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### Chapter 211 Warning

“I really didn’t expect you to be so skilled in martial arts! I still have something to do today, so I won’t accompany you. When we meet again another day, let’s fight to our hearts’ content!” The red-robed man cupped his hands and bowed to the other party.

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Li Xiaoran had sharp eyes and immediately saw the plum blossom pattern embroidered on the man’s sleeve. Then, she nudged Qin Meizhen’s arm with her elbow.

“Qin Meizhen, look at the patterns on his sleeves!”

Qin Meizhen followed Li Xiaoran’s reminder and looked over. It was indeed a plum blossom.

The man in red also heard Li Xiaoran and Qin Meizhen’s conversation, so he raised his eyebrows and jumped in front of Qin Meizhen.

“You’re Qin Meizhen?” The man in red studied Qin Meizhen and asked.

“Then what’s your name?” Qin Meizhen also looked up at the man in red and asked.

“My name is Liu Feng!” The man in red said and sat on the stone bench opposite Qin Meizhen. He asked, “What do you think of me? Am I your type?”

This was the first time Qin Meizhen had met such a proactive man. She immediately blushed.

“I-I don’t even know you. How can I know if you’re my type?”

When Liu Feng heard this, he immediately grinned.

The smile revealed his white teeth.

“It doesn’t matter. Now, we know each other! We’ll have many opportunities to get to know each other in the future!”

With that, Liu Feng took out a brocade bag from his pocket and stuffed it into Qin Meizhen’s hand.

“My father said that he wants to give you a greeting gift. This is my greeting gift to you!” With that, the man in red jumped and left.

Qin Meizhen was stunned. She looked at the brocade bag in her hand and was at a loss.

“Aren’t you going to open it?” Li Xiaoran teased.

After Qin Meizhen heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she opened the brocade bag.

When she opened the brocade bag, there were actually several beautiful candies inside.

In addition, there was a note inside.

She opened the note and saw the words: Eat a candy and enjoy the sweetness. Your mood will improve!

For some reason, Qin Meizhen really took out a peach-colored candy and ate it.

“Yes, this is actually plum-flavored!” Qin Meizhen said in surprise.

Li Xiaoran looked at Qin Meizhen’s surprised expression and laughed.

Just like that, the meeting was over.

After that, the three of them took the carriage back to town.

“You saw these four people. You can tell me now!” Qin Meizhen thought of something and asked.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “These four people each have their strengths and weaknesses.”

“The first person called Guo Mingliang is actually a very upright person. It’s just that he’s too upright and doesn’t know how to be tactful.”

“The scholar, Qi Shixing, is kind-hearted, but he’s a little cowardly when it comes to dealing with matters. He can’t take on heavy responsibilities and isn’t good at dealing with internal affairs!”

“The third person, Young Master Deng Qiuping, whom you like very much, is gentle and patient with children. However, can you accept someone who is friendly to everyone?”

“The last one is called Liu Feng. He’s loyal, cheerful, and his flaw is simple. He’s probably a person who values brotherhood!”

Li Xiaoran’s words made Qin Meizhen fall into deep thought.

That’s right. These four had their own strengths and weaknesses.

The key was who Qin Mei really liked.

Li Xiaoran looked at Qin Meizhen’s thoughtful expression and wanted to say something, but she hesitated.

In the end, after Qin Meizhen sent Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng home, she prepared to go back.

After Li Xiaoran stood at the door of her house, she suddenly looked at Qin Meizhen.

“Meizhen! Remember, you can’t choose that person called Deng Qiuping!”

Qin Meizhen was stunned for a moment and looked at Li Xiaoran in disbelief.

She wanted to ask why.

However, she couldn’t get the words out.

In the end, Qin Meizhen nodded and her expression turned solemn. Then, she left in the carriage.

Seeing that Qin Meizhen had really left, Li Xiaoran sighed and entered the house with Luo Cheng.

“What’s wrong? You don’t seem very happy.” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and asked.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she walked over and leaned her head on his arm.

“Actually, there are some things I haven’t said, but I don’t think I can say them.”

Luo Cheng reached out and gently patted Li Xiaoran’s head.

“Then tell me! You’ll feel better!”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Actually, among the four of them, I think the person called Liu Feng is more suitable for Qin Meizhen.”

“Then why did you remind her not to choose that person called Deng Qiuping?” Luo Cheng asked after a moment.

“Because that person called Deng Qiuping is two-faced. He looks gentle on the surface, but he’s actually a very pessimistic person. I sensed that his emotions were all negative, but Qin Meizhen has the best impression of Deng Qiuping. I was a little worried, so I reminded her!” Li Xiaoran said what she sensed. “Husband, Deng Qiuping isn’t a good person. That’s what my feeling tells me.”

Luo Cheng nodded when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Have you met anyone who made you feel that way before?”

“Yes, the kidnappers who wanted to snatch our house previously!” Li Xiaoran blurted out.

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment, then had a bad feeling.

“Don’t worry, I’ll investigate this person called Deng Qiuping!”

Li Xiaoran nodded.

“I think you’re probably very tired today. Let’s go buy new year’s goods tomorrow! We can go home after buying them tomorrow!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said.

“Alright! I’m indeed a little tired!” Li Xiaoran nodded and said.

Too many things had happened in the past few days. Now that it was finally over, Li Xiaoran felt a little tired.

On Qin Meizhen’s side, after returning to the Qin family, she saw her uncle, Chen Xingwang, and aunt, An Xiyue, waiting at home.

“How is it? What do you want to see?” An Xiyue asked with a smile.

Chen Xingwang also looked at Qin Meizhen, as if waiting for her to say something.

Qin Meizhen thought for a moment and told them about her encounter with these four people.

At the end, Qin Meizhen hesitated for a moment and said what Li Xiaoran had said.

When Chen Xingwang heard this, he began to think seriously.

“You actually like Deng Qiuping the most, right?” Chen Xingwang suddenly asked.

Qin Meizhen hesitated for a moment before finally nodding.

When An Xiyue saw this, she couldn't help but sigh.

## Chapter 212 Aunt's Worries

Out of ten women, nine would fall in love with gentle-looking men at first sight.

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However, very few people knew that refined men should be avoided the most.

The marriage partners chosen for Qin Meizhen were carefully selected by An Xiyue.

However, she had only selected three people. The person called Deng Qiuping was not among the people she had listed.

This person called Deng Qiuping was someone that Qin Meizhen's uncle, Chen Xingwang, had added at the last minute.

Chen Xingwang happened to meet a person called Deng Qiuping. He felt that the other party was scholarly and treated people quite well.

Later, he asked about Deng Qiuping's family background and felt that it was not bad, so he added him at the last minute.

An Xiyue would never have shown this person to Qin Meizhen.

Because such men were too harmful to those young girls.

Hadn't she almost done something she would regret for the rest of her life because of this type of man?

Fortunately, the heavens took pity on her and let her see the other party's true colors at the critical moment. Later on, she met a capable man like Chen Xingwang. After marrying him, she lived a stable and happy life.

When Chen Xingwang heard that his niece had taken a fancy to Deng Qiuping, he was immediately happy.

“See! I think Deng Qiuping is quite nice! This young man is really outstanding. His family background is even better than ours. I think it's a good idea for Meizhen to marry him!”

