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Chapter 161 Inviting Someone to Drink Pork Soup

The two fat pigs that had already been killed were placed on long stools in the courtyard.

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Li Xiaoran saw it as soon as she stepped into the courtyard. It was difficult not to see it.

“Why did you buy two pigs, and they were already killed?” Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and asked.

“Didn’t you say so? It’s almost the new year, so we’re going to make cured meat and sausages. I bought the pork for you!” Luo Cheng replied.

“But why did you kill the pig?” Li Xiaoran asked in amusement.

“Should I have brought them back alive?” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran in confusion and replied.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she was immediately amused.

“Husband, could it be that you haven’t killed pigs before in the past?”

Luo Cheng shook his head.

Now, Li Xiaoran finally understood.

“During the new year, we have to kill pigs, drink pork soup, and make cured meat sausages. We have to invite our relatives, friends, and villagers over to help kill the pigs in our own home. After killing the pigs, we have to gather everyone to sit together and drink pork soup. It’s equivalent to a year of reunion. After that, we have to split the pork. The meat that is made of cured meat will be sliced and marinated. The meat that is made of sausages will be cut into pieces and seasoned before being poured into the pig intestines. After that, it will be dried and smoked with cypress trees. This is the way to celebrate!” Li Xiaoran said patiently.

“If you kill the pig first, it’ll ruin the fun. Besides, the pig blood you received when you killed the pig is also good stuff. The food made from pig blood is also very delicious. Sigh, what a pity!” At this point, Li Xiaoran sighed.

“Then why don’t I buy another pig to kill?” Luo Cheng suggested.

“Don’t listen to Xiaoran. You’ve already brought back the pork, so why kill pigs?! Actually, this is good too. It saves us some trouble. However, who in our group knows how to split pork? We have to find a butcher to split the pork!” Zhao Xiu was shocked when she heard her son-in-law’s words and quickly ran out to stop him.

These two pigs were enough for them. It would be too much to buy another pig to kill. It would be too eye-catching.

Li Shun thought of something and said, "Why don't we call Guan Dongshan to split the pork?! We can call their family over for a gathering! It's been a long time since our families sat together and talked!"

Zhao Xiu's heart skipped a beat, but she looked at her daughter and son-in-law.

After all, Guan Dongshan and He Hui still had some trouble. She wondered if calling them over would cause trouble for her daughter and son-in-law.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "In that case, Xiaoran and I will invite someone over! We can also call Little Huzi and his grandma over. We can have a good gathering today!"

"Then I'll call Little Huzi!" Li Xiaoqing immediately took the initiative to invite Little Huzi and his grandma over.

"Alright, let Xiao Qing invite Little Huzi!" Li Xiaoran looked at her sister's happy expression and said with a smile.

Just like that, everyone got to work.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng went to invite Guan Dongshan's family, Li Xiaoqing went to invite Little Huzi's family, and Luo Ziyang continued to watch those people outside dig fruit trees.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu quickly prepared everything they needed. When Guan Dongshan arrived, they could cut the meat directly.

On the way to Guan Dongshan's house, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked, "Do you want to send a message to Luo Han too?! After all, it's almost the new year. Invite him over for a reunion meal!"

"Will we make it if we call him now?" Luo Cheng asked with raised eyebrows.

"Why not? If it's a reunion dinner, it's usually at night. If we ask someone to invite him now, Luo Han can still make it in time for the reunion dinner at night!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

"I see! Then I'll send someone to call him!" As he spoke, Luo Cheng called out the secret guard and instructed him.

After the secret guard left, Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran.

"You don't seem surprised!"

"What's there to be surprised about? From the beginning, I felt that you were different from us. Besides, no matter what your identity is, you're still you, so it doesn't matter if I know about it or not." Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and said, "To me, as long as you're my husband, treat me and my family well, that's enough!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately smiled.

“Don’t worry, I’ll be good to you and your family!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and started talking about other things.

“Do you think those people who were secretly monitoring the Guan family are still around?”

“No, they’ve all left!” Luo Cheng replied.

“Huh? When did this happen?” Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise.

“On the day Guan Dongshan returned, those people disappeared! I’m thinking that on the one hand, those people might be protecting He Hui’s safety, and on the other hand, they might have met her before!” Luo Cheng voiced his guess.

“In that case, my parents can interact with Aunt Hui and the others normally in the future?” Li Xiaoran said happily.

“If I’m not mistaken, that should be the case!” Luo Cheng nodded.

“That’s great! Although my parents have some good relationships in the village, there are very few friends who can really help. If we can interact with Aunt Hui’s family normally, I believe my parents will be very happy too!” Li Xiaoran said happily, “Actually, it’s better to have friends! We don’t need too many. Just one or two is enough!”

Luo Cheng thought of his own matters and nodded. “You’re right. One or two are enough!”

As he spoke, Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, “Then when will you have friends?”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and smiled.

“I will! Just because there aren’t any now doesn’t mean there won’t be any in the future! I’m sure I’ll find friends who like me!”

Luo Cheng did not expect that Li Xiaoran would really make very good friends in the future.

This made him quite resentful towards Li Xiaoran’s friends!

These people always occupied his wife’s time, causing him and his wife to have fewer time to spend together!

When Guan Dongshan heard that Li Shun had invited them to Luo Cheng’s house to split the pork for a reunion meal, he readily agreed.

After bringing the tools for killing the pigs, Guan Dongshan brought his wife and child to the Luo family’s house with Luo Cheng.

When Luo Cheng brought his men back, he heard Little Huzi’s cheerful shout from afar.

“They’re here. Brother Luo Cheng is back with them!”

When Li Shun saw Guan Dongshan, he quickly went forward to welcome him.

“Hahaha, Brother Guan, it’s great that you’re here! Hurry up. Cut the pig heads for us!”

“Leave this to me! The first thing I did when I came back was to take this out and grind it. It came in handy today!” Guan Dongshan said with a hearty smile.

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Soon, the men hung up the two pigs.

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The two pigs were divided into four parts, so they found four wooden ladders.

Zhao Xiu and He Hui were spreading washed banana leaves on the flat lid. They could use them to store pork later.

Li Xiaoqing and Little Huzi were with Guan Kang. The three of them went to tease Big Yellow and the others.

Li Xiaoran and Little Huzi’s grandmother tidied up the vegetables they had picked from the field and placed them in the water to wash.

“In the entire village, the round radishes your father planted are the most best!” Little Huzi’s grandmother cut off the roots of the round radish with a knife and praised, “Speaking of which, if your father is ranked second, no one will be ranked first!”

“If you like them, you can bring two back later! My father planted a lot, and our family can’t eat so much!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

“If you say so, then I won’t stand on ceremony! I’m an old person, so I like to eat radishes, especially when stewed with pork trotters. Radishes are also very soft. It just so happens that I have bad teeth!” Little Huzi’s grandmother replied with a smile.

“Don’t stand on ceremony with us. If you want to eat it, tell Little Huzi. We’ll let Little Huzi carry it back for you!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “You also said that my father is good at farming. In the future, you won’t have to worry about these vegetables and fruits! In the future, if you want to eat anything, feel free to come and get it!”

“Alright, alright, I’ll come shamelessly!” Little Huzi’s grandmother also smiled.

