

## **Spatial Ability 31**

### Chapter 31: Why Don't You Continue Cursing!

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The woman immediately shrank back and kept quiet.

Her man was important to her, but her life was even more important. It wasn't as if she didn't hear what he had said just now—he didn't care if she and her children were dead or alive.

She had two children. She couldn't go back.

Just like that, An Jiuyue made a few rounds around the village. She first rescued the elderly and the children and sent them to the foot of the mountain, making several trips back and forth. She instructed them to make their way up the mountain by themselves and wait.

Before the sky turned dark, she rescued all the villagers she found and brought them to the mountain.

Although many were saved, there were also many complaints. Most of them were men who were upset that An Jiuyue rescued the women and young first. They felt that she should have saved the men first.

After all, they were strong laborers. The strength of a man was comparable to three women.

An Jiuyue was completely unbothered by these complaints. She was most concerned with how her two precious children had been doing this whole day. I have to rush home immediately.

"Hey, An Jiuyue! Why are you leaving? Come back!"

Someone noticed her leaving and was instantly unhappy. He began chasing after her, but his clothes were too wet and caused him to fall to his face after running for a bit, mud smeared all over his mouth.

“Let me help you up, Brother Dog.”

A man, who often hung out with him, saw that he fell and rushed over to help him up.

“Who do you think you are? Did you think you’re so great because you rescued us? Don’t expect us to be grateful to you! If you hadn’t saved us first, we wouldn’t have to stay in the water for so long! A widow like you sure is cheap!”

The man referred to as ‘Brother Dog’ cursed An Jiuyue repeatedly as he got up with the help of the other man.

He spoke of An Jiuyue as if she was an unpardonable sinner for not saving him first. His words resonated with many of the men who had stood in the water in fear the entire day.

If An Jiuyue had saved us earlier, would we have to be so mad?

However, before anyone could say anything, ‘Brother Dog’ was slapped hard in the face by someone. He was stunned and almost pounced on the person in anger.

“Which bastard... uh, uhm... Chief...”

He was about to curse when he found himself face to face with the Chief, whose expression had darkened and was glaring at him with anger in his eyes. His hands remained ready to strike him anytime.

He was just an ordinary villager and dared not go against the Chief. He did not want to be chased out of the village, after all.

“Why don’t you continue cursing!”

The Chief glared at him coldly and took a step towards him.

“I... I...”

The Chief was addressing him directly and he dared not talk back. He took a step back weakly.

He could do whatever he wanted in the village but he had to behave himself in front of the Chief. The Chief could remove him from the pedigree of the clan.

“Jiuyue has been incredibly kind to build a raft and rescue all of you. What else do you want? Will you only be satisfied and happy if you allow your parents, sons, and daughters to submerge in the water and be swept away by the currents?”

The Chief raised his hand and pointed at those who were complaining. He was furious.

### Chapter 32: You'll Let It Get To Her Head

To be honest, when the Chief was lying on the roof of his house, watching the water levels rise continuously, he felt incredibly hopeless.

He was so grateful when he saw An Jiuyue and was secretly excited to be finally rescued.

However, when he noticed how all the people in An Jiuyue's raft were the old, the women, and the young, he thought that it was important to rescue them first. The children were the future of the village.

Meanwhile, the women and the elderly did not know how to swim, so they had to be saved first.

“All of you talked about how you are the pillar of your family, with many family members relying on you for food. But in the end, all of you want to be the first to escape when there is danger. Many of you are sons, fathers, and husbands. How can you act like this?”

He was infuriated. None of these grown men could compare to a young woman like An Jiuyue. He was so speechless that he could only chastise them.

“You b\*stards still have the cheek to complain about Jiuyue? Jiuyue left her two children behind and came to save you! That’s already good enough! What else do you want?”

“Did you all think that you’re so important to Jiuyue that she is obliged to save you? What are you going to do about it if Jiuyue didn’t come to save you and you’re swept away by the flood instead?”

That’s right. The treehouse that An Jiuyue lived in was far from the village. If she had not been paying attention to the situation in the village, she would not have been able to come down in time to rescue them.

The only reason why An Jiuyue noticed the flood in time and rescued them was because she genuinely cared for them.

“Husband, how can you say such things? It’s only right for An Jiuyue to come and save all of us! The people in our village have been taking care of her all these years.

