

Mountain Man 221

Chapter 221: 221 still have hope

Without a careful inspection, it would almost go unnoticed.

Su Qingyue checked his breath again, he was exhaling more than he inhaled.

She pried open his eyelids, his pupils had not yet begun to dilate.

Second brother is strong and sturdy with a good foundation, there's hope for him.

But the second brother was not only bitten by a snake, his fall down the hillside led to multiple external injuries, moreover... his left leg was broken.

After checking Xiao Yishan's pulse, Su Qingyue felt Xiao Yuchuan's pulse. His pulse was steady and strong, occasionally obstructed by blood stagnation, but his heartbeat was normal.

The third brother was not sick at all, it seemed like... he was poisoned.

No matter what, the third brother's life was not in danger, the rescue of the second brother was of immediate importance.

In the room, Wang Cuihua and Li Gui, along with a few other villagers were present, so many people almost filled up the room.

"Wife of the Xiao Family, what are you up to? Staring at the two brothers of the Xiao Family..." Among them, Lady Liu spoke mockingly, "The Xiao Family is facing such a catastrophe, and yet you're not crying?"

Su Qingyue had caused her daughter Liu Xianglian to lose greatly, resulting in Liu Xianglian's infamous reputation. She wished the people of the Xiao Family would all die and that everyone would capture and burn Su Qingyue.

Su Qingyue needed to provide acupuncture for her second brother to control the snake venom from damaging the central nervous system. Otherwise, even if cured, he could be paralyzed.

She needed to be in a quiet environment.

Whether inside or outside the room, there were too many gossipy people. If they disturbed her while she was administering the needles, one mistake could make the snake venom spread to the second brother's brain, "Can you all please leave? My second and third brothers need to rest."

Li Gui had received an education after all, unlike others who lacked knowledge. He had already taken a close look at the two bundles of various grasses on the floor...

He didn't understand what the two bundles were. However, he recognized the wild vegetables and asarum in the basket.

Asarum is a type of herb.

Could those two large bundles also be herbs? There were so many varieties. Could Su Qingyue really recognize so many types of herbs?

A flicker of doubt passed through his eyes.

When the other villagers heard Su Qingyue asking them to leave, they gradually left the room. Lady Liu became upset, "You disgraceful woman bought as a bride, you're a curse! Both brothers of the Xiao family must have been harmed by your bad luck!"

Wang Cuihua was not pleased, "Lady Liu, how can you be so cruel? It's a well-known fact that Chuan has an old illness. Second Brother Xiao was bitten by a snake by accident, what does this have to do with Qingyue? You can't just lash out at someone with your foul mouth whenever you feel like it. I know the Liu Family is not in good terms with the Xiao Family. Are you happy to see the Xiao Family in trouble?"

Lady Liu stood with her hands on her hips, “Wang Cuihua, are you out of your mind? What business is it of yours what happens to the Xiao Family? Why are you standing up for Su Qingyue?”

Wang Cuihua also looked fierce, “My husband is good friends with Chuan, and I’m good friends with Su Qingyue. Anyone who dares to bully my friend will have to deal with me! ”

Li Gui’s face also darkened, “Lady Liu, this is the Xiao’s house, it’s not the place for you to make a fuss!”

Lady Liu became upset, “Li Gui, why are you speaking up for the Xiao Family? You said it yourself, this is the Xiao Family’s place, why does someone with the surname Li have any say...”

When talking to Li Gui, her voice naturally quietened down, she was expecting her daughter to marry Li Gui, her wealthy son-in-law.

“You...” As a learned man, Li Gui was stumped by her argument.

During their quarrel, Su Qingyue had already figured out the acupuncture plan for her second brother.. She didn’t have time to argue with them, she untied the vines bundling the herbs on the ground, chose several types of herbs and went into the kitchen to wash them as quickly as possible,

Chapter 222: 222 Don’t make me laugh to death.

In the bowl, she crushed the medicine, then took the medicine bowl and a basin of water with a towel inside and returned to the master bedroom.

Su Qingyue lifted Xiao Yishan’s pants leg, exposing the swollen right ankle with two fang marks from the snakebite. Judging by the bruises near the wound, it seemed the second brother had tried to squeeze out the poison blood when he was bitten; otherwise, he wouldn’t have lasted this long.

