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Chapter 321: Almost

When Little Huzi heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was overjoyed.

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In Little Huzi's heart, Li Xiaoran was a very impressive person.

This was because the stalls on the official road gradually increased because of Li Xiaoran.

Previously, no one had thought of setting up a stall by the official road to sell things, nor did they expect to earn so much money.

But now, all of this had happened.

Not only that, but when everyone else came to set up their stall, Li Xiaoran's family built a shop to earn money.

Just based on this alone, countless people in the village were secretly envious.

Moreover, Li Xiaoran's two shops were doing very well.

Whenever a large caravan came, they would definitely go to the shops to buy food.

Only when the shop was full would the others buy food from the stalls outside.

After Li Xiaoran and her family left the Li family, their lives became better.

This notion had been spreading around for a while.

Everyone was talking about it in private. Other than the Li family and Li Xiaoran's family, everyone else was talking about it.

Because the truth was in front of everyone.

After Li Xiaoran and her family were married off by the Li family, the Li family declined more and more.

Someone even suggested that Li Xiaoran's family was the lucky one. The Li family was ill-fated, and it was only because of Li Xiaoran's family's good fortune that they lived a slightly better life in the past.

They said that the Li family didn't know how to cherish it and bullied Li Xiaoran's family all day long. Now that Li Xiaoran's family had left, no one would help them resist their bad luck anymore. That was why they were down on their luck!

Therefore, in Little Huzi's opinion, Li Xiaoran was a very capable person.

A very capable person praised his family for doing well in business, so Little Huzi was naturally happy.

Li Xiaoran went to the kitchen to pick out some pickled bamboo shoots. An indescribable stench filled the air.

“Sister Ran, what are you scooping? Why does it smell so bad?!” Little Huzi pinched his nose and asked.

Li Xiaoran thought of something. After grabbing some pickled bamboo shoots, she covered the big bowl with a plate.

This way, the smell of pickled bamboo shoots was covered.

“This thing smells bad but tastes good!”

With that, Li Xiaoran placed this bowl of pickled bamboo shoots in the food box and planned to bring it to Old Madam Jin’s house later.

After washing her hands, Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something.

“Little Huzi, don’t go back yet. Go find a few friends to catch some small snails in the river ditch. Sell them to me for two copper coins a catty! But hurry up. I need them urgently!”

When Little Huzi heard that Li Xiaoran wanted snails, he immediately nodded. “Alright, Sister Ran, how much do you want? I’ll find my friends to catch them now!”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Give me five catties first, then you can continue catching them. After the first five catties of small snails, big or small snails are both fine! As long as you catch them and send them over, I’ll accept them all!”

Little Huzi calculated it. It was a lot.

The small river ditch in the village was filled with snails.

With this, they could make a lot of money.

“Alright, I’ll go find them now!” Little Huzi didn’t stay any longer when he heard this. He ran. “Sister Ran, go over and tell my parents later that I’m going to earn money, so I won’t be helping them!”

“Alright, send five catties to the shop later!” Li Xiaoran reminded, “Also, be careful when you go into the river!”

“Got it, Sister Ran!” Little Huzi’s voice came from afar.

After sending Little Huzi off, Li Xiaoran carried the food box and locked the door before going to the food shop.

Now that everyone was in the shop, only Li Shun was still farming.

When she left in the morning, Li Xiaoran gave her father a key, so she wasn’t afraid that he wouldn’t have the key to go home.

As soon as she entered the shop, Li Xiaoran saw Old Madam Jin sitting in the corner eating sliced noodles.

Li Xiaoran walked over with a smile and sat in front of Old Madam Jin.

“Look at what I brought you.”

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran’s voice, she pretended to be angry and didn’t look up. She only snorted.

“It seems that you’re angry with me! Since you’re still angry, I won’t cook for the time being! After all, when I’m in a bad mood, I can’t make delicious food!”

Li Xiaoran deliberately sighed and said.

Old Madam Jin could no longer hold it in and looked up at Li Xiaoran angrily.

“You’re very naughty! You knew that I was coveting the food, but you actually didn’t bring it to me!”

Seeing that Old Madam Jin was finally willing to pay attention to her, Li Xiaoran immediately smiled and said, “Old Madam Jin, I really didn’t mean to keep you hanging! Look, I’m very busy every day. I’m free today, so I brought the things over!”

With that, Li Xiaoran gently patted the food box at the side.

“Then take it out for me to try!” Old Madam Jin said anxiously.

“Granny Jin, the things in this food box are just side dishes. The other ingredients are not ready yet! When they’re ready, I will make you smelly delicacies!” Li Xiaoran shook her head and pressed down on the food box. “Just wait a little longer. I’ll definitely let you eat smelly delicacies today, but not now!”

When Old Madam Jin heard this, she asked, “What’s missing?”

“We’re still short of snails! I’ve already asked Little Huzi to go to the river ditch to look for snails. He’ll send them over later. At that time, I still have to soak the snails for a while and wash them clean before cooking snail soup. As long as the pot of snail soup is cooked, you can eat that smelly delicacy!” Li Xiaoran explained patiently.

Li Xiaoqing, who was cooking noodles, heard them and asked, “Sister, didn’t Little Huzi come back with you?”

“No, I asked Little Huzi to catch river snails for me!” Li Xiaoran replied.

“Have you told his parents?” Li Xiaoqing asked, “Little Huzi’s mother was looking for him just now!”

“I did. I told Little Huzi’s parents when I came over just now!” Li Xiaoran replied.

Because she happened to pass by Little Huzi’s parents’ food stall from home to the shop, Li Xiaoran mentioned it.

“By the way, Xiao Qing, I’ll give you some money to buy some mashed sweet potatoes from Little Huzi’s parents! I want to eat them too. Buy some more to share with everyone!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said..

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“If you want to eat it, just cook it yourself. Why spend the money?” Zhao Xiu asked curiously.

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“Mother, Little Huzi usually helps us do a lot of things. What’s wrong with us taking care of their family’s business? Besides, making mashed sweet potatoes takes time. Which of us has the time to make mashed sweet potatoes?! We can buy some to try and satisfy our cravings. We can also deepen our friendship with them. With reciprocation, the friendship will deepen!” Li Xiaoran explained.

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she smiled and nodded.

“This girl is right. This is how relationships work! After all, you guys live in the village, so you have to befriend a few good families. This way, if anything happens in the future, someone can speak up for you!”

Zhao Xiu was stunned when she heard Old Madam Jin’s words.

“Think about it. If something happens in the future, if no one in the village seeks justice for you and no one speaks up for you, it will be difficult for you to do anything. The importance of social interaction shows itself at those moments and reduces your troubles. Friends make your lives easier!” Old Madam Jin guided Zhao Xiu when she saw that she was contemplating her words.

Zhao Xiu finally understood and nodded. “Thank you for your guidance, Old Madam! In the past, when I was in my maiden family, I was well protected by my family and didn’t know the ways of the world. Later, after I got married, I had to do chores all day long and didn’t interact much with others, so I didn’t know much about these things. It seems that I have to learn more from you guys in the future!”

“You’re a perceptive person. It’s just that you’ve experienced it too little! Take your time in the future. When you’ve experienced things more often, you’ll understand!” Seeing that Zhao Xiu listened to her advice, Old Madam Jin became more talkative.

