

Spatial Ability 41

Chapter 41: Technically, You Can Rear Wild Boars

She took a deep breath and headed deep into the mountains again.

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The sound of low grunts caused An Jiuyue to stop in her tracks shortly and she felt her scalp tingle.

She had never heard this sound in this life, but she had heard it in her previous life. It was the sound of a pig searching for food. However, the grunts were not as loud as that of a domestic pig's.

She knew she had encountered... a wild boar.

And not just one, but several wild boars who were foraging for food in the open.

Wild boars live in groups. Did I encounter a family of wild boars wandering around looking for food?

"Wei Na, how many points do you think I'll get if I rear a wild boar?" she asked. It seemed like there were many wild boars around.

Wei Na fell silent when it heard its master's words.

"Well... Technically, you can rear wild boars, and they'll definitely be worth a lot of points," Wei Na replied after a long while.

"However," she continued, "we have to face the reality. There are so many wild boars. The food in our space will only be enough for them to eat for a few days, right?"

"Each boar is only worth 30 points, and you'll only receive the points after a month. It is really... not worth it.

“Of course, if we reclaim more land and plant crops in it, we can rear as many wild boars as we want.”

An Jiuyue was surprised.

However, she would not choose to rear wild boars if she managed to reclaim more land though.

She felt that it would be great to raise some pigs, cows, and sheep. Boars could be very disobedient. She might enter her space one day only to find all her crops destroyed by them!

Hence, she decided not to rear wild boars. She wanted to be more practical.

“Alright, I understand. I won’t rear them.”

But as she took a deep breath, she felt that she should still try capturing the wild boars since she encountered them.

Although she only had a machete now, she was still in possession of the various weapons and crossbows she had stored in her space during her previous life.

She secretly approached the wild boars and spotted a few of them in the dark. Some were big and some were small. It seemed like they were really a family of boars.

“Haa.”

She exhaled deeply and slipped into her space.

She retrieved a few thick ropes from the cabinet. These ropes did not exist in her current world. They were very strong ropes—a wild boar would not be able to break free from them easily.

She also took out a couple of hunting traps. These traps were much bigger than what she had seen at home. They were sturdy.

It was fortunate that she was about to be sent into the forest for training before she transmigrated. All the items she had prepared for her training could be useful in the forest.

Once she was ready, she carried all these items and left the space.

She calculated the amount of time the wild boars would take to travel and felt her way to a spot where she began setting up her hunting traps and spreading a layer of wet leaves over them.

She also positioned the ropes, tying the ends of the ropes around several big rocks that she had moved onto a large tree trunk with her spatial ability.

It took her some time. But as she looked at the traps she had laid out, she felt that it was worth all the time and effort.

Chapter 42: Can't Be Sold for Much Money

She jumped down from the tree, took out some food from her space, and placed it next to the hunting traps. Then, she moved to the side and waited for the boars to come walking into her traps.

If she still had the fighting skills and physical strength from her previous life, she could have been able to fight against a few wild boars.

However, that was not possible with her current physique. No matter how skilled she was, it was useless since she had a weak body now—she probably couldn't even fight against a wild boar, let alone several of them.

She had no choice but to set up a trap. At least she was still smart!

Sure enough, a few moments later, she heard the series of low grunts reemerge from a distance. An Jiuyue hid nearby with a machete in her hand, ready to strike whenever necessary.

The largest wild boar seemed to have caught a whiff of the food and walked ahead of its group. Step by step, it carefully approached the spot where three ropes were laid out.

Squinting her eyes, An Jiuyue watched as the big wild boar stepped onto two separate ropes, which were arranged in different directions, with its front and hind legs.

An Jiuyue was silent.

Mister Wild Boar, can't you position yourself a little better? You should step on the two ropes that are in the same direction so that I can go over and pull the ropes to catch you!

However, she was not worried yet because she had placed enough food for it to eat for a long time.

After a while, another wild boar squeezed its way over, nudging the other boar aside, and started eating.

The big wild boar looked up, saw the smaller boar, and did not chase it away. With that, the two largest boars in the group began eating together.

Things were moving according to An Jiuyue's wishes. The two wild boars' hooves were soon caught in the knot.

