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### Chapter 181 Parents' Hearts

No matter what, they had been husband and wife for many years. Zhao Xiu understood what Li Shun meant.

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“You want to make a dowry for your daughter?”

Li Shun nodded.

“In the past, I didn't have the ability. Now that I have time and know where to find good wood, I naturally have to prepare it. All these years, I owed the three of you a lot. What happened in the past is in the past, but now, I have to think for you guys. Therefore, when Xiaoran gets married this time, I'll make a wardrobe for her and a piggy bank for her. It can be considered fulfilling my duty as her father!”

At this, Li Shun's expression softened.

“In the past, I often heard people say that girls like to be able to wear beautiful clothes every day and manage the family's money. In that case, I'll make a wardrobe for my daughter to store her beautiful clothes. I'll make a piggy bank so that she can have money every day and live a comfortable life!”

Zhao Xiu also felt that this was a good idea.

“In that case, as a mother, I have to help! No matter what, this is a token of appreciation from us parents!”

“Alright, Xiu'er, when the time comes, help me peel wood and clean the wood shavings. It can be considered your contribution!” Li Shun said with a smile.

“Alright, I'll do what I can and not interfere with you making our daughter's dowry!” Zhao Xiu replied with a smile.

After settling a big matter, the couple could sleep in peace.

Of course, the rest of the family was also wondering what to do.

Li Xiaoqing, on the other hand, was thinking about what she could give her sister to express her blessings.

Luo Ziyang was also thinking about what congratulatory gift he should give his brother and sister-in-law.

After all, he was Luo Cheng's younger brother now. He should prepare a congratulatory gift.

On Guan Dongshan's side, he told his wife that Luo Cheng had promised to protect their son.

With that, Guan Dongshan looked at his wife.

“Hui'er, do you think we should move in with Kang'er?”

When He Hui heard this news, she looked at her son, Guan Kang.

To be honest, if possible, He Hui naturally wanted to be by her son's side.

She had barely accompanied her son since he was born.

Now that he was finally home, she really couldn't bear to live separately from him!

Seeing his wife's reluctance, Guan Dongshan understood something.

Guan Dongshan thought for a moment and said, “In that case, let's move in together! Fortunately, we're all from the same village. In the future, we'll work harder. We'll come back in the day to feed the ducks and go back to accompany Kang'er at night. However, even if we move in, we have to take care of ourselves. We can't take advantage of Luo Cheng anymore!”

“Then why don't we cook at home every day and bring it over to eat?” He Hui thought of something and said.

Guan Dongshan hesitated and thought that would work.

After all, they were the ones disturbing Luo Cheng's family, so it wasn't convenient to build a stove over there.

Thus, the matter was settled.

Guan Kang already understood when he heard this.

“Father, do you want Brother Luo Cheng to protect me?”

Guan Dongshan nodded and touched his son's head. “That's right. The only person who can protect you now is your Brother Luo Cheng! When you grow up in the future, remember to repay this favor!”

Guan Kang nodded when he heard this.

“Father, don't worry! I'll remember Brother Luo Cheng's kindness and will definitely repay him in the future!”

“That's right. As expected of my son!” Guan Dongshan said firmly.

With the matter settled, the family could sleep in peace.

Early the next morning, Guan Dongshan brought his family and some clothes to the Luo family.

When Li Shun found out that the Guan family was going to live here in the future, he was immediately happy.

“Sigh, it's good that you guys are living here. In the future, our place will be lively!”

“Sorry to disturb you guys!” Guan Dongshan said with a smile.

“What disturbance?! Come, let me bring you to the room!” Li Shun said happily.

“Father, bring Uncle Guan and the others to the west wing!” Li Xiaoran had chosen a room yesterday, so she mentioned it now.

“Okay!” Li Shun replied and brought Guan Dongshan and his family to the west room.

The west wing had a large room. It was more than enough for a family of three.

After all, Guan Dongshan’s family had just reunited with their son, Guan Kang, so it wasn’t a bad idea to let the family live together.

“Look, there’s a screen here that can be opened at night. It can be considered a separate room. If you need it, you can also put it away. You can also check on Guan Kang’s situation!” Li Shun explained the distribution of the room.

Guan Dongshan was quite satisfied with the arrangement. His son lived in a bed separated by a screen. Not far outside was the bed where the couple slept.

This way, even if anything happened to their son, they would know and be able to protect him immediately.

Guan Kang was also very satisfied with the residence. After all, he had some space to himself.

“Not bad. This room is wonderful! Thank you so much!” Guan Dongshan said gratefully.

“There’s no need to thank me. Put down your things first! The room has always been clean. You can stay in it after wiping it! Wait for me first. I’ll get water and clothes for you!” Li Shun said with a smile.

“I’ll go with you!” Guan Dongshan naturally wouldn’t let Li Shun do this alone, so he followed him out.

In the blink of an eye, only He Hui and Guan Kang were left in the room.

“Son, do you like it here?” He Hui looked around and turned around to ask.

“I love it!” Guan Kang said, nodding.

“It’s good that you like it! If you need anything, tell us. Don’t trouble Luo Cheng too much!” He Hui thought of something and reminded him.

“Mother, I know!” Guan Kang nodded, indicating that he understood.

After all, he had lived in someone else’s house in the past. He had long known what to do and what not to do.

When He Hui heard her son’s words and thought of his past experiences, her eyes immediately stung.

“Son, I’m sorry! I’m useless. I always let you live under someone else’s roof!”

When Guan Kang heard this, he immediately persuaded, “Mother, you can’t say that! If Brother Luo Cheng and the others heard this, they would be so disappointed! It’s already a huge favor that

Brother Luo Cheng can protect me. We have to be grateful! Besides, we just moved in. If you say such things, you'll seem ungrateful!"

## Chapter 182 Parents Can't Do Whatever They Want

When He Hui heard her son's reminder, she immediately realized something and quickly changed her words.

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"No, I didn't mean that! Uncle Guan and the others are all good people. I just feel guilty that I haven't been by your side much ever since I gave birth to you!" He Hui quickly explained.

When Guan Kang heard this, he looked at his mother, who had a lot of white hair, with warmth in his eyes.

"Mother, you haven't let me down. Instead, you've done a lot for me. If Father and Mother hadn't run around to earn money, I wouldn't have my current healthy body. So Mother, you don't owe me anything. You've already done enough. Don't worry too much in the future. I will get better and better. I will be more filial to Father and Mother in the future and let you live a good life!" Guan Kang comforted He Hui.

It had to be said that Guan Kang was very wise. But he was only eleven years old and his mind was already mature.

When He Hui saw how sensible and filial her son was, she felt even more conflicted.

If she could, she would rather her son not be so sensible. She wanted him to have a healthy body and live the same life as other children.

Before the mother and son could say anything else, Li Shun and Guan Dongshan had already walked in with water.

Zhao Xiu and her daughters came along.

Everyone was gathered together now. They each took a handkerchief and tidied up.

There was strength in numbers. It was just a room, and it didn't take long to tidy it up.

