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Chapter 381: Where Are the Buns?

“So, we don’t have to do anything but wait?” Shu Ruyue asked.

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“It’s not that we don’t have to do anything. We have to conserve our energy and prepare for a fierce battle tonight. Someone will definitely cause trouble tonight and we might be implicated.” Li Xiaoran said, “By the way, do you have any food on you? Also, we have to collect water!”

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue shook their heads in embarrassment.

“I haven’t eaten for most of the day!”

“That’s right. I was only thinking about who to spar with and was planning to leave today, so why would I prepare food?!” Shu Ruyue said with an awkward expression.

After Luo Cheng thought for a moment, he looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Wife, give them two pancakes each and one cup of water each. No more!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and took out four pancakes from behind her before handing them to Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue.

Luo Cheng also poured two glasses of water and handed them to the two of them.

“We still have some pancakes, but not much. Make do with them to fill your stomachs and conserve your strength. We’ll probably be busy tonight!”

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue’s stomachs growled even more when they smelled the aroma of the pancakes.

At this moment, the two of them couldn’t be bothered to be polite to Luo Cheng. After they took the pancakes and water, they wolfed them down.

It had to be said that after eating two pancakes, they felt invigorated.

“By the way, I remember now! Actually, there’s a place where there’s still food that wasn’t taken away by those soldiers!” After eating, Shu Ruyue’s mind lit up as she thought of something.

“Where? What’s the food?” the others asked in unison.

“I saw a pair of merchants pulling goods into the inn. At that time, I was very curious, so I paid attention. In the end, when the three carriages entered the courtyard at the back, they accidentally hit a stone. The carriage tilted and some things fell out. When

I took a closer look, I saw that what fell out were actually several white steamed buns!" Shu Ruyue recalled carefully.

"At that time, I thought it was very strange. Who would carry white steamed buns in the carriage when they went out?! Now that I think about it, those people were really wise to bring food, since they definitely won't go hungry!" Shu Ruyue said enviously.

When Luo Cheng heard Shu Ruyue's words, he came to the window and looked down.

"But there's no carriage in the backyard!"

When Shu Ruyue heard Luo Cheng's words, she walked towards the window skeptically.

After she stuck her head out and looked down, she saw that the place where the carriage had been was empty.

"Could it be that those soldiers took these carriages away? Those merchants agreed?" Shu Ruyue frowned and asked in confusion.

"Did you notice that there were a few merchants in the inn just now?" Luo Cheng asked after a moment.

After Shu Ruyue thought about it carefully for a while, she shook her head.

"At that time, it was very chaotic and there were people everywhere, so it was impossible for me to see everyone clearly. Besides, those people might have been hiding in the inn room like you guys. I didn't see them!"

Wu Qinghe's eyes lit up when he heard their conversation.

"I can divine. I can divine if these steamed buns are still there, and if they are, where are they?!"

As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran looked at Wu Qinghe in surprise.

She didn't expect an inconspicuous person to have such an ability.

"Let's try everything we can! Since we're idle now, why don't you try it?!" Shu Ruyue said.

Luo Cheng also felt that giving it a try wasn't a bad idea!

"Then let's try!"

Seeing that everyone had agreed, Wu Qinghe came to the table and sat down. Then, he took out the copper coins he carried with him.

Soon, the divination came out.

Wu Qinghe carefully deciphered the divination and muttered something.

After half an hour, Wu Qinghe's eyes lit up and he smiled.

“Hahahaha, the steamed buns are still there. Moreover, the owners of these steamed buns have been drugged. They’re probably among the people who fainted at the entrance of the inn. These people brought some steamed buns with them, and the remaining steamed buns are in their room, which is right next to your room!”

Shu Ruyue suddenly thought of something and looked at Wu Qinghe.

“The room where we just moved the unconscious people?”

“That’s right, it’s there! I really didn’t expect to find them so easily. Let’s go and get them now!” Wu Qinghe said.

“Wait, let’s go over together and move those people here. Then, we’ll move into that room!” Luo Cheng suddenly stopped Wu Qinghe and said, “Look at this door. It’s so useless and can’t even withstand the slightest blow!”

The others looked at the door. At this moment, everyone nodded in agreement.

So the four of them packed up and walked next door with their things.

Fortunately, when they moved the unconscious people previously, they didn’t move all of them to the same room, so it didn’t take much time to move them out.

With no one in the way, the four of them began to search the room carefully.

Soon, the four of them found several white steamed buns.

These steamed buns were hidden very well. If they didn’t search carefully, they wouldn’t be discovered.

In addition to these white steamed buns, they also found three pots of water.

The three pots of water were full and untouched.

Luo Cheng checked the steamed buns and the water in the kettle. After confirming that there were no problems, he collected the food.

“There are actually many empty rooms in the inn. I think we should change to another room to hide in! This room gives me a bad feeling!” Li Xiaoran suddenly said.

When Wu Qinghe heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he immediately took out his copper coins.

This time, Wu Qinghe’s expression changed drastically when the divination appeared.