“She would be an ingrate if she didn’t save us! Look at how you’re speaking of her so highly. You’ll let it get to her head!”

Aunt Kang was clearly unhappy to see her husband praise An Jiuyue highly.

She immediately exclaimed sourly, putting An Jiuyue down with her words. “I’m not going to let that young widow have it easy. Otherwise, that lass might even demand to stay inside our village.

An Jiuyue, that little b\*tch, has the face of a vixen. If she moves into our village, she will taint countless men, especially my second son.

She’s living on the mountain now, yet he’s already awfully charmed by her. I’m not going to let her leave the mountain and live in our village!

“Shut up!”

The Chief did not spare his wife either.

“Can you explain why I heard that Jiuyue came to our house to look for me yesterday? Hm?”

He was not aware of this at first. He found out from the village’s Junior Officer when they were on the raft together just now. He had sighed over the fact that they had been unable to transport all the village’s grain into the cave in the mountain.

“I...”

Aunt Kang’s face paled when she heard the Chief’s words.

“Why would you hear that? No, there’s no such thing.”

There was no way she was going to admit it. She denied it but guilt was written all over her face. She was determined to keep this from him. Unfortunately, she was unaware that the more desperate one wanted to hide something, the more likely it would be exposed.

“Chief, I know about this.”

### Chapter 33: Harm Me Deliberately

A woman who lived next door to the Chief recalled hearing An Jiuyue come by to look for him yesterday.

“When Jiuyue came to find Aunt Kang yesterday, I was picking vegetables in the yard. I heard her voice.”

Her precious Bao'er had almost been swept away by the water just now. If it were not for An Jiuyue, her precious son that she had looked forward to having would have been gone. Her mother-in-law would bully her again.

She had to repay her kindness and tell him everything she knew.

"Jiuyue seemed to be here to talk about the Cascade River, but Aunt Kang couldn't stand Jiuyue and chased her away. She scolded her so badly! I heard everything."

"You—"

Upon hearing this, the Chief looked at his wife angrily.

This fool is such a hindrance!

If she had told me about this when I returned yesterday, the village will not have suffered such heavy losses.

Although he might doubt An Jiuyue's words and not follow her advice if he had found out earlier, at the very least, he would be the one to blame instead.

However, the past was in the past, and it turned out that his wife was at fault for not telling him the truth. How could he not be angry?

"Mother, how can you do that? This is a big matter. It's better to believe it than not to ignore it!" The son of the Chief said unhappily, noticing the guilt on his mother's face.

If they had known in advance, they could have organized people to store food on the mountain. They wouldn't have been caught off guard.

"I... I didn't know either."

Aunt Kang did not know that she was wrong. She felt that An Jiuyue had harmed her deliberately.

“Everyone knows that that little b\*tch is always seducing men. How would I know why she came to our house? Maybe she was here to look for your younger brother.”

She was enraged as she thought about how An Jiuyue had gone to the Junior Officer’s house after coming by hers yesterday. If the village’s Junior Officer had not known about this, she could have insisted that An Jiuyue never came.

“I think she’s trying to harm me deliberately. If she hadn’t come to my house, there wouldn’t have been so much trouble. She came to set me up on purpose because I didn’t agree to her relationship with your brother.”

That’s right. If An Jiuyue was not at our house yesterday, I won’t have to be scolded by my husband in front of so many people today.

Does she think I want to be in this situation?

“You—”

The Chief was so angry he almost vomited blood.

The entire village is completely flooded, and we have no food at all. How can she not realize her mistake?

“Things have already turned out like this, and you’re still spouting nonsense. When did An Jiuyue ever come to our house to look for our second son? Never! If you dare to tarnish Jiuyue’s reputation again, I will punish you!”

“We’re lucky that we’re close to the Junior Officer.”

Some people secretly heaved a sigh of relief as they looked at Aunt Kang.

Aunt Ju had told them yesterday that they should not wait for the Junior Officer's return before taking action. Hence, they carried a lot of grain into the cave in the mountain.

It didn't matter if they weren't sure if there was going to be a flood. It would only take them some effort to carry the food up to the mountain anyway. If the flood really destroyed all their crops, everyone would starve. Nobody would want that.

