

Red Hair called out and scurried out of the hall. The wild squirrels followed again, running in the direction of the Sea of Flowers.

It seemed that Red Hair was already the leader of these wild squirrels.

A moment later.

In the Sea of Flowers, many tourists discovered seven neatly dressed squirrels.

This was attracting too much attention.

Not long after.

Red Hair brought the little squirrels back to the three Quality 3 triangular plums. When they saw a tourist putting down the pine nuts, the squirrels immediately scurried up. They were different from before. This time, after the little squirrels picked up the pine nuts, they actually tried to put them in their bags.

This different scene was noticed by the tourists. They were all surprised and took out their phones to take photos.

“Have these little squirrels leveled up?”

“How clever. They all know how to wrap things in bags.”

“Squirrels are one of the top 10 smartest animals in the world. Besides, the owner of this villa trained them well.”

“The owner must be a pet trainer?”

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Night fell faster in winter than before.

The lobby was bustling, too. Tourists were starting to eat.

Qin Lin was chatting with Senior Brother Chu from Power Law Firm on WeChat.

If he wanted to invest in Zhou Chengjun, he definitely had to have an investment agreement.

He explained everything to Brother Chu, then asked him to help draw up an investment agreement.

After chatting for a while, the sky turned completely dark.

There were fewer tourists at the villa today, and the tourists at the buffet quickly left.

As it was Christmas Eve, the villa did not have any Christmas decorations. On such a day, there was no such atmosphere.

Due to this situation, the tourists naturally ran to the county for a meal. Today, the tourists could see Christmas decorations along the way to the villa.

More importantly, he could not stay overnight at the villa. On a day like today, this was a sore point.

Qin Lin had no choice. The bridal chamber had yet to be opened.

Maybe this time next year, the men who delivered the apple and the women who got banged up would come to the bridal chamber for a concert.

But this was good. The special day allowed the employees of the villa to get off work early.

After the tourists left, Qin Lin also asked Chen Dabei to bring in the chocolates and nuts he had bought from RT-Mart. They were all big gift bags and there were a lot of them.

These two large bags added up to at least 100 yuan.

Although 100 yuan was not a lot, it was a big surprise for the employees to receive it for free.

Some girls like Gao Yaoyao posted on their WeChat Moments after receiving their gifts, thanking their boss for his gift to share their joy.