Zhao Xiu washed her hands and grabbed He Hui. "Just treat this place as your home! If you need anything, feel free to tell me! Kang'er will definitely be safe living here. You should spend less time taking care of those ducks in the future and spend more time with Kang'er! I won't talk to you anymore. We still have to open the shop and do business. We won't be back at noon. When lunchtime comes, go to the kitchen and get some food. We'll talk more at night!"

"There's no need. We'll cook at home. When the time comes, we'll bring it over to eat! We've already troubled you guys a lot. Let's eat separately! It's better to split things up properly! I know there's no need to be polite between us, but it's not easy for you

guys either. You guys have your own difficulties!" He Hui said as she held Zhao Xiu's hand.

Zhao Xiu also knew that He Hui had a hard time and was being considerate towards them, so she nodded.

"I know you're thinking of me. We'll do it your way."

Seeing that Zhao Xiu had agreed, He Hui heaved a sigh of relief.

No matter how good their relationship was, they had to know their limits.

If they didn't have a sense of propriety, they would only end up hating each other and ruining their relationship.

After that, Li Xiaoran brought her family to the shop to sell noodles.

Luo Cheng followed what they had agreed on last night and went to see how the house beside Little Huzi's house was.

Because Guan Dongshan's family was still here, Luo Ziyang stayed.

After all, they still had to leave someone behind to protect Guan Kang's safety. Only Luo Ziyang was qualified to do so.

"Stay at home for the next few days. Don't go out. Protect Guan Kang! Someone will take over your job in a few days and protect Guan Kang!" Luo Cheng thought for a moment and reminded him.

Luo Ziyang nodded and stayed behind to watch the house.

Luo Cheng went to look for the village chief, Old Master Guo.

Because this house belonged to the village, they had to rent it through Old Master Guo.

Old Master Guo rarely saw Luo Cheng. He teased, "You don't come unless you have something to do! Tell me! What is it this time?"

Luo Cheng glanced at Old Master Guo and suddenly remembered something.

"My shop is built and business is good. Why isn't there any reaction elsewhere?"

Old Master Guo sighed when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Sometimes, others don't have good taste! People with such taste might not have so much money!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately understood.

"Then aren't you going to try?"

"I'm old and useless! My sons are all grown up. I can't control them!" Old Master Guo sighed.

The children each had their own thoughts. He could no longer make the decision.

“It’s not a bad idea to raise money and open a shop together. You definitely won’t lose money in the future. You can earn money by doing any business!” Luo Cheng wanted to help Old Master Guo, so he thought for a moment and reminded him again.

“I know you have good intentions, but unfortunately, I won’t get involved. I’m old!” Old Master Guo said dejectedly.

As the saying went, every family had its own problems. It was the same for Old Master Guo’s family.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng didn’t say anything else and got down to business.

“I might have to rent a house in March, so I want to go to Little Huzi’s house to see that empty house. I heard that you have the key, so I wanted to invite you over to take a look together!”

“Why do you want to rent a house? Your house can accommodate many people. Why do you still want to rent a house?” Old Master Guo asked curiously.

“It’s like this. Although my marriage with Li Xiaoran has been decided, we haven’t gotten married yet. Therefore, I plan to officially marry her in March. Since we’re getting married, we naturally have to find a place to get married!” Luo Cheng explained.

Old Master Guo immediately understood something.

“I was indeed right about you. You’re a loyal person. It’s Xiaoran’s blessing to meet you!”

“Meeting Li Xiaoran is my fortune!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

“Alright, alright. Just because of what you said, I’ll follow you!” Old Master Guo said with a smile. He turned around to get the key and followed Luo Cheng to Little Huzi’s house.

However, what the two of them didn’t expect was that when they went to the house, they would see that the house was on the verge of collapse.

“I knew it. One night, I heard a huge commotion. But when I came out with my clothes on, I didn’t find anything! After all this time, it turns out that the house here collapsed!” Little Huzi’s grandmother heard the commotion and came over to take a look. She immediately exclaimed.

Luo Cheng took a look and stopped Old Master Guo from entering.

“I know some martial arts. I can avoid danger. Stand outside first. I’ll go in and take a look first!”

Old Master Guo knew that he would be a burden if he went in, so he nodded and stood outside the door with Little Huzi's grandmother.

### Chapter 183 You Despise Me?

Luo Cheng walked in carefully and saw a long bamboo pole on the ground, so he picked it up and held it in his hand.

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It had to be said that the house had collapsed quite a lot. More than half of it had collapsed.

Because there was a dense bamboo forest behind the house, nothing unusual could be seen from the outside.

When they were about to reach the collapsed area, Luo Cheng probed the soil with the bamboo pole.

As expected, some places immediately collapsed a little.

After that, Luo Cheng carefully explored the surroundings of the house. Finally, he climbed up a big tree and heaved a sigh of relief when he saw the situation below.

"There's nothing serious. For some reason, a pit appeared under this side of the house, so it collapsed. Everything else is fine." After Luo Cheng walked out, he explained the situation inside.

Old Master Guo sighed when he heard this.

"In the past, I often heard people say that if a house is uninhabited, it will easily collapse. As expected! No matter how good a house is, if no one lives in it, it will eventually become desolate!"

"That's not true! Look at our house. It looks dilapidated, but someone lives in it. It's repaired from time to time, so it's fine!" Little Huzi's grandmother said.

"Then what should we do with this house?" Luo Cheng asked after some thought.

"What else can we do? It's already collapsed. No one in the village will repair it. How can we let this house stay like this?!" Old Master Guo shook his head.

Luo Cheng frowned when he heard Old Master Guo's words.

This house had collapsed. Even if it was repaired, it wouldn't be repaired in a short time. Moreover, no one was willing to repair it.

It seemed that his plan to rent a house to get married from was ruined!

"Old Master Guo, do we still have any unused houses in our village?" Luo Cheng asked.

Old Master Guo shook his head. "We had some a few years ago, but we only have this house now!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he sighed.

He had no choice but to think of another way!

On the shop's side, there were fewer customers today.

Li Xiaoran had just served the knife-cut noodles that the guests needed when she saw Old Madam Jin waving at Li Xiaoran.

"Little girl, let's go eat delicious food again today!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she immediately understood.

After telling her parents, Li Xiaoran went to the big rock with Old Madam Jin.

As usual, there were thick cushions. They sat together and ate stinky tofu.

"Sigh, there's no point in eating this stinky tofu alone. It's better to have someone to fight for it over!" Old Madam Jin couldn't help but sigh after taking a bite.

"So you didn't just want to treat me to stinky tofu!" Li Xiaoran teased.

"It's good enough that you're even getting to eat it!" Old Madam Jin glanced at Li Xiaoran and said.

"Yes, yes, yes. Thank you for letting me eat stinky tofu with you!" Li Xiaoran coaxed with a smile.

Hearing Li Xiaoran's words, Old Madam Jin smiled happily.

"Only you dare to be so cheeky in front of me!"

With that, Old Madam Jin could tell that the worry on Li Xiaoran's face was gone, so she asked curiously, "Have you settled your worries?"

Li Xiaoran nodded and said with a smile, "Yes!"

"How did you resolve it?" Old Madam Jin asked excitedly.

"My husband said that he wants to marry me officially! We've already picked a date. When the time comes, he'll bring eight bridal sedans to marry me!" Li Xiaoran said happily.

