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chapter 271 Li Shun's Secret

With this in mind, Li Shun already had his own plan.

That night, after washing up, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu lay in bed.

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“Wife, let’s move out with Xiao Qing! We can have our own small family, even if the living condition is a little worse!”

Zhao Xiu didn’t expect her man to bring this up.

“Actually, I’ve thought of moving out as well! My daughter and son-in-law are filial, but I still feel that this isn’t our home!”

Zhao Xiu also said what was on her mind.

“If we can have our own home, it doesn’t matter if the house is shabbier. Also, it’s better for Xiaoran to get married from her own home!”

Li Shun nodded in agreement. After thinking for a moment, he said, “It’s too late to build a house now, and there’s no suitable old house in the village to buy. Besides, we don’t have any money on hand. We have to think of a way to earn money ourselves first!”

Zhao Xiu frowned and let out a long sigh.

That’s right. The most difficult problem for them now was that they didn’t have much money.

Some of the money they had was given to them by Luo Cheng and their daughter.

Therefore, Zhao Xiu was also very worried!

“Money is no problem. I can resolve it. It’s just that there’s no suitable house to buy in the village now. By the time we finish repairing the house, it’ll be too late for Xiaoran’s wedding,” Li Shun said.

“Money is no problem? Husband, where did you get the money?” Zhao Xiu asked when she heard his words.

Li Shun thought for a moment and decided not to hide it.

“You know my grandfather, right? He left me something before he died. At the time, I didn’t understand why my grandfather only left me something and told me not to retrieve it unless I had to. If one day, I was kicked out of my family and had nowhere to go, I could go retrieve it.”

“I think there’s probably money in what my grandfather left me. As long as I go and take that thing out, we won’t have to worry about not having enough money to buy a house!”

Zhao Xiu’s mouth dropped open as she looked at the person beside her.

They had shared a bed for so many years, but he had been hiding such a big secret from her.

“Why have you never mentioned this before?”

“No matter what, I couldn’t say it! Before my grandfather died, he made me swear that I couldn’t touch this thing unless I had no other option. He also told me not to tell anyone, especially my parents and my two brothers!” Li Shun explained, “I didn’t plan to retrieve that thing in the past, then I forgot about it later on. I only remembered it now!”

When Zhao Xiu heard this, she didn’t blame her man for hiding it, but she became more curious.

What was it that made Li Shun’s grandfather want to keep it for Li Shun alone without telling anyone in the family?

“Should we tell our daughter and son-in-law about this?” Zhao Xiu thought of something and asked.

Li Shun thought about it for a moment.

“We have to say it. After all, we’re moving out, so we have to tell them! Besides, I think Luo Cheng is a reliable kid. If we get that thing, we have to let him follow us!”

Zhao Xiu thought about it and felt that it made sense.

“Alright, it’s settled then! Let’s call Xiaoran and Luo Cheng together tomorrow and discuss it!”

“If your daughter and son-in-law ask you to stay, will you change your mind again?” Zhao Xiu thought of something and asked.

Li Shun laughed.

“Don’t worry! I won’t change my mind! I’m different from before! Wife, it’s been hard on you in the past. You’ve suffered for so many years! Believe me, I’ll definitely let you live a good life in the future!”

Zhao Xiu looked at Li Shun as she nodded.

“I believe you!”

Just like that, the couple reached an agreement. Then, they closed their eyes and fell asleep in each other’s arms.

This night was the best and most peaceful night for Li Shun and Zhao Xiu since they came to the Luo family.

The next morning, Li Shun revealed a heavy message for the family at breakfast.

In the past, Li Xiaoran’s first reaction would have been to disagree.

They were living together quite harmoniously. Why were they thinking of moving out?

However, after experiencing Hu Xuefei and Xiao Yue’er’s incident, Li Xiaoran suppressed her emotions and asked, “Father, Mother, I want to know why you two suddenly have such thoughts?”

Li Shun looked at his daughter and sighed.

“It didn’t happen suddenly. Actually, I’ve always had this thought! Daughter, son-in-law, I know you’re filial and want to live a good life together with us. It’s just that we should have our own lives. Although we live separately, it doesn’t mean that the kinship between us will fade. Instead, we’ll get along even better.”

“Actually, the main reason is that I can’t live with myself. I’m a man! Being unable to support my family and letting you all suffer for so many years was a huge mistake. I want to take up responsibility as a man!”

As soon as Li Shun said this, Li Xiaoran couldn’t bring herself to object.

That’s right. From Li Shun’s point of view, as an able man, he must have felt terrible living in his son-in-law’s house all day.

If Li Xiaoran forced them to stay here, there might be resentment between them in the future.

Perhaps they would get along better if they kept some distance.

Luo Cheng also understood what his father-in-law meant.

To be honest, Luo Cheng could actually understand his father-in-law’s thoughts.

If it were him, he wouldn’t be willing to live with his son-in-law either.

Now that Li Shun had mentioned it, Luo Cheng’s first reaction was to respect their decision.

“Then, Father, do you want to build a house in the village?” After Li Xiaoran figured it out, she asked, “Since you two think it’s better to move out, let Luo Cheng and I build a house for you two in the village! You two can’t refuse this!”

Li Xiaoran knew that her parents didn’t have much money, so she offered to help them build the house.

Luo Cheng thought about it and said, “That’s right. Father, Mother, it only takes a month to build a house. Now that January is almost over, we can build the house in February and you guys can move in during March. It just so happens that Xiaoran can get married from that house. There’s still time.

Leave the construction of the house to me! However, I still have to ask you two where you want to build the house.”

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Li Shun thought for a moment and said, “Let’s build it near the village!”

It was quiet at the Luo family’s side, but it felt a little less lively.

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Li Shun liked places that were bustling with activity, so he wanted to build a home closer to the village.

When Luo Cheng heard his father-in-law’s words, he thought for a moment and said, “I remember that there’s an empty space on the way from the village to our house. It’s a good location that’s very close to the village, but you guys won’t be disturbed by the people around us. I think that place is very good!”

When Li Shun heard Luo Cheng’s words, he immediately thought of something.

“Are you talking about the place with the three banana trees?”

Luo Cheng nodded. “That’s it!”

Li Shun recalled carefully. The more he thought about it, the fonder he felt.

“I think it’s a good place. Let’s build it there! But we don’t know who owns that land. We have to ask the village chief first!”

“There’s no need to ask. That piece of land is also mine!” Luo Cheng said straightforwardly, “So we can build it directly! Tomorrow, I’ll find the group of people who built the shop previously to build the house!”

“Let us pay for it!” Li Shun said after a moment.

“Father, we’ll give you the money! This is an expression of our filial piety. You have to listen to me! Besides, the noodle stall earned a lot of money last year. You, Mother, and Xiao Qing contributed, so in a sense, this house will be built with your own money!” Li Xiaoran said firmly.

“Alright, alright, then your mother and I won’t stand on ceremony! However, we have to handle the furniture and furnishings ourselves!” Li Shun thought for a moment and agreed to this matter, but he made his request.

When Li Xiaoran heard her father’s words, she was puzzled.