Soon, a large pile of pig guts was cut off.

Next, they dealt with pieces of pork.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran first took some pork and planned to fry some crispy meat and meatballs.

In addition, Li Xiaoran also cut some pig liver.

“Xiao Qing, go out to the orchard and pick some blood-skinned vegetables!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and stood in the courtyard to shout.

“Got it, Sister!” Li Xiaoqing replied as she ran back to get the basket and went out to get blood-skinned vegetables.

Zhao Xiu thought of something and said, “Speaking of which, with more people around, it’s livelier today. Let’s go to the fields to pick some peas later and cut some chives. Let’s make chive dumplings tonight!”

“Don’t. How much can we eat?! There’s already enough meat!” He Hui quickly dissuaded.

“Aunt Hui, listen to my mother! It’s rare for us to gather for a reunion. It won’t spoil even if we make more dumplings.” Li Xiaoran felt that her mother’s idea was very good and agreed.

“I love dumplings!” Guan Kang, who had just returned from picking vegetables with Li Xiaoqing, heard something and said.

“Yes, yes, yes, we like dumplings too!” When Li Xiaoqing heard Guan Kang’s words, she quickly expressed her intentions.

“We’ll definitely eat dumplings tonight. There’s plenty!” Zhao Xiu waved her hand and said generously.

Now, the three children cheered.

He Hui saw the happy smile on her son’s face and did not object anymore.

Seeing that Guan Kang could jump and run, Zhao Xiu nudged He Hui and lowered her voice. “Kang’er has recovered, right?”

“Yes, he’s cured! Kang’er was lucky and had some fortuitous encounters. His health is much better now, but he’s a little weaker than a normal child. It’ll be fine as long as we pay more attention to his body when the weather changes!” He Hui replied with a smile.

“Thank God, this is a good thing! As parents, no matter how difficult or tiring life is, as long as the child is well, everything is worth it! Kang’er’s current situation is due to your hard work all these years!” When Zhao Xiu heard this, she was happy for He Hui from the bottom of her heart.

“That’s right! Congratulations on escaping that living hell and welcoming a good life! Although your son-in-law has a cold personality, he’s not a bad person!” He Hui was sincerely happy for Zhao Xiu.

“That’s right. Everyone thinks that my son-in-law is a mean person. I used to think so too. After Xiaoran married over, we realized that we were wrong. Speaking of which, it’s all thanks to my son-in-law that we can live a good life now. If it were anyone else, they might not have been able to deal with the Li family!” Zhao Xiu said.

“That’s why people have to see if they’re fated or not. When a suitable pot is matched with a suitable lid, it’s called marriage!” He Hui said, “Just like how others think that Li Yan is good, but I don’t think so!”

Since they were just chatting, Zhao Xiu asked, “What do you mean?”

“Others might not know what Li Yan is like, but you and I know. A person like her, who has high standards but low abilities, definitely won’t have a good life if she marries a scholar! If Pei Xuanxin doesn’t have much success in his life, Li Yan might have a better life. If Pei Xuanxin really has achievements, Li Yan will have a hard time in the future!” He Hui said wisely.

“How can that be? If Pei Xuanxin becomes successful in the future, won’t Li Yan’s life be better?” Zhao Xiu was a little puzzled. “Could it be that women shouldn’t marry scholars?!”

“You can’t let one bad apple spoil the bunch. It depends on the person. It’s not that I don’t think highly of Pei Xuanxin, but I don’t think highly of Li Yan. With Li Yan’s personality, she can even turn a good life into a bad one. Do you believe me?” He Hui said.

When Zhao Xiu heard this, she thought about it carefully. It seemed to be true.

“Who cares? It has nothing to do with us! The best thing for me is that we’re away from the Li family. I don’t have to work for them anymore!”

“That’s true. I think the Li family will definitely regret it in the future!” He Hui also knew how Zhao Xiu had lived in the past and said with a smile.

Zhao Xiu looked at Li Shun and lowered her voice. “It doesn’t matter if they regret it or not. As long as they don’t disturb us, it’ll be fine! This matter really broke my man’s heart!”

“I should have seen through it long ago. It’s not that I want to criticize Li Shun. He’s not a bad person, but it’s just that he’s much more timid when it comes to his parents. If he had toughened up earlier, your family wouldn’t have been bullied all the time!” He Hui said.

Zhao Xiu nodded and then talked about other things.

After all, it was already over. It was better not to say anything more about it.

After the pork was divided piece by piece, Zhao Xiu and He Hui got busy.

They picked out some meat to make bacon and sausages, then everyone got busy.

Li Xiaoqing and the other two children did not play anymore. Instead, they went to the kitchen to help Li Xiaoran.

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Little Huzi's grandmother and Zhao Xiu rubbed the selected pork pieces with salt before marinating them in the ceramic jar.

The men were packing up pig brains, pig trotters, pig tails, and pig intestines.

The pig's skull had the most fur, so they had to remove the fur with tongs and then burn the pig skin.

This was a meticulous task that was handed directly to Luo Cheng.

Guan Dongshan and Li Shun took the wood ashes to the stream to wash the pig intestines.

It couldn't be helped. This thing was delicious, but it smelled too bad.

If they really washed it at home, it would consume a lot of water and make the entire courtyard stink. That was why the two of them chose to wash it by the river.

When the two of them returned with a stench, Li Xiaoran had also finished preparing lunch.

There were two large tables of dishes. There were meat and vegetables, as well as Little Huzi's grandmother's favorite big bone radish soup.

"I remember that we haven't eaten tofu pudding in a long time!" Zhao Xiu looked at the big table of dishes and suddenly thought of something. "I suddenly want to eat tofu pudding!"

"If you want to eat it, let's make the arrangements! It's too late today. Let's eat it tomorrow!" Li Xiaoran craved it a little as well after hearing her mother's words.

"If you want tofu pudding, go to my house!" He Hui thought of something and said, "Our families haven't had a good gathering yet. Come to my house to eat tofu pudding tomorrow night. Just treat it as a reunion! Fifth Aunt, bring Little Huzi along!"

"Alright, I can't do anything else, but I can give you more beans when you grind them!" Little Huzi's grandmother agreed with a smile.

"That's great. Little Huzi can play with me again tomorrow!" Guan Kang said happily.

Guan Dongshan was happy to see that his son was much more cheerful than before.

"That's right. Come to my house tomorrow night! I know you guys have to set up the noodle stall at noon, so I'll treat you to dinner!"

"Sure! Li Shun agreed happily!"

"It just so happens that I want to try this tofu pudding too!" Luo Cheng said with a smile.

"Yes, yes, yes. I want to try it too!" Luo Ziyang said.

As soon as the brothers said this, the others looked over.

“Don’t tell me you haven’t eaten tofu pudding before?” Li Xiaoran asked.

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang nodded at the same time, indicating that they had really never eaten it.

“Sigh, you guys have really missed out on so many delicious things!” Li Xiaoran teased with a smile, “It’s fine. Let’s go to Aunt Hui’s house to eat tofu pudding tomorrow so you guys can try delicious food too!”

“Yes, come tomorrow. I have enough for everyone!” He Hui said with a smile.