Seeing that her mother had figured it out, Li Xiaoran took out money from her pocket and gave it to Li Xiaoqing to buy some mashed sweet potatoes.

Since it was to satisfy their cravings, everyone had a share.

When Li Xiaoqing brought a basket over with a pile of mashed sweet potatoes, everyone had a piece.

Even the customers who were eating in the shop were given a piece by Li Xiaoran to try.

It had to be said that Little Huzi's family's mashed sweet potatoes were really good.

The ingredients were ample enough, so the mashed sweet potatoes tasted especially delicious.

The people who had given Li Xiaoran mashed sweet potatoes felt that it was delicious and even asked Li Xiaoran where they had bought it. They also planned to buy some to take with them to eat on the way.

Just like that, Li Xiaoran unintentionally helped Little Huzi's family get another wave of business.

When these customers went to Little Huzi's stall to buy mashed sweet potatoes, they also mentioned that Li Xiaoran gave them mashed sweet potatoes to try.

Only then did Little Huzi's family understand why so many customers suddenly appeared. They secretly remembered Li Xiaoran's family's kindness.

After eating mashed sweet potatoes, a group of merchants arrived at the official road, so the shops became busy.

Old Madam Jin couldn't help much and staying here would only cause trouble, so she simply planned to return to her house.

While Li Xiaoran was busying, when she saw that Old Madam Jin was about to leave, she thought for a moment and said, "Old Madam Jin, you can go to the courtyard to drink tea. Wait for me there! When the snails are here, I'll wash them and make a pot of snail soup. You have nothing to do when you go back anyway, so why don't you stay here and talk to me?! This way, I won't feel tired even when I'm busy!"

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran's words, a smile appeared on her face.

"Sure! Then I'll go sit in the back. I don't need tea or anything. I can help you guys!"

"Alright, just sit there and help us pay attention to the situation in the shop outside. You might even be able to help us see who comes to cause trouble in the shop. Last time, someone placed rat feces in the food we made for him when we weren't paying attention and tried to blackmail us!" Li Xiaoran recalled what had happened previously and said angrily.

When Old Madam Jin heard this, she knew that there must be a reason.

Of course, it couldn't be denied that there were people who would do this for personal benefit.

"Alright, although I'm old, my eyes are very sharp. It just so happens that I can see the situation in the two shops through the window and door. No one can escape my sharp eyes! "

Seeing that Old Madam Jin had agreed, Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded. Then, she came over and helped Old Madam Jin to sit in the courtyard at the back.

There were tables, chairs, and tea in the corner of the courtyard. Changsheng was sitting there practicing writing. When he saw Li Xiaoran helping an old lady over, he quickly set up the stool and poured tea.

“Have some tea!”

As soon as Old Madam Jin sat down, she saw Changsheng bringing tea over.

“Whose child is this?! He looks so smart and sensible!” With that, Old Madam Jin took the tea and took a sip.

“Thank you! Little fellow, I happened to be feeling a little thirsty!”

Seeing that the two of them started chatting as soon as they met, Li Xiaoran smiled.

“Granny Jin, this is the child I adopted. His name is Changsheng. He had a hard time in the past and his health was poor, so I’m letting him recuperate first and learn how to read and write. There’s no one at home, so I could only bring him to the shop to take care of him!”

With that, Li Xiaoran looked at Changsheng and guided, “Changsheng, call her Grandma Jin!”

“Hello, Grandma Jin! My name is Changsheng. If you need anything, tell me! I’m going to continue writing now! Brother Ziyang said I have to write these five words on a piece of paper today!” Changsheng said politely.

“You’re such a good child! It’s good to study hard. Only then can you become successful in the future! Go and do your thing!” Old Madam Jin said happily.

Changsheng nodded and went to his desk again to practice writing.

Li Shun had specifically made this desk for Changsheng with wooden boards.

Although it was a little crude, it was enough for Changsheng.

After Li Xiaoran settled Old Madam Jin down, she continued to work in the shop.

When Little Huzi brought his buddy, Huang Yong, over with a bucket of snails, the shop happened to send off a wave of customers.

“Sister Ran, Sister Ran, the things you wanted are here!” Little Huzi shouted from afar.

When Li Xiaoran heard Little Huzi’s voice, she walked out.

“Come, bring it in and put it in the courtyard at the back. I’ll go get it weighed!” Little Huzi and Huang Yong carried a bucket of snails to the courtyard.

When Old Madam Jin saw these black things, she walked out curiously.

Li Xiaoran weighed it. There were six catties of snails here, so she gave Little Huzi twelve copper coins.

Unexpectedly, Li Xiaohu waved his hand and didn’t take it..

“Sister Ran, this wooden bucket and water already weigh a catty. Just give us ten copper coins!” Little Huzi explained.

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When Li Xiaoran heard this, she smiled and still stuffed the twelve copper coins into Little Huzi’s hand.

“Take this money. Take the extra two copper coins as compensation for your hard work! But next time, there won’t be any compensation! ”

When Little Huzi and Huang Yong heard Li Xiaoran’s words, they nodded and took the money.

“Sister Ran, do you still want to add water and wash it? Why don’t Huang Yong and I help you wash it?! Don’t worry, we guarantee that we can wash it clean!” Li Xiaoran looked at Little Huzi and Huang Yong, then nodded.

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“Alright, as long as you can wash these snails clean, I’ll bring you to Grandma Jin’s house to eat a bowl of delicious food today!”

As she spoke, Li Xiaoran pointed at Old Madam Jin, who was watching from the side.

“That’s right! Sister Ran wants you guys to eat a bowl of delicious food. I will treat you guys to snacks, okay?” Old Madam Jin said happily.

Old people didn’t like to be alone, but liked to be surrounded by many children.

Now that Li Xiaoran actually wanted to bring the children to her house to play, Old Madam Jin was naturally very happy.

With the children around, her house would be livelier.

Besides, the two children were very sensible and understanding, so it was fine to entertain them.

“Sister Ran, I’ll help wash them too. I want to eat delicious food too!” Changsheng couldn’t sit still anymore and quickly rushed over.

Li Xiaoran saw Changsheng’s yearning gaze and smiled.

“You haven’t recovered yet. If you catch a cold now, the gains won’t make up for the losses. So you should go practice writing! Study hard. If you write all the words correctly, I’ll bring you to Grandma Jin’s house too!”

When Changsheng heard this, he immediately smiled and nodded, then he obediently went to practice writing.

Little Huzi learned about Changsheng from Little Qing, so he took good care of this boy who was a few years younger than him,

“That’s right! Take good care of your body. When you recover, I’ll bring you to fish and crabs in the future!” Little Huzi added.

Changsheng nodded.

“Sure! Thank you, Brother!”

Little Huzi waved his hand, indicating that there was no need to thank him. Next, Little Huzi and Huang Yong carried the snails to the place where they came out of the water to wash them.

Old Madam Jin was curious and went out with the two children.

When Huang Yong saw that Old Madam Jin had followed him, he quickly ran back and brought a stool for her.

‘Grandma Jin, just sit here and watch us wash them!’