“That’s right. We can’t stay in this room. Let’s leave quickly! This is a location of great danger. Let’s look for a room in the south. If we can find a suitable one, hide over there! That’s where the chance of survival is!”

After hearing Wu Qinghe’s words, the four of them packed up again. With the steamed buns and kettle they had just obtained, they began to look for the next room to hide in.

Fortunately, they finally found an empty room in the south.

After the four of them went in, they quickly closed the door and windows.

Luo Cheng even sprinkled some powder on the door and window.

“You’ve already taken the antidote before, so for 24 hours, you don’t have to be afraid of my powder!”

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“At this time, it’s necessary to use some powder! After all, we have food and drinks now, so other people might get jealous!” Wu Qinghe said seriously.

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For some reason, seeing how serious Wu Qinghe was, Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but want to laugh. Shu Ruyue rolled her eyes at Wu Qinghe.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she felt even more amused.

If she hadn’t known that these two people had only met today, she would have thought that they were acquaintances.

Shu Ruyue thought of something and came to Wu Qinghe’s side. “Fortune teller, since we have nothing to do, why don’t you read my fortune?! When can I meet an expert to spar with?! My hand is itching!”

Wu Qinghe nodded and said, “Sure! But if I read your fortune, you have to pay me, or else it won’t be good for you!”

“Alright, I’ll give you as much silver as you want!” Shu Ruyue said generously.

“Just pay as much as you see fit. After all, we’re buddies who’ve been through thick and thin together. I won’t take too much from you. Just give me whatever you want!” Wu Qinghe was also a passionate person.

“Alright, you’re so kind!” Shu Ruyue said and took out a tael of silver from her pocket.

After Wu Qinghe accepted the silver, he took a few copper coins and began to divine.

Since she had nothing to do, Li Xiaoran looked over curiously to hear what Wu Qinghe would say.

Wu Qinghe analyzed the divination and said, “This divination says that your wish will come true, and it will come true very quickly. However, to be honest, I don’t suggest that you spar with the other party today because from the divination, you will definitely be seriously injured!”

Shu Ruyue’s eyes lit up when she heard Wu Qinghe’s words.

“I’m not afraid of being injured. No matter how serious the injury is, it’s fine. I just want to be able to fight an expert to my heart’s content!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she couldn’t help but remind, “Since it’s about to happen soon, could it be tonight? Then we have to be vigilant!” Their expressions changed.

Wu Qinghe picked up the copper coin again and began to divine.

However, even after he threw the copper coins many times, there was no divination.

“No, no, this isn’t a good time to divine! It’s been like this a few times in a row! This means that the situation is unclear. Anything is possible!” Wu Qinghe said blindly.

“Since it’s not working, don’t force things. Nothing is certain in this world. If we can accurately judge every situation, what fun will there be in living in this world? In the future, anything is possible. Let’s just do everything we can and leave the rest to fate!” Li Xiaoran said when she heard Wu Qinghe’s words.

As soon as he said this, Wu Qinghe looked up at Li Xiaoran.

Wu Qinghe didn’t retract his gaze. Instead, he looked more and more surprised.

Seeing that Wu Qinghe’s gaze was off, Luo Cheng quickly walked over and shielded Li Xiaoran behind him as he asked unhappily, “What are you doing?”

“No, Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law has a very strange appearance! She originally had the appearance of a rich person, but there’s danger hidden in that wealth. But on closer inspection, her appearance seems to have changed again. Moreover, Sister-in-law clearly has a layer of golden light of virtue on her, but this light of virtue is hiding some purple aura!” Wu Qinghe said with a frown of confusion.

“But now, when I look at her again, there’s nothing weird about her anymore!” With that, Wu Qinghe scratched his head with a puzzled expression.

“Your sister-in-law said before that everything is interconnected. Your cultivation is not high enough. If you want to see it clearly, you have to continue working hard! Nothing is absolute and miracles will always exist!” Luo Cheng said when he heard Wu Qinghe’s words.

He himself was an example. In the past, he didn’t know why he existed, but for some reason, he survived.

Now that he married Li Xiaoran, he finally found the purpose of his life.

As long as people were alive, there would be hope.

Next, the four of them closed their eyes to rest.

After such a long day, Li Xiaoran was already tired.

Lying in Luo Cheng’s arms, Li Xiaoran fell asleep in peace.

Luo Cheng also hugged Li Xiaoran tightly and closed his eyes to rest.

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue also found a place and spread the mat they had brought over on the ground. Then, they wrapped themselves in blankets and rested.

When the four of them woke up again, it was already dark outside.

At this moment, many people outside were starving, so everyone began to look around for food in the inn.

The four people hiding in the room heard someone rummaging for something.

At this moment, the four of them were also a little hungry.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran took the meatloaf and ate it. Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue also got one each.

However, there were not many meatloaf left. After Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue finished eating the meatloaf, they each took a few steamed buns to eat.

Because this room was in a relatively remote location and the four of them ate very quietly, the people outside didn't notice that people were hiding here.

After eating and drinking their fill, the four of them began to conserve their energy again.

But no one slept. They just closed their eyes to rest.