When Qin Meizhen saw that her uncle was also praising Deng Qiuping, she felt enticed.

However, when she thought of Li Xiaoran's words, Qin Meizhen calmed down again.

An Xiyue wanted to stall for time, so she said, "Husband, how can marriage be child's play? Now that the four of them have seen each other, let's find someone to ask about the other party's background! We'll think about it when the time comes!"

"What's there to ask? Didn't we ask around before?" Chen Xingwang asked with a puzzled expression.

"Husband, what we asked about previously was the other party's family background. Now, we want to ask about the other party's habits and family's character. You also know that after a woman gets married, not only does she have to see if the man is good or not, but she also has to see if the family is easy to get along with, especially mother-in-law, sister-in-law, and so on. If we don't ask about these things, she'll suffer a huge loss!" An Xiyue said.

To be honest, An Xiyue was really doing her best for her niece.

An Xiyue didn't have a daughter, so she treated Qin Meizhen as her biological daughter.

Marrying off a daughter was not a simple matter. She had to think of many things for her sake.

After Qin Meizhen experienced what had happened previously, she could feel her aunt's kindness.

Coupled with her situation in the Qin family, Qin Meizhen agreed.

"Uncle, let's do as my aunt says! You handle big matters outside, so you don't know as much when it comes to domestic affairs! I'll leave this matter to my aunt!" Qin Meizhen said gratefully.

When An Xiyue heard Qin Meizhen's words, she felt very comforted.

At least she didn't waste her efforts.

Speaking of which, she was just about to thank that vicious stepmother of the Qin family for doing such a thing to Qin Meizhen and letting her see the other party's true colors at the critical moment.

Otherwise, she would have been annoyed in the future.

Qin Meizhen's previous behavior was really disappointing!

However, she didn't expect things to turn around.

It had to be said that people had to experience some things to grow up.

Thinking of this, An Xiyue also thought of her two sons.

Perhaps it was time for her sons to go out and experience the ways of the world!

The next day was still sunny.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng woke up early and went straight to the breakfast shop on the street for breakfast.

In the morning, the two of them bought most of the things they needed for the new year and loaded a ox cart.

After that, Li Xiaoran thought of something and went to the clothing shop to buy a few sets of ready-to-wear clothes for her family. She also bought a few blankets and sheets.

During the new year, Old Madam Jin might come over to stay, so she had to prepare in advance.

After lunch, Li Xiaoran went to take a break. Luo Cheng took this time to explain the operation of the wine shop to He Houfa and also made arrangements for the new year.

“Uncle He, the wine shop won’t be on break during the holiday this year. It will be open the entire time, so I’ll have to trouble you. Madam has already bought some New Year goods. They’ll be sent back in a few days. When the time comes, get someone to distribute these New Year goods. How much each person gets will be recorded on this list. When the time comes, just distribute them according to this list. If there’s anything you can’t resolve, send a pigeon to me. I’ll be there soon!” Luo Cheng instructed.

He Houfa nodded and took the list.

After taking a closer look, He Houfa smiled.

“Madam is so thoughtful. With this New Year’s gift, we can all have a good year!”

“It’s good that you like it! Her efforts are not in vain,” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

After everything was settled, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng returned with their things in the afternoon.

Seeing that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had returned, Li Shun and the others were very surprised.

“Did something happen? Didn’t you go see your grandmother? Why did you bring so many things back?” Li Shun couldn’t help but ask.

After Li Xiaoran jumped out of the carriage, she replied with a smile, “Father, there are some things to deal with at grandmother’s house. We have to wait until after the new year! My husband and I thought about how the New Year was coming soon, so we bought some New Year goods!”

Li Shun didn’t suspect anything.

After all, it was going to be the new year soon. Everyone had a lot of things to do. It was normal to postpone the reunion until after the new year.

Thinking of this, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu came over to help move the things.

Luo Ziyang, Li Xiaoqing, and Guan Kang, who were warming themselves by the fire, also came out to help when they heard the commotion.

Even Big Yellow, who they had not seen for a few days, shook its head and smiled at Luo Cheng when it saw that its master had returned. It even rubbed its head against Luo Cheng’s pants.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran laughed.

“Big Yellow, don’t worry! Even if we forget, others won’t forget you! We also bought a lot of hearts, lungs, and bones this time. We’ll also give you and your dog brothers a few good meals during the new year!”

Big Yellow was very understanding. When it heard Li Xiaoran's words, it immediately ran over and rubbed its head against Li Xiaoran's leg.

It was as if it was thanking her!

## Chapter 213 Fresh Taste

After putting everything away, Li Xiaoran grabbed a basket of melon seeds and peanut candy.

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There were also some snacks that Li Xiaoran had packed from the teahouse and some snacks she had bought from the grocery store.

After telling everyone to eat whatever they wanted, Li Xiaoran didn't see her mother, so she took a few pastries and went to look for her.

In the end, Li Xiaoran saw her hardworking mother, Zhao Xiu, at the laundry counter at home.

It was winter. Even though the sun was out, the water was still freezing.

The water on this side of the laundry table was taken from the stream on the mountain by a hose made of bamboo.

It was very convenient to use it for laundry.

Li Xiaoran took a piece of mung bean cake and stuffed it into Zhao Xiu's mouth.

Zhao Xiu took a bite of the mung bean cake and ate it as she washed her clothes.

"Sigh, this mung bean cake is really delicious!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she smiled and fed Zhao Xiu another mouthful.

Just like that, the mother and daughter ate while talking.

"Mother, don't be so tired. Leave these clothes here. I'll wash them later!" Li Xiaoran looked at her mother's red hands and said with some heartache.

"I've already washed them. Why are you trying to interfere?! If I wash them alone, I'll be the only one freezing. Why drag you down with me? Besides, the clothes I wash now are much less than when I was at the Li family's house!" Zhao Xiu said with a smile.

Speaking of the Li family, Zhao Xiu thought of something.

"By the way, you probably don't know! Li Yan is getting married today! I don't know what happened, but Li Yan actually got married in such a hurry! Your father and I thought about it and didn't give her anything. We pretended not to know! We're afraid the Li family will harass us!"

Li Xiaoran was stunned when she heard her mother's words.

"She's getting married today? I remember that the date was set after the new year."

“That’s right. I wonder what your uncle’s family is thinking. They’re in such a hurry to marry her off!” As Zhao Xiu spoke, she recalled another rumor. “Daughter, you don’t know, right? Now, everyone in the village is talking about how Li Qiang swallowed all the betrothal money sent by Pei Xuanxin and didn’t give Li Yan anything at all. Even the dowry was pieced together. How embarrassing!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately sneered.

“Mother, it’s not like you don’t know that with my grandparents’ selfish personalities, they can’t raise any good children. Among the three children, only my father is better, but doesn’t my father also have a lot of problems? If my father had been more unyielding in the past, we wouldn’t have suffered so much in the Li family.”

“Don’t say that in the future. Your father will be sad if he hears it! Your father has already changed a lot!” Zhao Xiu glanced at her daughter and said disapprovingly.

After Li Xiaoran received her mother’s reminder, she chuckled.

“It’s mainly because of what my father did in the past. Just thinking about it makes me angry! Don’t worry! Mother, as long as Father changes, he’ll still be the best father in our hearts!”

As soon as she said this, the mother and daughter laughed.