“Father, are you planning to make them yourself? How long will it take you?”

“We can make some ourselves, but we still have to buy most of them. After all, it’s our new home, so we definitely have to buy new things! Don’t worry, I’m rich!” Li Shun said with a smile.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other in disbelief.

“Father, where did you get the money from?” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but ask.

Li Shun thought for a moment and said, “This matter was originally a secret, but there’s no need to keep it a secret now. Besides, I need Luo Cheng to help me!”

With that, Li Shun told them about what his grandfather had left him before he died.

“Although I don’t know what my grandfather left me, I’m sure there’s a sum of money in it. Your grandfather told me this clearly!”

When Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing heard this, their eyes widened.

They had suffered for nothing in the past! So they were actually rich!

The sisters’ first reaction was: Why didn’t their father take it out all these years before?

If they had these things, their family wouldn’t have led such a miserable life in the past!

However, on second thought, with her father's personality in the past, he definitely wouldn't have been able to keep these things.

Precisely because of this, Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing didn't ask anything else and accepted this matter.

"Why are you all so calm?" Li Shun was puzzled by everyone's reaction.

After he revealed such a big matter, they had to at least show him a reaction!

Li Xiaoqing looked at her father and said directly, "Father, we can earn money and support ourselves now. So what if we find out about that thing? We actually don't need it at all! My sister and brother-in-law will help us build the house. We can buy some things that we need at the moment and slowly replenish the other things!"

Zhao Xiu and Li Shun looked at each other and suddenly felt that their youngest daughter was right! There was no need for them to retrieve that thing at this moment.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "That's right. Father, for some reason, I have a feeling that the thing Grandpa left for you isn't a good thing. Instead, it will cause us more trouble.

Otherwise, Grandpa wouldn't have told you not to retrieve that thing unless you had no choice. Besides, it's not like we don't have other options! After the house is built, there won't be enough money to buy necessities. We can lend you guys money first. When you earn money in the future, you can pay us back!"

This was also what Li Xiaoran said after considering her father's pride.

In her opinion, they could just prepare all the furnishings and necessities for them, then let them move in. There was no need to go through so much trouble.

"There's no need to borrow money! Why don't we split the profits from last year's noodle stall and shop?! Just this sum of money is a lot!" Luo Cheng thought of something and reminded her.

"Yes, yes, yes. I have the accounts here. After I calculate all these accounts in the next two days, we'll split them!" Li Xiaoran immediately understood what Luo Cheng meant and said excitedly, "Father, Mother, you can't refuse this. You two earned it!"

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu exchanged glances, then accepted their daughter and son-in-law's kind offer. There was no need to settle things too clearly.

If the children wanted to show filial piety, they should let them do it!

Anyway, it would be fine as long as the couple could earn money to support their family in the future.

After thinking it through, Li Shun nodded. The matter was settled.

Luo Cheng was very efficient. That same day, he asked Luo Ziyang to find someone to build a house.

After Li Shun's pressure was relieved, he felt more energetic when doing woodworking!

Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoqing went to the shop by the pipe to work.

Now, more customers were coming to the pipeline, so the business of knife-cut noodle stall boomed again.

Because there weren't many people, Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoqing could handle it.

Moreover, after Luo Ziyang delegated the construction of the house to a secret guard, he rushed back to the shop with Zhao Xiu and her daughter.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran stayed at home because some disabled soldiers would arrive at Helu Village today. Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran would bring them to the barren mountain to settle down.

There was no one at home, so Luo Cheng told Li Xiaoran what he had wanted to say previously.

"Wife, were you planning to hand over the business of the noodle stall to Father, Mother, and Xiao Qing?"

Li Xiaoran was also thinking about this, so she nodded.

“That’s right. Previously, I wanted to hand over the business of the knife-cut noodles and the fast-food business to Father and Mother. That’s why I needed a lot of manpower. Now that Father and Mother want to move out, I think I might as well hand over these two businesses to them!”

chapter 273 Not Being Disappointed

“Don’t you think it’s a pity?” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and asked.

“Why would I? The reason I set up the noodle stall in the first place was to earn money and improve my family’s life. I don’t want my family to be a burden to you, nor do I want my family to lose the ability to support themselves. As it turns out, my family is hardworking and kind. They want to be financially independent instead of relying on others! I’m actually very happy that my father offered to move out!”

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In this world, it was better to rely on oneself than anyone else.

Only if one was financially independent would the money one earned feel right.

If one kept asking others for money, not only would one lose one’s dignity, but one would also become a good-for-nothing.

Li Xiaoran hoped that her family’s lives would get better and better, but she didn’t want them to become good-for-nothings.

“Then how should we settle the matter of Father farming for us?” Luo Cheng asked when he remembered something.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “That’s simple. Let’s see what my father thinks! If he still wants to farm, we can split the profits 50-50.”

“I think Father seems to have become quite fond of making furniture recently. Maybe he can make a living off of this!” Luo Cheng thought of something and reminded her.

Li Xiaoran had already noticed this, so she smiled when Luo Cheng mentioned this.

“It doesn’t matter. It depends on what Father wants to do! If he wants to do both, then he can do both. If he only wants to focus on one thing, then let him focus on one thing. In short, let’s do as he wants!”

With that, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng. “My father is already old. In the past, he was suppressed by Grandpa and Grandma and couldn’t do anything. Now, let’s give him more freedom! As long as he wants to do something, I’ll support him!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he suddenly realized what respect was.

It was just like how Li Xiaoran never interfered in what he did. She always gave him the greatest respect and trust.

Luo Cheng smiled at the thought.

“You’re right. We’ll just do as you say!”

“Then what are you planning to do in the future?” Luo Cheng suddenly thought of something and asked, “Have you thought about what you want to do after you hand over your noodle stall business and fast food business to your parents?”

“Is there a need to think about it? Aren’t there so many things waiting for me to do? Roast fish, fish ponds, and oil mills, are all things I want to do. I hope that one day, I can let those soldiers who protect the country have a place to live. I want them to live the rest of their lives with happiness!”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment. He didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say that.

“They’ll have someone to rely on! They won’t be let down after all their sacrifices! Just based on this girl’s words today, I didn’t make this trip in vain!” At this moment, a sixty-year-old man appeared in front of the two of them and looked at Li Xiaoran with a gratified expression.

“I was wondering what kind of girl could win over Luo Cheng? It seems that she’s indeed extraordinary! With just your kind intentions, you overshadow all the daughters of the rich and powerful in the capital!”

Li Xiaoran looked at the old man in front of her in surprise, then turned to look at Luo Cheng. From what this old man said, he probably knew Luo Cheng.

“Elder Xu, you’re already so old, so why didn’t you stay at home to rest? Why did you come to such a remote place?” Luo Cheng didn’t smile. Instead, he looked impatient as he said in disdain.

“I knew you didn’t welcome me! What’s wrong? You brought all my subordinates here, so why won’t you let me come over and take a look?!” Elder Xu ignored Luo Cheng’s displeased expression as he walked in. “Hey, why are you guys acting so cowardly? Hurry up and come in!” As soon as Elder Xu finished speaking, a group of people walked in one after another.