After that, everyone chatted and laughed as they ate.

After eating and drinking, everyone did not rest and continued to help.

It was the women’s business to cut the meat. The men would do the moving of the pots and the filling of sausages.

There was strength in numbers. It only took a day for the meat in Luo Cheng’s house to be marinated and the sausages to be filled.

After that, the group sat around again.

Some people kneaded the skin of the dumplings, while others made filling for the dumplings.

When Luo Han arrived, the flat lid in the courtyard was already filled with round dumplings filled with chives and pork.

“It’s not the new year yet, but you’ve already wrapped the dumplings in advance?” Luo Han said with a smile.

“Stop joking. Hurry up and wash your hands!” Luo Cheng waved at Luo Han and said.

Luo Han felt that making dumplings was something he had never experienced before, so he quickly washed his hands and came over to make dumplings together.

At first, the dumplings that Luo Han made were too ugly, but he gradually became proficient in making dumplings.

“Look, it’s not difficult to make dumplings! If I live in a foreign country in the future, with such good skills, I think I can survive!” Luo Han said proudly.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he couldn’t help but rain on his parade.

“Who would hire someone to make dumplings?!”

Luo Han was feeling smug when he heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“Hey, can’t you say something nice?!” Luo Han complained.

“I know how to say nice things, but not to you!” Luo Cheng said in disdain.

As soon as he said this, everyone couldn’t help but laugh and look at Li Xiaoran teasingly.

Li Xiaoran felt that she was innocent!

At night, the food was even more sumptuous.

They all showcased their specialties. The dishes looked much better than the ones they had at noon.

The most popular food was actually the dumplings filled with chives and pork.

Of course, there were a lot of dumplings, so there were still a lot left.

At night, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu gave some dumplings to Little Huzi and his granddaughter.

“By the way, I remember that Yuan Cheng lives alone in the shop now! Why don’t we get someone to send some cooked dumplings over?!” Li Xiaoran suddenly remembered that they had neglected someone.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “Send these wrapped dumplings to Yuan Cheng directly! If he wants to eat them, let him cook them himself. There’s a pot over there!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and packed some dumplings for her father to send to Yuan Cheng.

“If there was an ice cellar, these dumplings could have been frozen!” Li Xiaoran looked at the remaining dumplings and couldn’t help but sigh.

“It’s not snowing outside. If we can save some ice after it snows, we can make an ice cellar! However, it’ll only be useful for a short time. It won’t work in the summer!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and asked, “Husband, can you find saltpeter?!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his eyes narrowed.

“Saltpeter? Are you talking about the kind of saltpeter used in alchemy?”

“Yes, that saltpeter! As long as you get some saltpeter, I can get you ice!” Li Xiaoran said firmly.

“Are you sure that’s all?” Luo Cheng was shocked and asked anxiously.

“If you don’t believe me, give me the saltpeter. I’ll show you!” Li Xiaoran said when she saw that Luo Cheng did not believe her.

“Wait, I might not have anything else, but I do have saltpeter!” With that, Luo Cheng went to look for Luo Ziyang.

The buddies left the house together and returned a moment later with some saltpeter.

After Li Xiaoran carefully identified everything and confirmed that it was the saltpeter she needed, she asked Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang to get two buckets of water.

Soon, the water was ready.

Li Xiaoran did not know how much saltpeter was needed, so she could only add it in small amounts.

Soon, the saltpeter dissolved in the water and the surrounding temperature decreased.

And the bucket of water froze into ice in front of Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang.

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Luo Cheng realized it quickly, but his first reaction was to look around and sense what was going on.

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After confirming that only the three of them had seen this scene, Luo Cheng heaved a sigh of relief.

“Ziyang, go and guard the area nearby. Don’t let anyone get close!”

Luo Ziyang also knew the importance of this matter. He nodded and walked out of the kitchen to guard outside.

“Xiaoran, remember what I said today! Don’t tell anyone that you know how to make ice with saltpeter in the future. Even if someone asks, you can’t say a word!” Luo Cheng said with a serious expression.

“Just because saltpeter can make ice?” Li Xiaoran understood something.

“That’s right. This is a profitable thing! Saltpeter might not be useful for commoners, but it’s very easy for those nobles to obtain. Once someone grasps this formula, they can earn a lot of money as long as it’s not made public. If you know this method, the other party might even kill you to silence you!” Luo Cheng explained the seriousness of the matter.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Why should we be afraid? If we announce this method and everyone knows how to make ice, there won’t be such trouble!”

Luo Cheng was stunned when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Actually, I think it’s better to publicize this method! Then, everyone can make ice, and ice can be used in many places in the future. For example, when the lychees in Jiangnan ripen, they can be placed on carriages with ice and transported to the capital to sell. There are also other places that produce lake seafood, which can also be preserved with ice and transported elsewhere. A lot of delicious fruit can also be preserved by using the low temperature of ice and be transported back and forth between the south and north to facilitate the development of business!” Li Xiaoran voiced her idea.

It had to be said that the prospects described by Li Xiaoran were very tempting, but Luo Cheng also knew very well that it was not easy to do this.

“Wife, you’re thinking too simply!” Luo Cheng said earnestly, “Money is tempting, while greed is bewitching. You also know how much benefits there will be after ice is made available. Don’t you think that some people will go crazy and kill everyone who

knows about it after they get the method? Perhaps, before this method is spread, many people will be killed because of this method. Is this outcome something you can bear?"

Luo Cheng's words made Li Xiaoran come to her senses.

As the saying went, a precious stone would land its innocent possessor in jail.

If the benefits were huge enough, they could make some people do crazy things.

The possibilities Luo Cheng mentioned would definitely happen.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran felt a sense of bone-chilling coldness that made her uncomfortable.

Perhaps sensing Li Xiaoran's fear, Luo Cheng walked forward and hugged her.

"Don't be afraid, I'm here! Don't worry, I won't let anything happen to you!"

At this moment, Li Xiaoran realized that if this method of making ice spread, her family would be the first to suffer.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran felt extremely clear-headed and her back was covered in cold sweat.

If someone else found out about her method of making ice today, that person might have killed her.

Fortunately, she hadn't met anyone like that.

"Husband, thank you!" Li Xiaoran said in a hoarse voice, "Thank you for protecting me wholeheartedly!"

"What are you saying?! Fool!" Luo Cheng heard said, "You believe me with all your heart, so I naturally can't let you down!"

As Luo Cheng spoke, he reached out and touched Li Xiaoran's smooth black hair.

"If you think of anything in the future, think about it carefully in your mind first. Don't say it out loud! Wife, I'm actually very afraid. I'm so afraid that others will see how outstanding you are, because those people will definitely think of ways to snatch you away from me. Therefore, in the future, please hide your talent for me and your family. Don't show how outstanding you are in front of others!"

Li Xiaoran did not expect Luo Cheng to say that. It sounded ridiculous, but on careful thought, it was very likely to be true.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran actually realized something.

The space-time here was completely different from that of the modern city she had lived in. She could not think about things in this space-time with modern thoughts.

In this place, imperial power was supreme. The royal family and the rich and powerful were much stronger than the commoners.

If she wanted to live a simple and happy life, she couldn't reveal everything she knew.