“Girl, I really can’t do anything about you!” Zhao Xiu said in the end.

After washing the clothes, Li Xiaoran also washed her hands and helped Zhao Xiu cool them.

“During the two days you were gone, your father and I cut some radish and shredded vegetables and dried them. After another two days, we can put the seasoning in the jar. The cured meat and sausages are also smoked well. Why don’t we get some cured meat and sausages to eat today?! Speaking of which, I’m really craving the taste!”

Zhao Xiu muttered when she was drying the clothes.

“Mother, if you want to eat it, just cook it!” Li Xiaoran said.

“That won’t do. The first bite of this year’s cured meat sausage has to be eaten with the entire family! With you and Luo Cheng around today, all our family members are here. We can cook it today. In the future, if you’re not at home, I’ll cook it myself if I want to eat it!” Zhao Xiu said insistently.

Li Xiaoran was very touched. Perhaps this was parental love!

If there was anything delicious or fun, they would immediately think of their children.

Even if it was just something very ordinary, they still insisted on keeping it until their children returned home to taste it together.



Although she said that she would cook it herself next time, Li Xiaoran was sure that her parents would still miss them and wait to eat it together when they were around.

“Alright, I’ll listen to you. I’ll ask Ziyang to get the cured meat and sausages now! Speaking of which, I’m drooling!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Zhao Xiu couldn’t help but laugh when she heard her daughter’s words.

“Hurry up and go! I’ll hang this last piece of clothing myself! Speaking of which, I’m hungry too!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and shouted into the house.

“Ziyang, bring down a piece of cured meat and a few sausages. We want to try something new today!”

When Luo Ziyang heard his sister-in-law’s words, he immediately smiled and agreed.

“Got it, Sister-in-law!”

With that, Luo Ziyang went to get the knife and began to choose.

“Brother Ziyang, this one!” Guan Kang was also interested and chose another piece of cured meat.

“Alright, I’ll listen to you!” Luo Ziyang smiled and came to the piece Guan Kang had mentioned. Then he took down the piece of cured meat.

After that, he cut off several more sections of sausage and placed them in a wooden basin.

When Li Xiaoqing heard her sister’s words, she had already filled the kettle and placed it on the small stove to boil.

On this side, Luo Ziyang held the cured meat with tongs and placed it on the stove to burn the skin.

As the skin burned, a fragrance wafted out.

When Guan Kang smelled it, he felt his mouth water.

“Brother Ziyang, you don’t know, but I’ve never eaten cured meat sausage before!” Guan Kang suddenly said.

Li Xiaoran happened to walk in to see how the cured meat was cooking. When she heard Guan Kang’s words, her heart ached.

“Is it because you weren’t in good health in the past that you couldn’t eat bacon and sausages? Can you eat them now?”

When Guan Kang heard Li Xiaoran’s voice, he nodded obediently. “I can eat them now! My body is no different from an ordinary child’s, but I can’t eat too much!”

Seeing how obedient Guan Kang was, Li Xiaoran reached out and touched his head.

“It’s fine. Then let’s eat less! There are too many cured meat and sausages at home. If you want to eat them in the future, just tell us. We’ll cook them for you!”

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Guan Kang smiled and nodded. He thanked her.

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“You don’t have to be so polite! By the way, where are Uncle Guan and Aunt Guan?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

“There was a family who wanted to buy a lot of ducks today. My father couldn’t send so many ducks alone, so my mother followed him! So I asked Third Uncle Li to take care of me!” Guan Kang told her.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded.

However, when it came to ducks, Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something.

It had been a long time since she had eaten roasted duck. Should she get a roasted duck?

This thought only flashed across Li Xiaoran’s mind. After that, everyone went to cook the cured meat.

While the women were busy cooking, Li Shun called the men out, even Guan Kang.

“Although it’s a little late now, I think we can still plant them! What you have in your hands are beans and peas. I also pulled some canola from the vegetable garden in the basket. Let’s plant some while we’re free! Throw them at the place where I made my nest!” After Li Shun brought the group of people outside, he made arrangements.

Luo Cheng and the others nodded, and everyone got busy.

After the food was ready, Li Shun and the others also planted the peas, beans, and vegetables.

“I think it’s definitely going to rain tonight, so we should plant them before the sun sets. That way, we don’t have to water it this time. When the seeds germinate and the canola seedlings are planted, we’ll take turns watering them.” Li Shun washed his hands as Luo Cheng and the others talked about farming.

Li Xiaoran, who was passing by with the dishes, heard her father’s words and asked, “Father, we’re going to plant peanuts and watermelons in the sand. You have to remember and decide when to plant them. Also, plant some potatoes!”

“Don’t worry! I’ll remember everything! We will start planting the few types you mentioned in March!” Li Shun said with a smile.

“Alright, anyway, I’ve already told you before that I’ll leave this matter to you. Just tell me what you need. I won’t intervene in anything else! When you need to hire someone, look for Luo Cheng!” Li Xiaoran reminded.

“Alright, I understand! Don’t worry! If you irrigate this land, I guarantee that you won’t be able to finish all the vegetables and fruits!” Li Shun said confidently.

Guan Kang thought of something and asked after washing his hands, “Third Uncle Li, when you went to my house previously and picked up so much duck feces and scattered them in the field, did you add some fertilizer to those fields?”

“That’s right! These fruit trees haven’t been planted before, and the soil isn’t fertile enough. We can take advantage of the winter to nurture them. We can start planting things after spring!” Li Shun replied.

Guan Kang thought for a moment and said, “Third Uncle Li, I love farming. Let me do it with you!”

“Alright! If you like it, follow me! You know your own body well. Don’t tire yourself out too much! If you’re tired, sit at the side and rest!” It was rare to see someone who liked to farm, so Li Shun naturally agreed.

As they spoke, everyone washed their hands and sat at the table together.

This time, the cured meat wasn’t stir-fried. Instead, it was cooked and sliced on a plate.

The sausage was the same. It was cut into pieces and placed on a plate.

The freshly cured meat had a smoky smell. It was best to eat it directly without any seasoning.

Zhao Xiu put some vegetables into the broth that was cooked with sausages and cured meat. It was refreshing and satisfying.

In addition, the cabbage had already begun to grow moss, so Li Xiaoqing picked some and stir-fried a vegetable dish.

There was also a large plate of chameleon plant salad on the table.

Li Xiaoran picked up a piece and ate it. She heard the crisp sound of chewing.

“This chameleon plant tastes very crispy. Where did you dig it from?” Li Xiaoran asked as she ate.

“Little Huzi and I dug it when we went to pick firewood yesterday!” Li Xiaoqing said with a smile, “I knew that you liked to eat this, so I dug it with Little Huzi. The chameleon plants in that place look much more tender than those of other places.”

“Thank you! I really like this!” Li Xiaoran said and picked up another piece to eat.

Guan Kang ate cured meat for the first time. After eating a piece, he chewed it carefully.

“How is it? Is it tasty? Is it something you like?” Luo Ziyang asked.

Guan Kang smiled and nodded, his eyes sparkling with joy.

“It’s good. It’s better than I thought!”

“Eat more if it’s tasty! Try this sausage too!” Luo Ziyang picked up another piece of sausage for Guan Kang.

Guan Kang smiled at him and thanked him before continuing to eat.