She opened the wardrobe and found a piece of cloth Chuan used to mend clothes. Chuan bought a lot of fabric last time he went to town, some for selling and some for household use.

Sitting back on the bed, she soaked the towel in the basin, then cleaned the snakebite wound on her second brother's ankle. She applied the medicinal paste to the wound, and wrapped the ankle with the cloth along with the paste.

Everyone in the room watched her actions with curiosity. "Su Qingyue, what are you doing?" Qian Youfa asked in the room.

"I'm treating my second brother for a snakebite."

"What injury can you treat? Don't make me laugh!" Liu Zheng sneered, "You cheap woman must wish all the Xiao Family's men were dead..."

Su Qingyue glared at Liu Zheng sharply, "Old rotten woman, I'm warning you to scram, or don't blame me for being rude!"

"Oh, you little slut, am I supposed to be scared of you? I dare you..." With the second and third Xiao brothers down and the fourth son paralyzed, was there any reason to be afraid of a fragile fifteen-year-old wife?

Before Liu Zheng could finish, Su Qingyue slapped her down with a crisp sound. Liu Zheng was taken aback and was about to jump up and fight her.

Su Qingyue didn't have time to waste on an old granny. She landed a heavy kick on Liu Zheng's abdomen, sending her flying out of the room. Liu Zheng's belly ached, and she screamed, "Murder! Murder!"

However, her abdomen was in too much pain and lacked the strength, so she could only open her mouth wide but couldn't speak.

All the villagers in the yard widened their eyes in disbelief. They looked at Liu Zheng, then at Su Qingyue, who had just come out of the room.

“How can the wife of the Xiao Family kick so hard? Liu Zheng was even sent flying...”

“When did the wife of the Xiao Family become so mighty? I always thought she was a pushover...”

The guys all started chattering.

Su Qingyue looked coldly at the crowd in the yard, “My second brother and third brother need to recuperate, please leave immediately!”

The villagers in the yard were boiling with anger,

“Su Qingyue probably wishes the Xiao Family’s second son would die...”

“What’s in it for her if the second son dies? The Xiao Family relies on Xiao Yishan to make money.”

“If Xiao Yishan dies and Chuan is half-dead, it would be easy for Mr. Su to run away-”

“Stop making snide remarks, this is their home, and they’ve asked us to leave. Let’s go...” Sensible people were in the majority, and the yard was essentially empty.

A few who hadn’t left just wanted to linger and watch the Xiao Family’s drama unfold.

The window of the secondary bedroom was always open, and Xiao Qinghe’s cold voice came out from the room, “Please leave the Xiao Family for now. If you want to visit my second brother and third brother, come another day.” With Xiao Qinghe speaking up, even the insensitive people left.

Liu Zheng’s abdomen hurt so much that she was shivering. She stumbled a few times but couldn’t stand up. Her yellowing eyes glared at Su Qingyue venomously, as if she wanted to tear her to pieces.

Su Qingyue was not afraid of her menacing gaze. She went over and dragged Liu Zheng by her arm like a piece of cargo, all the way to the entrance of the courtyard..

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With a flick of her hand, she threw her out of the Xiao Family's courtyard like a piece of merchandise.

And so, there was no outsider left in the house or in the yard.

Villagers watched Su Qingyue's actions outside the courtyard, too stunned to speak. Liu Zhengshi had always been unpopular, and no one reached out to help her.

Wang Cuihua stood at the entrance of the courtyard, "Qingyue, do you need me to stay and help you?"

Li Gui also snapped out of his stupor, "I can help, too..."

Mindful of the gender restrictions and the audience of villagers, Su Qingyue did not want the villagers to think she had any involvement with Li Gui. She simply said, "Thanks for your kind offer, Brother Li, let Cuihua stay."

She could use an extra hand for decocting medicine when she was administering acupuncture to her second brother.

Wang Cuihua hurriedly entered the courtyard.

Su Qingyue added, "Could you please inform Cuihua's husband, Brother Li, and let him know he doesn't need to look for Doctor Sun?"

“This...” Li Gui wasn’t sure what Su Qingyue was thinking. He saw her skillfully treating Xiao Yishan’s wound, her movements were professional, just like a seasoned doctor. Whenever he looked at her, ever since Xiao Yishan brought her back from town, he felt her calm and composed nature was inexplicably appealing. He had seen her in the village before.