"Logically speaking, even if a flood may not occur, we should still be on guard. I didn't expect Aunt Kang to hide this matter just because she opposed An Jiuyue."

#### Chapter 34: Acting So Self-important and Scornful

Someone in the crowd had muttered to themselves, and the people around who heard them immediately shot daggers at Aunt Kang. They were so furious that they would have sliced off a piece of her flesh if they could!

"Chief, let's not discuss this first. Let's hurry and organize everyone to seek shelter under Jiuyue's treehouse. It's not a good idea to stay here in the rain."

The Junior Officer suggested.

After he had returned home yesterday, his wife told him that An Jiuyue had stopped by to look for him. He hurriedly organized people to transport food onto the mountain.

He recalled that his wife had also mentioned that An Jiuyue had also gone to the Chief's house but was chased away by Aunt Kang. Regardless of how much Aunt Kang detested An Jiuyue, he thought that she would still inform the Chief about it. Hence, he did not go to the Chief about this matter.

Instead, Aunt Kang implicated everyone and almost had everyone killed. She did not even apologize!



No wonder the Chief was furious.

Of course, when he went to organize people to transport food, many did not believe him and chose to go about with their day.

He did not concern himself with them and only organized hardworking people to transport food onto the mountains for storage. He had planned to persuade those who did not believe him the next day.

However, the flood came before he could do so.

“What? We’re going to that b\*tch’s house? I’m not going!” Aunt Kang was unhappy when she heard that they were going to An Jiuyue’s house.

That little b\*tch makes me so mad! She’ll definitely gloat if she sees all the hypercritical looks these people are giving me. Why should I give her the opportunity to make a joke out of me?

She would rather die than go to An Jiuyue’s place.

“Even if you want to go, I won’t let you!” The Chief glared at her fiercely.

Although An Jiuyue’s treehouse sat on a huge tree, the space was still limited. There were many people here. There would not be enough space for everyone.

Hence, he wanted to split everyone into two groups. One group would stay in the cave, while another would go over to An Jiuyue’s house.

“How about we assign the women and children to An Jiuyue’s house while the rest hides in the mountain cave? It’s not a good idea to have everyone go to An Jiuyue’s place. What do you think, Junior Officer?”

Since many of the men were discontent with the way An Jiuyue rescued the women and children first, he did not want to cause trouble for her.

“That... wouldn’t be a good idea?”

The village’s Junior Officer looked at everyone, not wanting them to go to the cave.

Although they could seek shelter from the flood in the cave, there were more wild beasts around the cave than around An Jiuyue’s house. In the past, when Old Tu was still alive and guarded the area, not many wild beasts dared to go there.

Those who went there never returned.

“Junior Officer, come here. Let me talk to you.”

The Chief saw that the village’s Junior Officer disagreed with him, so he pulled him aside to discuss quietly.

“Look at those people. They all look unhappy with Jiuyue. If we send them to her house, aren’t they going to cause trouble?”

“Let’s follow my idea. We’ll only assign those who are nice to Jiuyue to her place.

“The others are not happy to see Jiuyue anyway. We’ll send them to starve and freeze a little in the cave as punishment for acting so self-important and scornful after she so kindly helped them!”

When the Junior Officer heard that, he felt that it was reasonable and nodded.

“Then the two of us...”

“You go to Jiuyue’s house, I’ll go to the cave. Someone has to keep watch over these people,” the Chief immediately replied.

### Chapter 35: Footsteps in the Rain

The village’s Junior Officer could not subdue some of the troublemakers in the village. They would only be afraid of him if he threatened them with the genealogy book. Hence, the Chief had to be the one to watch over them.

Moreover, he was worried about his wife. She was always going against An Jiuyue, but he did not know why.

“Alright then...”

The Junior Officer thought for a moment, then nodded.

With that, all the people were split into two groups. The men grumbled and complained as they headed up the mountain.

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When An Jiuyue returned home, the two little children had already washed the vegetables.

They had also cooked some porridge and were waiting for their mother to return home and stir-fry the vegetables so that they could eat.

“Mother, where have you been? It’s already getting dark.”

Zheng'er hurriedly asked when he saw his mother. She had been gone since dawn, and it was already dusk. They had been waiting worriedly for very long.

"There's a flood at the foot of the mountain. I went to rescue people."