Grandma Jin naturally wouldn’t refuse the children’s kind request. She accepted it with a smile.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she smiled and went to prepare the ingredients and dishes for the snail noodles.

The reason Li Xiaoran asked Old Madam Jin to stay previously was because she sensed the loneliness in Old Madam Jin’s heart.

Old people liked to have children and grandchildren around.

But now that her children and grandchildren were no longer reliable and lived so far away, it was lonely for her to live here alone.

Previously, the reason Li Xiaoran suggested that Old Madam Jin build a house here was because she wanted Old Madam Jin to come to the shop whenever she felt lonely.

After all, there were many people coming and going in the shop.

Perhaps Old Madam Jin wouldn’t be so lonely if she stayed here.

As it turned out, Li Xiaoran’s arrangement was right.

As Old Madam Jin stayed here in the shop while talking to the children, she became much happier.

After the snails were washed and the other ingredients were ready, it was almost time for lunch.

Li Xiaoran placed the things she had prepared in the food box. She planned to bring Little Huzi and the others to Old Madam Jin’s house.

“Mom, I’m going to Grandma Jin’s place to make stinky food for her at noon, so I won’t be eating in the shop. Cook some food for yourself when it’s time for dinner later! Changsheng and I are going, as well as Little Huzi and Huang Yong. Xiao Qing, do you want to come with us?”

Li Xiaoran was a sensible child- She knew that noon might be the busiest time for the shop, so she shook her head.

“Sister, go! I can do more if I stay here. You will definitely cook more smelly food at home in the future, so it doesn’t matter!”

Hearing this, Li Xiaoran didn’t force her.

Just as Li Xiaoran had said, there were more pickled bamboo shoots at home. Little Huzi and the others would also send a lot of snails over in the future.

There would be plenty of opportunities to make snail noodles for everyone later, so there was no hurry.

“Alright, I’ll have to trouble you guys with the shop!” Li Xiaoran said, then went to look for Old Madam Jin and the others.

The five of them walked towards the house not far away from the shop. When they passed by Little Huzi’s stall, Li Xiaoran told Little Huzi’s parents.

At the same time, Li Xiaoran also asked Little Huzi’s parents to tell Huang Yong’s family that Huang Yong wouldn’t go back for lunch!

Little Huzi’s parents naturally agreed because their mashed sweet potatoes were sold out in the morning. They still had to go back and replenish some ingredients.

She could use this opportunity to go back and tell Huang Yong’s family about this.

After this matter was resolved, Li Xiaoran brought the children to Old Madam Jin’s house.

After they washed the snails, they were placed in the courtyard at the back and boiled for a few hours. At this moment, Li Xiaoran brought them straight to the Jin family’s house.

After taking out the side dishes and rice noodles in the food box, Li Xiaoran began to cook.

It had to be said that at first, the smell in the pot was normal. After the pickled bamboo shoots were added, the air was filled with a stench.

Little Huzi and Huang Yong covered their noses and said with disdain, “Sister Ran, is what you made poisonous?! Why is it so smelly?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

“What did you say?! Snail noodles smell bad but taste good, just like stinky tofu!”

Little Huzi and Huang Yong were still very suspicious. Only Changsheng didn’t seem to mind this stench at all.

To Changsheng, it didn’t matter if the food tasted good or not. As long as it could be eaten, it was fine.

When Old Madam Jin smelled this stench, she looked forward to tasting it.

It seemed that she would finally be able to eat delicious food today.

Soon, the snail noodles in the pot were ready.

After putting on the condiments they had concocted previously, the five of them sat around the table and placed a bowl of snail noodles in front of each of them.

Although it didn’t smell good, everyone picked up their chopsticks and ate it.

Little Huzi and Huang Yong, who had been very disdainful previously, also took a bite...

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The only people who disliked snail noodles were those who never tasted it before.

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If one couldn't bring oneself to take the first bite, one wouldn't like it.

As long as one took a bite, one would definitely like it.

Therefore, Little Huzi and Huang Yong, who had been very disdainful just now, quickly finished their bowls.

In the end, they even drank all the snail soup in their bowls.

"Sister Ran, this thing is really delicious! It stinks, but it's very delicious!" Little Huzi said after wiping his mouth with a handkerchief.

"It's delicious, right?! I wouldn't lie to you guys!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile. Then, she picked up another piece of rice noodles with her chopsticks and ate it.

"Sister Ran, in the future, Huang Yong and I will go catch snails every day. We don't want money anymore. Cook us a bowl of these noodles every few days!" Little Huzi thought of something and said.

When Li Xiaoran heard Little Huzi's words, she was amused.

"It's not like I make snail noodles every day. How about this?! The next time my family makes snail noodles, I'll call you guys over for dinner!"

When Little Huzi heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately nodded.

"Alright, then we'll go catch snails every day in the future and send them to you every day!"

Huang Yong nodded in agreement.

"You guys can catch river snails, but sell them to me. You guys worked hard to get them, so earn some pocket money to save for yourselves. As for the snail noodles, consider them my treat. If I need your help in the future, you guys have to help me!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Little Huzi and Huang Yong nodded in agreement.

The three children were full after eating a large bowl of snail noodles each.

Children rarely took afternoon naps, so after Little Huzi and Huang Yong bade farewell to Old Madam Jin, they went home to play.

Changsheng needed an afternoon nap because of his weak body.

Old Madam Jin simply let Li Xiaoran and Changsheng stay at home for a nap.

When they were decorating the house previously, Old Madam Jin had reserved a room for Li Xiaoran.

As for Changsheng, he could sleep in the guest room.

With these two people around, Old Madam Jin no longer felt lonely when she sat in the courtyard to rest. She felt wholesome.

After the nap, the three of them washed their faces and went to the shop in high spirits.

At the same time, Luo Cheng and Luo Han split up and rushed towards the capital from Sichuan.

Luo Han took the water route, but Luo Cheng took the mountain road.

The two of them led some people separately. After setting off from town, they parted ways.

The people who had been secretly monitoring the two of them were immediately dumbfounded.

They had no choice but to split into two groups and follow them.

Luo Cheng had long noticed the people following him, but he didn't care at all. Although he couldn't shake them off now, everything would be different after they entered the mountain.

To be honest, very few people were willing to cross mountains unless they had no choice.

However, Luo Cheng was different. He was a hunter to begin with. He traveled through the forest frequently and interacted with all kinds of wild beasts and small animals.

Therefore, after he brought people into the forest, he disappeared silently like fish entering the sea.

Those people following him got lost.

Not only did they lose track of Luo Cheng, but they were also trapped in the mountain.

On the first night, seeing that the sky was gradually turning dark, Luo Cheng found a cave to rest in.

This time, there were a total of two people who followed Luo Cheng. Their names were Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng.

The two of them had both been secret guards in the past. This time, in order to protect Luo Cheng, they revealed themselves and followed behind him.

The three of them looked around for dry firewood and lit a fire in the cave.

Because they were lighting a fire in the cave, the flames couldn't be seen outside, nor would they attract the lost stalkers.

After setting up a pot, the three of them poured out some more water they had found on the way and took out the dry food they had brought.

"Young Master, Madam's idea is really brilliant. I really didn't expect the small noodles to be so delicious after being fried into flatbread and boiled!" Zi Cheng praised.