Old Madam Jin knew about Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng. Seeing that she was so happy, she was also happy for her.

"You're quite lucky to have met a good man!"

As she spoke, Old Madam Jin thought of something. "Since you're getting married, you're not going back to your biased grandparents, are you?"

Li Xiaoran shook her head and said, "How is that possible?! Back then, we agreed to marry Luo Cheng in order to escape them. We definitely won't go back now!"



“I see!” When Old Madam Jin heard this, she thought for a moment and suddenly clapped her hands.

“Why don’t you get married from my house?! Look, my house can be built in a month. This place is also close to your house. It’s the most suitable place to get married from!”

Li Xiaoran was shocked by Old Madam Jin’s words and asked in disbelief, “Are you willing to lend us the house for a few days?”

“Why do you need to borrow it? Just move in! I’ve never had a granddaughter in my life! I gave birth to sons, and my sons also gave birth to sons. I don’t even have a granddaughter. I think we hit it off very well. Why don’t you acknowledge me as your god grandmother? We’ll be family from now on! How about that?” Old Madam Jin said happily.

Li Xiaoran was completely dumbfounded.

She could sense that Old Madam Jin wanted to do this from the bottom of her heart.

It seemed that doing so would make her especially happy.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran didn’t speak, Old Madam Jin was a little unhappy.

“Why? Do you think I’m not worthy of being your grandmother?”

Li Xiaoran was amused when she saw that Old Madam Jin was instantly unhappy.

“Of course that’s not what I meant. It’s just that this matter is too serious. I have to go back and discuss it with my parents!”

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her expression brightened.

“Does that mean you’re willing to accept me as your god grandmother?”

At this juncture, could Li Xiaoran say that she was unwilling?

Of course not!

“I won’t despise anyone! Who else in this world can accompany me to eat this delicious stinky tofu?!” Li Xiaoran deliberately teased.

When Old Madam Jin heard this, she was immediately happy.

“Alright, I’ll follow you to find your parents and settle this matter!”

Li Xiaoran had no choice but to bring Old Madam Jin back to the shop.

At this moment, there were no more customers in the shop. Everyone was sitting together and talking.

When Old Madam Jin explained her intentions, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu were stunned.

What had they heard?

Old Madam Jin wanted to take in their daughter, Li Xiaoran, as her god granddaughter?

They weren't dreaming, were they?

One had to know that Old Madam Jin was from a rich family!

Their daughter, Li Xiaoran, was a little girl from the countryside!

#### Chapter 184 Old Madam Jin's Wish

Looking at her parents' dumbfounded expressions, Li Xiaoran quickly poured a glass of water for Old Madam Jin.

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"This is too serious. You have to let my parents take a breather and digest it! Come, come, come. You must be thirsty after eating the stinky tofu just now. I'll pour you some water. Make do with it!"

Old Madam Jin also knew that this matter had a huge impact. Seeing Li Xiaoran serve her tea with a smile, she took the water and took two sips.

"This water tastes very good!" After Old Madam Jin drank it, she looked suspicious. "Go and bring some of my good tea over. I want to make tea here!"

A maid beside her nodded and turned to go out to get the tea leaves.

Li Xiaoran, not knowing what Old Madam Jin was up to, was stunned.

"By the way, what are you thinking now?" Old Madam Jin remembered her goal and asked.

"We, we..." Li Shun stammered, not knowing what to say.

To be honest, this was definitely a good thing for them.

However, when this good thing happened to them, he felt that it was a little surreal and was even more terrified.

"I think that's a good idea!" Luo Cheng replied with a smile as he walked in.

Actually, when Old Madam Jin said her intentions, Luo Cheng had already walked out.

Hearing Old Madam Jin's words, Luo Cheng stood on the spot and pondered carefully. The more he thought about it, the more he felt that it was good.

If Old Madam Jin took his wife in as her god granddaughter, not only would it solve the problem of marriage, but it would also raise Li Xiaoran's status.

Although he didn't care about this, it would save Li Xiaoran a lot of trouble in the future.

Seeing that Luo Cheng had arrived and agreed to this matter, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu looked at each other and made a decision.

“Since Old Madam Jin thinks so highly of us, we’ll obey! Xiaoran, quickly come over and call her god grandma!” Li Shun said.

“Call her Grandma!” Luo Cheng reminded her.

When Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng had agreed to this matter, she immediately smiled.

“Greetings, Grandmother!”

With that, Li Xiaoran knelt down and kowtowed three times to Old Madam Jin.

Now that she had a granddaughter, Old Madam Jin naturally helped Li Xiaoran up from the ground happily.

“You’re so sincere. You actually kowtowed three times!”

With that, Old Madam Jin took off a pair of jade bracelets and put them on Li Xiaoran’s hands.

“This is a gift from me. Take it! This pair of bracelets was originally a dowry my mother gave me back then. She hoped that I would pass it on to my daughter in the future. Unexpectedly, I don’t have a daughter, nor do I have a granddaughter. In the past, I thought that this jade bracelet would follow me for the rest of my life. Now, I’ve finally gotten what I wanted and passed it down!”

Li Xiaoran wasn’t ignorant. At this moment, she looked at the jade bracelet and knew that it was expensive.

Li Xiaoran was a little terrified. She felt that she couldn’t accept such an expensive thing.

“Grandmother, this thing is too precious!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Take it! As the saying goes, you can’t refuse an elder’s gift, understand?” Old Madam Jin said in a firm tone.

“That’s right! Wife, this is a gift from your grandmother. It’s for you, so you have to keep it well. When we have a daughter in the future, you have to pass down this bracelet so that you won’t let your grandmother down!” Luo Cheng explained.

“Yes, yes, yes, that’s right!” Old Madam Jin said happily.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded and accepted the pair of jade bracelets.

“Then I’ll accept it! Don’t worry, Grandmother, I’ll definitely pass it down in the future!”

“Alright!” Old Madam Jin smiled when she heard this.

Naturally, this relationship wasn’t established so casually. Old Madam Jin thought for a moment and invited Li Xiaoran and her family to the Jin family’s home in town three days later.

If Old Madam Jin wanted to acknowledge a new family member, she naturally had to hold a big celebration.

Li Xiaoran didn’t expect this to happen, so she looked at Luo Cheng.

“Don’t worry, Grandmother. We’ll definitely be on time in three days!”

Old Madam Jin was satisfied with her granddaughter and left.

This ceremony had to be grand. Otherwise, others would underestimate her granddaughter.

Therefore, Old Madam Jin had to hurry back and prepare.

Of course, she had to inform the Jin family.

It didn’t matter if they didn’t come, but the invitations had to be delivered.

This time, she wanted to see what her unfilial sons would do.

After Old Madam Jin left, the shop finally returned to normal.

Zhao Xiu and Li Shun were both a little dazed. They still felt like they were dreaming.

Li Xiaoqing ran over and carefully sized up the jade bracelet on her sister’s wrist.

“Sister, this jade bracelet is so beautiful! I’ve never seen such a beautiful jade bracelet!”

When Li Xiaoran heard her sister’s words, she thought for a moment and took off the jade bracelet.

“If you like it, why don’t you take it?! But you have to be careful not to break it!”