Li Xiaoran looked at these people and was shocked.

This was because there were far more people than previously mentioned. At a glance, there were almost a hundred people!

Luo Cheng was speechless when he saw the crowd.

“General Luo, you won’t be able to leave us behind this time! We’ll follow you no matter what!” a tan burly man shouted.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he looked at the burly man and frowned.

“What’s wrong? How did you get yourself into this state? Did you slack off on training after I left?” The boor grinned and smiled foolishly.

“I do. I practice every day! The reason I lost my leg was that I got pierced by an arrow. The arrow was poisoned, so I lost a leg!” The burly man smiled and said, “Actually, I’m already very satisfied to be able to survive!”

After Luo Cheng heard what he said, he walked over silently and patted him on the shoulder.

“Where are your buddies? Is everyone okay?”

At the mention of this, the boor’s smile disappeared.

“Sixth Brother is gone. Hei Zi is missing. He’s probably gone too! The other buddies are fine, but they’re still in the military camp!”

When Luo Cheng heard this, he was stunned. It took him a while to suppress his sadness.

“Alright, follow me from now on. There are many things for you to do here!”

With that, Luo Cheng turned around and walked over to pull Li Xiaoran’s hand up.

“You heard what my wife said just now! As long as you do your job well, the two of us will do our best to let you guys eat your fill and have warm clothes to wear. If you’re sick, there’ll be a doctor to treat you and medicine to take! But you have to remember that I, Luo Cheng, can’t tolerate traitors. When you come here, work diligently. You don’t have to worry about your injured buddies. We have something for everyone to do here! As long as everyone works together, you can all live a better life!”

“Thank you, General! Thank you, Madam! We’ll do our best!” more than a hundred men shouted in unison.

“I’m not a general anymore, so you can’t call me a general outside. In order not to attract attention, you can call me Boss in the future and call my wife Madam. Now, I’ll bring you to the barren mountain to take a look. Let’s settle everyone down first!” Luo Cheng reminded them, then walked to the barren mountain with Li Xiaoran and a group of people.

Seeing this, Elder Xu followed. He didn't need Luo Cheng to tell him at all.

Fortunately, the barren mountain was at the edge of Luo Cheng's garden and was very close. They didn't have to walk far.

At this moment, some thatched houses had been built at the foot of the mountain.

chapter 274 Invitation

"Because there's no time, I could only get someone to build some wooden thatched houses first. I originally planned to let some people stay here first before building a house. Now that so many of you are here, I'm afraid it'll be too crowded!" Luo Cheng looked at the people around him and then at the thatched houses.

The hundred or so people behind Luo Cheng also knew that it wouldn't be easy to settle them down, so they didn't complain when they learned that they all had to be jammed in the straw hut.

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At this moment, they were looking at the barren mountain with anticipation and longing for their future.

"What are you all waiting for? Form your own teams and see how many rooms there are and how many people can live here. One room per team. Don't think that just because you guys were discharged, you don't have to follow the rules of the army!" Elder Xu looked at everyone and shouted loudly.

As soon as he said this, the group of men immediately ran towards the straw hut not far away and watched.

Before long, the group of men finished choosing their rooms.

Li Xiaoran widened her eyes at the scene in front of her.

It turned out that they didn't have to worry about settling this group of men at all. They had settled everything themselves.

"How is it? Are you very surprised? The soldiers under me are not warriors who only know how to fight. The battlefield is very cruel. If you want to survive, not only do you need to be skilled in combat, but you also need all kinds of skills. Some of these people are missing limbs, but they are very smart. As long as you give them a little help, they can get the job done!" Elder Xu said proudly when he saw Li Xiaoran's expression.

Li Xiaoran didn't say anything and only gave a thumbs up.

"What does that mean?" Elder Xu asked.

"This means that I'm praising you guys for being very impressive! Thumbs up means first place, and it also means the best!" Li Xiaoran explained with a smile.

"Wife, let's go. They don't need us here anymore! We have to go to town to buy more food! The food here isn't enough to last this group of people ten days!" Luo Cheng suddenly shouted.

Li Xiaoran nodded with realization and came to Luo Cheng's side.

"Wait!" Elder Xu stopped Luo Cheng and the others.

"I know that I was wrong to bring so many people without informing you, so I brought some food. A few carts of food will be sent over later. It should be enough to last them a month! However, my resources are limited, so I'll have to trouble you guys to take care of them later on!" Elder Xu looked at Luo Cheng as he said.

Luo Cheng turned around when he heard Elder Xu's words.

“Don’t worry. Since I’ve already said that I’ll take them in and settle them down, I won’t go back on my word. Elder Xu, you know my temper. If anyone sent over here has any ill intentions, I won’t show mercy!”

Elder Xu nodded. He could understand Luo Cheng’s actions.

“Although the people I sent over have already been checked, it doesn’t mean that the investigation is really foolproof. If there’s really a traitor, just deal with him however you see fit!”

With Elder Xu’s assurance, Luo Cheng was relieved.

“Kid, are you still angry at me? Why don’t you let me stay at your house for a few days?” Elder Xu teased when he saw that Luo Cheng’s expression had eased up.

Luo Cheng glanced at Elder Xu and snorted.

“My humble residence can’t accommodate a big shot like you!”

Li Xiaoran could feel that Luo Cheng was being sarcastic.

It seemed that there must be some history between the old man and Luo Cheng that made them speak to each other so sarcastically.

“Old man, don’t listen to my husband’s nonsense. It doesn’t matter how long you want to stay! People often say that having an old person at home is a blessing. This is the first time we have to settle so many people down, so we might need your advice!” Li Xiaoran took the initiative to give him a way out.

Elder Xu naturally wouldn’t argue with Luo Cheng. Moreover, he knew why Luo Cheng was acting like this, so he didn’t mind.

He was overjoyed to be able to live in the Luo family’s home!

“Hahahaha, you’re a good girl. I’ll stay here then! Speaking of which, I might have to stay for ten days to half a month!”

When Luo Cheng heard Elder Xu’s words, he thought of something.

“Did something happen in the palace?”

When Elder Xu saw that Luo Cheng had instantly grasped the main point, the smile on his face disappeared.

“You’re still so shrewd. I didn’t even say anything, but you’ve already guessed it correctly! Leave those things to the younger generation to worry about! I’m old, so I might as well enjoy some peace and unwind!”

Luo Cheng didn’t say anything else this time.

“In that case, why don’t you stay for a month or two and watch me get married? You can leave after you drink my wedding toast!”

“Married? You two haven’t gotten married yet?” Elder Xu asked in surprise.

“We have a marriage contract, but I still owe my wife a wedding ceremony, so I plan to hold the wedding ceremony at the beginning of March. You’re my elder after all, so play the role of my parent!” Luo Cheng said.

When Elder Xu heard Luo Cheng’s words, he felt a lump in his throat. In the end, he nodded with red eyes.

“Alright, alright, alright! I’ll watch you get married on behalf of your mother. I think your mother will be at ease if she sees you marry such a good wife!”

With that, Elder Xu turned his body to the side and secretly wiped his teary eyes with his sleeve.