"That's right! With this, we won't have to worry about not having anything to fill our stomachs when we travel in the future!" Zi Zheng added. When Luo Cheng heard their words, he smiled slightly.

Li Xiaoran had fried this flatbread for him last night.

Because they were in a hurry, the entire family helped out.

With these fried flatbread, his journey would be much easier.

“Young Master, in order to follow you openly and be able to eat the food made by Sister-in-law and the others, our buddies fought tooth and nail. In the end, we won and snatched this opportunity!” Zi Zheng said proudly.

Ever since they saw Ziyang become their young master’s younger brother and follow him around all day, the secret guards were extremely envious.

Now that there was finally a chance to follow their young master openly, everyone fought over it. In the end, the group competed with each other. Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng won.

Luo Cheng was amused by Zi Zheng’s words.

“Didn’t you guys like to be secret guards in the past?! Previously, when I asked you guys to follow me out in the open, all of you refused. Why have you changed your minds now?”

When Zi Cheng heard this, he immediately played dumb.

“Is there such a thing? Of course not! Young Master, you’re so busy every day, so you must have remembered wrongly!”

Zi Zheng was more honest and said what was on his mind.

“That’s right. You must have remembered wrongly! Besides, Madam wasn’t around in the past. Ever since Madam came, everything has been different!

Every time I smell the aroma coming from that kitchen when I’m protecting Madam, I feel voracious!”

“Oh, so it’s because she made a lot of delicious food that you’ve changed your minds?” Luo Cheng said with a look of realization.

With that, Luo Cheng knocked Zi Zheng’s forehead with his finger.

“Kid, I really didn’t expect you to be such a glutton.”

Zi Zheng’s head hurt, but he wasn’t angry. Instead, he covered the painful place with his hand and said pitifully, “Young Master, I’m actually not a glutton. You can only blame your wife for being too good of a cook. So it’s Young Master and

Madam’s fault!”

Luo Cheng was so angry that he laughed.. He looked at Zi Zheng and asked, you’re blaming me and my wife for this?”

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“Yes!” Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng replied in unison.

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The three men in the cave laughed at that.

After laughing, the three of them resumed eating instant noodles.

“You guys have really changed a lot compared to before! In the past, you guys didn’t have the guts to mock me!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said.

Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng were stunned when they heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“Actually, it’s not that we’ve changed. Young Master, you’ve changed!” Zi Cheng thought of something and said, “Because you’ve become more happy, we wanted to follow you!”

This wasn’t only felt by Zi Cheng, but also by many other secret guards who followed Luo Cheng.

Although the young master was also very powerful in the past, he didn’t live a happy life.

With such a gloomy and sulky master, they naturally couldn’t cheer up either.

However, ever since Li Xiaoran married into the family, their young master had begun to change bit by bit.

He became more cheerful and happy.

They had all seen him change with their own eyes.

Therefore, the secret guards respected Li Xiaoran from the bottom of their hearts.

Because she was the one who had brought their master out of misery and helped him start a cozy life.

When Luo Cheng heard Zi Cheng’s words, he smiled, but he was thinking about Li Xiaoran.

That’s right. Ever since Li Xiaoran came, he had begun to change bit by bit.

Previously, he had planned to tell Li Xiaoran his background, but unfortunately, he had not been able to reveal it even until now.

When these things were settled, he would find time to tell her everything.

Night fell. After dinner, when Li Xiaoran returned to her room, she subconsciously looked at Luo Cheng’s room.

However, unlike usual, the owner of the room was already on a long trip. There was no light coming out of the room.

Suddenly, she missed Luo Cheng very much.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran came to Luo Cheng’s room and pushed open the door.

She immediately had a flashback to the first time she had seen this room.

For some reason, although it wasn’t the first time she had seen it, Li Xiaoran still felt that Luo Cheng’s room was a little too clean and tidy.

It was as if no one had ever lived in this room. There was no sense of presence at all.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran walked in and looked around.

“Luo Cheng, tell me, why is your life so boring?! As she muttered, Li Xiaoran thought of a bold idea.

Soon, Li Xiaoran smiled widely.

The next morninz, as soon as they had breakfast, Li Xiaoran asked Zivanq.

“Ziyang, do you remember that I said I wanted to buy some flowers to plant?” Luo Ziyang nodded and looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Sister-in-law, are you already thinking about what flowers to plant?”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “That’s right! Plant some flowers that are easy to raise, the kind that bloom all year round. In addition, buy some flowers and plants to plant in flower pots. I want to decorate the house!”

Luo Ziyang remembered Li Xiaoran’s request and left these things to his other buddies to handle.

Before Luo Cheng left, he had repeatedly reminded Luo Ziyang that no matter what happened, he had to stay by Li Xiaoran’s side and couldn’t do anything

His most important task was to protect Li Xiaoran’s safety.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran and Luo Ziyang had finished talking about serious matters, Li Shun told Luo Ziyang about the fertilizer and bamboo poles he needed.

Luo Ziyang nodded and wrote down everything his family needed, then asked his buddies to buy them.

Zhao Xiu looked at the bucket of river snails at home and said with distress, “Xiaoran, are you raising river snails to sell? Why did you collect so many river snails?”

“To make snail noodles!” Changsheng’s eyes lit up when he thought of the smelly snail noodles he had eaten yesterday and said happily.

When Li Xiaoran saw Changsheng’s happy expression, she smiled.

“Actually, not only can we make snail noodles, but we can also make a lot of other delicious food! We can also stir-fry this kind of snail noodles as side dishes. However, we have to raise the newly caught snail noodles for a few days before eating them. Otherwise, there will be a lot of sand inside!”

Li Shun was naturally happy to hear that it could serve as a side dish to wine.

For the past few days, he had been working in the field every day and had consumed a lot of energy, so when he was tired, he liked to drink a few glasses at night.

After he drank some wine and ate some side dishes, the fatigue of the day would dissipate.

When he heard that there was a new side dish, Li Shun was overjoyed.

“Sure. I’ll have delicious food again in two days!”

“Look at how happy you are. Husband, I didn’t realize that you liked to drink in the past. Now that we’re in our son-in-law’s house, you’ve been drinking quite often.” Zhao Xiu teased.

“Hey, what do you know?! You can’t blame me for this! The wine our son-in-law brewed is too delicious. Or else, I wouldn’t like drinking it that much!” Li Shun took advantage of Luo Cheng’s absence to push the blame to him.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was secretly amused.

She really didn’t expect her father to be so witty. He was no longer as ingenuous as he was in the past.

When the others heard this, they laughed too.

“Wait for our son-in-law to come back and say that in front of him!”

When Li Shun heard this, he only smiled and didn’t say anything else.

He wasn’t stupid. He wouldn’t say anything when his son-in-law returned.

As they chatted, everyone began the day’s work.

Li Xiaoran thought of what she wanted to ask her parents about previously, so she simply took the hoe and followed her father to the field.

Li Shun had just assigned the tasks to the villagers who had come to work when he saw his daughter carrying a hoe, so he quickly walked out.

“Why didn’t you go to the shop? Why did you come here?”