If Luo Cheng had not reminded her this time, she probably would not have thought of this at all. She definitely would have caused a lot of trouble in the future.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Husband, I understand! Don't worry! In the future, I won't show off my abilities! However, if you have any problems that you can't solve in the future, you can tell me. Perhaps I can solve your problem!"

"Alright! If there's a need, I'll definitely ask you to help me!" Luo Cheng promised solemnly.

"Then what should we do now?" Li Xiaoran pointed at the bucket of ice in front of her and said.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "Since you've already told me, I naturally have to make use of it! But don't worry, everything will be done in secret! In a while, I'll go to a place not far away and build an icehouse. We can put the dumplings in there and freeze them tonight!"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Then put the extra meat in the ice cave to refrigerate! It won't taste good if it's all made into cured meat. Put some fresh pork there and we'll finish it slowly over the holidays!"

"Alright! Leave these things to me!" Luo Cheng nodded and agreed to Li Xiaoran's request.

For the rest of the night, Li Xiaoran did not see Luo Cheng again.

Li Xiaoran was really sleepy and could only lie down and sleep.

Luo Cheng did not return to his room until the rooster crowed in the morning.

Looking at the sleeping Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng rubbed his cold hands and returned to his own room to sleep.

Because everyone had been busy all day yesterday, they woke up late the next morning.

Fortunately, it was only noon, so it was fine even if they woke up later.

It would take another two days to finish digging the fruit trees in the orchard, so Luo Ziyang remained at home to count the trees and pay the person who dug them.

When Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng was sleeping soundly in his room, she knew that he must have been busy last night, so she did not disturb him.

Luo Ziyang thought of something and reminded her, "Sister-in-law, the shop is almost ready! We can move the noodle stall to the shop. Anyway, we'll only be selling knife-cut noodles at noon. Why don't we take this opportunity to move the stall to the shop?! It's getting colder every day. It's better to sell knife-cut noodles in the shop!"

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Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "I'll go take a look first! If it's really suitable, we'll move in today!"

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With that, Li Xiaoran looked at her father, Li Shun, who had just finished breakfast.

“Father, come with me to the shop! If there’s no problem, we’ll move the noodle stall to the shop today!”

When Li Shun heard this, he quickly drank the last mouthful of rice soup and wiped his mouth before walking over.

“It’s time to move into the shop! It’s too cold outside!” Li Shun felt sorry for his family, so when he heard that they were going to check out the shop, he immediately became invigorated.

Soon, the father and daughter walked towards the shop.

Yuan Cheng had just woken up and cooked some dumplings to eat. When he saw Li Xiaoran and Li Shun coming, he smiled and greeted them.

“Third Uncle Li, Sister-in-law, you’re here! Have you two eaten yet? Do you want to eat some dumplings together?”

“No need. We’ve already eaten. We came to look at the shop! You can eat first!” Li Shun replied as he looked at the shop.

Li Xiaoran also followed behind her father and looked around.

Li Shun stepped on various things and knocked around. Finally, he nodded in satisfaction.

“Not bad! Daughter, this shop is built very solidly! Look, the main beam is also very thick. Even if snow piles on the roof, we won’t have to be worried that it will collapse!”

Li Xiaoran could not discern anything, so she could only watch.

Hearing her father’s words, Li Xiaoran was relieved.

“Then can we use this shop?”

“It’s done. The shop at the side is completely dry. It’s not a problem to move in directly. The other shops still need to be parched. If we just move the noodle stall over, it won’t be a problem!” Li Shun said.

“Third Uncle Li, can Mao Dao and I move in too?” Mao Dao held a bowl of dumplings and asked as he ate.

Li Shun looked around and said, “Of course! The shop is so big and has a double burner stove. It’s enough to cook noodles and steamed buns. Even if it’s not enough, you can bring an iron stove over and steam the buns in front of this window. If customers come, they can come straight to the window to buy them. It’s very convenient!”

Li Xiaoran took a closer look and felt that this arrangement was really good.

“Alright, let’s do as Father says. We’ll move the noodle stall to the shop today. We won’t have to worry about being exposed to the elements anymore!”

“Then I’ll eat the dumplings and go look for Mao Dao. Let him come over quickly to move the things! In the future, we’ll also be able to benefit!” Yuan Cheng said with a smile.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “It just so happens that after we have a shop, I can teach you how to make steamed buns and rolls in my free time. Practice first. We’ll officially start selling them after the new year!”

“Alright, I’ll listen to you!” Yuan Cheng nodded and said.

Li Xiaoran was a straightforward person. She did whatever she said she would.

The father and daughter quickly ran home. Everyone packed their things and moved them to the shop.

Luo Chen also woke up. When he heard that Li Xiaoran and the others were going to move things to the shop, he quickly ate breakfast and started moving things to the shop.

There was no need to set up a stall, so many things could be directly moved to the shop.

There seemed to be a lot of things, but there was strength in numbers!

Guan Dongshan bumped into Li Shun and the others moving things to the shop, so he helped.

Two hours before noon, everything was placed in the shop neatly.

“It’s almost time to sell the noodles. Let’s knead the noodles quickly!” Li Xiaoran looked at the sun outside and said.

The others nodded. Those who knew how to knead dough ran over and kneaded it.

Luo Cheng took out the sign he had prepared and hung it on the plaque.

In addition, Luo Cheng also asked someone to rust a flag with the words “sliced noodles” on it and hang it on the roof of the shop so that people who came from afar could see that this was a noodle shop.

Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng also opened the window and steamed buns.

Soon, those people passing by on the official road noticed the shop and rushed over.

At this moment, there were no more than two stalls selling food by the pipeline.

Some families could not stand the cold, so they did not come to sell things anymore.

The shop was quickly filled.

With so many people around, even Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao sold more steamed buns.

“As expected, it’s better to have a shop in the middle of winter. It can warm you up!” A traveling merchant drank the hot bone soup and sighed. “Shop owner, is the shop going to be open during the new year?”

“I don’t know yet!” Li Shun thought for a moment and replied honestly.

“I really hope your shop can be opened for the new year! That way, people like us who are still on the road during the new year will be lucky! It’s nice to be able to drink hot soup in the winter!” the merchant said.

When Yuan Cheng heard this, he immediately had an idea.

Anyway, he would be here for the new year, so he might as well keep this shop open!

Even if they could not sell noodles, it was fine to make some hot porridge and steam some steamed buns to sell!

After secretly making up his mind, Yuan Cheng planned to talk to Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran later.

Li Xiaoran could feel the strong emotions surging in the merchant’s heart. She looked at the people sitting in the shop and enjoying the warmth, then she had an idea.

Perhaps it was as her father had said before!

This shop was no longer just a shop. More often than not, it was a special existence to people during journeys.

“We have to keep our shop open during the new year!” Li Xiaoran had a smile on her face and said loudly in a clear voice, “Even on New Year’s Eve and the first day of the New Year, we’ll keep our shop open! Feel free to come!”

As soon as she said this, cheers sounded in the noodle shop.

“That’s great. Then I’ll come here for the New Year!” At this moment, a familiar figure appeared again.

This person was none other than Old Madam Jin, a frequent customer.