She took a deep breath from her hiding spot before secretly lifting the rope around the wild boar's hooves and tightening it. The wild boar could not sense it because it was eating happily and also had thick layers of skin.

Suddenly, a small wild boar was caught by a hunting trap while looking for food. It let out a piercing shriek.

The two large boars were frightened and began running. Chaos ensued at once.

An Jiuyue heard a mechanical snap sound before the two boars ran in panic. As they were doing so, they straightened their legs and tugged at the knots on the ropes. The heavy rocks fell while the two boars were lifted one after another.

The other smaller wild boars were also caught by the hunting traps. They stopped moving after struggling for a while.

When everything settled down and only a couple of muffled sounds from the wild boars were heard, An Jiuyue finally walked out. She looked up at the two big boars hanging on the tree, feeling rather gloomy.

One of the boars had a leg caught by a hunting trap. But it was such a huge boar that it basically dragged the hunting trap along with it. Luckily, it was lifted up altogether in the end.

The other boar did not suffer a single scratch and was simply lifted by the ropes.

There were a few smaller wild boars that were suspended in mid-air too. They were not injured at all either. It was impossible for her to rear them though.

“Master, those wild boars are too small. They can’t be sold for much money. Why don’t we sell them to the Points Mall?” Wei Na reminded her.

“Sell them?” An Jiuyue’s eyes lit up.

That’s right! Why didn’t I think of selling the wild boars at the Points Mall?

Chapter 43: Not Allowed to Have a Single Piece of Meat!

The boars could be exchanged for a lot of points, which could be used to reclaim more land.

However, she decided to first figure out how many points a small boar was worth by selling one at the Points Mall. If the points received were too low, she would keep the boars in her space first and sell them to a restaurant in the future.

She retrieved a bow from her space and drew it, aiming it at the boars.

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After some time, An Jiuyue finally returned. She had chosen a little wild boar from her space and took it out when she neared her house.

She pretended that she was struggling to carry it and asked the others to help her.

“Jiuyue, did you hunt this? Are you alright?”

A few women were stunned to see the wild boar. They wondered how she killed such a large boar when she was so small-framed.

Boars were a scourge to them. They would often descend the mountain and barge into the village to destroy crops and attack people. They would even break into yards to forage for food under broad daylight.

No one dared to do anything about the boars as they were afraid of being injured.

However, the wild boar, an animal everyone believed to be very powerful, was killed and carried back by An Jiuyue alone.

“I’m fine, I’m just a little tired from carrying it.”

She wiped the mud, which she had smeared on herself, off her body. It would be difficult to explain to everyone how she could kill such a huge wild beast without dirtying herself.

“Uncle, can you assign some people to wash the wild boar? We can cook the meat for everyone to eat,” she said to the village’s Junior Officer.

“Well...”

The Junior Officer wore an awkward expression on his face.

Of course, they wanted to eat meat. Every family could only have some during the new year.

But An Jiuyue was the one who killed this wild boar. If she sold it in town, it would earn her a lot of money. Yet, she was offering it to them just like that? What a pity!

“Jiuyue, aren’t you going to sell this wild boar in town?” he asked.

“Why are you talking so much, Junior Officer? Jiuyue already told us to wash the boar and cook it. Let’s listen to Jiuyue. It’s just a wild boar. It’s not worth much.”

Before An Jiuyue could speak, she heard a familiar voice.

She narrowed her eyes and saw the woman.

“Aunt Wang?”

“Uh—”

Aunt Wang felt her heart skip a beat when she saw that An Jiuyue had noticed her, gasping internally.

She had been hiding at the back, afraid that An Jiuyue would notice her. She had wanted to bring her grandson to change into a new set of free clothes from her, but she remembered what happened earlier and was too afraid to go.

But now that she saw the meat, she could no longer hold herself back.

It was meat, after all! So much wild boar meat! Everyone wanted to eat it, and she was no exception. She almost salivated at the sight of the boar.

“Aunt Wang, you’re here too? I didn’t notice you before.”

An Jiuyue flashed Aunt Wang a fake smile before looking at the Junior Officer.