“Father, I came over to help you and get some exercise!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

“You must have something on your mind. Tell me! Why are you looking for me?” Li Shun glanced at Li Xiaoran and asked.

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

“Father, you’re really getting more and more impressive now. I can’t hide my thoughts from you at all! However, this is a serious matter. Let’s talk as we farm!”

Li Shun glanced at his daughter and nodded.

“Alright then! I’m going to plant peanuts.. I’ll dig a nest, and you’ll throw in the seeds! Two or three in each nest!”

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Li Xiaoran nodded, took the bamboo basket from Li Shun, and tied it to her waist.

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The advantage of this method was that she only needed to reach into the bamboo basket to grab the peanut seeds and throw them in the ground.

It was convenient and efficient.

With that, the father and daughter began to move.

Li Shun was a meticulous person. As soon as he dug a few holes, he thought of something and turned around to give the straw hat he was wearing to Li Xiaoran.

“Put this on. I have coarse skin anyway, so I’m not afraid of getting tanned!” When Li Xiaoran heard her father’s words, she smiled and nodded.

Soon, one person made a nest and the other threw seeds.

The father and daughter worked together very quickly.

As she did farm work, Li Xiaoran told him why she was here.

“Father, I’ve never asked you and Mother if you have any plans for the future! After the new house is built and you move in, what will you rely on to make a livelihood?”

When Li Shun heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he knew that she was worried about them, so he laughed.

“Actually, I’ve already thought about it! The furniture I made for you is not bad, right?! I plan to make furniture for a living in the future! If I make some furniture and furnishings to sell, I can earn some money. Everything is difficult at the beginning. Perhaps I won’t earn much money in the beginning, but I believe that with my skills, someone will buy the furniture and furnishings I made!”

This was the first time Li Xiaoran heard her father talk about his future plans. For a moment, she felt a little emotional.

It turned out that her father actually already knew what to do.

“I’ve thought it through. If I can’t earn money in the future, I won’t suck it up out of pride and torture your mother and sister. When the time comes, I’ll shamelessly borrow some money from you and my son-in-law. In the future, I’ll return the money to you after I sell the furniture! Anyway, we’re family. There’s no problem with losing face in front of each other!” Li Shun said with a smile.

In the past, Li Xiaoran would definitely say that she would just give them money if they needed it.

However, after what had happened previously and Old Madam Jin’s reminder, Li Xiaoran also noticed that she had to take care of her parents’ emotions.

Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment and said, “Father, don’t worry! The furniture and furnishings you made will definitely be sold. You made them so well. so how can they not be sold? Luo Cheng and I will definitely be able to

help you in this aspect. When the time comes, just focus on making furniture and do whatever you want. Leave the selling to us. We'll bring the furniture you made to town to sell. We'll definitely be able to sell them for a high price!"

"You're just coaxing me! It's not as easy as you say!" Li Shun said with a smile.

"Dad, I'm really not coaxing you! As you know, the value of the furniture you make lies in your skills. The difference between the furniture made by others and the furniture made by you is huge. When I went to town to buy seeds previously, I passed by a shop selling high-end furniture and furnishings and took a look. The famous craftsmen in the shop aren't nearly as good as you! With just the slightest bit of promotion, the supply will outstrip the demand!

Anyway, you just have to do whatever you want! Leave the rest to me!" Li

Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and patted her chest to guarantee.

Li Shun thought of a possibility and said seriously, "Don't buy it! Let me tell you, you can't do this! You'll end up harming me!"

"Father, what are you thinking?! Why would I do that?! Be more confident in your skills! With your skills, you can sell the furniture in the village. It's just that this will be a waste of your skills. Some times, the skills are more valuable than the things themselves. Think about it, as long as the jewelry are from famous brands, the women from rich families are willing to pay an exorbitant price. My father will be a famous furniture decorator in the future!" Li Xiaoran said proudly.

Li Shun was very happy to be affirmed by his daughter.

"Alright, alright. Based on what you said, I'll definitely make the best furniture!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and cheered her father on.

"Then I'll wait for the furniture you made! "

Li Shun smiled and nodded, feeling more and more confident.

"By the way, Father, have you heard Mother say what she wants to do in the future?"

Li Xiaoran asked.

Now that her father had settled what he wanted to do, she couldn't neglect her mother. She could ask her father about it first.

"Your mother?!" When Li Shun heard this, he frowned. "To be honest, I really haven't heard your mother say anything! Your mother only wants to run your two shops. She doesn't have any other thoughts!"

"Forget it, I'll ask my mother when the time comes! My mother definitely has her own hobbies, but she's been used to working for us all these years. Now that our family is doing well, it's time for my mother to do something she likes!" Li Xiaoran said.

Li Shun was stunned.

That's right! Over the years, she had never told them about her own hobbies.

Since she'd married him, she'd never expressed what she liked or disliked.

And he had never asked these questions.

Thinking of this, Li Shun suddenly felt guilty.

As a man, he was really irresponsible.

After he married the woman he loved, not only didn't give her happiness, but also made her suffer so much with him. He didn't even know what she liked.

Li Xiaoran looked at her father, who was stunned, and sensed his guilt.

Thinking of what had happened in the past, Li Xiaoran sighed and said softly, "Father, the past is in the past! It's fine as long as you focus on living your future life to the fullest. You and my mother still have a long future! You still have many years to dote on my mother!"

Li Shun nodded and looked at Li Xiaoran.

"You're right. Your mother and I still have a lot of time in the future. I still have a chance to treat your mother well!"

Li Xiaoran nodded. The father and daughter looked at each other and smiled before continuing to work.

To be honest, plowing a piece of land was tiring.

Li Xiaoran did relatively light farm work, but she was still so tired that her bones ached.

However, after working and sweating, Li Xiaoran also felt more comfortable.

"How is it? Don't you feel very refreshed after working hard?!" Li Shun teased when he saw that his daughter's face was red.

After Li Xiaoran took out her handkerchief and wiped her sweat, she smiled and said, "Father, this is called detoxification! It expels the poison in the body through sweat, which is why it feels so comfortable.. In the next ten days, let's bring everyone in the family to work for a day!"

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Li Shun couldn't help but laugh when he heard his daughter's words.

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"I think it's fine. It depends on whether your mother and Xiao Qing are willing or not!"

With that, Li Shun thought of something. "Actually, you're the one who gets the least exercise in our family! You lack exercise the most!"

Li Xiaoran immediately felt like she had screwed herself over.

But on second thought, she seemed to be the only one in the family who lacked exercise.

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang were martial artists to begin with, so they naturally exercised a lot every day.

They woke up early every day to practice martial arts and usually did a lot of physically exhausting tasks.

Her mother, Zhao Xiu, and sister, Li Xiaoqing, were busy in the shop all day. They walked around, moved things, and took things. From morning to night, they rarely had a chance to rest.

Li Xiaoran worked with her brains every day and rarely exhausted her strength.

“Father, it seems that I’m really the only one in our family who lacks exercise!” Seeing his daughter’s dumbfounded expression, Li Shun was amused. “How about this?! In the future, come over and farm with me for two hours every day! After two hours, you can do whatever you want!”

“Alright!” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and agreed to her father’s invitation.

Her health was the most important, so exercising more was a good thing.