“Not bad. It’s better to have a shop! In the future, when I come over to eat noodles, I don’t have to worry about wind and rain!” Old Madam Jin said as she sized up the shop.

When Zhao Xiu saw the regular, she quickly cleared a table.

“Do you still want the same order as usual?” Zhao Xiu asked with a smile.

“Yes, as usual! But if you add anything new to the menu, tell me. I might like it!” Old Madam Jin said as she sat down with the help of the old woman.

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Soon, a few bowls of sliced noodles were served. Old Madam Jin ate quietly.

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Unlike usual, Old Madam Jin didn’t leave immediately after eating the noodles. Instead, she sat there and sized up the shop.

“Little girl, can’t you leave a room for me in your shop?” Old Madam Jin suddenly looked at Li Xiaoran, who was walking back, and said.

Li Xiaoran was shocked. Then, she calmed down and sat beside Old Madam Jin.

“Old lady, are you too lonely and want to have fun in our noodle shop?” Li Xiaoran could feel Old Madam Jin’s loneliness, so she asked.

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she nodded. “I didn’t misjudge you. You’re the best at reading people!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin’s words, she thought for a moment and said, “Old lady, my shop is very small and there’s no room for you to stay. Look, there is a lot of land nearby. If you really want to join in the fun, why don’t you buy a piece of land nearby and build a small courtyard yourself? Not only can you live here, but you can also come to the shop every day!”

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her heart skipped a beat and her eyes lit up.

That was right. She was getting senile. Why hadn’t she thought of that?

“That’s right. I’ll just build a small courtyard and live there. When I’m free, I can even raise a cat or a dog. I can also plant some flowers that I like in the courtyard. I won’t have to worry about others! You’re indeed a straightforward girl. Your words make me feel so happy!” Old Madam Jin said happily.

With that, Old Madam Jin stood up and paid for the noodles before going to buy land to build the house.

Old Madam Jin’s energetic appearance really made people feel that she was in good spirits.

Li Shun came to his daughter’s side and reminded her, “Are you sure it’s better for this old lady to come to our shop often in the future?”

When Li Xiaoran heard her father’s words, she immediately laughed.

“Father, it’s fine! Actually, Old Madam Jin is quite interesting!”

“Alright, if you think it’s interesting, so be it!” Li Shun shook his head and went back to work.

Luo Cheng, who had been looking around the shop, only nodded when he heard that Old Madam Jin was going to build a house here.

Luo Cheng knew Li Xiaoran very well. Since Li Xiaoran had come up with such an idea, she naturally had her reasons.

After the customers in the shop left, Luo Cheng remembered what had happened today and asked.

“Why did you think of letting Old Madam Jin build the house here?”

“She’s too pitiful! She’s trapped and living uncomfortably. If she can overcome it, it’ll be good for herself and her family!” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng thought about the Kim family’s situation and nodded. He didn’t say anything else.

“Don’t you think I came up with a reckless idea?” Li Xiaoran asked after some thought.

“How can that be? If caring about others is called coming up with a reckless idea, then this world is too disappointing!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and suddenly laughed.

The man in front of her understood her.

“That’s right. There should be more warmth in this world!”

Luo Cheng looked up at Li Xiaoran and smiled at her.

“That’s right. We should give this world some warmth!”

Old Madam Jin was indeed a very proactive person. The next day, construction began on a piece of land not far away.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she couldn’t help but sigh. “It seems that Old Madam Jin is really bored!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he recalled his childhood and couldn’t help but say.

“Actually, the more luxurious the house and the more lavish one’s life is, the higher one’s position is, and the more restricted they will be! Only by returning to one’s true self can one be truly free!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she turned to look at him.

“So have you ever been trapped?”

When Luo Cheng heard this, he looked at Li Xiaoran.

He said nothing. He just smiled in silence.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran recalled that she had once entered Luo Cheng’s dream.

There was a trembling little boy in that ice cave!

Perhaps her husband was trapped at that time!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran reached out and placed her hand in Luo Cheng’s.

“Husband, it’s fine! You’re free now!”

Luo Cheng nodded and then held Li Xiaoran’s hand tightly.

He had once been in the dark and tried to break free.

Only all these years, he’d never known why he’d broken free.

Now, he finally understood.

He broke free from the darkness only because he wanted to have a warm light!

The person in front of him was the warm light he wanted!

“Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law, so you’re here! I’ve been looking for you two!” Yuan Cheng’s voice came from afar.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran turned around and looked over.

“It’s like this! Didn’t she say yesterday that she would keep the shop open? Actually, at that time, I thought of a way. I won’t go anywhere during the new year, so I might as well stay in the shop. Every day, I’ll cook some porridge and steam some buns to sell. I can let the people traveling have something warm to eat!”

Li Xiaoran thought about it and felt that it was a good idea.

“That’s right, we can prepare like this!” Li Xiaoran gave Yuan Cheng an affirmation and continued, “Actually, our family doesn’t have anywhere to go for the new year, so we can indeed open a shop!”

“Are you sure? Aren’t you going back to your uncle’s house this year?” Luo Cheng reminded, “I think Mother-in-law has been talking to Father-in-law about this several times. Mother-in-law really wants to go back to her parents’ house this year!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at Luo Cheng.

“Why didn’t I hear about this from my mother?”

“Mother-in-law naturally won’t tell you, but you have to consider it carefully!” Luo Cheng didn’t say that Luo Ziyang had overheard these words and only asked Li Xiaoran to consider it carefully.

“How about this! Yuan Cheng, you can prepare the porridge, buns, and steamed buns. As for the noodles and other food, we’ll talk about it after I’ve decided!” Li Xiaoran finally said, “You can take the money for the porridge, buns, and steamed buns you sell this time! But don’t be idle. You still have to go up the mountain to pick up some firewood!”

“Alright! Thank you, Sister-in-law. I understand!” Yuan Cheng nodded happily.

At the thought that he could still earn money during the new year, Yuan Cheng felt invigorated.

Chapter 167 Li Xiaoran’s Family

When Li Xiaoran returned and saw her mother busying, she suddenly felt a little guilty.

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Speaking of which, her parents would support her in whatever she wanted to do.

However, she was so focused on earning money that she forgot to let her mother go home to visit.

To be honest, ever since Li Xiaoran took over the Host’s body, she could feel her parents’ love for her at all times.

It could be said that in Li Xiaoran's heart, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu were her biological parents.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran decided to let everyone rest during the new year!

She could take this opportunity to return to her uncle's house with her mother.

She had not gone back to visit for so many years. She had to prepare some gifts this time.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng aside.

"Husband, let's go back to my family's house for the new year! We have to prepare some gifts for Grandpa and Grandma! Previously, Grandma and Grandpa treated me very well. Now that I have the ability, it's time to repay them!" Li Xiaoran said what was on her mind.

"I didn't inform your family when we got married. It's indeed my mistake. You're right. No matter what, it's our first year of marriage. We have to visit your family!" Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "Don't worry about these things. I'll prepare them! But you have to tell me about your family's situation first!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and searched the Host's memories before briefly explaining the Zhao family's situation.

The Zhao family lived in a place called Eagle Village under Jiangzhong County.

In the past, it would take a day to walk there. Now that there was an ox cart at home, it might only take four hours.