An Jiuyue did not intend to hide the truth from them.

"Flood?" Rong'er blinked.

They were still young and did not understand what a flood meant, so they weren't too worried.

"Yes."

An Jiuyue replied and caressed their faces.

"Are you hungry? I will cook two dishes for you."

She began cooking hurriedly. She wanted to make sure that her two little ones ate their fill first before making plans for the others that were coming to her house to seek refuge.

"I'll light a fire for you," Rong'er immediately said.

"Okay."

An Jiuyue responded.

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After she and her children had dinner, she rushed them back to their room before carrying a stove with burning charcoal downstairs.

There was a small straw shed next to the big tree. It was sheltered from the rain and was built by her father. There was another stove and a large pot inside the straw shed.

That was the pot her father used to remove the fur from his prey after he returned from hunting. It was indeed a very large pot.

She took out some rice from her space, washed it, and poured it into the big pot. She also poured some water. After transferring the burning charcoal to the stove underneath the pot, she started cooking porridge.

She had just started cooking when she heard footsteps in the rain.

“Jiuyue, it’s already so late. Why are you still downstairs? Where are Zheng’er and Rong’er?” the village’s Junior Officer asked awkwardly when he saw An Jiuyue starting a fire in the straw shed.

After all, the young woman had already rescued them before, and so many of them were seeking refuge at her place and disturbing her. It was a little inappropriate.

However, they had no other choice. If everyone had gone to the cave instead, they would have starved and froze to their deaths.

“They’re upstairs. I’m cooking some porridge for everyone. There’s not much rice in the house so I’ve only got enough to make some porridge. I hope everyone doesn’t mind.”

“No, no, we don’t mind. Even just having a sip would be enough. How can we... Jiuyue, we’re so sorry to trouble you,” Aunt Ju said with a smile.

She was shivering from the cold, but she had no choice.

It was early spring, and they had been immersed in water. Their clothes were all wet, so it was natural that everyone was cold. But even if they were cold, it was still better than being swept away by the flood.

“Aunt Ju, I just brought some firewood down. Some of you can separate the firewood into a few piles and light a fire. Let’s dry your clothes first,” An Jiuyue suggested. She scanned the people that were coming and noticed they many were women and children.

### Chapter 36: So Ruthless!

The firewood under the stove was seasoned. She added more to kindle flames so that it was easier to light a few piles on fire.

“Those with smaller children can follow me upstairs. Zheng’er and Rong’er still have some clothes they wore when they were younger. The children can wear them. It’s better than having them freeze.”

“Thank you! Thank you, Jiuyue!”

A few women who were carrying their children were so touched that they almost cried.

The thought, how much karma did we accumulate in our past life to meet An Jiuyue who is so considerate towards us?

“Go, go on up. Jiuyue, we can start a fire.”

The husbands of the women with young children hurried their wives to change their children’s clothes. Then, they began carrying out different tasks—some cooked porridge while others started bonfires.

“Liang Zi, go to the cave where we hid the rice and bring a few bags of rice over.”

The village’s Junior Officer watched as An Jiuyue brought some women upstairs to change the children’s clothes, and instructed the man beside him.

“Alright, I’ll go now.”

When Liang Zi quickly responded.

“Chief, I’ll go too. It’ll be too heavy for one person to carry,” another man overheard their exchange and volunteered.

They did not know when the floodwaters in the village would subside. They could not keep eating Jiuyue’s food. It was not easy for a young woman to raise two children, and there was probably not much rice in her home.

They had to use their own.

It was difficult to differentiate which bags of grain in the cave belonged to which families. But they were going to use it anyway.

“Sigh, if I’d known, I’d have made a trip to the Chief’s house yesterday.” The Junior Officer watched them leave to retrieve the rice and sighed.

“Don’t blame yourself. Who would have thought that Old Kang’s wife would be so ruthless!” Aunt Ju comforted her husband.

If not for the fact that everyone was in a dangerous situation, she really wanted to teach that woman, who was not only blind but also selfish, a lesson!

This is such a huge matter and she did not even breathe a word about it to her husband!

“Many people in our village have been swept away. Let’s think about what we should do next,” she continued.

“Yeah.”

The village's Junior Officer glanced at the shivering villagers and sighed again.