“Uncle, everyone here can have a share of my wild boar meat, but Aunt Wang and her family are not allowed to have a single piece of meat!”

“Why not?!” Aunt Wang shouted unhappily.

Chapter 44: Good Intentions

Why is it that everyone except my family can eat it? How did I offend An Jiuyue?

“An Jiuyue, what do you mean? Did I offend you in any way? Why are you bullying me? I came here to discuss that with you out of kindness! If you sell a child, you can earn some money and live a better life. Did I do anything wrong? Did my kindness turn into malice?”

“How can you still have the guts to be rude and unreasonable here, Wang?”

Aunt Ju couldn’t stand it anymore. She rushed up to her with her hands on her hips and retorted angrily.

“Has Jiuyue ever said that she wanted to sell her children? She never said that! You’re the vicious one who wanted to sell Jiuyue’s children! If you want to earn money, go and sell your children! Why aren’t you selling your children?”

"I..." Aunt Wang was speechless.

"What's going on?" The Junior Officer frowned. He looked at Aunt Wang and then at his wife, confused.

"I forgot to tell you about this yesterday. Jiuyue came to tell me that Aunt Wang has gone over to her place a few times to ask her to sell Rong'er to a family in town. She even said that if Jiuyue didn't want to sell Rong'er, she would snatch him away!"

Aunt Ju emphasized the word 'snatch'.

"Really?"

The Junior Officer's gaze turned sharp. He glanced at the man behind Aunt Wang. He was Aunt Wang's husband, Old Yu.

"Old miser, are you so poor that you want to snatch someone else's child and sell them?"

"No, no, of course not! Junior Officer, it's all this woman's fault. I don't know anything about this."

Old Yu waved his hands hastily before looking at Aunt Wang angrily.

"Why did you poke your nose into other people's matters? See! You had good intentions at first, but look what happened now! Don't you dare be so kind to outsiders in the future!"

An Jiuyue was silent.

"Good intentions"? Did they really think I'm easy to bully?

“Darn it! I can’t stand it anymore, Master! How can there be people so unreasonable like them? How can they sell someone else’s child?” Wei Na couldn’t help but curse.

This family disgusts me. How can they decide to sell people as they please? Why don’t they sell themselves instead?

“Why do you care? There are plenty of people who will deal with them,” An Jiuyue sneered.

She did not have to say anything now. Other people standing up for her already.

“Old miser, is that really considered kindness? Look at Jiuyue! She can hunt such a big wild boar easily, and there’s not a single scratch on her! Does she look like she needs to sell her children?”

“Exactly! Such a big wild boar is worth dozens of taels of silver, isn’t it? It’s enough for a family to get by for several years. Why would she need to sell her children?”

“Wang, you want to sell Rong’er because you received some benefits from someone in town, right? And you were going to give Jiuyue a smaller portion of the earnings and keep the larger portions, weren’t you? You’re really ruthless.”

“If you’re out of money to spend, then sell your grandchildren, Wang! Why are you targeting others? You’re vicious!”

“That’s right! Look at how chubby your grandson is! There will be someone who will fancy him. It’d be great to sell him! Why are you still keeping him? He’s worth so much money.”

“You... you all...” Hearing everyone’s criticisms, the couple almost vomited blood.

“Uwah! Grandpa, Grandma, I don’t want to be sold! Mother, Mother, save me! Grandpa and Grandma want to sell me for money. I don’t want it! I don’t want it!”

Old Yu’s grandson bawled loudly in his mother’s arms when he heard what everyone was saying. He was afraid that he would be sold.

Nothing happened to him, but he was already crying like that. However, An Jiuyue’s family made no commotion when she was pressured by Aunt Wang and even hit her head. It made people wonder why there was such a huge difference.

“Shut up!” the Junior Officer rebuked with a stern expression.

Old Yu’s daughter-in-law quickly covered her son’s mouth. “Heizhuang, don’t cry, don’t cry.”

An Jiuyue sighed as she watched the commotion. She gave the Junior Officer and a few others some instructions regarding the wild boar. Finally, she returned to her room to coax her children to sleep and get some rest too.

It was already late. It would be dawn in another four hours.