Li Xiaoqing didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say that. She knew that this was because her sister loved her.

“No, Sister! I’ll just take a look!” With that, Li Xiaoqing gave the bracelet to Li Xiaoran.

“Sister, this is a greeting gift from Old Madam Jin. You can’t give it to others so casually. They will misunderstand. The bracelet is very beautiful, but I can’t wear it. After all, this is Old Madam Jin’s gift for you!”

Seeing that her sister was so sensible, Li Xiaoran felt touched.

“Alright, I won’t give it to you! When I earn money in the future, I’ll definitely buy you a pair of jade bracelets!”

“Alright, then you’ll have to work hard to earn money!” Li Xiaoqing said with a smile.

Luo Cheng couldn’t help but marvel when he saw this scene.

People often said that good bamboo shoots grew.

In the past, he didn’t believe it. Now that he had met Li Xiaoran’s family, he believed this.

Li Xiaoran’s family all had a good personality.

Their other relatives had all gone astray.

Take Li Yan for example. Ever since she got engaged to Pei Xuanxin, she felt that she would have a good life in the future, so she became much more smug.

She liked to go out and wander around all day to show off.

In the end, some trouble suddenly arose.

“What? I didn’t betroth my daughter to you! Don’t slander me here!” Faced with a group of fierce people, Li Qiang shivered and said.

## Chapter 185 Excitement

Li Xiaoran naturally didn’t care about what happened to the Li family.

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However, the next day, Luo Cheng actually received a letter.

When Luo Cheng finished reading the letter, he sneered.

“How ridiculous!” With that, Luo Cheng threw the letter to the messenger.

“Go back and tell your master that he can do whatever he wants! Li Yan has nothing to do with me! By the way, did you find the wrong person? The person who is engaged to Li Yan is called Pei Xuanxin. He doesn’t live in this village!”

The messenger looked at Luo Cheng and said with certainty, “I’m sure I didn’t send the wrong letter. Your name is Luo Cheng, right?! That’s what the other party told me! Also, I just accepted a job to deliver the letter. So even if you return this letter to me, I won’t be able to find anyone to return it to!”

Luo Cheng frowned and said nothing.

Li Xiaoran took the letter from that person and looked at Luo Cheng.

“Husband, he’s not lying!”

Luo Cheng nodded and said, “You must be curious about what the letter says! You’ve learned a lot of words now. Open it!”

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise and said, “Can I see it?”

Luo Cheng immediately laughed when he heard this.

“You’re my wife, so of course you can see me! Besides, there’s nothing between me and Li Yan!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she opened the letter and read it carefully.

The letter said only one thing.

“Meet me at the restaurant in town this afternoon! If you don’t come, Li Yan will be mine!”

Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows when she saw this.

“It seems that the other party thinks that Li Yan is very important to you!”

“That’s right. Perhaps when I casually said that I wanted to marry Li Yan back then, others misunderstood that I wanted to marry Li Yan! What a joke. If I really wanted to marry her, why would I marry you?!” Luo Cheng said in amusement.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she looked at him with scrutiny.

“In other words, at that time, it actually made no difference who you married? If you didn’t marry me, you would have married someone else?”

For some reason, Luo Cheng felt an inexplicable sense of danger when he heard this.

“Of course not! I agreed to marry you back then because I thought you were very special and brave! That was the first time a girl dared to look for me directly and even wanted to cooperate with me. Tell me, how could I not notice such a bold person like you?!” Luo Cheng quickly said his true feelings.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she smiled.

Seeing Li Xiaoran smile, Luo Cheng finally relaxed.

“Then how should we handle this matter?” Li Xiaoran asked again.

“Don’t handle it! It has nothing to do with me! At most, I’ll get someone to send a letter to the Li family and let them save her themselves. Besides, what does Li Yan’s identity have to do with me?” Luo Cheng shook his head and said.

“Then what about this letter?” Li Xiaoran looked at the letter in her hand.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and suddenly laughed.

“Call Ziyang! He will definitely put the letter in the Li family’s house silently. As for what will happen to Li Yan, it depends on what the Li family will do!”

Li Xiaoran felt that this wasn’t a bad idea and agreed with Luo Cheng.

After that, the two of them forgot about it.

After all, they didn’t want to get involved in the Li family’s matters.

The Li family was a living hell. Whoever got involved would be unlucky.

They had finally escaped the Li family, so they naturally wouldn’t get involved again.

On Li Qiang’s side, he was shocked when he saw a letter suddenly appear at home.

However, none of them could read, and the literate Li Zhan wasn’t at home, so after thinking about it, Li Qiang could only quickly look for his son-in-law, Pei Xuanxin.

After Pei Xuan received the news, he went to the Spring Love Restaurant at the agreed time.

However, when the other party saw that it was Pei Xuanxin, he didn’t say anything. He pushed the blindfolded Li Yan out and left.

Li Yan had been starved and frightened for the entire day. She felt weak.

When Pei Xuanxin took off the cloth covering her eyes and she saw Pei Xuanxin's face, Li Yan immediately cried.

"You're finally here! I was so scared! After they took me away yesterday, they left me in a very cold place. I was cold and hungry. I thought I would never see you again!"

Pei Xuanxin's heart ached when he saw Li Yan crying so miserably.

"Don't worry, you're fine! You're fine!"

Pei Xuanxin hugged Li Yan and patted her back gently.

After crying for a while, Li Yan finally vented her emotions. Then, with Pei Xuanxin's help, she walked out of the Spring Love Restaurant.

However, as soon as she reached the opposite side of the restaurant, Li Yan shivered when she saw someone.

"What's wrong?" Pei Xuanxin asked with concern.

Li Yan stared at the person opposite her and couldn't say a word.

She recognized this person. He was the one who had hurt her in her previous life.

In her previous life, when Luo Cheng used her to block the sword, she had seen clearly that the person holding the sword was this person in front of her.

At this moment, the experience from her previous life surged into her mind. Li Yan wanted to leave quickly, but she had no strength in her legs and couldn't move at all.

"I thought Luo Cheng cared a lot about you, but you're just a shield!" The man walked over and left.

These words were like a sharp blade that stabbed into Li Yan's heart.

Li Yan's face instantly turned pale. Then, she closed her eyes and fainted.

When Li Yan woke up again, she had already returned to the Li family's house and was lying on her familiar bed.

Li Yan sat up immediately and recalled what the man had said.

"I thought Luo Cheng cared about you a lot, but it turns out that you're just a shield!"

Therefore, Li Yan kept thinking about the word "shield", which made her feel like her brain was about to explode.

"No, I'm not a shield! I'm no longer a shield. I'll have a better life. I'll have wealth and glory!" Li Yan roared.

Li Zhan, who happened to know that something had happened to his sister, rushed back and heard her shouting.

The others quickly rushed in and ran into Li Yan's room nervously.

"Daughter! What's wrong?" Wang Ying rushed in and hugged Li Yan.

After Li Ying vented her anger, she felt much better.

She was breathing heavily now. Her face was red and sweat was dripping down her face.

At this moment, Li Yan was staring at something.

## Chapter 186 Don't You Recognize Your Third Brother?

On Li Xiaoran's side, the cured meat had been marinated for a few days and the sausages had been hanging outside to dry for a few days. Now, they were about to be hung on the fire to smoke.