The Zhao family wasn't local to Eagle Village. They had settled in Eagle Village later.

Therefore, other than her family, there were no other relatives in Eagle Village.

The Zhao family had a total of three children. Zhao Xiu was the eldest and had two younger brothers.

In other words, Li Xiaoran actually had two uncles.

Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing had two sons and a daughter.

Zhao Liang and Tan Wan had two sons.

After Luo Cheng learned about the Zhao family's situation, he nodded. "Don't worry! I'll remember it!"

With that, Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, "Wife, you'd better talk to Mother-in-law when you're free, lest she keeps thinking about this matter!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and planned to talk about it later.

Because they were going to the Guan Dongshan family's house to eat tofu pudding tonight, the knife-cut noodles in the shop were only sold for four hours at noon.

After cleaning up the shop, Yuan Chengzhao was left to look after the shop. The family went straight to the Guan family's home.

Unlike the last time they went, the Guan family's house was no longer deserted. The courtyard was very lively.

"Why did you kill all the ducks?" Zhao Xiu asked when she entered and saw Guan Dongshan and He Hui burning the fine feathers on the ducks' skin with straw.

"Our family won't be able to raise so many ducks in the future. It just so happens that we can kill a few to make pickled radish soup as a side dish. We can't just let you guys only eat tofu pudding!" He Hui said with a smile.

"That's right. No matter what, today is a festive day since our families are gathered together. We have to order a sumptuous meal!" Guan Dongshan said with a smile.

"In that case, we won't stand on ceremony! These beans are still soaking. Wife, why don't we grind these beans into soy milk together?!" Li Shun walked in and heard Guan Dongshan's words, then he saw the soybeans soaking at the side. He didn't treat himself as an outsider at all.

"Alright, I'll go get some water and wash my hands. After I'm done, I'll go push the mill!" Zhao Xiu smiled and nodded.

On the other side, Little Huzi and Little Huzi's grandmother also walked over with a basket of things.

"These are the chameleon plants and wild onions we dug up outside. We brought them over to add to the dishes today!" Little Huzi's grandmother said with a smile.

When He Hui heard this, she quickly smiled and took the basket.

"If you had brought anything else, I wouldn't have accepted it. However, I won't stand on ceremony if you brought chameleon plants and wild onions! Our family really has a penchant for these!"

When Little Huzi's grandmother heard He Hui's words, she smiled even more happily.

After that, everyone got busy.

Li Xiaoran took her mother's place and added the soaked soybeans to the mill with a spoon. Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang also took Li Shun's place. The two took turns grinding.

He Hui and Zhao Xiu were busy in the kitchen. One pot was boiling water, and the other was used for cooking veggies.

After the ducks had swilled the water, they were placed in the pot with the pickled radishes and boiled.

Little Huzi's grandmother helped look after the two pots.

Li Shun and Guan Dongshan took out the big table that they had not used for a long time and washed it.

Little Huzi, Li Xiaoqing and Guan Kang cleaned the chameleon plants and wild onions that Little Huzi's grandmother had brought.

The chameleon plants were delicious but not easy to take care of. After all, there were many roots on the chameleon plants.

To be honest, there was no harm in eating the roots after washing them.

However, there were too many roots, which didn't taste good, so it was better to clean it.

On the other side, He Hui and Zhao Xiu found a piece of old cured meat and ribs from somewhere.

"If I hadn't wanted to cook some cured meat today, I would have forgotten that I still have a piece of preserved pork ribs here. The vegetables I planted in the field are ready to be eaten. I'll go and cut two nests later. Stir-fried vegetables with cured meat taste very good!" He Hui said happily.

"Speaking of which, your family's cured meat is the best in the entire village! Why does the same meat taste much better at your house?" Zhao Xiuying thought of something and asked in confusion.

When He Hui heard this, she was immediately amused.

"It's not that my cured meat is delicious, but that you used too little oil to cook it in the past!"

When Zhao Xiu heard this, she was immediately enlightened.

That made sense. In the past, what tasty food could their family possibly eat in the Li family?

After not eating well-cooked food for a long time and suddenly eating one or two pieces of cured meat, they naturally felt that it tasted the best.

In the end, it was because their life was too tough back then.

"Try it when I'm done cooking later. You'll know!" He Hui looked at Zhao Xiu and said.

Zhao Xiu nodded and didn't say anything else. Instead, she went to the kitchen to scoop out hot water.

Before eating the cured meat, they had to burn the skin first. Only when the pig skin was soaked could it be considered cooked.

After that, she used a knife to scrape away the dirt on the skin, revealing the golden color of the cured meat.

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Li Xiaoran also heard the knock on the door and her expression suddenly changed.

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"Wait, Aunt Hui, don't open the door first!"

He Hui had already reached the door when she heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"Xiaoran, what's wrong? Why can't I open the door?" He Hui was a little confused.

"The people outside the door are not good people!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words and looked at her serious expression, he knew that the person outside was definitely not someone ordinary.

He, who was protective of his wife, quickly stopped what he was doing and came to Li Xiaoran's side.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "Ziyang, go and see who it is. Don't go out. Stand on the wall and ask!"

Luo Ziyang nodded and walked over quickly.

At the same time, Guan Dongshan quickly walked over and pulled his wife to the back while waiting for the subsequent development.

Luo Ziyang arrived at the gate and jumped to the edge of the wall.

He looked out and saw an enchanting woman.

"Who are you? Who are you looking for?"

When the woman saw Luo Ziyang on the wall, her eyes lit up and she looked greedy.

"I really didn't expect such a handsome young man to exist in such a remote village!"

Luo Ziyang's expression changed when he heard the woman's words.

"Cut the crap. I asked who you are. What are you doing here?"

The woman didn't take Luo Ziyang seriously at all and chuckled.

"I'm looking for Guan Dongshan! He wanted to leave after taking advantage of me, so I came looking for him!"

As soon as the woman said this, He Hui's expression changed.

Guan Dongshan frowned. He looked solemn, but showed no intention of explaining.

"Guan Dongshan, I know you're inside! Why? You were very happy when you took advantage of me, so why are you afraid to open the door to see me now?"

"What exactly is going on? Hurry up and explain!" Li Shun couldn't help but ask.

"I didn't!" Guan Dongshan shook his head. "When Kang'er was treating her illness, she lacked a very rare herb, but I happened to obtain it. However, this woman said that the herb was hers and that I had taken advantage of her. She never let me off! I never expected her to chase me all the way here!"

When she heard this, He Hui felt a little better.

Li Xiaoran sensed the other party's emotions and said, "Uncle Guan, this person has ill intentions! I don't know why she's here, but I can feel her malice!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he looked at Luo Ziyang.

"What are you waiting for? We're going to eat soon! Hurry up and deal with her, then come back for dinner!"

With Luo Cheng's words, Luo Ziyang immediately took action.

He sprinkled something that looked like powder and the woman immediately felt that something was wrong.

Realizing that something was wrong, the woman turned to run.

However, she could no longer move her body. In the blink of an eye, she was caught by Luo Ziyang.

After tapping the woman's acupoints, Luo Ziyang fed the woman another pill before disappearing from the village with her.

After half an hour, Luo Ziyang returned.

"Have you found out what happened?" Luo Cheng asked Luo Ziyang.