She had no more energy to care about the long-haired rabbits and the other poultry she had thrown into her space, leaving Wei Na to worry about it.

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The next day, An Jiuyue, who went to bed late, woke up and went downstairs early. She saw that the wild boar had already been cut into two and was hung up. Its offal was also removed.

She was expecting to be greeted with a stench. However, the area was clean. It seemed like everyone was more conscious and cleaned up the place.

There were a lot of wild vegetables, which had been washed, on the other side. There was also some plain porridge cooked in the pot. However, there was not much rice in the pot. They were probably waiting to add the vegetables into the pot to cook.

“Aunt Ju, here’s some salt. I bought it the day before yesterday.” She handed a jar of salt to Aunt Ju.

“No, no, we’ll just eat it plain.” Aunt Ju shook her head when she saw the jar.

Salt was expensive—no family would purchase extra. The poorer families would usually eat bland food, only salting their food as much as the wealthier families when they were busier.

Salt cost fifty copper coins per half a kilogram. It was difficult to afford it!

“Use it,” An Jiuyue replied and carried one piece of the boar meat into the kitchen upstairs.

Many of them thought that she was easy to bully, so it was good enough that she was offering them a couple of bites of her boar meat. She planned to marinate the rest so that she and her children could consume it slowly.

She would then find a good time to sell the other boars in her space in town. Uncle Lin was pretty good to her, after all.

After cooking for her two children, she brought them down to play with the other children under the tree. Meanwhile, she got ready to descend the mountain.

“Jiuyue, you’ve already rescued everyone. Why are you still going back?” a few women saw that she was about to leave and asked hurriedly.

“We’ve already saved everyone in the village, but there might be some people who drifted over from other places. I’ll go take a look and save as many as I can. Every life counts,” An Jiuyue replied.

“Uncle, Aunt Ju, please take care of Zheng’er and Rong’er.”

“Okay, we’ll keep an eye on them. Don’t worry,” Aunt Ju replied.

Zheng’er did not play with the other children. Instead, he looked at his mother and said, “Mother, be careful.”

“Mother, big brother and I will wait for you here,” Rong’er added.

“Okay,” An Jiuyue replied to her two little ones before leaving.

Chapter 46: She Felt Awful

The bamboo raft left at the foot of the mountain had been carried up by a few men. If the raft had remained at the foot of the mountain, it would have been swept away by the high tides overnight.

An Jiuyue rowed the bamboo raft towards the village.

Many of the houses in the village were completely submerged by the floodwaters.

Some plants were drifting along the water. She immediately noticed a pair of hands clutching onto a large tree. She rowed the raft towards it, trying to get closer to the log.

Soon, there was a loud bang as the bamboo raft collided with the large log.

The person, who had been relying on her survival instinct to prop herself up against the log, was jolted awake by the sound. She opened her eyes and looked up to see a bamboo raft with a woman standing on it.

“Do you still have strength? Can you climb up?” An Jiuyue asked but still stretched out her hand towards the woman in the water.

“Save me...”

The woman gritted her teeth and used all her strength to reach out and grab An Jiuyue’s hand. When An Jiuyue pulled her up, she collapsed onto the raft immediately.

“Thank you. Thank you.” She mumbled repeatedly as she looked at An Jiuyue through squinted eyes.

She had been immersed in the water for more than a day and was hungry and exhausted. Even so, she gritted her teeth and sat up after a while.

“Miss, save... save them.”

She stretched out her hand and pointed in another direction. An Jiuyue turned and saw a tree far away. There seemed to be something on the tree, but she could not see it clearly.

There should be at least two more people, she thought.

Without hesitation, An Jiuyue rowed over on the bamboo raft and caught up to the tree drifting downwards. Sure enough, three people were hugging the tree trunk—two men and a woman.

“Everyone, come up.”

She did not extend her hand this time.

She could tell that although the woman was in poor condition, the other two men were alright. They still had enough strength to climb onto the bamboo raft.

When the woman on the bamboo raft saw that An Jiuyue did not intend to lend him a hand, she stretched out her hand towards the man instead. “Big brother, give me your hand.”

“Yan Yan, you stay put.” The man glanced at his younger sister and was reluctant to exhaust her even further.