“It’s not just you. When Changsheng gets better, he should come with me to work in the fields as well!” Li Shun thought of something and said.

“Isn’t Changsheng going to learn martial arts from Ziyang?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“These two things aren’t conflicting. Martial arts is different from farming. Martial arts can strengthen one’s body, but farming can relax one’s mind. In the past, when I was suffering in the Li family, I relied on farming time to relieve my frustration. Otherwise, my personality would have changed long ago!” Li Shun said.

Li Xiaoran felt that her father was right, so she nodded.

At noon, Li Xiaoran didn’t go to the shop. Instead, she returned home and stir-fried some vegetables for her father. Then, the father and daughter ate a hearty meal together.

Perhaps it was because she had exhausted a lot of stamina in the morning, but Li Xiaoran felt that lunch tasted especially delicious.

She ate two bowls of rice in a row along with the two large plates of veggies.

“Sigh, eating warm food is much better!” Li Shun said after eating his fill.

“Didn’t Ziyang to send you lunch previously?” said with a smile.

“It’s so boring for me to eat alone at home while you guys eat in the shop!” Li Shun said.

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

“Then you can come to the shop and eat with us! It’s not far anyway!” What a wake-up call!

Li Shun immediately thought of something and said with a smile, “Alright, don’t bring me food from tomorrow onwards. I’ll go to the shop to eat with you guys!”

Li Xiaoran nodded in agreement.

After the lunch break, Li Xiaoran didn’t go to the field anymore. Instead, she went to the shop. Coincidentally, there was a caravan in the shop, so everyone was very busy. Li Xiaoran quickly went over and got busy with everyone.

Seeing that the customers had already been served food, Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief and leaned against the corner to rest.

However, as soon as she relaxed, she suddenly heard the sound of something being smashed from the noodle stalls, followed by the sound of an argument.

Li Xiaoran quickly ran over and saw two men overturning a table. There was freshly cooked sliced noodles and noodle soup on the ground.

The other woman was protecting the girl behind her with a nervous expression.

“What’s going on?” Li Xiaoran walked in and asked, “Why can’t the two of you talk things out? Why did you have to overturn my dining table? It’s such a waste of food to pour all these bowls of noodles on the ground!”

“It’s none of your business. We paid for this! Are you offended that we dirtied your tables and chairs? Here, take the silver. Don’t interfere!” A man with a sore on the side of his nose didn’t even look at Li Xiaoran as he said arrogantly.

As soon as he finished speaking, a piece of silver was thrown at Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran was really angry. This was the first time she had seen such an arrogant person.

At this moment, Luo Ziyang appeared. He grabbed the silver ingots and threw them at the arrogant man.

“Who do you think you are? How dare you use silver to hit my sister-in-law?!

Today, I’ll teach you a lesson on behalf of your parents!”

As soon as he finished speaking, Luo Ziyang appeared beside the man. After seeing that one of his teeth had been knocked out by the silver, he grabbed the arrogant man’s shoulder and threw him out of the shop.

“Pfft!” After the arrogant man was thrown out, he lay on the ground and spat out another mouthful of blood. Two more teeth fell out.

“How dare you touch me? Do you know who I am?” the arrogant man said with a fierce expression.

“I don’t care who you are. You can’t hurt my sister-in-law. If you dare to attack, I won’t be polite to you! You want to use your background to scare people just because you can’t win in a fight? We’ve never lost in this aspect! Tell us your background! See if I’ll be afraid of you!” Luo Ziyang walked out and looked at the arrogant man on the ground as he sneered.

“Hmph, just you wait. You’ll suffer the consequences! Don’t run if you dare. I’ll call someone to deal with you now!” With that, the arrogant man got up from the ground and ran.

After he left, Luo Ziyang clapped his hands and walked in.

“Are you hurt?”

“I’m not injured! You came at the right time!” Li Xiaoran nodded and replied with a smile, “Fortunately, you were here. Otherwise, we really wouldn’t know what to do with such evil customers!”

“Don’t worry, Sister-in-law. Before my brother left, he repeatedly reminded me to protect his family. No matter who comes, you don’t have to be afraid!” Luo Ziyang said.

It wasn’t convenient for Luo Ziyang to reveal his brother’s identity. He could only say this to calm down.

“Yes, with you around, we’re assured!”

With that, Li Xiaoran looked at the other family.

“Why did you guys argue with that evil person?”

When the man heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he walked over and cupped his fists.

“Thank you for saving us! To be honest, we actually don’t know this person. Just now, we came out of the carriage to eat. For some reason, that person saw my daughter and wanted to force her to be his concubine.. Therefore, we resisted!”

Chapter 328: Distress

When Li Xiaoran heard the man’s words, she immediately felt that this family was very unlucky!

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They had only gotten out of the carriage for a meal, but got pestered by such a scoundrel.

He wanted to forcefully take in a concubine and spoke so arrogantly. She wondered where he came from.

“I think that person looks familiar.” Old Madam Jin saw the scene as well. The more she thought about it, the more she felt that the arrogant man was very familiar.

A name appeared in Old Madam Jin’s mind.

“Oh no, this person is the younger brother of the second prince’s secondary consort. The second prince’s brother-in-law is called Jian Kang!”

When Luo Ziyang heard Old Madam Jin’s words, he immediately thought of something.

Jian Kang? No wonder he looked so disgusting. It was that kid!

Back then, he always looked like he was asking for a beating. Unexpectedly, after not seeing him for a few years, he still hadn’t improved at all. Now, he actually came to Sichuan to cause trouble!

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin’s words, she was stunned for a moment before looking at the people in the shop.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran had transmigrated from the modern era, so she didn’t have much reverence for imperial power.

But the people of this era were different. To them, imperial power was absolute.

Therefore, when they heard that he was related to the prince in the capital, many people’s expressions changed.

“Then let’s leave quickly! If we don’t leave now, we’ll be in big trouble!” When the man heard this, his heart sank and he immediately made a decision.

“Shopkeeper, I’m really sorry! Our family caused you guys a lot of trouble! If there’s a chance, we’ll repay your kindness!”

With that, the man pulled his wife and daughter out of the shop quickly.

The surrounding people widened their eyes when they saw this.

Although it was human nature for this family to be in a hurry to leave, they put the people in the shop in jeopardy.

As expected, kindness might not be reciprocated!

Thinking of this, the customers felt sympathy for Li Xiaoran and the others.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran sighed. When she turned around and saw that the people who came to work were also frightened, her heart sank.

As expected, before Li Xiaoran could call Luo Ziyang aside, two of the three people who came to work previously found

“Xiaoran, can you pay us our salary for this month in advance?! We’re just commoners. We don’t have the guts to provoke the prince. I’m sorry, but I have to think for my family!” Zhang Xuan was the first to walk forward and beg.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at Yun Xiaoying and Bai Shu.

“What about you guys? Are you guys going to settle your salary too?”

When Yun Xiaoying heard this, she quickly nodded. “I want to settle my salary too!”

This time, only Bai Shu didn't speak.

Bai Shu was also struggling internally. After all, the person they had provoked in the shop today was too prominent. He wasn't someone ordinary people could afford to offend.