Every time a flood occurred, it would wipe out half the villagers. The number of people rescued was always limited.

However, it was much better this time. More than half of the people in their village were saved with An Jiuyue's help. It was a great fortune amidst this misfortune.

"Luckily, we have some rice in the cave and Jiuyue has pots here too. We don't have to go hungry. But if we run out of rice, then..."

That will be terrible. Will we be able to live off wild vegetables and tree bark?

Of course, the answer to that is 'no'. Only those who are starving will be willing to eat tree bark. It is not easy for someone to eat that.

"Let's not talk about this. Let's light up the fire first."

He said.

After a while, a few bonfires were lit, and the people seeking warmth by the fire finally felt a little alive.

No one bothered to separate the men and women anymore. Everyone removed their outerwear and hung them on the tree branches. They wanted to dry their innerwear by the fire.

There was not much outerwear anyway. As the flood occurred at night, many were asleep and did not have enough time to grab a coat. However, those who thought of bringing a coat managed to grab a few with them.



## Chapter 37: It Is Terrible!

Meanwhile, An Jiuyue went to the bamboo forest again.

There were so many people under the tree. Her family did not have enough bowls. She had no choice but to go to the bamboo forest to chop some bamboo and use bamboo tubes to serve porridge.

“Jiuyue, thank you for the trouble.”

Aunt Ju took a bamboo tube from An Jiuyue and thanked her.

If it wasn't for this girl, we will still be stranded in the water. How will we even be able to sit by the fire and eat warm porridge?

“Aunt Ju, you're too polite.”

An Jiuyue smiled at her, turned around, and scooped the leftover porridge into a large earthen jar. Then, she took a string of bamboo tubes and was ready to leave.

“Jiuyue, where are you going?” the Junior Officer asked when he saw that she was heading out so late at night.

However, he already knew where she was heading to. The people here got to eat warm porridge, but those in the cave did not. They might not even have any means to light a fire.

“Uncle, you and the others can rest here. I'll bring porridge to the Chief and the others. I'll also carry some firewood over and let them dry their clothes.”

An Jiuyue turned around and replied before leaving.

“Sigh.”

The Junior Officer sighed again as he watched An Jiuyue leave.

“What a good child. Why do the villagers not like her?”

He shook his head.

“Those people in the village have too much time on their hands. They can’t prosper, so they wish that others live as badly as them. Why do you care about that anyway? Look, Jiuyue is raising two children, but they’re living well.”

Aunt Ju replied.

“Exactly.”

Someone nearby overheard Aunt Ju’s words and immediately agreed.

“Uncle, we should discuss building bigger treehouses on the mountain after the flood subsides. What do you think?” the man asked.

This man had always been a diligent and quick-witted person. He felt that it was not good for their village to be flooded so often.

“Build treehouses?”

The Junior Officer raised his eyebrows, but his eyes lit up.

“I think we can consider this. After the flood subsides, I’ll discuss this matter with the Chief. We don’t even have to build treehouses. We can just build a few straw huts on the mountain.”

Their village experienced floods every three to five years. It was terrible! However, they could not possibly relocate the entire village.

If they could build a few straw huts on the mountain, they could organize the villagers to stay in the straw huts whenever it rained too heavily. They could head back down to the village once the skies cleared.

“I think Jiuyue’s bamboo raft is also a good idea. Bamboo is available everywhere. Every family should make a bamboo raft and place it in the yard. We can get people and food onto the raft when a flood occurs. Even if we are swept away, at least we are on a raft.”

Aunt Ju added.

Furthermore, the bamboo raft could be stored vertically when unused. It would not take up too much space.

Bamboo grew throughout the year. If the bamboo on their bamboo raft cracked, they could still be used to light a fire. They could make a new bamboo raft to replace it. Sure, it would take some effort, but so what?

Today’s incident must never repeat itself. It was too scary.

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While the people here started to come up with ideas, discussing how to prevent floods, the people in the cave were almost frozen in the cold.

Chapter 38: Let Them Starve to Death

They had been sleeping when the flood occurred and did not manage to bring flame sticks with them.

Besides, even if they had flame sticks, they did not have firewood.

Fortunately, there were no elderly, women, or children among them. Otherwise, the cave would definitely be filled with cries. However, although there were no loud crying, there were endless strings of curses and complaints.