He looked at the other man and instructed him to board the bamboo raft first. Then, they helped the other woman up the raft before coming up himself.

“Thank you for saving us, Miss.” The man cupped his fists and thanked An Jiuyue after they were all safe.

“You’re welcome.” An Jiuyue glanced at him indifferently and did not say anything else.

She began searching for more people, pausing to rest for a while before continuing her search. She rescued two more people after the initial four.

The two women on the bamboo raft rested for a while and were feeling a little better. The second woman was unhappy that An Jiuyue remained on the waters and did not leave.

“We’re already on the bamboo raft. Why aren’t you sending us to the mountain?” she questioned with a sour expression.

She was cold and hungry, and her teeth were chattering. She felt awful.

What is wrong with this woman? Does she not know that we’re cold and hungry after being immersed in the water for so long?

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We need to find a place to light a fire and dry our clothes quickly. Then, we have to search for food. But this woman refuses to leave! Why is she rowing around for so long?

Chapter 47: No Better Time to Throw Her Aside

An Jiuyue glanced at her and replied, "It's not even noon yet."

She had decided to patrol the waters every morning and evening to rescue everyone she could. If she left now, she could miss rescuing someone who drifted by now and might be swept away later.

To be honest, she had hoped that some of the villagers who knew how to swim would come with her. However, she quickly gave up on that. The men here were not as generous and open-minded as many of the women were. It was extremely difficult to assign tasks to them.

"You—"

The woman was furious.

"Sister Ling, we're already lucky enough to be saved by this lady. Let's wait a little longer. There might be other people who need to be rescued." The young lady named Yan Yan spoke up for An Jiuyue.

She felt that it was much better to be sitting in the raft than immersed in the water. Although they were cold now, they could at least start a fire at noon.

"Other people who need to be rescued? If they're dead, so be it! Bring us to the mountain immediately, you b*tch! Otherwise, I'll kill you when the floodwaters subside!" Sister Ling did not take Yan Yan's words to heart and shouted at An Jiuyue.

An Jiuyue was silent.

Are people these days so ungrateful?

"I can promise you that if you say another word, I'll leave you in the water. What do you think?"

An Jiuyue spoke gently, but anyone could discern that it was a threat.

In fact, she was fully capable of doing such a thing.

“That’s right, that’s right! Master, hurry up and throw this difficult person back into the water! She is an ingrate! She might even back-stab you in the future,” Wei Na persuaded hurriedly.

It had seen this happen too many times in the past. Saving ungrateful people like her would only invite trouble!

There was no better time to throw her aside.

“Cut the crap. I will earn lesser points if I throw her overboard,” An Jiuyue snapped.

I can earn 10 points for every person I rescue. Earning points is the most important thing now. I can always deal with people like her in the future.

“Xue Ling is just a little hot-tempered. She means no harm. Please forgive her, Miss.”

The man had a firm expression and spoke gently to An Jiuyue, as colors slowly returned to his cheeks. However, his gaze turned cold as he glanced at Xue Ling. It frightened her, and her body shook with fear. She kept quiet immediately.

And as if that was not enough, she also clamped a hand over her mouth.

An Jiuyue did not reply, her beautiful eyes fixed on the water, observing every movement.

Suddenly, she heard the sound of a child crying in the distance. She turned her head slightly and stopped rowing as she listened carefully.

Before she could make out where the sound came from, the man beside her pointed it out to her accurately. “There. That water basin.”

The sound came from a water basin that was floating down.

An Jiuyue took a deep breath and began rowing with the bamboo pole quickly, trying to catch up to the water basin. However, the water basin was much lighter than the raft and drifted very far away.

Chapter 48: She Was Impressed by This Lady!

The currents were so strong that they almost overturned the basin a couple of times, causing everyone to gasp in fear.

“F*ck, are you trying to bully me because my raft is not as light as you?” An Jiuyue cursed under her breath.

Throwing her bamboo pole down on the raft, she took off her cotton-padded jacket and pants and jumped into the water with a splash.

“Miss!”

The man was too late to stop her as she was already swimming quickly towards the water basin.