Luo Cheng’s heart softened when he saw this.

“Rest here now and talk to your wife! I’ll go explain to those people. We’ll go back later!”

Elder Xu nodded and pretended that nothing had happened.

“Alright, go! These brats need to be taught a lesson. Otherwise, they will definitely cause trouble!”

Luo Cheng nodded and looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Don’t worry, I’ll accompany the old man. Go ahead!” Before Luo Cheng could speak, Li Xiaoran smiled at Luo Cheng and said.

Luo Cheng nodded and walked towards the straw hut.

Li Xiaoran watched Luo Cheng leave with a smile.

“This brat is finally showing some human emotions! In the past, whenever I looked at him, he always had a straight face! He was so intimidating that no one dared to approach him!” Elder Xu sighed.

chapter 275 Senile

“You’re very familiar with my husband, right?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and looked at Elder Xu.

Elder Xu nodded and said indifferently, “I used to be in love with his mother, but unfortunately, I wasn’t lucky enough to marry her. Later on, his mother passed away, and because of my feelings for her, I took care of him. However, when this kid needed his family to protect him the most, I was transferred to a border city and stationed there for more than ten years. When I saw this kid again, he became so cold and aloof!”

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“Then do you know what happened to my husband when he was young?” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked.

“What is it?” Old Master Xu shook his head and said, “I heard everything I know from others. This kid never tells me about his own experiences. No matter how distressing or difficult it is, he deals with it alone.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she sighed in disappointment.

In that case, he would not know about Luo Cheng being locked in the ice cave.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran felt that Luo Cheng’s dream was very important. If she wanted to help him, she had to start from this ice cave dream.

However, every time this was mentioned, Luo Cheng looked very evasive. Li Xiaoran couldn’t keep asking, so she wanted to get this information from other people.

However, things didn’t go according to plan. Li Xiaoran had just started asking, but she failed to get the answer she wanted.

On the other side, Luo Cheng walked out.

“In addition to food, we need to add some things! It seems that we have to go to town later!”

When Elder Xu heard this, he said, “When my convoy comes, let’s go together! At that time, we can also bring back more things!”

Luo Cheng nodded and didn’t refuse.

After all, he really had a lot of things to buy now. One ox cart wasn’t enough.

After that, the three of them returned to the Luo family’s house together.

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng and Elder Xu probably had something to discuss, so she left to boil water and make tea.

After Li Xiaoran left, Elder Xu looked at Luo Cheng’s study and nodded. “Your study is really simple. Other than books, there’s nothing else!”

“Why would I need other things?!” Luo Cheng looked at his study as he said matter-of-factly, “Since it’s a study, you naturally have to put books in it!”

“Yes, yes, yes. You have your reasons! Since you don’t even like those things, why did you find yourself a wife? Didn’t you always say that women were troublesome in the past?” Elder Xu asked. At the mention of Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng’s expression softened.

“My wife is different!” At this point, Luo Cheng looked at Elder Xu. “Didn’t you praise her too?” Elder Xu recalled what he had heard from Li Xiaoran and his eyes revealed a hint of admiration.

“That girl is quite nice! A woman with such benevolence is indeed admirable!”

When Luo Cheng heard Elder Xu say this, he revealed a smug expression.

“I have good taste, so of course my wife is very outstanding!”

As Elder Xu stared at Luo Cheng, he suddenly felt gratified.

Luo Cheng was much more cheerful and gregarious now. He would laugh and express anger, like a normal person.

The previous Luo Cheng was too standoffish and apathetic.

“Then you have to cherish this girl! I can tell that this girl is very extraordinary. You have to hold on to her tightly. Don’t be like me back then! If I had been braver back then, perhaps everything would have been different!” Elder Xu recalled the past and said.

Luo Cheng glanced at Elder Xu and said, “No, even if you were brave back then, you would have been rejected by my mother! The situation wouldn’t have been much different!”

“Brat, don’t think that I can’t beat you up just because I’m old. I’ll punch you twice!” Elder Xu was furious.

“Save it! You’re too old. Look at you now. You actually want to punch me twice?! Come over and extend your hand. Let me examine you!” Luo Cheng glanced at Elder Xu calmly and said.

“Why examine me? My body is fine! There aren’t any problems!” Elder Xu said stubbornly.

“Are you a doctor or am I a doctor?!” Luo Cheng glanced at Elder Xu and then said impatiently, “If I ask you to come over, come over!”

When Elder Xu heard Luo Cheng’s words, his face was filled with reluctance, but he slowly walked over.

“Brat, don’t you know how to respect the elderly?! You’re the only one who has the guts to disrespect me!”

As Elder Xu spoke, he stretched out his hand with resignation.

Luo Cheng couldn’t be bothered to argue with Elder Xu. He placed his hand on Elder Xu’s wrist. Before long, Luo Cheng frowned.

After a while, Luo Cheng gestured for Elder Xu to change to his other hand.

As expected, his pulse was still off.

“Old man, have you been feeling pain in your ribs recently? Also, have you been in low spirits recently? Perhaps you don’t have much of an appetite and keep feeling lethargic?” Luo Cheng asked with a serious expression.

“That’s right! But aren’t these small problems? Perhaps it’s because I’m old, so I’m getting weaker!”

“Bullsh*t! You were poisoned, and it was a slow-acting poison! If you had come two or three months later, you would be in a coma!” Luo Cheng scolded.

When Elder Xu heard Luo Cheng’s words, he was stunned.

“Poisoned? That’s impossible!”

“How is it impossible? Do you still think you’re still the same general who held military power in the past? Do you think no one dares to hurt you now? Think about it carefully. In the past few months, have there been any suspicious people around you? You were poisoned within these two months, and it should have been done by someone close to you. Otherwise, that person wouldn’t

have the chance to poison you every day. The most lethal aspect of this poison is that it makes you weaker day by day, but you won't notice it yourself. Ordinary doctors won't notice it either. In the end, you'll slip into a coma and die!" Luo Cheng explained the seriousness of the matter.

When Elder Xu heard this, his heart tightened and he stood up.

"Are you serious?"

"Why would I lie to you? What's there to lie about?" Luo Cheng said angrily, "Haven't you always thought of yourself as a tough man? Yet you didn't even notice that there was something wrong with your body. I think you're senile!"

Chapter 276: How Did He Poison You?

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Luo Cheng didn't speak. He crossed his arms in front of his chest as he watched Elder Xu pace around in front of him.

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Elder Xu paced back and forth in the study, his mind in a mess.

He had thought that the reason his health deteriorated was that he was getting old, but he never expected that he had been poisoned.

He was already in this state. Who would want him dead?

Did he get in someone's way?

At this moment, Elder Xu recalled what Luo Cheng had just said and pondered hard.

Suspicious strangers? He hadn't seen many unfamiliar faces in the past few months.

Could it be that his trusted aide had betrayed him?

That couldn't be!

His trusted aides were all people who had been through thick and thin. He believed that they wouldn't harm him.

Suddenly, a face suddenly flashed across Elder Xu's mind.

"It's him!" Elder Xu couldn't help but shout.

"Who is it?" Luo Cheng asked when he heard Elder Xu's words.