At the same time, Li Yan also married into Pei Xuanxin’s family.

Unlike the dowry they had seen in the village previously, Li Yan’s dowry was much more lavish now.

After the wedding ceremony and sending off the guests, Pei Xuanxin came to his new residence.

“Wife, why are there so many dowry?” Pei Xuanxin asked curiously.

“That’s the dowry my brother gave me!” Li Yan smiled and said, “My brother cares about me, so he got me so many dowry! Husband, you have to treat me better in the future!”

Pei Xuanxin nodded when he heard Li Yan’s words.

“You’re my wife, so I’ll naturally treat you well! Wife, let’s eat something first and rest later!”

Li Yan nodded, then the two of them spoke for a while.

Pei Xuan’s mother was also called over by her relatives for a wedding banquet.

Mrs. Pei smiled when she saw that her son had married such a rich wife.

She didn’t expect to see her son get married in her lifetime.

Initially, she thought that she would die regretfully without ever seeing him get married.

Unexpectedly, the heavens didn’t want her to die, but a noble actually sent reishi mushroom over and saved her life.

Since the heavens wanted her to live, she had to live well. Perhaps it wouldn’t be long before she could have a grandson.

After the wedding banquet, the guests helped clean up and left.

Mrs. Pei went back to her room to rest, leaving the bridal chamber to her son and daughter-in-law.

The two of them hadn’t had sex for a while. Now that they were married, they naturally released all their passion.

Feeling the pleasure, Li Yan smiled happily.

In this life, she finally began to experience the joy of Li Xiaoran’s previous life!

She would get what she wanted one by one.

When she thought of Li Xiaoran, Li Yan's mood improved even more!

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There was a reason why she was in a hurry to marry Pei Xuanxin.

When she saw the man who had stabbed her in her previous life in town, Li Yan remembered something.

Actually, before Luo Cheng used her as a shield, something else had happened.

However, at that time, she was silly and only thought about her good life. She didn't care about Luo Cheng at all.

Now, she finally remembered that she had returned to the Li family's house one day before the new year.

When she returned, she had accidentally seen a figure running out of the Luo family's house in a sorry state.

At that time, she didn't care. She only saw that the other party was injured.

The other man had glanced at her then and left quickly.

When she returned to the Luo family, Luo Cheng suddenly said that he was sick and needed to recuperate for a few days. He asked her not to disturb him.

She also smelled the blood coming from the house and thought that it was the smell of blood left behind by the prey Luo Cheng had brought back from hunting. She didn't care.

However, that time, Luo Cheng only appeared in front of her after the new year.

In this life, when she saw that person again, Li Yan immediately remembered this matter.

Because in her previous life, the injured man she had met outside the Luo family's house was the man she had met in town previously. He was the one who had tried to assassinate Luo Cheng!

What frightened Li Yan even more was that in this life, the other party had already targeted her. Was it because Luo Cheng had once said that she was the one he wanted to marry?

Therefore, after returning from town, Li Yan thought about it in a daze for a few days before finally coming up with such a way to hide.

As long as she got married, the killer would know that she had nothing to do with Luo Cheng.

As long as she wasn't in the village or under Luo Cheng's watch, she would not be implicated even if he tried to assassinate Luo Cheng.

Therefore, she had to get married to Pei Xuanxin quickly. Only then could she avoid Luo Cheng, who had brought her endless pain.

Today, she finally got married and had finally escaped from Luo Cheng.

She had everything that Li Xiaoran had. Now, it was time for Li Xiaoran to experience everything she had experienced!

She was really looking forward to it!

She wondered how desperate and regretful Li Xiaoran would be when she was pushed by Luo Cheng to block the sword this time!

What a pity. She wouldn't be able to see it!

Thinking of this, Li Yan was even happier. Then, she focused on her wedding night with Pei Xuanxin.

At midnight, the satisfied Pei Xuanxin suddenly woke up from his sleep.

For some reason, he felt that something was wrong. He felt that his life wasn't supposed to be like this.

Pei Xuanxin turned around and looked at Li Yan. He couldn't help but laugh.

He was really out of his mind. What should his life be like instead of this?

With Li Yan's reminder, he met a benefactor in Hele Village and obtained reishi mushrooms and money.

Now that his mother had recovered and his wife had married into the family, he could focus on studying and getting scholarly honors in the future.

Pei Xuanxin was very confident in his knowledge and believed that he would definitely be able to pass.

Therefore, he only needed to endure a little longer to improve his family's life. Over time, things would get better.

Thinking of this, Pei Xuanxin smiled and hugged Li Yan to sleep again.

Big Yellow and his dog buddies had been doing well recently.

Perhaps because it was the new year and because Big Yellow and its dog brothers had been working hard to guard the house this year, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng got some delicious food to reward them during these few days.

The people who killed the pigs in the village had all gathered together, so they could hear Second Senior Brother shouting every day.

Because Li Xiaoran liked to eat pig guts, Luo Cheng asked Luo Ziyang to buy pig intestines, pig hearts, pig lungs, pig intestines, and some meat that didn't look good and no one wanted.

The so-called meat that didn't look good and no one wanted was just meat with a lot of lymph on it.

No one ate these pork, but they could be given to the dogs.

As for the internal organs of other pigs, if they couldn't finish them, they could wash them and smoke them. When the time came, they would make a very good side dish.

It took a lot of wood ash and water to wash these pig intestines.

Every time, Li Xiaoqing washed them until she wanted to vomit and would complain that she would never wash them again.

In the end, when she ate it, it tasted delicious. When another pig's internal organs came back the next day, she still ran up to wash them.

Li Xiaoran smiled and watched her sister's cute actions dotingly.

The Li family was different from the other families in the village.

Others were killing pigs, cleaning the house, and preparing a large number of New Year goods for the new year, but the Li family's house was deserted.

In the past, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu had done everything at home during the new year.

No one was doing it anymore.

Aunt Li looked at the messy house and was immediately furious.

"Wang Ying and Zhang Hong, what are you all doing? You're not cleaning up the house this year or killing pigs. Do you still want to celebrate the new year?"

Wang Ying and Zhang Hong walked out of their rooms reluctantly. All of them looked listless.

"Mother-in-law, it's not that we don't want to kill pigs, but there have to be pigs to kill! Look at our pig. It doesn't even have much meat. Isn't it a pity to kill it?" Wang Ying said with a look of disdain.

"If you don't cut the pig grass and don't cook pig food, will this pig grow fat? You think there's no meat? Believe it or not, I'll call the butcher to kill you so we can eat you. I think you still have two taels of fat on you!" Aunt Li glared at her eldest daughter-in-law, Wang Ying, and scolded.

Zhang Hong was a little more tactful. Seeing that Aunt Li was looking at her, she quickly explained.

"Mother, I'm tidying up our house! After all, it's the new year. The house should be tidied up! Look, there's still a lot of dust on me!"

Aunt Li looked at Zhang Hong and was satisfied that she was indeed covered in dust from cleaning the house.

"Since you've started cleaning up, clean up your own room and then clean up the other places!"

Zhang Hong's expression changed.

At the side, Wang Ying chuckled gloatingly.

"What are you laughing at? It's the same for you. Hurry up and tidy up the room before tidying up the house on the stove. We're about to offer sacrifices. If you don't clean the stove and the house before that, I'll chase you back to your parents' house! Our family doesn't want a lazy woman like you anymore!" Aunt Li cursed when she heard Wang Ying's laughter.