"I got some general information. She's after the child!" Luo Ziyang said.

As soon as he said this, Guan Dongshan and He Hui's expressions changed.

"Why is she after the child?" Guan Dongshan couldn't help but ask.

Luo Ziyang looked at Luo Cheng and hesitated.

Luo Cheng knew that there was something unusual about this matter, so he looked at Guan Dongshan.

"Uncle Guan, let's talk in private!"

Guan Dongshan understood something when he saw this situation. He nodded and followed Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang to a quiet corner on the other side.

After confirming that there was no one around, Luo Ziyang said softly, "The other party said that because your child has swallowed a lot of herbs all year round, the blood in his body has already become a special herb. That woman came to Guan Dongshan to sow discord between you two. Then, she would take advantage of the chaos to capture your child and drain his blood!"

As soon as he said this, Guan Dongshan couldn't help but shiver. His expression turned ugly.

At this point, Luo Ziyang thought of something and reminded him, "Uncle Guan, do many people know about Kang'er's treatment? I guess someone must have leaked the news, so this woman came looking for you!"

Guan Dongshan's expression changed drastically when he heard Luo Ziyang's words. Then, he sneered.

"No wonder. No wonder they let me bring Kang'er back! So this was the scheme!"

When Luo Ziyang and Luo Cheng heard this, they had a bad feeling.

“My son isn’t the one with the special blood. It’s someone else!” Guan Dongshan said hatefully.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he could roughly guess what was going on.

Guan Dongshan thought of something and asked, “Luo Cheng, can you hand that woman to me? I’ll handle the matter!”

“No problem. She’s currently being watched by my people and won’t run away. Why don’t I hand her over to you after dinner?!” Luo Cheng said readily.

“Thank you!” Guan Dongshan wasn’t ignorant. He knew very well that Luo Cheng’s method was the best way to deal with this, so he cupped his hands and thanked him.

“You’re welcome, Uncle Guan!” Luo Cheng replied.

Things came to an end for the time being, and everyone got busy again.

He Hui saw her man walking over calmly and looked at him worriedly.

Guan Dongshan walked over and said, “It’s nothing serious. Don’t worry! I’ll handle it!”

He Hui nodded and went to cook the tofu pudding.

The tofu pudding pushed out by the stone mill tasted very good. Luo Cheng, who ate tofu pudding for the first time, quickly developed a fondness for this kind of food.

“So this is tofu pudding!” Luo Cheng said as he picked up a piece and placed it in the sauce. Then, he placed it in his mouth and ate it in big mouthfuls.

Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing ate several bowls of white rice with tofu pudding.

In addition, the pickled radish and duck soup tasted good as well. There was also stir-fried bacon with wild onions.

The chameleon plant salad tasted crisp and fresh. It was also the dish that was finished the fastest at the table.

The meal was finished in a joyous atmosphere.

Because of the incident during the day, everyone knew that the Guan family must have something to deal with, so they didn’t stay long.

Luo Cheng asked Luo Ziyang to send Little Huzi and his grandmother home, while he sent Li Xiaoran and the others home.

“You guys should rest at home! I still have something to discuss with Uncle Guan!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

Li Xiaoran naturally knew what Luo Cheng was going to do, so she thought for a moment and reminded him.

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“That woman is very scheming. Husband, be careful!”

Luo Cheng nodded, then turned and left.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu watched their son-in-law leave and came to Li Xiaoran’s side.

“Daughter, is there something wrong?!” Li Shun asked.

“Father, Mother, don’t worry! With Luo Cheng around, nothing will happen!” Li Xiaoran persuaded.

“That’s right. Father, Mother, it’s useless to worry. We might as well attend to our own affairs! Let’s go boil water and wash our faces and feet! Today was another busy day. I want to rest early!” Li Xiaoqing ran over and persuaded them.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu looked at each other and nodded before going to boil the water.

Seeing that her parents had gone to get busy, Li Xiaoran stood in the darkness and looked at the door.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran had a bad feeling at this moment, as if Luo Cheng would definitely encounter something bad when he went out.

After Li Xiaoran and the others left, Guan Dongshan didn’t hide anything. He called his wife and child together to talk about this matter.

“Hui’er, we were deceived by those people back then! We thought that we had met good people and were grateful to them, as if they were our benefactors. In reality, Kang’er was just a lab rat that was testing medicine for others. Fortunately, Kang’er’s congenital physical weakness was accidentally cured and he became a normal person. However, some time ago, there were rumors that there was a medicine person. They said that the blood of medicine person who had taken herbs for a long time had a miraculous effect and could treat many illnesses, so countless people coveted it.”

“So, those people wanted you to bring Kang’er back now to divert danger from them and put our family in danger to protect another person?” He Hui wasn’t a fool. When she heard her man’s words, she quickly understood.

“Father, Mother, my blood has no effect! They tested it!” Guan Kang said.

Guan Dongshan and He Hui were in disbelief.

He Hui even pulled Guan Kang into her arms and wanted to roll up his sleeve to see if he had any wounds.

“Mother, they pricked my finger and took some blood to verify it! The wound has already healed!” Guan Kang knew that his mother was worried about him, so he explained.

“I’ve been grateful to these people all these years. I didn’t expect them to treat you like this!” He Hui’s eyes reddened and tears fell.

Their son was hurt, so their hearts ached.

They didn’t know in the past, but now that they knew that their son had suffered so much, how could they not feel sorry for their son?

“Mother, actually, I’m very glad that I had such an opportunity to recuperate! As for the rest, just treat it as me repaying their kindness!” Guan Kang, who was already eleven years old, wiped the tears off He Hui’s face with his sleeve. “After all, without them, I wouldn’t have been able to stand in front of you healthily!”

When He Hui heard her son’s words, she suppressed her heartache and nodded.

“Okay, I’m not sad! I’m very happy!”

Guan Dongshan looked at his sensible son and made up his mind to protect his wife and children.

At this moment, Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang brought the woman back to the Guan family.

After Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang brought her in, He Hui brought Guan Kang to the room on the other side to avoid all this.

The three of them brought the woman to the firewood room at the side and lit the oil lamp.

The woman was still unconscious.

Luo Cheng glanced at Luo Ziyang, who took out a porcelain bottle from his pocket. Then he opened the cork and waved it in front of the woman’s nose.

Soon, the woman opened her eyes.

When the woman saw the three men in front of her, she immediately giggled.

“How nice! I didn’t expect to meet three handsome men in this small village at the same time! Why? Do you want to go through thick and thin with me?”

“Behave yourself. It seems that you haven’t suffered enough!” Luo Ziyang scolded with a cold expression.

When the woman heard Luo Ziyang’s words, she thought of something and her expression changed.

After putting away her unrestrained look, the woman looked at Guan Dongshan.

“Guan Dongshan, do you think I’m the only one who came? I’m afraid you’re thinking too simply!”

As soon as the woman said this, Guan Dongshan’s expression changed.

At this moment, a few men in black grabbed He Hui and Guan Kang and walked over.

“Let her go and I’ll spare your wife and child!” a man in black said with a knife to Guan Kang’s neck.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang frowned at the same time.

When had these people appeared? Why hadn’t they noticed before?