"It's that fellow who feeds the horses in the stable, Daniu! Yes, it's him! I walk my horse every day. Although my horse and I are already old, we've been together for so many years, so our relationship is naturally extraordinary. Therefore, I specially hired someone to take care of my horse so that my horse can live a more comfortable life. Unexpectedly, a few months ago, the person who took care of my horse fell ill, so I hired someone new. This person is Daniu!" Elder Xu sat opposite Luo Cheng and said slowly.

"How would a horse breeder poison you?" Luo Cheng wondered.

"That's right! But other than Daniu, there are no other unfamiliar faces around me!" Elder Xu was also very puzzled.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran brought some fruits and pastries to the study. She looked at the two of them and asked curiously, "What are you two thinking about? Why isn't anyone talking?!"

"We're thinking about how a person who raises horses can poison the owner of the horse, and it's the slow-acting kind of poison!" Elder Xu said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

"That's very simple! Does the horse's owner like that horse very much? Does he take the horse for a walk from time to time?"

“I take the horse for walks very often, but I don’t ride the horse! How could I get poisoned?” Elder Xu still didn’t understand.

Luo Cheng also looked at Li Xiaoran and waited for her to continue.

“The owner of this horse definitely bathes the horse personally, right?” Li Xiaoran asked again.

“That’s true. Whenever I have time, I’ll personally brush the horse and wash it!” Elder Xu nodded and said firmly.

“As long as the other party poisons the horse’s grass and water, after the horse eats and drinks, the poison will come into contact with the horse’s owner through sweat. The poison will seep into the owner’s body day after day!” Li Xiaoran voiced her guess. “This method can be done without anyone noticing and without being suspected!”

Elder Xu stared at Li Xiaoran, clearly shocked.

Luo Cheng also came to a realization.

“You brat, you’ve picked up a treasure! She’s so smart! In the future, the child you two give birth to has to call me god-grandfather. I, Xu Guocheng, will have a grandson in the future!” Elder Xu suddenly thought of something and slapped his thigh as he laughed heartily.

When Li Xiaoran heard the other party’s words, her face immediately turned red.

“You guys can continue chatting. I’ll go out and take a look!”

With that, Li Xiaoran ran out.

“Hahahaha, this girl is so shy!” Elder Xu teased.

“You don’t want to be detoxified anymore?” Luo Cheng looked at Xu Lai and threatened, “If I give birth to girls, you won’t have a grandson!”

“A girl is good too! I’ve always wanted a daughter or granddaughter. It would be even better if she looks like your mother!” Elder Xu said with a smile.

Luo Cheng’s expression darkened, then he spat out three words.

“In your dreams!”

With that, Luo Cheng chased Elder Xu out of the study and said, “Which room in the house is empty? Stay there! Don’t expect me to tidy up your room or ask my wife to tidy it up for you. If you can’t tidy it up yourself, don’t stay here!”

“Alright, alright, I’ll go and tidy up myself now. I won’t let your wife do it! You actually know how to dote on your wife! I didn’t misjudge you!” As Elder Xu spoke, he left happily.

He found a random wooden bucket, carried some water, and took out the handkerchief he was carrying, then he started tidying up his room.

Fortunately, Zhao Xiu would come to clean the guest rooms in the Luo family’s house whenever she was free, so it wasn’t very dirty. He could move in after wiping the dust.

When Li Xiaoran was about to go to the vegetable garden to take a look, she saw Elder Xu tidying up his room and quickly ran over.

“Why are you cleaning up yourself? Let me do it!”

“No need. I clean my own house often as well! Look, this room is much cleaner!” Elder Xu waved his hand and said indifferently, “But there’s no comforter or blanket on this bed. Little girl, you have to bring me some!”

“Don’t worry, we have them at home. Sit down and rest first. I’ll get you a comforter and blanket now.” As Li Xiaoran spoke, she went to the place where the beddings were stored.

Just as Li Xiaoran carried the comforter and blanket over, Big Yellow and the others’ cries came from outside.

Elder Xu quickly walked out when he heard Big Yellow’s cry.

“Girl, help me lay it out! My men are probably outside. I have to welcome them!”

“Don’t worry, I’ll lay it out for you later. If you’re tired after you’re done, come back and rest!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

Luo Cheng also noticed the commotion outside, so he placed what he had just written on the table and got up to leave.

When Li Xiaoran walked out of Elder Xu’s room, she saw Luo Cheng walking in.

“Husband, you didn’t send food to the others with Elder Xu?”

Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and thought of something.

“You went to tidy up your room?”

“When I went, the Old Master had already finished tidying up the room. I just made the bed for him and put on the comforter. What’s wrong?” Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

“It’s nothing! Wife, if you have nothing to do, come over and help me! I’ll tell you how to brew medicine, so help me brew it!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said, “After Elder Xu and I come back from shopping in town later, stay at home and brew the medicine.. Remember, from the moment you take the medicine until Elder Xu comes back to drink the medicine, this medicine must not leave your sight!”

Chapter 277: Reminder

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When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she suddenly realized something.

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“The owner of the poisoned horse you mentioned previously is Elder Xu? Elder Xu was poisoned?”

Luo Cheng nodded and reminded her again.

“That’s right. You have to boil this medicine slowly on low fire, so you can’t leave. Remember, you can’t let it leave your sight. If this medicine isn’t boiled strictly according to my instructions, the effect will change. The life-saving medicine might become a poison that kills him!”

When Li Xiaoran heard how important it was, she immediately took note and nodded.

“Husband, don’t worry! I’ll definitely handle it well!”

Luo Cheng nodded and led Li Xiaoran towards a room at the back of the house.

When Luo Cheng opened the door and Li Xiaoran followed him in, she realized that it was like another world in here.

“This place is actually filled with herbs! I almost thought I had entered a pharmacy!” Li Xiaoran looked at everything in front of her and said in surprise.

“This is my pharmaceutical room. I made all the medicine you used in the past!” Luo Cheng said as he took out a piece of paper. Then he grabbed the small weighing stick and began to retrieve herbs. Because he had prescribed the medicine himself, Luo Cheng grabbed all the needed herbs quickly. Li Xiaoran watched Luo Cheng in surprise.

It turned out that Luo Cheng really didn’t lie to her. He really knew medicine, and his medical skills were very brilliant!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran began to walk around the pharmacy and look at the things placed in the room.

On Luo Cheng’s side, there were rows of cabinets filled with various herbs.

In the middle, there were several long platforms.

There were long tables made of wood and stone tables. There were also shelves around them.

Li Xiaoran walked over and saw that there were various tools on the shelf.

Further in, there were various medicine bottles on the shelves. Each bottle had words written on it.

However, what was written on the medicine bottles were not names, but numbers.

Perhaps only Luo Cheng knew what these numbers meant.

That was a good precaution. Even if someone stole these medicine bottles, he wouldn't know what they were for.

"How is it? Are you impressed by your husband?" At this moment, Luo Cheng's voice sounded.

Li Xiaoran turned around and saw Luo Cheng walking over with a bag of medicine.