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Luo Cheng followed Li Shun up the mountain with his basket and machete to cut down some cypress branches.

In order to make cured meat and sausages tasty, cypress branches were indispensable.

The leaves of the cypress tree burned with a special fragrance. They smoked the cured sausage and made it taste delicious.

Li Xiaoran stayed at home and helped her mother hang up the cured meat and sausages.

As Luo Cheng had never warmed himself by a fire in the past, he naturally didn't have a fire. Therefore, he could only find a corner at the last minute and set up a place where a fire was burning.

When the pieces of meat hung under the beam of the house, Li Xiaoran felt a sense of accomplishment.

"Sister, this is the first time I've seen our house filled with so many cured sausages. In the past, we only smoked a few pieces, and there was none for us. At that time, I felt so covetous when I watched Li Yan and the others eat. Now, I don't have to watch others eat cured sausages anymore. We can eat them too!" Li Xiaoqing recalled what happened last year and said.

As soon as she said this, the others felt sad.

Guan Kang, who was helping, looked at Li Xiaoqing in surprise.

"Sister Xiao Qing, did you have such a hard time in the past?"

Li Xiaoqing nodded and told him about the bitter days when she had lived in the Li family.

To be honest, as Li Xiaoqing explained, Li Xiaoran felt like it had happened a long time ago.

In fact, they had only left the Li family for less than three months.

All the pain from the past had disappeared. The good days had just begun!

After Guan Kang heard what Li Xiaoqing had said, he suddenly sighed.

"I thought I was having a bad time. I didn't expect your family to be in a worse state than me! Compared to you, at least I was fed and dressed warmly when I was treating my illness!"



When Li Xiaoqing heard Guan Kang's words, she nodded and said steadily, "That's right! Kang'er, you have to cherish everything you have now!"

"Well, I've always cherished what I have!" Guan Kang said.

"Girl, you're still young, but you actually know how to enlighten others!" Zhao Xiu couldn't help but laugh when she heard their conversation.

"Third Aunt, I think Sister Xiao Qing is right!" Guan Kang said seriously.

"It's good as long as you think she's right! As long as you're happy!" Zhao Xiu replied with a smile.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she glanced at her sister.

"Actually, I've always felt that my sister, Xiao Qing, is the most knowledgeable person in our family! I used to be muddle-headed, but my sister has always been very clear-headed!"

When Li Xiaoqing heard her sister praise her, she immediately puffed out her chest and said happily, "You're very impressive too. The reason you were like that in the past was because you didn't realize how bad it was. Later, you hit your head. After experiencing the brink of death, you realized it!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately amused.

"Sister, where did you learn to say that?"

"I heard it from the elders in the village! That's what the elders in the village say about you!" Li Xiaoqing said righteously.

Now, everyone began to laugh.

"As expected, having an old person in the family is like having a treasure. Xiao Qing went to listen to so many elders in the village and obtained many treasures, which is knowledge!" Luo Ziyang praised.

"Of course. Brother Ziyang has good taste and good judgment!" Li Xiaoqing imitated the elders and stroked her chin before saying with mock seriousness.

"Hahahaha!" Li Xiaoran couldn't help but laugh out loud.

"What are you laughing at? I heard your laughter from afar!" At this moment, Li Shun and Luo Cheng returned with a basket on their backs.

Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoran quickly went forward to help and took down the baskets on their backs.

"Father, why did you guys finish cutting down the cypress branches so quickly?" Li Xiaoran asked with a smile, "We were amused by Xiao Qing's imitation of an old lady!"

Li Shun smiled and took out a handkerchief to wipe his sweat.

“There are cypress trees at the edge of our valley, and they’ve grown a lot. So my son-in-law and I went to cut some down and came back. Anyway, it’s close, so we can cut them again after burning them!”

“Won’t it be cut down by the villagers?” Li Xiaoqing thought of something and asked, “If there’s really a cypress tree so close to the village, the villagers will definitely come and cut it down!”

“No, the forest behind this valley is also mine. When I bought this valley to build a house, I bought that forest too. Therefore, no one will come here to cut cypress branches!” Luo Cheng thought of something and mentioned.

“No wonder! No wonder the people in the village never walk this way. So that’s how it is!” Li Shun said in realization.

After hearing this news, the family was relieved.

After the fire was built, the cypress branches were placed on it. There was a crackling sound. They started smoking bacon and sausages.

Once the smoking of bacon and sausages started, they couldn’t leave.

It happened to be cold outside, so Luo Ziyang brought Guan Kang to sit around the fire.

It was time to go out to sell knife-cut noodles. Everyone packed up and walked towards the shop.

When they walked to the shop, they saw Yuan Cheng wandering back and forth outside.

“Yuan Cheng, why are you standing outside? It’s so cold outside. Why aren’t you entering the shop?” Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

“Brother Luo Cheng, Sister Xiaoran, you’re finally here! There was a customer in the shop today. I already said that the shop wouldn’t open until noon, but the other party refused to leave. He sat at the table and waited, unwilling to leave.” Yuan Cheng came forward and said anxiously.

When Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran heard this, they looked at each other and walked towards the shop together.

At this moment, there were indeed two people sitting in the shop.

One was a man in brocade clothes, and the other was a guard in tight clothes.

Hearing footsteps, the brocade-robed man didn’t even turn his head but spoke directly.

“It’s been a while. Don’t you recognize me?”

Luo Cheng looked at the side profile of the person in front of him and replied, “Third Brother, you still recognize me as your younger brother?”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she was surprised.

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From the beginning to the end, Li Xiaoran had always thought that Luo Cheng had no family.

Unexpectedly, one appeared in front of them.

Third Brother? Seventh Brother?

In that case, her husband was actually born into a big family?

At this moment, Li Xiaoran had already imagined a drama.

"Wife, Third Brother came from afar. Go and cook a bowl of noodles for him!" Luo Cheng suddenly called Li Xiaoran and said.

Li Xiaoran came back to her senses and nodded. Then, she asked, "What flavor do you want to eat?"

The young man in embroidered clothes had already seen the sign in the shop, so he said directly, "I want minced meat and knife-cut noodles!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and went to the stove to get busy.

The others also got busy.

"Mother, please clean up the table next door. Third Brother and I will sit there and eat sliced noodles later! It won't affect the business in the shop!" Luo Cheng stopped Zhao Xiu and said.

Zhao Xiu was stunned. She didn't expect Luo Cheng to call her mother.

But she caught herself, then smiled and agreed.

"I'll go now!"

With that, Zhao Xiu pulled Li Xiaoqing to the shop at the side and quickly tidied up the tables and chairs inside.

The other shops had actually been prepared long ago, but they were not used for the time being, so there was nothing placed there.

Previously, the dining table in Luo Cheng's house was too small for the family to sit together to eat, so they bought a big table.

The small table had been moved directly to the shop and placed in the empty shop.

It just so happened that this table would be useful today.

Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoqing were very agile. After walking in, they opened the window to get some air. Then, they cleaned the tables and chairs with a cloth.

Before long, the shop was tidied up.

Luo Cheng brought the man in embroidered clothes and his guard over and sat down.