Yan Yan was stunned as she watched An Jiuyue, who swam like a fish in the water.

She had never met anyone other than her older brother who would risk their lives to save others. Today, she finally met another person like that.

An Jiuyue finally caught up to the water basin and found two children inside. One of them was sleeping soundly, completely undisturbed by the other child’s crying.

An Jiuyue remained silent.

The child may not understand that a flood was going on, but An Jiuyue found it rather amazing that the child could sleep so peacefully despite the wails blaring like a loudspeaker.

However, there was no time to waste. An Jiuyue grabbed the water basin with an arm and slowly made her way back to the bamboo raft.

The man had already picked up the bamboo pole and was steering the bamboo raft towards her.

“Brother Yun, let’s not care about her. Let’s go to the mountain over there.”

Xue Ling brazenly told the man to ignore An Jiuyue, who was still in the water. She was shivering from the cold and could not be bothered to care about others.

“Sister Ling, how can you do this?” Yan Yan looked at Xue Ling in disbelief.

Is this still the kind Sister Ling I’ve always known?

It made her wonder if all the kindnesses Xue Ling showed in the past were just a pretense to win her favor and get close to her brother.

The other two people rescued by An Jiuyue could not stand it any longer.

One of them spoke to Xue Ling unhappily, “Miss, this bamboo raft belongs to that lady.”

“That lady was willing to brave the heavy rain and even jumped into the water to rescue people. How can you say such things?” the other questioned her in disapproval.

An Jiuyue and Xue Ling looked about the same age, but they were so drastically different from each other.

One was willing to risk her life to save others, while the other was complaining from the comfort of the bamboo raft after suffering a little from the cold winds.

Everyone was only saved because of the young lady rowing the bamboo raft. If not for her, who knew where the currents would bring them?

“You... You all... I’m talking to Brother Yun, so why are you interfering?” Xue Ling snapped back at the outsiders who questioned her.

I’m just a woman. I was in the water for so long. Can’t I find a place to rest? Why is everyone scolding me? What did I do wrong?

“Master, see! I told you you rescued an ingrate! She wanted to convince the others to abandon you when you went to rescue someone else! This is intolerable!” Wei Na said angrily when it heard their conversation.

Fortunately, the others were sensible and grateful. If they had agreed with her, I will not let them off so easily! I’ll make sure they stay submerging in the water!

Chapter 49: Immeasurably Beneficent

“You should just shut up. I’m already tired enough,” An Jiuyue said as she swam.

While the people on the bamboo raft showed hostility toward Xue Ling, as if ready to skin her alive, the bamboo raft gradually approached An Jiuyue

An Jiuyue, who was still in the water, pushed the water basin up first. “Let’s get them up first.”

“Master, let me do it.” The man’s subordinate immediately took the water basin from An Jiuyue. He was stunned to see the two children in the water basin.

Everyone had assumed that there was only one child, but there were two! One of them was sound asleep, and the other was crying. That was why they had thought that there was only one child.

The man pulled An Jiuyue up.

“Huff!” She sat on the bamboo raft and exhaled loudly but quickly looked towards the two children in the water basin.

The other two people gave An Jiuyue a thumbs up and complimented, “Miss, you’re immeasurably beneficent! When these children grow up, they will definitely repay you. You saved their lives.”

An Jiuyue paid no attention to their words and simply smiled at them.

She had wanted to search the area for a while longer. However, she realized that she could not do so anymore now that they had two children with them.

It had been raining persistently, and water had accumulated in the water basin. The two children had been lying in the water and were freezing.

She decided immediately. “Let’s go back.”

“Pft,” Xue Ling sneered and looked at An Jiuyue in disdain.

“You didn’t care about us when we were all soaked. But now that you’re soaked too, you decided it’s time to go back. Why don’t you just stay in the water?”

An Jiuyue chuckled, raising her hand to pinch her forehead.

Instantly, she reached out to grab Xue Ling by the collar and lifted her up. Turning around, she held Xue Ling over the water.

“Ah! Save me! Brother Yun, save me! She wants to kill me!”

Xue Ling kicked her legs in fear and looked at the man for help. However, the man was indifferent and gazed at her coldly.