Chapter 216 Vegetable Storm

On White Foothill City's side, Zeng Youliang rushed home.

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Without thinking too much, Zeng Youliang went to the kitchen and made the green balls himself.

Zeng Youliang remembered clearly what flavor his grandmother liked.

Previously, he had only dictated it to others. Now, he had also learned how to make green balls.

Therefore, this time, Zeng Youliang planned to make it himself.

His grandmother's description of green balls appeared in Zeng Youliang's mind, but he didn't stop moving.

Fortunately, the heavens didn't disappoint. A few hours later, Zeng Youliang finally made six green balls.

At this moment, Old Madam Zeng woke up.

Looking at the six green balls on the plate in front of her, Old Madam Zeng, who had been confused, actually laughed.

"It's my favorite green ball!"

With that, Old Madam Zeng called a servant to quickly bring the green ball over.

When Zeng Youliang saw this, he quickly picked up his chopsticks and handed them over.

Old Madam Zeng, who originally couldn't hold anything, actually held her chopsticks.

Not only did she hold the chopsticks, but she also picked up the green ball and ate it.

Seeing Old Madam Zeng like this, everyone realized that something was wrong, so someone quickly called the masters at home.

Zeng Youliang didn't notice at first, but when he saw that his father and uncles were all here, he immediately understood something.

In the past, he often heard people say that there was a terminal lucidity before death. He thought that it was some strange story, but he didn't know that such a thing really existed in this world.

Did that mean his grandmother was leaving?

Thinking of this, Zeng Youliang's eyes turned red.

Old Madam Zeng ate a total of two green balls and left four behind.

After eating the two green balls, Old Madam Zeng looked at Zeng Youliang with a smile.

"My dear grandson! Thank you for finally fulfilling my wish! This green ball tastes exactly the same as the one your grandfather made for me back then! All these years, I've been waiting for your grandfather to pick me up. Unfortunately, I've never tasted that familiar taste again. Before your grandfather left, he said that I should live well until he came to pick me up!"

"I cried then! I couldn't bear to part with your grandfather! I cried and asked, when would you come and pick me up? Your grandfather said with a smile that when you



eat my green balls again, you will know that I've come to pick you up! After saying that, your grandfather left! All these years, I kept saying that your grandfather was a liar. How could there be green balls of the same taste in this world?! In the end, I ate them today! Your grandfather didn't lie to me!"

At this point, Old Madam Zeng laughed.

It was clearly a wrinkled face, but at this moment, it seemed to have rejuvenated. Everyone saw a young woman with anticipation on her face.

"I'm leaving. Your grandfather is here to pick me up. I have to follow him."

With that, Old Madam Zeng looked at her son and daughter-in-law, who had already arrived, and smiled at them.

"The children and grandchildren will have their own blessings! Remember, don't do anything outrageous or immoral no matter how difficult it is. Only then can you be safe and sound!"

The children and grandchildren of Old Madam Zeng nodded with tears in their eyes.

With that, Old Madam Zeng looked at Zeng Youliang, who was sitting in front of her.

"Child, you're a blessed person! It's not a bad thing to like delicious food, but you can't go to the extreme! Warmth and coziness is often the source of deliciousness! Remember not to be too decadent!"

Although Zeng Youliang didn't understand, he still nodded with tears in his eyes.

"Grandmother, I'll remember this!"

When Old Madam Zeng heard this, she nodded with a smile. Then, she closed her eyes and died!

Wails sounded. All the children and grandchildren knelt down to send Madam Zeng off.

The moment Old Madam Zeng left, Li Xiaoran, who was far away in Hele Village, suddenly felt a warm aura envelop her.

After a while, the feeling disappeared.

Li Xiaoran felt very baffled. She looked at herself carefully and didn't find anything different.

After that, Li Xiaoran went back to what she was doing.

Today, Zhao Xiu went to the village to get some vegetables. At this moment, she needed to string the vegetables with bamboo sticks and dry them.

After the vegetables were dried, they could be washed, salted, and kneaded with their hands.

After the vegetables were kneaded to a certain extent, they could be placed in a jar and fermented into pickled vegetables.

"Daughter, you've skewered too many vegetables. You won't be able to hang them later! Let's hang some first and then skewer them one by one. Otherwise, we won't be

able to hang them later!" Zhao Xiu walked over and reminded her when she saw this scene.

Li Xiaoran looked at the vegetables she had already skewered. There was indeed a large pile.

"Mother, if you didn't mention it, I wouldn't have noticed it!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Zhao Xiu had originally walked over angrily. After looking at her daughter, the anger dissipated and she became calm.

"It's fine. Just pay attention next time! Come, I'll hang these up with you first!" Zhao Xiu's voice was no longer as aggressive as before.

Li Xiaoran naturally felt the change in her mother's emotions, but she didn't ask.

The mother and daughter worked together to hang the skewered vegetables between two big trees and then skewered the other vegetables.

"Mother, you looked unhappy when you came over just now. Did something happen?" At this moment, Li Xiaoran asked about what had happened previously.

Zhao Xiu had already calmed down and spoke calmly.

"I just felt uncomfortable after being gossiped about!"

"Who is it? How dare they gossip about you?" Li Xiaoran asked.

"It's all because of these vegetables! As you know, Granny Huang planted a lot of these vegetables in the village and asked me to go over and chop them. At that time, Granny Huang clearly said that she planted these vegetables herself. She couldn't finish them, and she couldn't make so many pickled vegetables. She didn't want to waste these vegetables, so she asked me to chop them to make pickled vegetables. Who knew that someone in the village had long been eyeing Granny Huang's vegetables?" Zhao Xiu told her what had happened.

When the people who had designs on these vegetables rushed over to take a look after receiving the news, Zhao Xiu had already placed the last bit of vegetables in the basket.

Seeing that they couldn't get the vegetables, the other party directly snatched them.

"Fortunately, your father and Ziyang came. The other party was no match for Ziyang, so he left cursing!" Zhao Xiu said with a gloomy expression. "Later, I heard from others that that family had been eyeing the things planted by Granny Huang's family in the past. Once they heard that Granny Huang didn't want so much, they would shamelessly cut it!"

It was fine if it happened once or twice, but in the long run, it would make Granny Huang unhappy.

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Before her vegetables were plundered by that family, Granny Huang found Zhao Xiu and gave them to her.

In Granny Huang's own words, she would give anything she planted to whoever she wanted. She couldn't be taken advantage of by others.

When Li Xiaoran learned of this, she was also stunned.

She really didn't expect there to be someone more shameless than the Li family in the village!

The Li family was shameless in their own family.

This family was so shameless outside.

No wonder Granny Huang was unhappy and gave the vegetables to her mother!

"Mother, whose family is causing trouble?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked again.

"Who else can there be? It's the family living under the yellow-horned tree in the village!" Zhao Xiu said.

"You're talking about the Qu family! I know that family!" Li Xiaoran immediately remembered this family.

In the Host's memories, she had a deep impression of this family.

It was because none of the children in this family were good.

If they saw that someone else's child had food, they would think of ways to snatch it.

The Host had been abused by the Li family, so she naturally had nothing to eat, and the Qu family's children had never snatched her things.