“See! I told you, I’m not the only one!” The woman said and laughed again.

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang were afraid that the other party would hurt He Hui and Guan Kang, so they didn’t dare to attack rashly.

“Don’t do anything rash. Don’t hurt my wife and children!” Guan Dongshan said nervously.

“Guan Dongshan, don’t worry! As long as you don’t make a move, we naturally won’t hurt your wife and child!” The leader of the men in black stared at Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang and said, “Especially your two friends, don’t move!”

When Guan Dongshan heard the other party’s words, he looked at Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang.

Luo Cheng met Guan Dongshan’s gaze and nodded. “Uncle Guan, don’t worry. We won’t risk Aunt Hui and Kang’er’s lives!”

“You heard us. We won’t move!” Guan Dongshan turned to look at Luo Cheng again.

“How are you?” The leader of the men in black looked at the woman.

The woman stood up slowly now, then laughed.

“I’m fine. My internal energy has been sealed, but my body is fine!”

With that, the woman slowly walked towards the man in black.

Guan Dongshan thought of something and explained, “You’re looking for the wrong person. My son’s blood has no effect at all!”

“We heard your family’s previous conversation. Don’t worry, Guan Dongshan. As long as your son’s blood is really ineffective, we won’t come again. But before that, we have to take some of your son’s blood!” the leader said.

When Guan Kang heard the other party’s words, he immediately said, “Let my mother go! I’ll give you some blood now!”

“Kang’er!” Guan Dongshan and He Hui exclaimed.

“Father, Mother, it’s fine. It’s just a little blood!” Guan Kang looked at his parents and said indifferently.

Guan Kang held out his hand.

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“Please take it easy. You can squeeze out some blood with a needle! My blood has been taken previously to verify if my blood is effective, so my body is still a little weak. Please take a little blood from me to verify if my blood is really effective!”

This made everyone inexplicably sad.

Even the woman who had just walked over suddenly felt her eyes sting. She felt a little uncomfortable.

“Let’s do as he says and take some blood! I think this child’s face is pale. If we really take too much blood, he’ll die!” Jade Face said.

The leader nodded and called for someone to bring out a silver needle and a clean porcelain bottle. Blood quickly flowed out of the silver needle.

After squeezing hard and collecting a small bottle of blood, these people let go of Guan Kang.

“Don’t worry. If this blood really doesn’t have any effect, we will definitely spread the word and explain the child’s situation! This way, he won’t have to suffer! If this blood is effective, too bad.” Jade Face walked at the back and looked at Guan Dongshan and his wife.

After that, the group left quickly with Guan Kang’s blood.

Seeing that her son had finally returned to her side safely, He Hui could no longer suppress the fear in her heart. She hugged Guan Kang and wailed.

At this moment, He Hui felt that she was too weak. She couldn’t even protect her child. She really didn’t deserve to be a mother!

Guan Dongshan looked at his wife and son hugging each other. He felt mixed emotions.

He Hui blamed herself for not protecting her son well. As a father, he also blamed himself for not being able to protect his wife and children.

When Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang saw this scene, they didn’t know how to console them. They could only stand there quietly.

Guan Kang let his mother hug him and cry. He just stood there calmly, but his eyes were on Luo Cheng.

After a while, after He Hui’s cries softened, Guan Kang comforted her. “Mother, it’s fine. You don’t have to blame yourself! You and my father have already done a lot for me. If it weren’t for the fact that you two worked hard all day to earn money and send it over, I wouldn’t have had the chance to become a healthy child! Besides, it’s just drawing some blood. Compared to losing my life, this is really a small matter!”

Guan Kang’s words made one’s heart ache.

He Hui was also stunned by her son’s words and slowly let go of him.

After Guan Kang was free, he walked straight towards Luo Cheng.

“Brother Luo Cheng, am I fit enough to practice martial arts?”

Luo Cheng stared at Guan Kang and asked directly, “Why are you asking me?”

“Because I know that you’re a very powerful person. I want to learn from you so that I can protect myself and my family!” Guan Kang replied, “My parents put in a lot of effort to save my life, so I want to live a long life!”

Luo Cheng stared at Guan Kang and finally took out a porcelain bottle.

“Take this medicine first! It can nourish your blood! Come and find me again in a month, then I’ll see if your body is suitable for martial arts.”

Guan Kang nodded, then bowed to Luo Cheng.

“Thank you, Brother Luo Cheng!”

Luo Cheng walked over and helped Guan Kang up. Then he placed the medicine in his hand.

After that, Luo Cheng left with Luo Ziyang.

On the way home, Luo Ziyang couldn’t help but ask.

“Brother, you’ve always been unwilling to cause such trouble. Why are you doing this today?”

Luo Cheng stopped and looked at the crescent moon that had appeared today.

“Back then, when I was in a difficult situation, someone extended a helping hand to me so that I wouldn’t be lonely and desperate! Now, when I see Guan Kang, I feel as if I’m seeing my former self from back then! Perhaps, if I reach out and help him, his fate will be different!”

When Luo Ziyang heard Luo Cheng’s words, he recalled some things from those years and finally fell silent.

In fact, Luo Ziyang had always been by Luo Cheng’s side.

He was the only one who had accompanied Luo Cheng from beginning to end.

Therefore, he knew best what Luo Cheng had experienced in those years.

It was also because he knew that he understood what Luo Cheng meant.

At that moment, a hidden arrow shot out of the darkness and headed straight for Luo Cheng.

Even though Luo Cheng was distracted for a moment, he instinctively became vigilant when the crisis arose.

When he realized that something was wrong, Luo Cheng jumped to the side and dodged the arrow.

Before Luo Cheng could heave a sigh of relief, countless hidden arrows also flew towards where Luo Cheng was sitting.

“The archer is in the southeast!” a familiar voice said from the darkness.

This voice was none other than Li Xiaoran’s.

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang immediately reacted.

Luo Cheng ran towards the surrounding trees while Luo Ziyang hid in the shadows and began to look for the archer.

Soon, the archer caught up and Luo Ziyang, who was hiding in the dark, killed him.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran’s voice sounded again.

“There’s another accomplice in the southwest!”

However, when the person lurking in that direction heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he was shocked and quickly wanted to jump out and leave.

Before he could move, Luo Cheng had already found the person and kicked him in the chest.

Luo Cheng’s kick was filled with internal strength. The other party couldn’t withstand it and spat out a mouthful of blood before dying.

After Luo Cheng killed this person, Li Xiaoran walked out.

“We should be fine. There’s no one else around!”

Luo Cheng handed the dead man in black to Luo Ziyang.

“Ziyang, I’ll leave these two to you! I’ll bring her back to rest first!” Luo Cheng said softly as he handed them over, “Investigate carefully and see who these two people are!”

“Don’t worry!” Luo Ziyang replied.

Under the moonlight, Li Xiaoran finally calmed down as she watched Luo Cheng walk over step by step.

“Why did you run out?” Luo Cheng walked over and grabbed Li Xiaoran’s cold hands. He warmed them with the warmth of his hands.

“After you left, I felt uneasy. Not long ago, I sensed two emotions outside, so I secretly came to take a look. I happened to see you coming back and those people attacking you!” Li Xiaoran explained.