Some cursed An Jiuyue for being inhumane, while others hoped she would be struck by lightning!

“All of you...”

The Chief took a deep breath and was about to rebuke them when he was interrupted by the sound of footsteps outside.

“There’s noise outside?”

The others also reacted to the sound and looked towards the entrance of the cave nervously.

They could not tell if the footsteps belonged to wild beasts or humans. They were afraid, but they did not even have a single weapon to defend themselves.

If a wild beast really attacked, they could only use their fists to fight back. How could they not be afraid?

“Chief, are you there?”

Suddenly, they heard a familiar voice.

“Master, why are you calling out to them? This bunch of heartless things... You shouldn’t have brought them porridge. You should just let them starve to death.” Wei Na kept muttering in its master’s mind.

If I can come out, I will definitely punish these people for all the wicked things they said!

“Wouldn’t it be a waste of my effort rescuing everyone if they starve to death?” An Jiuyue snapped at it.

Speaking of which, she had also just discovered that she could also earn points from rescuing people. She had saved so many people and could be rewarded 10 points for every person had saved. She had no problem reclaiming two or three pieces of jade land now.

“This is all to earn points! Earn points!”

“Then you should leave them until they’re half-dead before rescuing them! It’s like reusing and recycling! You can earn double the points!” Wei Na reasoned.

An Jiuyue was silent.

I shouldn’t have started talking to this thing. Double the points? If you can be rewarded for something, you can definitely be punished for another!

What if I harm these people and the Points Mall deducts my points? I don’t want to take such a risk!

“You’d better shut up. I want some peace.”

“Oh, it’s Jiuyue.”

When the Chief heard her voice, he heaved a sigh of relief. It was fine as long as it was not a wild beast. They did not have any weapon to defend themselves now.

“Jiuyue, it’s us. We’re inside!” he shouted out.

Soon, An Jiuyue entered. She was carrying something on her back and held a flame stick in her hand to help her see in the dark.

“Chief, I brought some plain porridge. Here are some bamboo tubes that can be used to scoop the porridge. You can also use this firewood and dry your clothes first. If the firewood isn’t enough, you can go outside, gather some and put them over the fire to dry.”

She put the things down as she spoke.

“Jiuyue, thank—”

“If you have plain porridge, why did you not bring it over earlier? You b\*tch, hurry up and serve us some!”

Aunt Kang interrupted the Chief with her rude words, even ordering An Jiuyue as if she was her slave.

The Chief’s face darkened instantly. Under the illumination of the flame stick, he looked straight at his wife’s vile face and slapped her.

He had long wanted to hit this foul-mouthed woman. He was nauseated by her behavior.

“Don’t you have hands and feet? Can’t you scoop it on your own? Weren’t you complaining about Jiuyue a moment ago? Then why should you have the porridge she brought? Move aside!”

### Chapter 39: Keep You From Starving to Death

Aunt Kang was stunned after her husband slapped her.

She did not dare to say anything as her husband was furious.

An Jiuyue did not even spare Aunt Kang a glance as she spoke to the Chief, "Chief, you all should have some porridge first. The porridge is still warm. It will turn cold soon."

She ignored the others and began starting a bonfire for them. She watched on as many fought and scrambled to have the porridge. When they were done, she gathered the earthen jar and bamboo tubes back and was ready to leave.

Someone noticed that she was about to leave and hurriedly called out to her, "Jiuyue, your porridge is too diluted. Make it thicker tomorrow."

An Jiuyue stopped in her tracks and looked back at him.

"I'll cook a full meal for you if you want to have a meal and not be guaranteed a next. What do you think about that?" she retorted.

"Uh."

The man was dumbfounded by her words, and his face flushed.

"Jiuyue, what are you talking about? We didn't say anything about cooking a full meal. It's just that this porridge is really not enough to fill our stomachs."

"That's right, that's right! There is so little porridge, but so many of us are sharing it. How can we be full?" A few men defended the person who spoke earlier.

"Jiuyue, you saved us. There's no reason for you to starve us, right?"

An Jiuyue's expression turned cold. She stared coldly at those shameless people and sneered.

"I never intended for you all to eat your fill. I'm only trying to keep you from starving to death."

I've really treated these people too well, haven't I? How dare they take advantage of me? Did they really think I'm easy to bully?