However, this didn't stop the Host from often seeing Qu family's children snatching other people's things.

Whether it was an older child or a child, as long as they had food in their hands, they wouldn't be able to escape the fate of being robbed by the Qu family's children.

From then on, everyone in the village avoided the Qu family's children when they ate.

They would either eat at their own house or send someone to guard against the Qu family when they ate.

The person who kept watch for the children in the village was often the Host.

Why did the Host do this? Naturally, it was because she would get a bite.

The children in the village did this because the Host didn't speak much, but her eyesight and hearing were very good.

As long as the Host was on guard, the Host would be able to discover the Qu family's children immediately and remind them.

After being reminded, the children quickly ran away.

As for the Host, she quietly found a place to hide. After confirming that the Qu family's child had left, she ran out.

Thanks to the Host's memories, Li Xiaoran immediately thought of the Qu family.

"That's right! It's that family! They're really shameless!" Zhao Xiu muttered.

They originally thought that the Qu family's matter would end here. Unexpectedly, the next morning, Mao Dao rushed to the Luo family with an bruised face.

"Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law, something big happened! I don't know where those people came from, but they rushed into our shop and started snatching things! Yuan Cheng and I couldn't stop them. The things were about to be snatched away, but fortunately, a caravan came and helped us when they saw that something was wrong."

The group of people who were preparing to go to the shop rushed out when they heard Mao Dao's voice.

When he saw that Mao Dao's face was bruised, Luo Cheng's expression darkened.

"What about the people who came to snatch things?"

"How many were caught and how many escaped? The white flour and the meat filling we made previously were taken by those people!" Mao Dao said angrily.

Because the scene was too chaotic, he and Yuan Cheng didn't realize that the other party had taken these things.

When everything was under control, they counted and realized that the two most important things were missing.

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard this, they wanted to walk out.

When she reached the door, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

"Ziyang, bring Mao Dao to treat the wound on his face. After you're done, bring Mao Dao and Guan Kang over. Let's go over and take a look first!"

Luo Ziyang nodded and called Guan Kang over to treat Mao Dao's wound.

"Wait! I'll go get some medicine too. Yuan Cheng might be injured too!" Luo Cheng thought of something and went back to get something from the bag.

Soon, the group arrived at the shop.

Although Yuan Cheng had tidied up the shop, it was still obvious what he had experienced previously.

The bowls and plates were shattered into pieces and swept up in wooden buckets.

Nothing else was where it had been. The shop was a mess.

Based on the current situation, it was obvious that they could forget about opening the shop today.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she was immediately angry.

When she saw the few people tied up and abandoned at the corner of the wall in the courtyard behind, Li Xiaoran immediately recognized them.

“Qu Dagen, Qu Zhongyu, Qu Xiaohua, you guys actually came to our shop?”

When Zhao Xiu heard her daughter’s words, she rushed in.

After taking a closer look, he realized that it was indeed the Qu family’s children.

“You guys came to snatch our vegetables yesterday and now, you guys came to robe our shop today. It seems that the Qu family thinks we’re easy to bully, right?” Zhao Xiu was enraged.

She really didn’t expect the Qu family to be such people!

For a few vegetables, they actually dared to robe them.

On the other side, Li Shun walked forward to thank the caravan for their help.

However, when he saw someone, he recognized them immediately.

“It’s you! You’re the first customer who came when our noodle stall first started! Has your mother recovered?”

When Liu Zhongyi saw that Li Shun recognized him, he smiled and cupped his hands. “Thank you for thinking of my mother! After my mother was diagnosed by the doctor, she was treated with a prescription. She’s more than half recovered now. She’ll be completely cured in two months!”

“That’s good!” Li Shun smiled and nodded. “By the way, you guys helped our family this time! Thank you so much for today! You haven’t eaten yet, right? Look at you now. We can’t even cook a bowl of noodles to express our gratitude!”

Liu Zhongyi also knew that it would take most of the day to tidy up the shop. He immediately smiled and said, “It’s fine. I see that you guys also steamed some buns and rolls. Give them all to us! We can eat them!”

With that, Liu Zhongyi was about to pay.

When Li Shun saw this, he quickly declined.

“No, no, we can’t take this silver! Not to mention that you gave us too much money for the noodles last time, you guys have helped us a lot this time! If it weren’t for you, my shop would have been robbed!”

“That’s right! Uncle Liu, we can’t take this silver! Take these steamed buns and rolls as our gratitude to everyone!” Li Xiaoran also recognized Liu Zhongyi and quickly walked out.

## Chapter 218 Punishment

In the end, Liu Zhongyi couldn’t refuse the gratitude of the Li family’s father and daughter and took all the buns and rolls away.

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However, Liu Zhongyi didn’t leave. He instructed his people and stayed in the shop.

“What do you plan to do about your shop?” Liu Zhongyi asked as he ate his buns.

“I’ve already sent someone to contact the officials! Since some people are here to rob us, we naturally have to send them to the authorities!” Luo Cheng replied.

“That’s for the best. I’ll stay behind as a witness! If possible, my buddies can go to the government office to testify for you!” Liu Zhongyi agreed.

In the corner of the courtyard, the Qu family panicked when they heard that the officials would come.

Although they were very shameless in the village, they were no match against the officials.

However, they were caught at this moment and couldn’t escape even if they wanted to.

At this moment, the three Qu family members were filled with regret.

If they hadn’t heard their mother cursing that the Luo family had snatched their vegetables yesterday, they wouldn’t have taken revenge on impulse.

Unexpectedly, although this hunter with the surname Luo wasn’t around, there was still someone guarding the shop.

What surprised them even more was that they were so unlucky as to encounter a caravan on the official road. They came over to help capture them.

The buddies had discussed and timed it well, but they didn’t expect to be so unlucky.

However, when they thought of the two bags of white flour and a large basin of meat that they had snatched, the three of them were a little smug.

No matter how powerful they were, they were still plundered by the Qu family.

However, Luo Cheng’s reaction surprised them. Luo Cheng wanted to bring the officials over.

The three of them looked at each other.

For the Qu family to be so shameless, they naturally had their own capabilities.

Qu Dagen felt that he couldn’t stay here at this time.

As long as the three of them weren't around, they could deny everything even if the Luo family's shop was robbed.

But it was different now that they had been caught!

Therefore, it was best to escape.

Qu Dagen began to twist his hands skillfully.

Before long, the rope around Qu Dagen's hand was untied.

This time, Qu Zhongyong and Qu Xiaohua were overjoyed. They immediately looked at Qu Dagen expectantly and gestured for him to quickly untie them.

Li Xiaoran was originally packing up in front when she suddenly sensed the change in emotions.

"Oh no, those three are trying to escape!"

When Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang, who had already rushed over, heard this, they ran towards the courtyard at the back.

By the time they arrived, Qu Dagen had already untied the rope from Qu Zhong's hand.

Seeing that someone was coming, Qu Dagen immediately wanted to run.

Unfortunately, he was no match for Luo Ziyang and Luo Cheng. He was quickly captured and his acupoints were tapped.

This time, the three members of the Qu family were all immobilized.

"If you want to run, ask us if we agree!" Luo Cheng sneered and said, "Also, do you guys really think you can use the things you took away? Dream on! In the past, the villagers didn't teach you guys a lesson. Now that you're in my hands, if I don't teach you a lesson, I won't be Luo Cheng!"