However, Bai Shu felt that it was too inhumane to leave now.

Ever since she came to Li Xiaoran's shop to work, she had eaten her fill every day and her health had improved.

The salary here was high, and the job was enjoyable.

Although she was busy and tired every day, she was enjoying herself.

She originally thought that she was very lucky to work in Li Xiaoran's shop and that in the long run, she would definitely earn a lot of money.

Many people in the village envied her. She didn't want to give up such a lucrative job.

Besides, Li Xiaoran's family usually treated them very well. Not only did they let them eat well, but they also gave due consideration to their health. No matter how tired they were, they would give them time to rest.

It wouldn't be easy to find such a good boss in the future.

One couldn't be ungrateful.

When there were no benefits, they clung to her eagerly. When they encountered trouble, they ran away.

Thinking of this, Bai Shu said resolutely, “No. I still have to work in the shop!” When Li Xiaoran heard Bai Shu's words, she smiled.

Not bad. At least none all of them were ingrates. At least one of them had a conscience.

“You won't regret your choice today!” Li Xiaoran looked at Bai Shu and said. After that, Li Xiaoran paid Yun Xiaoying and Zhang Xuan's wages.

Before paying them, Li Xiaoran said this to the two of them.

“You guys wanted to leave on your own accord! After you leave, our shop won't hire you guys anymore. We won't even hire your family, relatives, or relatives either! We definitely won't hire someone who can't share our difficulties!”

When Yun Xiaoying heard Li Xiaoran's words, she hesitated, but in the end, she took the money and left.

Zhang Xuan didn't hesitate at all.

At this moment, Kang Zheng, who had come over with a walking stick, saw this scene and said,

“Some people are born with poor fortune. Even if wealth is placed in front of them, they won’t be able to grasp it. I think these two will definitely regret it in the future!”

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao nodded in agreement.

They had witnessed Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang’s capabilities. So what if the other party was the younger brother of the second prince’s secondary consort? They couldn’t do anything to Brother Luo Cheng.

Anyway, the three of them had blind trust and admiration for Luo Cheng.

After Li Xiaoran settled the matter, the shop resumed business as normal.

Although there were two fewer people, it didn’t affect the shop that much.

Li Xiaoran called Luo Ziyang to the back of the courtyard and asked, “You don’t seem afraid of that second prince.”

Li Xiaoran was smart, so Luo Ziyang didn’t hide it.

“That’s right! Sister-in-law, I wasn’t lying. No matter what the other party’s identity is, we don’t have to be afraid! If Jian Kang dares to cause trouble, we’ll make him suffer! This guy is simply a weak chicken in front of my brother. He’s not worth mentioning!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she had a certain understanding of Luo Cheng’s identity.

Luo Cheng’s family must be a powerful blue-blood family!

If he wasn’t afraid of the brother of a prince’s concubine, Luo Cheng must be from a powerful family himself!

No wonder Luo Ziyang said that.

However, didn’t Luo Cheng say that he had asked to be removed from the family?

Would his family still save him?

“Your brother has some important business to do now. If we cause trouble for him here, will it affect him negatively?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

Luo Ziyang didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to think of the impact on Luo Cheng first, and he felt touched.

“Don’t worry, it won’t affect him!”

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Hearing that it wouldn’t affect Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran relaxed.

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“Since it won’t affect him, let’s teach this so-called second prince’s brother-in-law a good lesson!” Li Xiaoran’s expression changed immediately, and her eyes were filled with slyness.

When Luo Ziyang heard that Li Xiaoran wanted to teach Jian Kang a lesson, he immediately perked up.

“Do you have any good ideas? Tell me, I’ll do it for you!” Li Xiaoran nodded and lowered her voice to whisper to Luo Ziyang.

Luo Ziyang nodded and listened carefully.

After hearing it, he felt even more admiration for Li Xiaoran.

“Sister-in-law, you’re even smarter than our military advisor! Let’s do this. We must teach Jian Kang a lesson!”

Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded, then began to look forward to it.

At this moment, she really hoped that Jian Kang would bring people over quickly.

Luo Ziyang wasn’t idle either. He called his buddies to keep an eye on Jian Kang.

Once they discovered that Jian Kang had brought people over, they could immediately take action.

The next day, as soon as he sent off a group of customers, Luo Ziyang received the news that Jian Kang was rushing towards the shop with his men.

After Li Xiaoran and the others hung a wooden sign saying that the shop was temporarily closed for the day, everyone began to prepare according to the plan they had discussed beforehand.

When Jian Kang rushed into the shop with his men, he realized that there was no one in the huge shop.

The stove was still warm. There were some bowls and plates that some customers had eaten from on the table, but no one was there.

At this moment, a gust of wind blew in, making the people Jian Kang brought feel extremely cold.

At this moment, a sharp and seductive female voice sounded.

“Grandma, that good-for-nothing really brought a group of men full of Yang energy. It’s enough for us to pluck their Yang energy to nourish our Yin energy for a long time! Why don’t we let Xiao Qian capture these bastards now and suck their Yang energy? We can eat their flesh and drink their blood so that we can stay young forever!”

With that, a gust of wind blew over. The weather was clearly sunny just now, but at this moment, there was no longer any sunlight.

Countless withered leaves blew in from outside. The door of the shop, which had been open a moment ago, closed with a thud.

The people inside reacted and tried to pull the door open, but they couldn’t.

The martial artists didn't believe it at all. They felt that someone was playing tricks, so they quickly pulled out their weapons and scolded loudly, "Why don't you come out instead of playing tricks? If you don't come out, don't blame me for attacking!"

With that, these people were about to destroy everything inside.

Unfortunately, as soon as he finished speaking, the room, which was originally still brightly lit, became pitch-black.

At that moment, a blue flame appeared and floated in the air.

Immediately after, a woman's evil laughter sounded.

They heard voices here and there, as if they were coming from all directions.

"I knew that kid was kind! He actually brought us so many good things at once!

Oh, take a closer sniff. It's filled with Yang energy!"

With that, the people trapped in the shop could clearly feel that they had become much colder.

Could it be that their Yang energy had really been sucked away?!

Just as this group of people was feeling paranoid, the blue flames suddenly disappeared.

In the darkness, they could only hear the pattering of something approaching them.

The voice was getting closer and closer, and sounded as if it was coming from all directions.

At this moment, they felt as if their entire bodies were being gnawed on. The people who had already gone crazy immediately jumped up.

Unfortunately, they realized that they couldn't move.

At this moment, those martial artists also realized that they were powerless. Not only couldn't they mobilize their internal energy, but they also felt waves of coldness invading their meridians.

Could it be that they were really sent by Jian Kang to be nutrients for these female demons?

Thinking of this, the group felt that it was getting harder and harder to breathe. The feeling of being on the verge of death made them feel terrified.

"Jian Kang, you'll die a horrible death. You actually brought us here to feed the evildoers. Even if we die, we won't let you off!" Someone struggled and cursed.

At that moment, a sinister voice sounded.

Wasn't that Jian Kang's voice?

"Hehehe, you can only blame yourselves for trusting me too easily! So what if you become a ghost in the underworld? As long as I absorb Yang energy with them, I'll become stronger and stronger. At that time, even a ghost like you will become my nutrition! Hahahahaha!" Another wave of sinister laughter sounded.