She had changed so much...

Even though she was still the same person. He complied, “I’ll send someone to inform Zhou Fuquan.”

“Thank you.”

“It’s not a big deal.” In fact, Li Gui really wanted to stay. At this moment, Qingyue, a single woman, must feel helpless and lost. However, considering all the gossip, she declined his offer to stay. So, he had no choice but to leave for

now.

When the villagers heard that Qingyue didn’t want to call the doctor, some commented, “How could Su Qingyue be so cruel? She won’t even let the Xiao Family’s second and third son call a doctor. What if they die...”

“She probably wants to save a few bucks. I heard that whenever Chuan passes out, it costs several taels of silver per treatment. The second brother Xiao looks like a lost cause... It doesn’t hurt to save a little in a poor family.”

“I am afraid she has ulterior motives, and wants the Xiao Family’s men to die so she can escape...”

Su Qingyue didn’t bother with what others were saying. She simply closed the courtyard door and returned to her room.

Today, luck was on her side as she found several plants of a medical herb called Seven-leaf-one-flower among the herbs she had collected.

This herb could not only be taken internally and applied externally, but it was also effective in treating purulent infections, traumatic injuries, snake and bug bites, and more. It could be said that it was an excellent medicinal ingredient.

She initially planned to mix it with poison spider juice to treat her facial injuries, but saving her second brother was more important now. The primary ingredient in the medicine she used to treat his wound was the Seven-leaf-one-flower herb. She found a few more herbs and mixed them with other ingredients. She handed them to Wang Cuihua, estimating the dosage, "Help me clean these up, decoct them with five bowls of water down to one bowl."

Wang Cuihua regained her senses, "Are these herbs?"

"Yes, they can reduce swelling, ease pain, clear heat, and detoxify the body.

They're for the second brother to take internally."

"I'll do it right away." Wang Cuihua took the herbs and rushed to the kitchen. Upon arriving in the kitchen, she was startled by a snake in one corner and screamed, "Ah!"

Su Qingyue hurried over, "What's wrong?"

"A snake..." Wang Cuihua pointed to the thick, alternating black and square-patterned snake in the corner.

"That snake is dead." Su Qingyue saw it when she was decocting medicine in the kitchen earlier, "Just use the small stove for decocting the medicine, it's less trouble than starting a fire."

"Oh," Wang Cuihua nodded, still in a state of shock..

Chapter 224: 224 set the bone for the second brother.

It occurred to her, 'My man, Zhou Fuquan, told me that when he and Li Gui saw Second Brother Xiao on the hillside, Brother Xiao was holding a snake in his hand. At first, Fuquan and Li Gui thought it was a live snake, but upon closer inspection, they realized Second Brother was holding a dead snake with a rotting head. I assume that this snake bit Brother Xiao, and he killed it.'

"Judging by the injury, it was bitten by this kind of poisonous snake." Qingyue added, "Before decocting the medicine, wash the pot clean first. The pot is specifically used for decocting medicine for Fourth Brother and the remnants left inside cannot be mixed with the new medicine."

"Alright." Upon seeing Su Qingyue heading off to the master bedroom again, Wang Cuihua couldn't help admiring her calm demeanor. Qingyue wasn't even afraid of snakes. Although it was a dead snake, Cuihua herself was most afraid of snakes, dead or alive. Nevertheless, she had to brace herself and decoct the medicine.

Su Qingyue stood by the edge of the bed in the main bedroom, stripped off Xiao Yisnans clothes, and noticed a tear in his clothes where a piece of fabric was missing. The missing piece of fabric was tied around his thigh.

Second Brother tied it there to prevent the spread of the snake venom.

However, she had already applied medicine to him, which needed to take effect, so she untied the piece of fabric from his thigh.

Then, she loosened Brother Xiao's belt and slowly pulled down his pants.

She had to use acupuncture to control the snake venom for Brother Xiao, which would be inconvenient with his clothes on.

Because Brother Xiao's left shin bone was fractured and his right ankle was treated with medicine for a snake bite, she was as gentle as possible when taking off his pants.

If this had been in modern times, she would have simply cut the patient's pants with scissors in a situation like this to avoid touching the wound.

Second Brother has only two sets of clothes to change into for the summer, besides the ones he is wearing, there is only one more set in the cabinet. Therefore, she avoided cutting up his clothes if she didn't have to.