After saying this, Luo Cheng looked at Luo Ziyang.

"Ziyang, teach them a lesson. I'm not comfortable with them sitting here comfortably!"

Luo Ziyang understood something when he saw his brother's expression.

"Don't worry, Brother. I'll definitely make them feel better!"

With that, Luo Ziyang took out a porcelain bottle and fed the three of them a pill.

Qu Dagen was a little afraid now. He didn't know what the other party had given them.

Qu Dagen glared at Luo Ziyang with anger in his eyes.

Seeing this, Luo Ziyang laughed.

"Don't worry, this thing won't kill you!"

With that, Luo Ziyang turned around and left.

Before long, the three people from the Qu family felt a very itchy feeling on their bodies.

It felt as if ants were crawling all over their bodies.

They felt astonishingly itchy.

If not for the fact that the three of them were immobilized, they would definitely be scratching themselves.

The key was that they couldn't scratch themselves!

The more it itched, the more she wanted to scratch it, but she couldn't.

Just like that, the itch was overlaid over and over again, driving the three of them crazy.

The itchiness quickly made the three of them break down.

The three of them were so itchy that they wanted to cry. They even wanted to use this to attract the people on the official road outside to save them.

Unfortunately, although the idea was good, it was a little difficult to implement.

After all, their acupuncture points had been pressed, so they couldn't move or speak.

When the officials arrived, the three people from the Qu family looked at them as if they were their saviors.

Before the three of them could say anything, the bailiff took them away and placed them on the Luo family's ox cart. They walked straight towards the Qu family's house in the village.

When the Qu family saw that the officials had brought three people from their family to look for them, they still acted shameless.

In the end, they were tied up by the bailiffs, who started searching the kitchen.

The Qu family was stunned when the bailiffs found two large bags of white flour and a large basin of minced meat.

Qu Daren and Cao Zhi, in particular, widened their eyes in disbelief.

These two things had been taken out by the two of them and hidden away. They weren't at home at all. Why did they appear in the kitchen now?

Luo Cheng saw the look on their faces and sneered.

There was a reason he hadn't made a move earlier and waited for the bailiffs to come.

Luo Cheng had long expected that the Qu family definitely wouldn't leave the white flour and minced meat at home, so he sent someone to look for them.

With Big Yellow around, anything could be found.

After finding it, Luo Cheng's men placed the things in the kitchen while the Qu family opened the door to welcome the bailiffs.

As the saying went, one had to catch a thief. The Qu family wouldn't be able to escape prison this time.

Seeing that the matter had been exposed, the Qu family looked dejected.

Qu Daren rolled his eyes and immediately pretended to be confused.



“These two things don’t belong to my family at all. We don’t know how these two things got into our family’s kitchen! Someone must have framed our family!”

Luo Cheng immediately laughed when he heard this.

“Is that so? Explain why there’s still my meat hanging on your lapel?”

## Chapter 219 Proving

When Qu Daren heard Luo Cheng’s words, he immediately looked at his chest.

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Sure enough, a large piece of meat was hanging there. He didn’t notice it at all.

No wonder he could smell meat everywhere he went previously. So that was the reason!

“The minced meat I made at home got smeared on my shirt!” Qu Daren still argued.

“Is that so? What do you put in your minced meat? Is it just pork? The minced meat in our shop is a little different from other people’s minced meat!” Luo Cheng thought of something and asked again.

Qu Daren was confused when he heard this.

“There’s only meat in my family’s minced meat. What else can I add?”

“Since you insist that the oil stains on your body are from food made by your family, why don’t you show them to everyone now?!” Luo Cheng looked at Qu Daren coldly and continued to retort.

“I ate all the minced meat at home, so there’s naturally none left. I even washed the dishes!” Qu Daren said shamelessly.

Li Xiaoran had been silent. When she heard that the other party was still playing dirty, she was furious.

The angrier Li Xiaoran was, the more rational she became.

Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment and said, “I wonder which villagers around here have pork? We’ll buy it at a high price!”

“My family has it. You don’t have to pay a high price. Just give me a piece of meat in the future!” Granny Huang said as she walked out.

Seeing that it was Granny Huang, Li Xiaoran smiled.

“Alright, I’ll bring you to the meat stall to buy it at that time!”

Granny Huang nodded and called Li Xiaoran to her house to get a piece of meat.

“Now that I have a piece of meat in my hand, I’ll make mince meat the way your family does!” Li Xiaoran stared at Qu Daren and said.

“I’ll do it just because you want me to? How embarrassing would that be?” Qu Daren said shamelessly.

When the bailiff heard this, he pulled out his saber and placed it against Qu Daren’s neck.

“If she tells you to do it, do it. Now, we’re clearing your name. If you don’t do it, I’ll take you back to the station and arrest you for robbery!”

As soon as the bailiff said this, Qu Daren immediately cowered.

He shot his wife a look, signaling her to stand up and do it.

Cao Zhi was also anxious, and her mind was racing.

How did she know how to make minced meat?

Even if she knew how to do it, all she had to do was cook it in the pan. What else could she do?

Cao Zhi had no choice but to take the meat and enter the kitchen.

“You can’t go in. Set up a stove here and cook in front of everyone!” Li Xiaoran said again.

“Yes, cook it in front of everyone!” said the bailiff who had drawn his saber.

When Lu Yu, who lived next door to the Qu family, heard these words, he immediately ran back to his house and brought out a small stove and spatula.

“I have a stove at home. Use my stove! The Qu family’s stove hasn’t been washed in years. Don’t waste such good meat!”

It wasn’t only because of this, but also because Lu Yu didn’t want the Qu family to take advantage of the situation.

After being neighbors with the Qu family for so many years, Lu Yu had a very clear understanding of the Qu family’s shamelessness. At the same time, he was disgusted by the Qu family.

Not only was he frequently taken advantage of by the Qu family, but he was also shocked by their shameless actions.

Now that he finally had someone to deal with the Qu family, he happily ran out to help.

Not only was there a small stove, but there were also pots, shovels, chopping boards, knives, salt, ginger, and chili.

“Look, I’ve prepared all these things! Let’s begin!” Lu Yu rubbed his hands and urged with anticipation.

With so many people staring at her, Cao Zhi couldn’t find an excuse. She could only brace herself.

“Wait!” Li Xiaoran suddenly stopped and walked forward to cut the meat in her hand into two. She placed the small piece on the chopping board. “I think it’s better not to let you waste so much meat. Cook less meat!”

As soon as she said this, everyone around her laughed. Cao Zhi blushed.

They didn't know if it was because she was angry or embarrassed.

She quickly took the meat and began to chop it. After chopping it randomly, Cao Zhi planned to put the meat in the pot.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows but didn't say anything.

As the fire burned, the meat began to fry. In the end, the minced meat was all stuck together.

Cao Zhi used a spatula to cut some ginger, onions, garlic, and so on and threw them all into the pot.

After that, Cao Zhi put salt and chili in, then finally scooped up the minced meat.

After doing that, Cao Zhi returned to her man's side.

"Qu Daren, is this the minced meat you usually eat?" The bailiff brought over the bowl of minced meat and asked.

Qu Daren looked at it and felt that it was similar to the meat in the Luo family's shop, so he nodded.