At this moment, the people trapped here were getting more and more afraid, but they were also getting weaker and weaker. They closed their eyes and fainted.

After everyone in the shop fainted, the shop was opened and sunlight shone in again.

Li Xiaoran walked in and saw Jian Kang lying unconscious on the ground. She kicked him twice.

“Aren’t you very capable? Why are you so frightened now?! Look, you even peed your pants!” Li Xiaoran covered her nose and said with disdain.

Luo Ziyang saw that Jian Kang had indeed peed his pants, so he quickly called his buddies out and tapped these people’s acupoints before taking them away.

The farce here was over. Luo Ziyang would handle the rest.

After the people in the shop were taken away, Li Xiaoran brought her family to clean the shop inside and out. She even kept the window open for two hours before continuing to operate.

There had been ice in the shop previously, as well as some medicine that made people faint. If they didn’t disperse these things, customers would be knocked out when they came in.

Li Xiaoran had imitated the method of filming ghost scenes to put on a big show for Jian Kang and the people he brought.

These people couldn’t withstand the stimulation of such a haunted place. All of them believed it.

As long as Luo Ziyang handled what happened next properly, she believed that

Jian Kang would get what he deserved.

At least the group he’d brought wouldn’t let him off the hook.

Of course, the commotion in the shop couldn’t be hidden from the villagers setting up stalls outside.

Li Xiaoran used a random excuse to fool them.

She said that a member of the opera troupe was preparing for a new drama and wanted to borrow their shop.

Everyone thought that they were rehearsing!

Chapter 330: Smart Person

“Alright, everyone, disperse! The rehearsal is over. There’s nothing else to watch. Thank you for your support just now. There was no commotion at all during the rehearsal. I’ll treat everyone to melon seeds another day!” Li Xiaoran waved enthusiastically.

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As soon as they heard that they could eat melon seeds, the people at the surrounding stalls were immediately happy.

With the thought that they would be fools not to take advantage of the situation, everyone happily returned to their posts and continued to set up their stall to sell things.

On the other side, the group of people led by Luo Ziyang suddenly woke up in a dark cave.

When they opened their eyes, they saw that yellow talismans were stuck all around the cave. Even their bodies were covered in talismans.

“Immeasurable Heavenly Venerate, you’re all awake?” A voice sounded from the cave entrance.

The men squinted and saw a man in a priest’s robe walking over.

“You’re really lucky to dare to barge into the territory of a thousand-year-old tree demon. You’re really bold! If you hadn’t been lucky enough to encounter me passing by and saving you all from the Witch of the Black Mountain, you would have died!” The Daoist priest said with a sage-like appearance.

At this moment, everyone looked at each other. They looked around the crowd but couldn’t find Jian Kang.

Disappointment flashed across Huang Xingkai’s eyes. Then, he calmed down and walked in front of the Daoist master.

“How should I address you? You saved our lives. We must repay your kindness!” The Daoist touched his beard when he heard Huang Xingkai’s words.

“There’s no need to repay me! You guys were not destined to die! I hope you can cherish your hard-won lives in the future and do more good! Otherwise, karma will eventually get you!”

With that, the Daoist turned and left.

“By the way, stay in this cave for a day! When the sun rises tomorrow, the evil aura on your bodies will dissipate. At that time, you can naturally leave in peace! If you leave early, bear the consequences!”

The people in the cave looked at each other, not knowing what to do.

“What do you think, Kai?” a buddy asked.

Huang Xingkai circulated his internal energy, but he still couldn’t mobilize it. His limbs were limp.

“Try your bodies. It’s very difficult for you to move your limbs, let alone leave.

It’s better to wait here until dawn!”

With that, Huang Xingkai found a cave wall to lean against and sat down.

Seeing this, the others followed suit and sat down to recuperate.

Huang Xingkai closed his eyes and thought about something.

To be honest, he was indeed shocked by the previous scene.

However, he didn’t believe the priest’s words at all.

Huang Xingkai didn't believe that there were ghosts in this world at all. However, since the other party could set up such a trap, they were more than capable enough of dealing with them.

In the end, he found an excuse to let them go, presumably because he didn't want to make enemies with them.

After understanding this, Huang Xingkai heaved a sigh of relief.

On the other side, Luo Ziyang returned to the shop after arranging the follow-up matters.

Coincidentally, everyone was resting, so Luo Ziyang asked the question on his mind.

"Sister-in-law, we can only fool them for a while! Anyone with the slightest common sense wouldn't believe us!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she laughed.

"I naturally know that these tricks definitely can't fool people! However, smart people should think about whether they will help others deal with us in the future! You have to know that if we wanted them dead, they would have died countless times already."

Luo Ziyang didn't understand what Li Xiaoran meant and looked at her in confusion.

"Ziyang, there are many smart people in this world. Smart people naturally judge the situation when they do things. Think about it, if you met someone you're not sure of, would you cause trouble so rashly?"

Luo Ziyang thought for a moment and shook his head.

"I wouldn't. At least, I'd avoid it! If I have to fight this person, I'd investigate this person thoroughly. Or I'd observe this person's every move and discover his weaknesses and patterns."

"That's right. They wouldn't get any benefits from dealing with us. Instead, they might lose our lives! Do you think any smart people would take the initiative to provoke us?" Li Xiaoran asked.

"What if the other party isn't smart and comes looking for trouble with us in the future?" Mao Dao asked.

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "Then next time, it won't be a matter of making them feel weak all over but really killing them!"

Luo Ziyang finally understood what his sister-in-law was thinking and smiled.

"Sister-in-law, you're amazing! In my opinion, those people probably won't come looking for trouble with us anymore! As for Jian Kang, I plan to send him to the border to do manual labor. This guy idles around all day and doesn't do anything. We should let him experience some suffering!"

“That’s not a bad idea, but just don’t kill him!” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said.

Just like that, the two of them decided what Jian Kang would experience in the future.

However, what Li Xiaoran and Luo Ziyang didn’t expect was that the ignorant and incompetent playboy that caused trouble all day long underwent a drastic change.

After Jian Kang was sent to the border by the two of them to do manual labor, it actually stimulated Jian Kang’s courage as a man. He became an unyielding man who protected the country and did his part.

After dealing with Jian Kang’s matters, Li Xiaoran stopped thinking about these things.

Because there were two fewer people in the shop, everyone was busy.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran was thinking about where to hire people from.

After her previous bad experience, Li Xiaoran didn’t plan to search in the village anymore.

It wasn’t that there was no one suitable, but she didn’t want to hire ingrates anymore.

She didn’t want to contribute without appreciation.

She had clearly helped these people, but she didn’t get a word of thanks. They even ran faster than anyone else at the critical moment.

Li Xiaoran, who was heartbroken, naturally didn’t want to help the villagers anymore.

Mao Dao thought of something and suddenly asked, “Sister-in-law, if the shop is short of people, can I introduce people from our village to work?”

Li Xiaoran looked at Mao Dao and thought for a moment. “Is the person you introduced reliable?”

“She’s reliable, definitely reliable!” Mao Dao nodded and promised seriously, “If anything happens, feel free to ask me to take responsibility!”