After watching Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoqing leave, Luo Cheng took a sip of water from the bowl in front of him to moisten his throat. Then, he went straight to the point and said, “Third Brother, you probably didn’t come here just to see me!”

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng’s words, he immediately sighed.

“Can’t I just come and see how you’re doing?”

When Luo Cheng heard Ling Heng’s words, he immediately laughed.

“In that case, you can see that I’m doing well now. Leave after eating the sliced noodles! Don’t disturb my peaceful life!”

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng’s words, he immediately frowned.

“Seventh Brother, how did you become like this?! Do you really want to be a hunter, a farmer, or even a businessman?”

“I don’t think there’s anything wrong with that! On the contrary, I think I’m very happy living like this. I’m far away from those scheming people. I’m just living a simple life!” Luo Cheng said indifferently.

“Seventh Brother! Is what you’ve learned all your life for nothing? Shouldn’t you use your skills to benefit the people?” Ling Heng couldn’t help but reprimand.

“Third Brother, you’re still the same! I haven’t seen you in a few years, but you haven’t changed at all! So what if I’m wasting my time? I’m willing! I’m not interested in benefiting the people!” Luo Cheng snorted and replied.

“You! Seventh Brother, have you been brainwashed by these country bumpkins? You’re actually so unambitious! I can tell at a glance that your wife is a country bumpkin. She’s very vulgar. It’s simply an insult to culture to marry such a person!” Ling Heng scolded loudly.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he was immediately furious. He looked at his third brother and narrowed his eyes.

Just as Luo Cheng was about to say something, Li Xiaoran walked in with a knife-cut noodles.

“It seems that you don’t like me as your sister-in-law, nor do you like my shabby food!” Li Xiaoran walked over and placed the bowl of sliced noodles on the table heavily.

“Then I’d rather feed this bowl of noodles to the dogs than let you eat it! Who do you think you are? How dare you act so snobby in my territory?!” With that, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng. “Husband, watch out. Don’t let half of this bowl of sliced noodles fall into his mouth!”

“You! Look at you. You’re vulgar and have no manners at all!” Ling Heng pointed at Li Xiaoran and said disdainfully.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran picked up the bamboo brush on the ground and hit Ling Heng’s finger.

Seeing this, the guard beside Ling Heng immediately wanted to attack Li Xiaoran, but he was stopped by Luo Cheng.

“How dare you hurt my wife!” With that, Luo Cheng’s internal energy surged out and rushed towards Gao Jian’s right hand.

Gao Jian’s right hand went numb and he lost his strength. Then, Luo Cheng shook him off. He stumbled and fell outside the door.

On the other side, Li Xiaoran also hit Ling Heng’s finger with a bamboo brush and retorted.

“You keep saying that I’m a country bumpkin, but why don’t you reflect on how rude your behavior is? To think that you’re a scholar. You don’t even have the most basic etiquette and shame. You actually need me, a countryside woman, to teach you!”

“Let me ask you, is it the behavior of a gentleman to badmouth others behind their backs? You don’t understand my character and temperament at all, but you labeled me as a countryside woman. What have you learned in school? If all officials judge people by their appearance and believe in only what they hear, how can they be fair and honest? If you can’t even do this, what right do you have to say that you can benefit the people? Aren’t you thick-skinned and evil-hearted?”

“Also, you keep saying that you want to benefit the common people, but have you forgotten that I’m also one of the common people? Since you want to benefit us, why do you still look down on us? Could it be that your words about benefiting the common people are just empty words and you’re just pretending?”

She didn’t stop talking. When she saw that Ling Heng was speechless, Li Xiaoran’s anger dissipated a little.

“Today, I, a countryside woman, will give you a piece of advice! Water can carry a boat, but it can also capsize a boat! Don’t underestimate a countryside woman like me. Perhaps there will be a day when a young master like you will beg me! Let’s wait and see!”

With that, Li Xiaoran turned around and left proudly.

When she reached the door, Li Xiaoran turned around and glanced at Luo Cheng.

“Husband, remember, my noodles are to be fed to dogs! You have to watch carefully. Don’t let anyone steal them!”

“Alright, I’ll remember!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran’s cocky and arrogant expression with fondness.

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To be honest, ever since Li Xiaoran left the Li family, this was the first time she had attacked someone at full strength.

She hadn’t scolded anyone in a long time, so now that she suddenly scolded someone, she felt much better.

When Li Shun and Zhao Xiu heard the commotion and saw that their daughter had returned with a smug look, they asked, “What’s going on?”

“Father, Mother, it’s fine! It’s just that some people are snobbish, so I taught them a lesson. That’s all! Let’s go. Don’t let someone irrelevant stop us from earning money!” Li Xiaoran said indifferently.

Seeing that their daughter hadn’t suffered a loss, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu didn’t harp on this matter.

On the other side, Ling Heng only came back to his senses after Li Xiaoran.

Just now, he was scolded by a countryside woman?

Wait a minute, this countryside woman was really impressive!

Her eloquence was superb!

Thinking of something, Ling Heng looked at Luo Cheng.

“Sister-in-law has always been so impressive?”

Luo Cheng glanced at Ling Heng and raised his eyebrows.

After all, they were brothers. As his younger brother, he knew Ling Heng’s personality very well.

“You don’t think she’s a village woman now?”

“Sigh, Seventh Brother, I made a slip of the tongue. In a while, I’ll go and apologize to Sister-in-law! Actually, I was too anxious to see you wasting your time and talent here!” Ling Heng quickly explained, “Seventh Brother, I’m really here to show my concern for you. But now that I’ve seen Sister-in-law’s eloquence, I suddenly have a presumptuous request!”

“Don’t! Stop, Third Brother! Don’t say anything! I don’t care what you’re thinking. Don’t target my wife or me. I’ve said it before, I’m not interested in what you say. Everyone has their own ambitions. You can’t force them. Third Brother, please go back!” Luo Cheng stopped Ling Heng before he could say anything.

“I’m not going back. I still have noodles to eat!” Ling Heng said as he snatched the noodles and chopsticks from the table. He sat on the table and ate angrily.

As he ate, Ling Heng protected the bowl and said, "Just treat it as if I bought this bowl of noodles! I'll give you money later. I won't eat your food for nothing!"

Luo Cheng looked at him and said with a smile, "Sure! Then I'll thank you for taking care of our business!"

Seeing that no one was snatching the noodles from him, Ling Heng started eating with relief.

It had to be said that when the knife-cut noodles were brought over, they smelled very good.

It tasted even better.

Ling Heng, who liked noodles, was already fascinated by the taste and had forgotten what he wanted to say.

On the other side, Gao Jian had already recovered. There were no injuries on his arm, but his hand still felt a little numb.

Seeing that his young master wasn't in danger, Gao Jian quickly walked to Ling Heng's side.

After Ling Heng saw Gao Jian, he asked with concern, "Are you alright?"

"No. His arm will be numb for at least three days! Third Brother, you should have other guards! You'd better not let him work for the next three days. Otherwise, his arm will really be crippled!" Luo Cheng looked at Gao Zhong and told him the truth.

Ling Heng frowned when he heard that.

"Seventh Brother, you're too ruthless!"