"That's right. My family eats this kind of minced meat."

"Are you sure? It's best to look at it clearly. Otherwise, you might start lying again later." Li Xiaoran asked again.

"My wife made it herself. How could I not know?!" Qu Daren felt that this minced meat was the same as the minced meat he had secretly eaten previously.

When Li Xiaoran heard Qu Daren's words, she borrowed a small bowl from Lu Yu's house and scooped some minced meat from the pot.

"Please take a closer look. What's the difference between our minced meat and the minced meat made by the Qu family?"

Li Xiaoran and the bailiff placed the two bowls together and invited the surrounding villagers to come forward to compare them.

They wouldn't have known if they had not seen it, but upon looking, they were shocked.

"The difference between these two types of minced meat is too great!"

"Everyone, take a closer look at the stains on Qu Daren's body and smell them!" Li Xiaoran reminded again.

As soon as she said this, Qu Daren thought of something and immediately wanted to wipe away the meat with his sleeve.

Unfortunately, the secret guard wouldn't let Qu Daren do as he wished. He threw a stone at him and tapped his acupoints, preventing him from moving.

The bailiff was also smart. After hearing Li Xiaoran's words, he walked over and took off Qu Daren's clothes.

After comparison, the truth was obvious.

The minced meat that Li Xiaoran made was evenly sized. After it was stir-fried, there was no lump. It was evenly scattered.

The minced meat that Cao Zhi had made previously was in large lumps.

The bigger difference was that Li Xiaoran's minced meat had a delicious aroma.

Even if the clothes were only slightly stained with the minced meat's grease, one could still smell the aroma.

Cao Zhi's minced meat only smelled like meat and didn't have that aroma at all.

## Chapter 220 Karma

Qu Daren couldn't move at this moment. When he heard these words and saw their expressions, his face gradually paled.

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At this moment, the people from the government office would no longer let the Qu family continue to quibble. They brought the Qu family to the government office and interrogated them one by one.

This time, when the news of the Qu family being taken away spread, most of the families in the village ran out to applaud.

Many people who had suffered greatly at the Qu family's hands also went to the bailiffs to complain.

As a result, one case turned into many cases. The Qu family was finally punished for their past sins this time.

Li Xiaoran didn't participate in dealing with the rest of the matter and left it to Luo Cheng to handle.

When Luo Cheng returned that night, he brought news of the outcome.

None of the Qu family members were innocent. They had all committed many crimes.

Especially Qu Xiaohua. She had actually killed someone before.

This news shocked the people in the village.

The person who was killed by Qu Xiaohua was a young girl in the village.

That girl's uncle had given her a silver lock, and Qu Xiaohua had secretly seen it.

Later, Qu Xiaohua went to ask the little girl for the silver lock. The little girl said that she didn't have it and that it was with her mother.

Qu Xiaohua was indignant, so she tied the little girl up to force the family to give her money.

Unexpectedly, she used too much force and accidentally pushed the little girl to the ground.

The little girl was unlucky. Her head hit a sharp edge and she died.

Shocked, Qu Xiaohua quickly pushed the little girl into a hole and went home, pretending that nothing had happened.

Luo Han was experienced in interrogation, and when he was interrogating people about other things, someone suddenly mentioned what Qu Xiaohua and the little girl had met that day.

Luo Han saw that Qu Xiaohua's expression was off, so he began to probe her. Qu Xiaohua was so frightened that in a panick, she told him what she had done.

In addition, the other members of the Qu family had also done many evil things.

Previously, everyone had put with the Qu family, so those deeds were not exposed.

Now that everyone had come out to report what the Qu family had done, many things couldn't withstand scrutiny at all. With a little analysis, they could unravel even more truths.

“What surprises us the most is that the Qu family has actually kidnapped people! Women, girls, and children have all been kidnapped. The Qu family is really doomed this time. The most evil ones will be beheaded, and the ones with lighter crimes will be exiled!” Luo Cheng finally said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was dumbfounded.

She had never expected such vicious people to exist so close to her.

They were demons under the guise of humans.

Some demons had human appearances, but they secretly did evil things that hurt others.

The Qu family had interacted with the Host several times before. However, although the Host didn't speak much, she was very stubborn. The Qu family wanted to capture her, but they had never succeeded.

Li Xiaoran didn't dare to imagine what would have happened if the Host had really been captured and sold by the Qu family.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran shuddered. She felt that the Qu family deserved it!

The Qu family was punished, and peace was restored to the village. The village also discussed it for a long time.

Some people applauded, some bought firecrackers to celebrate, and some cried with joy.

Business at the Luo family's shop also boomed.

In order to thank Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, many people came to the shop to support the business.

In the end, Li Xiaoran and the others, who originally only did business at noon, were forced to keep the shop open until night.

Fortunately, it was only for a few days. Later on, under Li Shun and the others' persuasion, business returned to normal. Li Xiaoran and the others finally got some rest.

At this moment, it was already the 20th of December.

There were still ten days until the Spring Festival!

They were almost done preparing for winter.

The firewood had also been prepared and was stored in a large room. It was enough to burn through the winter.

As the new year approached, the weather became colder and colder.

Luo Cheng planned to go up the mountain to hunt for the last time and get some wild animals so that they could feast during the holidays.

Although there was bacon, fresh meat, chickens, ducks, and fish at home, Luo Cheng still wanted to go up the mountain to hunt some hares and wild chickens.

Li Xiaoran originally wanted to follow, but Luo Cheng said that it was too cold on the mountain. If she followed, she would get cold and might fall sick.

For the sake of Li Xiaoran's safety, in the end, under the objection of the entire family, Li Xiaoran could only stay at home.

However, not long after Luo Cheng left, Li Xiaoran felt uneasy.

For some reason, she had the same bad premonition as the last time they encountered the Seven Kills Gang.

The restless Li Xiaoran went straight to Luo Ziyang.

"Ziyang, do you know how to find your brother?"

"You're looking for my brother?" When Luo Ziyang heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately refused. "Sister-in-law, my brother told you to wait for him at home. Don't mess around."

"Ziyang, I'm not being willful or messing around. I have a bad feeling. This feeling is getting stronger and stronger. Your brother is probably in danger!" Li Xiaoran said anxiously.

When Luo Ziyang saw Li Xiaoran's anxious expression, he could tell that she wasn't lying to him.

"Sister-in-law, to be honest, when my brother goes out to hunt, he doesn't tell me where he goes! In the past, we could still follow his footsteps to search. But now, look outside. It has already started to snow. Any traces will disappear, so I have no way of finding my brother!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Ziyang's words, she became even more worried.

"Don't worry, Sister-in-law. My brother didn't go out alone! As you know, he has secret guards around him. Therefore, no matter what happens, he can resolve it himself! The only thing we can do is to stay at home and wait so as not to cause trouble for him!" Luo Ziyang persuaded.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded and could only go back to her room.

As it was almost the new year, the shop didn't sell sliced noodles at noon. Yuan Cheng made some buns and rolls to sell.

Of course, because it was very cold in the winter, the shop prepared a large pot of bone soup for travelers every day.

Customers could come in and drink a large bowl of bone soup for free.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran and the others didn't have to go to the shop these few days.

Li Xiaoran returned to the fireplace worriedly. As she suppressed the anxiety in her heart, she reached out to warm herself.