"That's right. My husband is so impressive! If the people in the village knew that my husband is not only a capable hunter but also a rich man and a doctor with very brilliant medical skills, I wonder if they would regret it. If they had known that you were so capable, they would have established a good relationship with you back then!" Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows and said.

Luo Cheng was amused by Li Xiaoran's words.

"Unfortunately, it's too late to regret it! Now, everything I have belongs to a young lady called Li Xiaoran!"

With that, Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran out of the pharmacy.

"Some of the things here are poisonous. You're not familiar with herbs, so don't come in without me! I'm afraid you'll accidentally touch something and I won't be able to save you in time!"

Li Xiaoran nodded when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Don't worry, I definitely won't come in without you! I understand. I won't take the risk. Some things, when they're separated, are two safe and non-poisonous herbs. But if they're mixed together, they'll become lethal poison! I'm still young and want to live for a few more years. I can't die here!"

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was on guard in this aspect, Luo Cheng heaved a sigh of relief.

He was afraid that he would encounter someone who refused to listen to his advice and would cause trouble.

Fortunately, Li Xiaoran wasn't such a person!

At this moment, Luo Cheng reached out and rubbed Li Xiaoran's head.

"Thank you, wife!"

"Thank me for what?" Li Xiaoran tilted her head and asked Luo Cheng. "Thank you. Thank you for being so understanding!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she realized something and reached out to hold his hand with a smile.

"Silly! I'm your wife, someone who wants to accompany you for the rest of our lives. Naturally, I have to understand you! Besides, medicine is a field I don't know much about, so there will definitely be many dangers inside that I don't know about. For my own good, you don't want me to wander around on my own. I have to abide by it!"

With that, Li Xiaoran changed the topic.

"Husband, Elder Xu is poisoned, so is there anything he can't eat?"

Luo Cheng thought about it carefully and said, "Don't give him any pickled vegetables, sour things, or smoked things like sauerkraut and cured meat. There's nothing else he can't eat. By the way, the poison he's poisoned with has a chilling effect, so if he eats some chili, it might have some beneficial effects!"

Li Xiaoran remembered Luo Cheng's words and thought about what to prepare when she cooked later.

"Are you guys coming back for lunch?"

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and shook his head.

“Because we have to go to town to buy a lot of things, we’ll just eat out at noon. You don’t have to stress over what to cook for lunch. Just cook whatever you like!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and went to the kitchen with Luo Cheng to brew medicine.

Luo Cheng explained what to pay attention to when brewing medicine. After confirming that Li Xiaoran remembered, he went to town with Elder Xu.

After everyone left, the house became empty and Li Xiaoran was alone.

Big Yellow probably knew that Li Xiaoran was very lonely, so it ran to Li Xiaoran’s side and silently accompanied her.

“Big Yellow, where did your buddies go?” Li Xiaoran asked as she watched the fire.

Big Yellow thought for a moment and barked at Li Xiaoran. Then, it made a paddling motion in front of Li Xiaoran.

“Huh? Your brothers went into the water?” Li Xiaoran understood what Big Yellow meant and asked in surprise.

Big Yellow nodded and rubbed against Li Xiaoran’s leg.

From Big Yellow’s meaning, it seemed to be indicating that Li Xiaoran could follow it to go take a look.

“Big Yellow, I can’t leave! My husband said that when I’m brewing medicine here, I can’t leave!”

Big Yellow seemed to understand what Li Xiaoran meant. After thinking for a while, it turned around and ran out.

Li Xiaoran thought that Big Yellow had gone out to play by itself, so she didn’t mind and continued to look after the medicine pot on the stove.

Before long, Big Yellow ran back with a bone in its mouth and barked at Li Xiaoran.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran was immediately amused. “What? Are you asking me to stew bones for you?” Big Yellow nodded and stared at Li Xiaoran.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran suddenly realized something. Why did Big Yellow’s stomach seem bigger than usual?

Chapter 278: Prevention

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“Big Yellow, are you pregnant?” Li Xiaoran thought of a possibility.

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At this moment, Li Xiaoran remembered that she had always thought that Big Yellow was a male. Could it be that Big Yellow was a female?

If Big Yellow was a female, then Big Yellow must be pregnant.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran reached out and gently touched Big Yellow’s head. “Big Yellow, don’t worry. I’ll stew the bones for you now to nourish you!”

Big Yellow’s gaze turned gentle. It rubbed its head against Li Xiaoran’s hand and lay there to rest. Seeing this, Li Xiaoran also lit a fire on the stove at the side. Then, she fetched water to wash the bone brought by Big Yellow and placed it in the pot to boil.

Li Xiaoran also took out some eggs and beat them into the bone soup to make poached eggs for Big Yellow.

Eggs were nutritious, so if Big Yellow was really pregnant, eating some eggs was the best way to replenish nutrition.

When Big Yellow’s soup was ready, Li Xiaoran placed the soup aside to cool.

Big Yellow couldn’t drink soup that was too hot.

Of course, the bone was also very hot, so it had to be put aside as well.

Fortunately, Big Yellow wasn't in a hurry. When it heard Li Xiaoran explain why she didn't let it eat yet, it waited at the side.

When Luo Cheng went to town to buy things, he had Li Xiaoran on his mind.

Fortunately, they had everything they needed. After loading everything into the car, they ate some food by the roadside and rushed home.

For some reason, Luo Cheng's eyelids were twitching. He felt that something bad was about to happen.

Li Xiaoran had just eaten lunch with her father, Li Shun, so she watched the brewing medicine in front of her and began to wait.

"Sigh, I wonder if my husband has eaten yet!" Li Xiaoran stared at the medicine and muttered.

As soon as she finished speaking, Luo Cheng appeared in front of Li Xiaoran. "Husband, you're back so early? Where's the old man?"

After Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran, he walked over with the things in his hand.

"The old man is some distance behind me. I was worried about you, so I came back first!"

Li Xiaoran smiled when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Have you had lunch yet?"

"Not yet. Is there anything to eat at home?" Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately stopped in her tracks.

"Yes! There's your favorite cod noodles." As Li Xiaoran spoke, she walked in a certain direction.

"I'll get you a bowl!"

"Sure!" Luo Cheng said with a smile.

In the blink of an eye, Li Xiaoran took out a powdery thing from her pocket and sprinkled it towards Luo Cheng.

When the other party saw something powdery sprinkled at him, he quickly dodged.

Unfortunately, he was too close to Li Xiaoran, so a lot of powder stuck to his body.

Holding his breath, the fake Luo Cheng pulled out a sword and stabbed at Li Xiaoran.

In the blink of an eye, a figure rushed in from outside. A whip wrapped around the fake Luo Cheng's waist and pulled him into the courtyard outside.

"Hmph, how dare you pretend to be me? You're too big for your britches!" Luo Cheng snorted and said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this voice and sensed Luo Cheng's emotions, she heaved a sigh of relief.

This time, she was sure that the person who came afterwards was the real Luo Cheng.

Li Xiaoran quickly picked up the brewed medicine and carefully hid at the side.

Elder Xu also rushed in with his men. After surrounding the person on the ground, he looked at Li Xiaoran.