"You guys have already bullied me, and he wanted to deal with my wife. How could I be lenient with him?" Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and asked in return.

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng's words, he thought for a moment and said, "Call Gao Zheng out! Rest at the side! Remember, don't use your internal energy for three days. After you go back today, rest for three days!"

When Luo Cheng heard his third brother say this, he ignored him and sat at the table to continue drinking water.

After Ling Heng gave the instructions, he remembered that there was still a bowl of noodles in front of him, so he quickly ate again.

Soon, Ling Heng finished the bowl of sliced noodles and was very satisfied.

"Looks like you're very satisfied! Thank you for your patronage. The noodles cost 200 taels of silver!"

"What?" Ling Heng's eyes widened. "Did I hear wrongly?"

"You didn't hear wrongly. Two hundred taels of silver!" Luo Cheng looked at his third brother with a smile as he confirmed.

“You’re robbing me! I saw on your sign that a bowl is only a few copper coins. You actually charged me two hundred taels of silver. Are you robbing me?”

“Of course not! What’s my relationship with you?! We’re biological brothers. Besides, what kind of person are you? This little bit of money is nothing to you!” Luo Cheng said sarcastically.

“Hmph, even if I have money, I shouldn’t spend it like this!” Ling Heng was furious.

“Is that so? Then I’m really sorry! I didn’t look at the bowl of noodles in front of me carefully and let you eat it. I won’t be able to give my wife an explanation. I can call her over to settle it!” As Luo Cheng spoke, he called out, “Wife!”

As soon as he finished speaking, Ling Heng covered Luo Cheng’s mouth.

“I’ll give it to you! I’ll give it to you!”

As Ling Heng spoke, he took out a wallet and paid two hundred taels of silver.

Luo Cheng took the two hundred taels of silver and weighed it in his hand before smiling in satisfaction.

“That’s right! With these two hundred taels of silver, I can explain to my wife!”

“Hmph, look at you. You’re a failure!” Ling Heng felt very upset after being scammed.

“Third Brother, didn’t you inquire about the culture and customs here before coming? Everyone here is afraid of women! Women are the most important!” Luo Cheng explained.

When Ling Heng heard his brother’s words, he immediately remembered what he wanted to say previously, so he ignored the discomfort.

“Seventh Brother, help me! I’m really in trouble this time. I need someone as eloquent as Seventh Sister to help me!”

Luo Cheng seemed to have expected what Ling Heng was going to say. When he said the first word, Luo Cheng had already covered his ears and muttered loudly, “No, no, no!”

This time, Ling Heng was furious.

“Hmph, I don’t care. If you don’t agree, I’ll stay here forever!”

With that, Ling Heng looked at Luo Cheng’s expression.

Seeing Luo Cheng’s disapproving expression, he threatened, “Don’t think I can’t find your house! I’ve asked around. I know where your shop and your house are. Even if you can escape now, you can’t escape forever!”

“Whatever! There’s business to do at the shop. Third Brother, sit here and rest!” Luo Cheng said and left.



## Chapter 189 Jade-faced Woman

While Li Xiaoran was cooking the knife-cut noodles, she saw Luo Cheng bring over an empty bowl and immediately smiled.

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“Your third brother ate the noodles?”

Luo Cheng smiled and nodded. Then, he placed the dishes in the wooden basin and came straight to Li Xiaoran’s side.

Suddenly, she felt something being put in her pocket. After that, she could feel that the thing that was put in her pocket had some weight.

“This is the money Third Brother gave me. It’s two hundred taels of silver!”

With that, Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and smiled.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her eyes widened and she laughed.

“Yes, my cooking skills are indeed worth so much!”

“Of course. My wife’s cooking is priceless!” Luo Cheng echoed.

“That person left?” Li Xiaoran didn’t accept Luo Cheng’s compliment and asked.

“He didn’t leave. He’s still there!” Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she stopped cooking the noodles and asked in confusion, “Why?”

“I can only blame my wife for being too outstanding. My third brother liked your eloquence and plans to entrust you with an important task! However, I rejected him!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood something.

“He wants my help? What can I do to help your third brother? Go argue with someone?”

“Something like that!” Luo Cheng replied with a smile.

At this point, Li Xiaoran quickly scooped the noodles into a bowl and asked her father to pick them up for the guest. Then, she looked at Luo Cheng.

“What do you mean?”

“As far as I know, my third brother has something to do, but he lacks someone who can persuade others. Now, he has his eyes on your talent in this aspect!” Luo Cheng told him what he knew.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she shook her head.

“Hmph, I’m not going! This is really karma! I’ve already said that he will need my help. I didn’t expect the time to come so quickly!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran was amused again.

“Sigh, when I saw your third brother sitting there previously, I thought he was a very serious person. Who knew that he would actually be so shameless?!”

Luo Cheng explained when he heard this.

“My third brother is indeed old-fashioned, but he also admires and respects capable people.”

“Then do you want me to help your third brother?” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she understood another meaning.

“No, no, no, I didn’t mean that! I didn’t agree. That’s why he insisted on staying!” Luo Cheng quickly clarified.

“Then let him stay. Anyway, we have many rooms at home. It’s just one more room. Let him live however he wants!” Li Xiaoran said generously, “No matter what, on account that he’s your third brother, we can’t chase him out!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he did something admiring.

At this moment, a woman walked in from the door of the shop.

With her arrival, a fragrance wafted in.

“I want a bowl of minced meat noodles!” A sweet voice sounded.

When Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran heard this voice, their expressions immediately became serious. They looked over and saw a familiar face.

“Why are you looking at me? Isn’t this a noodle shop? Don’t you sell noodles here?” the person said with a smile.

Luo Cheng frowned and was about to chase her away when Li Xiaoran stopped him.

“Sure! Please find a seat. The noodles will be ready soon!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

Li Shun, Zhao Xiu, and the others also saw this scene and felt confused.

Li Shun thought for a moment and said, “Xiao Qing, go with Father to the well outside to wash some vegetables!”

Li Xiaoqing nodded and walked to the back of the shop.

Li Shun glanced at his wife and lowered his voice. “I’ll bring Xiao Qing to the back! Xiu’er, keep an eye on her!”

Zhao Xiu nodded and gave him a reassuring look.

On the other side, Li Xiaoran quickly sliced the knife-cut noodles into the pot and seasoned them.

Luo Cheng stared at the woman called Jade Face, then lowered his voice and asked, "Are you really here to buy noodles?"

"You're a customer! Leave this to me! Just stand at the side! Let us women settle this!" Li Xiaoran said.

"Alright, be careful not to fall into her trap!" Luo Cheng instructed worriedly, "I'll stay here and watch. If anything happens, I can stop it!"

"Yes! Okay!" Li Xiaoran nodded and focused on cooking the noodles.

Soon, a bowl of sliced noodles was ready. After sending the noodles up personally, Li Xiaoran smiled and said to the woman.

"Your noodles are here. Please enjoy!"

The woman called Jade Face glanced at Li Xiaoran and smiled at her.

"Thank you!"

With that, Jade Face started eating.

Li Xiaoran ignored her and returned to stand in front of the stove.

After Jade Face finished eating the noodles, she looked at Li Xiaoran.