Tossing the clothes she took off him to one side, now he was left in only his big underwear.

Being a doctor who should be used to seeing naked bodies of patients, every time she saw Brother Xiao's figure, she could not help but marvel at its grandness. Brother Xiao's skin was originally a bronze color, but due to the many years of hunting in the mountains and overexposure to the sun, it had become a dark tan.

Far from feeling discordant, this appearance made Brother Xiao look all the more rugged and sensual!

Those strong lines, those hefty arms, toned abdominal muscles...

She originally wanted to appreciate Brother Xiao's figure properly, even better if she could touch him...

However, Brother Xiao's body now is bruised in multiple places from rolling down the slope, and his skin has turned cyan from the poisoning.

She couldn't afford to be an anthomaniac at this moment.

Taking the pack of silver needles that cost her one tael of silver from the head of her bed, she picked a needle and inserted it into Brother Xiao's Tianxi acupoint on his chest, then another one into the Zhou Rong acupoint, Daheng acupoint...

The force with which each needle was inserted was just right, and the acupoints were accurately located.

In a short while, several needles of different lengths were inserted at several acupoints on Xiao Yishan's chest and head.

The snake venom had spread to Brother Xiao's limbs, but fortunately, it hadn't reached his brain or heart. All she needed to do was protect his brain and heart while performing the acupuncture. The rest could only be dealt with waiting for the medicine to take effect and for Brother Xiao's immunity to slowly neutralize the snake venom.

After the acupuncture was done, she immediately found the two bamboo slices she had used when she fractured her wrist. She crushed up the same medicinal paste she had applied to Brother Xiao's snakebite wound, which was also highly effective in healing wounds. Holding the fracture in Brother Xiao's left shin with both hands...

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Gauging the weight of the second brother's leg, estimating the accuracy for setting the bone, she snapped his broken leg back into place with a "crack." Xiao Yishan furrowed his thick eyebrows due to the intense pain in his sleep, murmuring something softly.

Looking at his face, turned green from the poison, and his furrowed eyebrows, Su Qingyue felt a rare surge of pity.

She had always been interested in traditional Chinese medicine. She began studying medicine at the age of ten, and at twenty-one began working as a doctor in a hospital, but in just four short years, her medical skill became famous and she won numerous awards in the field of medicine.

Her main job was being a "capable survivor" – a killer. An unqualified killer would be wiped out by the organization. However, if one showed exceptional talent, the missions would become more dangerous and critical.

She chose to hide her true abilities, choosing to survive and ensuring the organization couldn't eliminate her, but not wanting to become number one either.

Perhaps in modern times, even if she didn't become a killer, she would have made it as a doctor. Unfortunately, once in the organization, death was the only way out.

After her rebirth, living in poverty in the Xiao Family, she was happy.

She found two long cloth strips from a pile of cloths in a cabinet, smeared the medicinal paste over the fractured area around second brother's leg, picked up two bamboo slices she had just found, and clamped them onto the fracture on the left calf of the second brother. She then wrapped one of the long cloths around one end of the two bamboo slices and tied it securely.

She then took the other cloth strip and tied the other end of the bamboo pieces.

Thus, the two bamboo slices were fastened onto second brother's shin, providing stability for the broken bone.

However, these two bamboo slices had been previously used to stabilize a broken wrist, so they were a bit small and short for the second brother's sturdy shin. Night had already fallen, and there were no suitable bamboo pieces available. As a temporary fix, she decided to look for more bamboo slices on the mountain the next day.

As something dripped down her eye, she wiped her face with her sleeve and realized that she was covered in sweat from exhaustion.

When Wang Cuihua brought a medicine bowl into the room, she saw the second brother naked, and reflexively retreated out of the room.

Su Qingyue glanced at her actions, knowing that it was not convenient for a little wife like Cuihua to see another man's naked body.

Compared to this feudal era, even she should not look, but as a doctor, she was an exception.

She stood up and walked to the doorway, and Wang Cuihua handed her the medicine bowl, "Qingyue, I decocted the medicine according to your method." "Thank you."

“No need to be so polite.” Wang Cuihua wanted to peer into the room but felt it was not appropriate, “That... is second brother’s injury serious?”