"Are you all right, girl? Are you hurt?"

"Don't worry, I'm fine! It's all thanks to the powder you gave me to protect myself before you left. It really came in handy!" Li Xiaoran confirmed that this person was Elder Xu, so she replied.

After Luo Cheng tapped the person's acupoints, he took off the human skin mask on his face.

As expected, as soon as he took off the mask, the other party's true appearance was revealed.

"It's you! Daniu, you actually followed me?" Elder Xu was shocked when he saw this person's appearance.

Luo Cheng narrowed his eyes when he heard Elder Xu's words.

"Is this the man who poisoned you?" Luo Cheng asked.

Elder Xu nodded and said with certainty, "I'm definitely not mistaken. He's

Daniu! It's just that I never knew that Daniu was actually a martial artist!"

When Daniu, who had his acupuncture points tapped, heard Elder Xu's words, he immediately sneered.

"There are many things you didn't expect! Elder Xu, you deserve to die! My plan was about to succeed, but this person saw through it!" When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately realized something.

"How did you find out?"

Daniu realized that he had exposed something, so he shut his mouth and refused to say anything else.

Elder Xu realized something, but his doubts increased.

"Daniu, I, Xu Guocheng, have been on the battlefield for most of my life. Although I've done some wrong things, I haven't done anything evil. From the looks of it, you hate me to the core, as if you have a deep enmity with me! Why don't you tell me in detail what I've done to make you want to take my life?"

"Pfft! You haven't done anything outrageous? Then are the vengeful ghosts of more than a hundred people in Yang's Village fake? Back then, when you passed by Yang's Village with your army, my grandfather kindly welcomed you all into the village to rest, yet you actually poisoned all the people in Yang's Village in the middle of the night! Do you think that no one knows what you did?" Daniu looked at Xu Guocheng hatefully and said.

When Elder Xu heard Daniu's words, his face was filled with confusion.

"Impossible. I, Xu Guocheng, have been upright my entire life. I will never admit to anything I haven't done."

Li Xiaoran sensed their emotions and walked out.

"Old man, drink the medicine first! After you drink the medicine, we'll talk about this! I have a feeling that there's a misunderstanding between the two of you!"

When Elder Xu heard Li Xiaoran's words, he nodded and drank the medicine Li Xiaoran handed him in one gulp.

Daniu glared at Li Xiaoran hatefully as he shouted, "There's no misunderstanding. It's him, Xu Guocheng. I definitely didn't recognize the wrong person!"

"How is it impossible? Didn't you disguise yourself as my husband to deceive me just now? If you can disguise yourself as someone else, why can't others disguise themselves as Xu Guocheng? If someone wants to frame him, can you really distinguish between them? I think it's best for you to tell me what you heard first.. Let's analyze the situation together! Otherwise, you'll lose track of the murderer who killed more than a hundred people in your village and do something that your enemy will be glad to see!"

Chapter 279: Difference

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Li Xiaoran's words struck a nerve with Daniu.

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In the past few months, when he came into contact with Xu Guocheng at the racecourse, his determination had wavered.

However, Daniu quickly convinced himself that Xu Guocheng was only good at disguising his true colors.

On the surface, he pretended to be a righteous person, but beneath the surface, he was a ruthless person.

“Think about it carefully. Does the person who slaughtered your entire village have any other characteristics other than his looks and figure? No matter how similar the two of them are, there are still differences. Maybe you can think of something!” Li Xiaoran sensed Daniu’s hesitation and took the opportunity to persuade him.

As soon as she said this, Daniu recalled something his father had said. “Son, the back of Xu Guocheng’s right arm was pecked by our goose and a large piece of flesh fell off. The wound was very big, so even if it’s treated in the future, it will leave a huge scar. You have to remember this!” Thinking of this, Daniu looked up at Xu Guocheng.

“Pull up your sleeves and let me take a closer look!”

When Xu Guocheng heard Daniu’s words, he immediately rolled up his sleeves.

When he arrived in front of Daniu, Xu Guocheng calmly revealed his arm.

What kind of arms were these?!

Previously, it was covered by his sleeve, so it wasn’t obvious. Now that his sleeve was pulled up, his arm, which was covered in wounds of all sizes, appeared in front of everyone.

Daniu looked at it carefully several times, then his expression became dazed.

“How is that possible? How is that possible?”

Although there were many scars on Xu Guocheng’s arm, there were no scars on the back of his right arm.

Each scar was slim. It was obvious that they were knife and sword wounds.

Other than that, there were no other injuries.

“You’ve got the wrong person!” Li Xiaoran sensed Daniu’s emotions and looked at him as she said with certainty.

At this moment, tears streamed down Daniu’s face. He felt angry and indignant, but also regretful and guilty.

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“You can choose not to believe them, but you can believe me! Tell me, how did you know that Xu Guocheng was the enemy who killed your village?” Li Xiaoran guided patiently.

Perhaps because Li Xiaoran’s down-to-earth nature made people let down their guard, or perhaps because Li Xiaoran was an outsider, Daniu was willing to communicate with her.

“I was originally working in town for a horse seller. Suddenly, my father and a few men from the village found me with serious injuries. They told me about the calamity in the village, then told me to quickly pack my things and run as far away as possible.”

“Originally, I wanted to bring my father and those few men along. Unexpectedly, not long after, those people caught up. In order to save me, my father and those few men fought with those people and bought me time to escape. They had to delay those people while being seriously injured, and in the end, they all died under those people’s blades. I was lucky enough to fall into a smelly latrine pit. That’s how I escaped!”

“After that, I changed my appearance and went straight to the capital. Then, I rented a small courtyard near the Xu family’s residence and worked there while I waited for an opportunity to approach the Xu family.”

“A few months ago, when I was working as a waiter in a teahouse, I accidentally overheard someone saying that the Xu family would hire some servants. I felt that this was an opportunity, so I

sold myself to the brokerage house. I gave the broker some money and finally got hired to work in the Xu family's home."

"What surprised me even more was that not long after I got hired, something happened to the groom of the Xu family's horse. The Xu family urgently needed a groom to take care of those warhorses. Therefore, I volunteered and explained that I had taken care of horses in the past, so I was promoted to work on the horse farm to be in charge of taking care of the warhorses!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she thought of something. "That's why you thought of poisoning Elder Xu when he was with the warhorse?"

"I didn't think of using poison at first. I overheard their conversation and learned that they had a slow-acting poison on them. Even the sweat of the person who took it shed was poisonous, and it could continue to poison others! After I heard this news, I immediately had an idea. Then, I took advantage of the fact that the two of them were in a remote place to knock them out and take that poison away!" Daniu said, "After that, just as you guessed, I poisoned the horse every day and passed the poison to Xu Guocheng through the sweat secreted by the horses!"

"No, no! These things are too coincidental! Daniu, have you ever thought that the various coincidences were actually planned by others? Let me ask you, why did you follow me here? How did you sneak in? Also, you weren't targeting me previously, but you were targeting the medicine I was protecting?" Li Xiaoran stared at Daniu and threw out a few questions.

When Daniu heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was silent for a while.