"I want to settle the bill!"

With that, Jade Face took out a copper coin from her pocket.

Li Xiaoran walked over and took the money. She was about to leave when Jade Face stopped her.

"I'm not only here to eat noodles today, but I also have news to tell you! Please convey that we've already verified that it's indeed useless. Don't worry! We won't come again! By the way, we've already spread this news according to our previous promise!"

With that, Jade Face stood up and left.

Seeing the other party leave, Li Xiaoran was a little stunned.

"Is she really just here to eat a bowl of noodles and spread the news?" Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and asked.

Luo Cheng shook his head and then said, "Shouldn't you know better?"

Li Xiaoran thought about it carefully and said, "I can feel that she's not lying to us. She's telling the truth!"

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran added.

"Then will Kang'er be safe?"

“He’s safe for now! We still have to wait and see!” Luo Cheng shook his head and said, “I’d rather be on guard against such things!”

Li Xiaoran also felt that this was safer. After all, Guan Kang’s life was very precious.

“Sigh! Speaking of which, Kang’er is really unlucky!”

“Maybe it’s the bitterness before the sweetness! Maybe this child will have great achievements in the future!” Luo Cheng had a different opinion.

“No matter what, it’s still good news! We’ll tell Uncle Guan and Aunt Hui tonight!” Li Xiaoran said.

After Jade Face walked out of the shop, she got into a carriage.

“Didn’t you say you were going to make a scene? Why wasn’t there any sound?” a man in the carriage asked.

When Jade Face heard this, she looked at the shop nearby and shook her head.

“There’s no need!”

## Chapter 190 Naturally Different

Jade Face was actually just her nickname. Her real name was Fan Xue.

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However, over the years, very few people called her by that name.

Thinking of this, Fan Xue suddenly had an urge to jump out of the carriage and run towards the knife-cut noodles shop.

Li Xiaoran was carrying a bowl of noodles to a customer when she saw Jade Face run in.

“Li Xiaoran, my name is Fan Xue! Remember, my name is Fan Xue!”

With that, Fan Xue laughed.

This time, there was no charm in her smile. Instead, she looked like a kind girl.

“And thank you!”

With that, Fan Xue waved and left.

Luo Cheng was puzzled when he saw this.

When he came to Li Xiaoran’s side, Luo Cheng asked in confusion, “What’s wrong with her? Why did she run back to thank you?”

“Maybe it’s because I treat her like other customers!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile as she watched Fan Xue leave.

“How is this different?” Luo Cheng asked, looking confused.

“Of course it’s different!” Li Xiaoran said and continued to do her work without explaining.

In this world, especially in this time and space, people were not equal.

Over the years, Fan Xue had seen many people looking at her with disdain.

She had seen too much and didn’t think much of it. Although she didn’t seem to care on the surface, she still minded.

However, when she came to the knife-cut noodles shop previously, Li Xiaoran didn’t look at her with prejudice. She even treated her equally, like she did with the other customers.

This respect and sense of equality warmed Fan Xue’s heart.

At this moment, Fan Xue’s desire to find fault was extinguished. She ate the bowl of sliced noodles in peace and left after bringing the letter.

At the same time, Fan Xue, who had returned to the carriage, seemed a little different.

However, he couldn’t pinpoint what was different.

“Why do you seem happy?” a man sitting beside Jade Face asked.

“Of course I’m happy. I ate something delicious! Sigh, I suggest you go to the shop to eat knife-cut noodles next time! The knife-cut noodles here are very good. It’s worth a try!” Fan Xue said with a smile.

The others really thought that it was because the knife-cut noodles were delicious, so they didn’t ask further.

Soon, four hours passed.

Seeing that there were not many customers left, Li Xiaoran also began to take out ingredients to make lunch.

“Hey, husband, is your third brother still around?” Li Xiaoran was about to steam the rice when she thought of something and asked.

“I just went to take a look. He’s still there!” Luo Cheng shook his head and said.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Husband, are you on good terms with your third brother?”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “He’s the one I’m on better terms with among us brothers!”

“I see!” Li Xiaoran pondered when she heard this.

“Sister, come and take a look. Mao Dao actually caught a few big fish!” Li Xiaoqing’s voice sounded from outside.

Li Xiaoran ran out to take a look and really saw Mao Dao carrying two fish over.

“Mao Dao, where did you get this fish?”

When Mao Dao heard Li Xiaoran's voice, he smiled and said, "Sister-in-law, we dug lotus roots in the lotus pond in our village today and caught a lot of fish. In order to thank you and Brother Luo Cheng for helping me, my parents asked me to bring these fish over for you to try!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

"I haven't eaten fish in a long time. I'm really craving it now! Come, bring it over quickly. We won't stand on ceremony with you! Stay for lunch!"

"Yes, yes, okay. I won't stand on ceremony either! You're good at cooking. I've been craving it for a long time!" Mao Dao said happily.

After that, the group got busy.

"Husband, go summon Ziyang and Guan Kang! I'll make something delicious for you guys today! I saw that Mao Dao brought five big fish over. Let's cook them together today!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

"Okay! I'll call them now!" Luo Cheng nodded and turned to go home.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Father, Mother, call Mao Dao and the others to deal with these five fish! I'll stir-fry the ingredients!"

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu naturally nodded. Then, they brought the fish outside and called Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng to gut the fish.

Li Xiaoqing also watched and learned. It just so happened that they each took one and killed them quickly.

After washing the fish, Li Shun walked in with five fish.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran had already cooked the rice and prepared all kinds of condiments.

After the fish were delivered, Li Xiaoran took a kitchen knife and began to slice the fish.

Li Xiaoran raised her hand and skillfully cut out the fish bones.

The fish bones were cut into pieces and placed in a basin. The fish meat was placed in another basin.

After the bones and meat of the five fish were separated, Li Xiaoran took the pieces of fish and cut them diagonally.

Soon, crystalline pieces of fish were sliced.

This scene amazed the surrounding crowd.

When Ling Heng heard the exclamations, he couldn't help but run over to take a look.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran had already placed the fish slices in a bowl and marinated them with seasoning.

Of course, she also put some salt on the fish bones to marinate them. They would taste better later.

“Oh no, I forgot to tell you before. I should have brought two asparagus and celery from home!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“I’ll go!” Mao Dao took the initiative and said, “I’m fast. If I run faster, I can catch up to Brother Luo Cheng!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded. “Alright, go quickly!”

Mao Dao nodded and ran out after Luo Cheng.

However, when he finally arrived at the Luo family’s house, he saw the three people who were about to leave.

“Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law asked you to bring two asparagus and some celery over!” Mao Dao quickly shouted.

When Luo Cheng heard Mao Dao’s words, he stopped in his tracks and turned to run towards the vegetable field at the back of the courtyard.

When Li Xiaoran finished cooking the other dishes, Luo Cheng and the others rushed over with a basket of vegetables.

“There are many people eating today, so I brought some more ingredients over!” Luo Cheng said when he saw Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran looked around. In addition to the asparagus and celery she wanted, there was a piece of pork belly, a handful of garlic sprouts, a cabbage, a few carrots, and some peas.

“That’s right. With these dishes, we can have a good lunch!”