“Brother Yun, save—”

“Shut up!” An Jiuyue shouted.

“Did you really think that I’m a saint who will let you condemn me however you want? I tolerated you because I am only here to rescue people, and I thought of you as a victim of this natural disaster!

“If you don’t want me to rescue you, you can just go back into the water! How about that? Shall I let you go? Hmm?”

Xue Ling grabbed An Jiuyue’s wrist tightly, her face pale with fright.

“No... don’t. I... I won’t do it anymore. It’s my fault. I shouldn’t have criticized you. Put... put me down.”

Xue Ling was too afraid to say anything harsh and could only apologize.

“Hmph!” An Jiuyue tossed her back onto the bamboo raft.

Without wasting any more time, she reached out to take the bamboo pole from the man’s hand. However, he did not return it to her.

“Where are we going? Direct the way,” he said.

An Jiuyue raised her eyebrows.

Since he was willing to row the raft for her, she gladly accepted the free labor and relaxed.

“Go there.” She pointed to a location and sat down to inspect the dry cotton clothes she had removed.

She then picked up one of the children and brought the child to Yan Yan.

Chapter 50: Make Her Pay for Embarrassing Me

“You carry the child.”

Yan Yan received the child into her arms and watched as An Jiuyue swiftly removed the other child’s clothes and wrapped them in one of her cotton clothes. She poured away the water in the basin and placed the child back inside.

She took the first child from Yan Yan and repeated the same steps.

Her quick actions left everyone stunned.

“We’ll have to make do with these clothes first.”

She placed the child back into the water basin too and covered the basin with her straw raincoat.

“Miss, you... you’re amazing,” the other two people complimented An Jiuyue, giving her a thumbs up again.

The cotton clothes were still dry, so they thought that she was going to wear them. They did not expect her to put them on the children immediately.

An Jiuyue smiled at them and rubbed her hands together.

Everyone was wearing thick clothes and could withstand the wind. However, she was only wearing her innerwear.

I am so freaking cold!

However, it was more important to keep the two children warm.

“Do you not know how to row? Row faster,” she urged, raising her head to look at the man.

The man glanced at her briefly and quickened his movements.

Soon, they arrived at the place An Jiuyue specified and stopped the bamboo raft.

“Jiuyue, what happened to you?”

Two men greeted them at the foot of the mountain. They were shocked when they saw An Jiuyue wearing only her innerwear.

They wondered if she had accidentally fallen into the water.

An Jiuyue looked at them and asked, “Why are you here?”

“Oh, the Junior Officer came to look for the Chief just now. We know how to swim so he told us to come and replace you. You should go back first. We will monitor the area and rescue anyone we see,” one of them explained.

They were men—they should be the ones responsible for these things. It was embarrassing for a young woman like An Jiuyue to do it. Hence, they volunteered to come.

“Alright, I’ll go now. I’ll bring you lunch later,” An Jiuyue said.

“It’s okay. We’ve brought along two pancakes from Aunt Ju. It’s enough,” they said, patting their chests.

An Jiuyue nodded and did not say anything else. Carrying the large wooden basin, she led the five people up the mountain.

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“Jiuyue, what happened to you?”

A group of people were standing under the tree, talking and laughing. Aunt Ju rushed over when she saw An Jiuyue return with a few people. She was in a sorry state.

“I’m fine. I jumped into the water and saved these two babies.” An Jiuyue glanced at the wooden basin in the man’s arms.

“Aunt Ju, is the plain porridge ready?”

“We’re still cooking. We haven’t added the wild vegetables yet,” Aunt Ju replied.

“Then...”

“I know, I know. We’ll scoop some porridge for the two babies before adding the wild vegetables,” Aunt Ju said, “You should hurry home and change your clothes. Don’t catch a cold.”

“Okay.” An Jiuyue nodded.

She turned around and looked at the people she brought along.

“The men can light a fire and dry your own clothes. The women can follow me up and change into my clothes. As for those who don’t like wearing other people’s clothes, I won’t force you.”

She glanced at Xue Ling meaningfully.

Xue Ling looked embarrassed and cursed An Jiuyue internally.

I will make her pay for embarrassing me in the future!