"If I say that someone threw a note to me and told me that someone was brewing medicine to detox Xu Guocheng, would you believe me?"

"Where's the note?" Li Xiaoran asked.

"It's in my inner pocket!" Daniu said.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he walked over and reached out to look for it in Daniu's arms.

As expected, a note was taken out of Daniu's arms.

When he opened the note, he was surprised to see this line of words.

"Someone is detoxing Xu Guocheng. Follow the pigeons!"

Li Xiaoran also saw this line of words and immediately frowned.

"Then how do you know how to disguise yourself?"

Daniu shook his head and said, "On the way, I was stopped by someone. He said that he knew what I wanted to do and could help me. I was eager for revenge, so I nodded and let the other party disguise me. The other party also told me about the situation in this house. He asked me to pretend to be him so that you wouldn't be on guard!"

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

"The other party seemed to be very familiar with you, husband. Even his smell was very similar to you, so I didn't notice anything fishy about him at first. However, what's fake is fake after all. After I realized that something was wrong, I used the excuse of eating to take out the medicine you gave me to protect myself! "

Luo Cheng nodded. After handing the note to Elder Xu, he said softly, "The person who framed you is very familiar with you and me! I think this is a series of schemes.. They're targeting you and me!"

Chapter 280: Can 't Let Him Go

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When Elder Xu heard Luo Cheng's words, he immediately understood.

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Previously, he had found it unbelievable. He couldn't figure out why anyone would want to poison him.

He hadn't gotten in anyone's way!

However, what Luo Cheng said immediately enlightened him. She realized it.

There were actually people guarding against him and Luo Cheng.

Thinking of this, Elder Xu sneered.

"These people are really persistent! We're already in this state, but they're still scheming against us!"

Luo Cheng didn't seem to care.

"I expected it! And this trap had been set up a long time ago. It's not recent. I don't know why, but those people suddenly used this scheme that had been in the making for a while!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng and Xu Lao's words, she already had some guesses.

Perhaps her husband's identity was very extraordinary!

It wasn't that Li Xiaoran didn't suspect Luo Cheng's identity, but she didn't investigate further.

No matter what Luo Cheng's identity was, he was her husband now.

Besides, ordinary people wouldn't have such a big house and be able to buy such a large piece of land.

Luo Cheng had his own business and medical skills, and there were often assassination attempts against him.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran was actually well aware, but if Luo Cheng didn't say it, she wouldn't ask.

There were many things where knowing too much wasn't a good thing. Instead, it would cause more trouble.

Li Xiaoran only wanted to live a simple life now. She wanted to earn money every day and cook something delicious to reward herself. She didn't want to think about anything else.

Daniu was immersed in his thoughts at this moment.

When Daniu realized that he had mistaken his enemy and harmed the innocent, he was stunned.

After thinking about it carefully from beginning to end, Daniu came back to his senses and discovered many loopholes.

Since the other party was ruthless and had done such a cruel thing, they definitely didn't plan on letting anyone off alive. How did his father and uncles escape from the village to town without being captured?

To think about it, his father and uncles' injuries seemed serious, but they weren't fatal.

From the way those people killed people in one smooth move later, it seemed that his father and uncles had been released on purpose.

Also, the two people who went to the teahouse later and said that they wanted to hire servants were complete strangers. They had never come to the teahouse in the past and never came to a teahouse since then. Moreover, after those two people revealed that the Xu family wanted to hire servants, Daniu had never seen them again.

Regarding the incident when he accidentally heard about the slow-acting poison later on, there was also something fishy about it.

Why did someone happen to send poison to him when he needed it?

Including what had happened today, it was obvious that he had been manipulated by someone.

He, who was blinded by hatred, almost did something that would break the hearts of those who cared about him and delight his enemies.

“What should we do with this person?” Luo Cheng glanced at Daniu and asked Elder Xu.

Elder Xu glanced at Daniu and sighed.

“Let him go! He’s a pitiful person too!”

“We can’t let him go!” At this moment, Li Xiaoran suddenly said, “If he goes out now, he’ll undoubtedly get killed. Regardless of whether Daniu had succeeded or not today, as long as he leaves the house, what awaits him is definitely death!”

Luo Cheng naturally understood this as well, so he looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Are you going to keep him?”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and nodded.

“Let him stay! After all, that’s a life! No matter what, the people in his village are already gone. He’s the only one left. It’s better to let him live! Besides, leaving him alive will lure the snake out of its hole!” Luo Cheng understood Li Xiaoran’s determination and nodded. “Alright, leave this person to me!”

With that, Luo Cheng carried Daniu to the courtyard at the back.

Elder Xu had returned and drunk the medicine, while Li Xiaoran had finished everything she had to do.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and looked around.

Seeing that Big Yellow was still lying on the ground obediently, Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief.

“Big Yellow, it’s good that you’re fine! Come, the bone and egg soup is cold. Go eat!”

When Big Yellow heard Li Xiaoran’s words, it wagged its tail and stood up. Then, it followed Li Xiaoran to eat.

After Luo Cheng settled Daniu's matter, he walked out and saw Li Xiaoran squatting beside Big Yellow while talking to it.

"Wife, what are you doing?"

"Husband, you're here! Look, is Big Yellow pregnant?" Li Xiaoran beckoned at Luo Cheng and said.

"Huh?" As soon as Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he quickly walked over. "Big Yellow is a male dog. How can it be pregnant? However, its stomach is indeed a little big. It seems that we have to give Big Yellow some medicine! Otherwise, it will be very dangerous if those feces keep accumulating in its stomach!"

"Huh?" Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in disbelief and then at Big Yellow, who was eating happily. "It's a male?"

"That's right! Did you think Big Yellow is a female?" Luo Cheng said with a smile. Then, he looked at the things in the dog basin. "No wonder Big Yellow was so happy. You actually boiled eggs in bone soup for it!" Li Xiaoran was amused. She didn't expect to be wrong.

"I thought Big Yellow was pregnant, so I boiled a few eggs to nourish it. Who knew that it wasn't pregnant!"

"It's fine. Nourishing Big Yellow is a good idea. I'll feed Big Yellow some medicine tonight so it wouldn't be so constipated! Speaking of which, it was my fault for being so negligent! At this time every year, I would brew some medicine to help Big Yellow's digestion. I was too busy this year and forgot about this!" Luo Cheng said and reached out to touch Big Yellow's head.

"Big Yellow, I'm sorry! I forgot to prescribe medicine for you! I'll give you a pill tonight. You'll feel better after you poop!"

Big Yellow looked up at Luo Cheng and smiled at him, as if to convey that it was fine and there was no need to apologize.

"By the way, where are the other dogs?" Luo Cheng thought of something and looked around.

"Big Yellow said that the other dogs went to the river to catch fish!" Li Xiaoran thought of what she had asked previously and explained.

"Catch fish?" Luo Cheng was immediately puzzled. "Since when could our dogs catch fish?"

As soon as she finished speaking, she saw the dogs running back with something in their mouths.

Seeing that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were both there, the dogs quickly ran over and placed the big fish in their mouths in front of them.

Luo Cheng looked at the fish and suddenly thought of something. His expression changed..