"How about this? I'll stop sending plain porridge from tomorrow onwards, and you can go dig up wild vegetables and tree bark to eat. You can find food without me anyway. There may not be much on the mountain, but there will definitely be plenty of tree bark. You will definitely be able to eat your fill!"

"You—"

When those men heard her words, they almost flew into a rage.

A few other men came forward to stop them.

"Alright, alright. It's good enough that we get to eat something. What else do you want? Without Jiuyue, all of us would've still been starving on the roof. We might have even been swept away by the water!"

"Jiuyue's family has no fields or land, so they don't have much food in the first place. It's already a great favor that she's giving us some plain porridge!"

Although there were some bad people in the village, there were also some kind ones. An Jiuyue saw that some people were defending her and did not say anything else. Instead, she looked at the Chief.

"Chief, you should send people out to pick up more firewood. Although the firewood may be wet, if you let it sit in the cave for a few hours, it can still be used to start a fire. It's not safe in the mountains at night. It's better to have a few bonfires."

"Alright, I understand," the Chief replied.

"Jiuyue, you should be careful when you go back. You don't have to come tomorrow morning, just come at noon. There are so many people. There's definitely not enough food. One meal a day is enough for all."



He had deliberately said this out loud so that the people who despised the plain porridge An Jiuyue brought could hear it.

He really wanted to slap every single one of them. How can these cowards be so cocky? We already have food, but that didn't stop them from complaining and nitpicking!

"One meal a day? That won't do!"

Someone heard the Chief's words and immediately shouted.

#### Chapter 40: Hit The Jackpot

They would starve to death if they only ate one meal a day.

However, An Jiuyue did not care about them anymore and left the cave immediately. She did not return to the treehouse first. After washing the bamboo tubes and the earthen jar in the spring, she went into the deep mountains to take a look.

The animals on the mountain would not come out at night.

However, things were different today. The foot of the mountain was flooded, and many wild beasts were running around in search of a safe place to hide. After entering the deep mountains, she soon encountered some pheasants and wild rabbits.

They were drenched in the rain and could not escape from her quickly, so she caught them easily.

She chose a few that were of better condition and placed them in her space to raise them. As for the others, she would bring them back home to cook.

An Jiuyue stopped when she passed by a tree hole.

“What is this?”

There was a gray rock covering the tree hole, leaving only the top half of the tree hole visible.

These tree holes were homes dug out by wild rabbits. There were many tree holes scattered everywhere.

They were usually difficult to notice because they were covered by leaves and weeds. However, it had been raining and there was a rock over it, so it was easy to catch sight of.

“You’re lucky to have met me.”

She had noticed it because she heard the sound of a rabbit grinding its teeth in discomfort. Otherwise, she would not have noticed a motionless rock in this dark night.

She reached out to remove the rock to free the wild rabbit inside.

She wanted to take the rabbit nest out of the tree hole and raise the rabbits in her space. The more rabbits, the merrier.

To her surprise, the rock moved!

“Huh?!”

An Jiuyue was almost scared to death.

However, she still picked up the 'rock' and took a look. It was a long-haired rabbit. The rabbit had been drenched in the rain, and its fur was very long, thus resembling a gray rock.

An Jiuyue did not think much of it. She immediately placed the wild rabbit in her space, then reached into the tree hole. Digging around, she took out a large long-haired rabbit.

However, it was smaller than the previous one. She guessed that this one was female while the previous one was male.

She found 11 more little bunnies and placed everything in her space.

"Master, these are long-haired rabbits! We've hit the jackpot!" Wei Na was excited when it saw the nest of long-haired rabbits.

There were so many long-haired rabbits. They could earn quite a lot of points every month. Besides, rabbits gave birth very quickly and have many litters!

"We got quite lucky."

An Jiuyue raised her eyebrows and muttered to herself.

A long-haired rabbit's fur was the best. It would be great if she could spin the rabbit fur and make clothes out of it. She could make two sets of clothes, gloves, and hats for her two little ones. Then, she would not have to be too worried when winter comes.

She was determined to take good care of these long-haired rabbits.

After the floodwaters receded, she wanted to grow some cotton in the mountains to spin into cloth. There were not many pests around, so the environment was good for growing cotton. There would not be many insects pests feeding off the cotton.