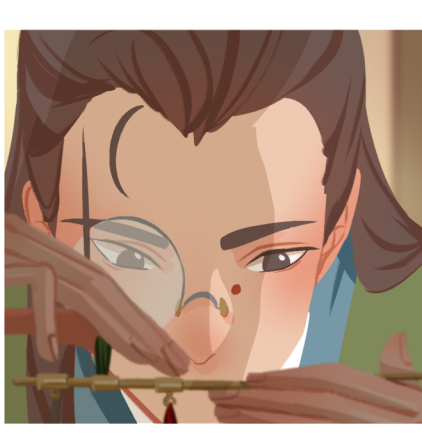




Hey Dad!

Hi, Dr. Shen!



Ah! Ziying, Xiao Wen.

Good morning!

Hey dad!

Good morning to you too.

Just in time.

Xiao Wen, come here and make fifty of these herbal scent bags.

Two pinches each of lavender and jasmine, fifteen cedar seeds, five pinches of polygala root, eight slices of white peony root, and one li of cinnamon. Oh, and add one rose petal each, for colour.

Oh! Yes sir!

DAD!!! How shameless!!!

Shen-jie! Don't worry about it!

I'm really grateful for this work, I really am. No one else would dare to hire me. I also know Dr. Shen doesn't really need me here.

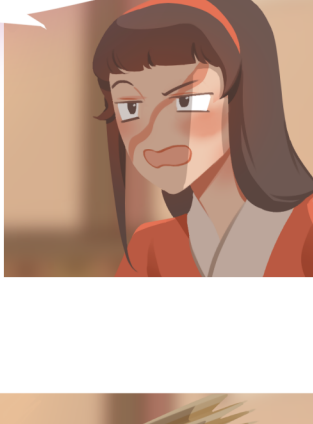
Thank you for worrying about me.

Ah ah! No sleeves! Go wash your hands!

You can't filter herbs properly without the intimate touch of your tactile senses.

Yessir!

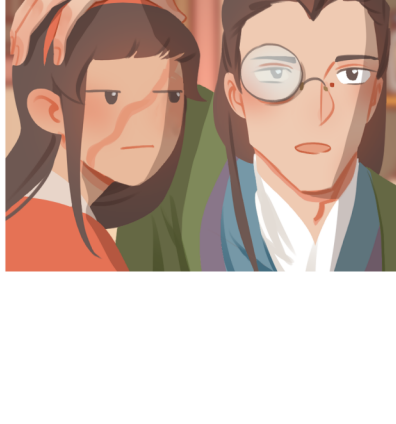
Dad! Even I know that's just nonsense--



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Let him use his hands. Look!



Ooh.

Mm-hm.



Well.



Are you ok?



I saw them ruin your lunch. Have this. My dad gave me extra to share with other kids.



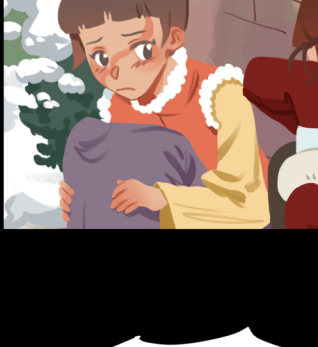
Chang Guodeng and his friends have made fun of my birthmark too.

They're just a bunch of brainless idiots with nothing to do.

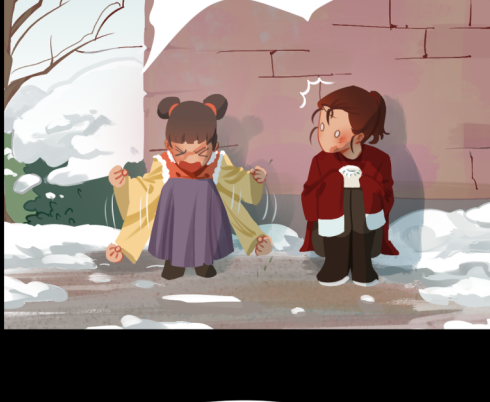
Oh, thank you, Shen-jie.



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I hate those boys!! I want to beat them all up!!! How ignorant they are!!!



It's ok! If it gets too bad, then I can just show them my claws, They always run away then.



Sure... but you get in trouble.

...Yeah...



What's your favourite food?

Mm... rose cakes, I think. I only had it once though.

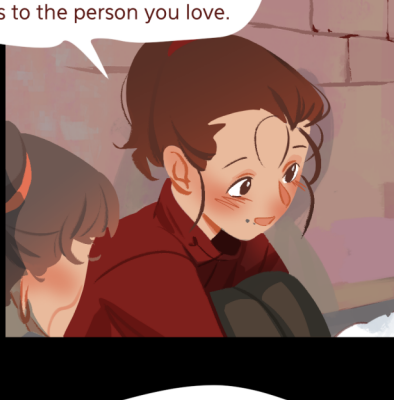
Grandpa bought a plate as a gift for grandma. It was a good day and they shared it with Tiantian and me.

It was so delicious.

Ooh yes. Rose cakes are very good.



A-and it's a very romantic food too. I overheard Tang Lanlan say you give rose cakes to the person you love.



Y-yeah... that... would be nice to do...



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Let me help you, Honglin.

Oh, thank you. Where's your dad?



He's outside with a patient right now, they won't be coming inside.

Um... say, do you want to stay over for dinner tonight? I-I've made some rose cakes.



I... I would like you to try some. If you can.

Rose cakes...?!





I can't stay for dinner tonight, sorry. But I would love to try your rose cakes!

Who is it for?



Rose cakes! I wonder if Lang would like them.

H-he shouldn't know what they mean, so it shouldn't feel weird to give it to him. Hmm, perhaps I'll buy some next time I visit the market.



Here's your pay for the day. Thanks for your hard work, Honglin.

Here's some extra zongzi a-and rose cakes. Take them, Tiantian always say your grandparents don't feed you enough.

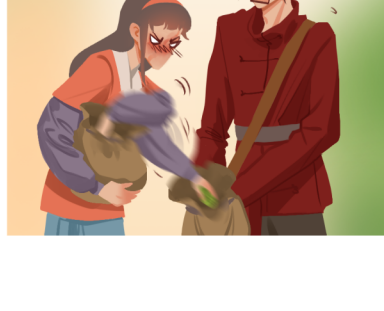


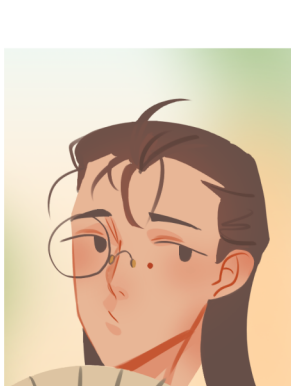
Make sure you save some for yourself and the person you like!



I mean, that's why you made these cakes, right? There is someone? Shen-jie?

Ahh don't give me so much!! My sister and I can't finish all of that!!





BONUS