“He should wake up by tomorrow morning. The snake venom has paralyzed his nerves, so for the next few days, he won’t feel anything in his body, but it will slowly improve. As for his broken left leg, to avoid any lingering issues, he has to rest and recuperate for at least one or two months.”

“So, second Brother Xiao won’t die?”

“Not only will he not die,” Su Qingyue said lightly, “he will make a full recovery. ”

“That’s good.” Wang Cuihua breathed a sigh of relief, “The villagers saw the state the second brother was in and said he couldn’t be saved. Fuquan and I were scared to death. To make things worse, Chuan was unconscious at this time... Speaking of Chuan, how is he?”

“He won’t die.” Su Qingyue thought for a moment, “I still need to figure out his situation more carefully.”

Wang Cuihua looked at her with admiration on her face, “Qingyue, I think you’re amazing.. How come I never knew before that you could treat injuries?”

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“I learned it by chance and kept it hidden for fear of misdiagnosis. Now, the Xiao Family is in a dire situation, regardless of my medical skill level, I can only do my best.” Due to the traditional thoughts of the villagers, the fact that her soul has taken over another body must be kept a secret in order not to stir up trouble in the future.

"I see." Wang Cuihua originally wanted to ask her when she learned it, and more detailed questions, but seeing that second Brother Xiao still needed to take his medicine, she refrained from saying more and just occasionally glanced outside the courtyard, as if there was something else on her mind.

Su Qingyue said, "Cuihua, if there's something else you need to do, go ahead and do it."

Wang Cuihua apologized, "Here's the situation, my Grandma went to visit relatives and won't come back until tomorrow. Dad went far away to work in the fields this afternoon and I don't know if he's back yet. I was supposed to stay at home with Fuwa, but when something happened to second Brother Xiao, I asked a neighbor to watch over Fuwa. I'm not sure if Dad and Fuquan are back home yet. Fuwa also hasn't had dinner yet..."

Zhou Fuquan is Wang Cuihua's husband, which Su Qingyue knew. Fuwa must be the name of her child. After listening, Qingyue felt reluctant to keep her, "Then you should hurry back." "Can you manage all this by yourself?"

"I can."

"Alright," Wang Cuihua's concern for her home was clear, "Then I must go first."

"Mhm."

But after she left, Su Qingyue brought the medicine bowl to the bed and scooped a spoonful of medicine to Xiao Yishan's mouth, "Second Brother, open your mouth to take the medicine..."

Xiao Yishan had no reaction, she fed the medicine into his mouth, but it just flowed from the corner of his mouth.

Su Qingyue furrowed her brows.

It took great effort to find this medicine. She had almost picked all the herbs from that mountain. This medicine for treating snake venom should not be wasted.

More importantly, the poison in second Brother was deep, just applying medicine won't be enough, he needs to drink it too.

Xiao Yishan's lips moved slightly, mumbling something.

As she leaned down to listen closely, she realized he had been mumbling "Yue'er" over and over again.

She couldn't help but remember Wang Cuihua saying second brother had been calling her name in his delirium.

There were so many people in the room at that time, surely others might have overheard and there might be gossip.

Never mind.

She should focus on making sure second Brother finishes the medicine.

Su Qingyue put the medicine bowl on the bed, one hand held Xiao Yishan's chin, the other tried to open his mouth. Second brother was clenching his teeth together, if she wanted him to open his mouth, brute force might be required.

Thinking about how good he been to her these past few days... This time Second Brother was so eager to go hunting in the mountains, even bringing back the snake that bit him. The main reason must be the heavy burdens of this

family, especially the need to repay Doctor Sun for the medical expenses quickly.

The medical expenses were her debt. In other words, she bears a great deal of responsibility for second Brother getting bitten by the snake. It's her fault that he's in this situation now.

Thinking of this, she couldn't bring herself to use force.

She glanced at Xiao Yuchuan, who was laying on the bed, "You probably don't want me to hurt your second brother either. Given the urgent situation, I believe you'll understand."

After saying this, she picked up the medicine bowl, took a big mouthful of the medicine, then pursed her lips to Xiao Yishan's mouth, completely filled with pure intentions.

Second Brother's lips were neither hard nor soft. She leaned in to his mouth, but he refused to open his teeth. Out of options, she reluctantly had to use her tongue to push open his teeth.

Her lips pressed against his, trying very hard to transfer the medicine from her mouth to his..