At this moment, it was pitch-black inside and outside the room.

The rain that had lightened in the day was now heavier.

There was the sound of rain outside, so the previous commotion seemed to be drowned out by the rain. The night seemed peaceful, but there was danger lurking.

Luo Cheng took out his sword and placed it beside him.

Li Xiaoran also perked up and tried her best to sense the emotions of everyone in the inn.

"We have to be prepared. The people outside are getting more and more anxious, so things might get chaotic soon!" After an unknown period of time, Li Xiaoran's voice came from the darkness.

As soon as he finished speaking, a scream came from somewhere. Then, a fire actually burned in a corner of the inn.

What was strange was that on a rainy day, the fire actually burned brighter and brighter. Even the rain couldn't extinguish it.

Many people scrambled to put out the fire.

Others took advantage of the chaos to run to the front of the inn to see if there was any movement outside.

Soon, flames lit up half the sky and burned towards the room on the other side of the inn.

When Li Xiaoran and the others looked at the place where the fire burned, they were dumbfounded.

The reason was that the burning place was where Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng had been hiding..

If the four of them had not left and continued to hide there, they might have already been surrounded by the fire and would have been unable to escape! “Oh my god, this is really a dangerous place!” Shu Ruyue muttered to herself as she watched the scene in front of her.

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Not to mention her, the others also felt a chill down their spines.

At this moment, there was already chaos outside. All kinds of screams, shouts, and footsteps could be heard.

The more chaotic it was outside, the quieter the room seemed in comparison.

“Someone is coming our way!” Li Xiaoran suddenly reminded.

After a while, footsteps sounded in their direction.

Although there was the sound of rain as cover, the sound of the commotion outside couldn't be hidden from the few people hiding there.

The three of them were martial artists. Although Li Xiaoran didn't know martial arts, she could sense these people's emotions and where these emotions came from, so she could accurately locate their movements.

Just like that, the four of them were on guard and prepared to deal with anything.

Footsteps sounded as these people checked the rooms one by one.

Finally, when they arrived at the room where Li Xiaoran and the others were, the person outside pushed hard, but the door didn't move.

In the blink of an eye, countless sharp arrows surged in.

At this moment, the four people in the room each found a place to hide. After Luo Cheng grabbed Li Xiaoran and went to the back of the closet, he moved the closet forward. Then, the two of them rushed into the empty space behind the wardrobe and hid.

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue flipped the table over together. Then, the two of them hid behind the table and slowly approached the bed at the back.

When they reached the bed, the two of them lifted the bedboard again and placed it in front of the table to block it.

“What should we do now?” Wu Qinghe asked Luo Cheng, who wasn't far behind him.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment but said nothing.

As soon as she said this, the other three people's hearts sank.

“I smell blood. The other party has already killed many people! What are these people trying to do?” Shu Ruyue said with an ugly expression.

“Wait a moment. They don't have many arrows left. It's impossible for them to use them on us!” Luo Cheng said when he heard the sound of the arrows entering.

Sure enough, after a while, the arrows outside stopped. Then, someone approached the room.

As soon as the door opened, the person outside jumped in. The medicine at the door didn't work at all.

"Stay here and hide. I'll go out and fight!" Luo Cheng said as he jumped out of the darkness and stabbed the nearest person.

Li Xiaoran also knew that she was a burden at this moment, so she could only try her best to curl up and hide behind the wardrobe.

Outside, Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue were also fighting with the people rushing in.

Although these people were good at fighting, they were still a little lacking compared to the three people in the room.

Soon, Luo Cheng and the others subdued this wave of people.

Li Xiaoran sensed that there was no one around, so she said, "Everyone has gone to the other side. The people here have already been dealt with! We can't stay here for long, so let's take advantage of the chaos and leave!"

Luo Cheng nodded, then beckoned the other two out.

Previously, they had to hide because they felt that they could leave safely after tonight.

However, the appearance of this group of people changed Luo Cheng's mind. He felt that he should leave this place now.

At this moment, many people were gathered in the direction of the fire, but there was no one else.

Shu Ruyue, who was running at the front, broke out of the encirclement.

"Don't go over there. There's someone lying in ambush over there. Follow me!" Li Xiaoran shouted and pulled Luo Cheng in the other direction.

Li Xiaoran didn't sense anyone's emotions in this direction, so this should be the safest place.

However, to their surprise, they ran to the woodshed in the inn.

The old man, who had been lying there in a daze, stood up when he saw the four of them rushing over.

"Looks like the fated person I'm waiting for is you guys! Come, follow me and leave!"

The four of them froze.

However, no one knew what to say at this moment. In the end, they could only follow behind the old man silently.

In a corner of the woodshed, the entrance to a secret passage was revealed after a stone slab was lifted.

Seeing this, the group was shocked. They really didn't expect a secret passage to be hidden in a small inn.

However, at this moment, the few of them couldn't be bothered to think too much about it. One by one, they jumped into the secret passage.



The old man went down first, then Luo Cheng, then Li Xiaoran, then Shu Ruyue, and finally Wu Qinghe.

After everyone came down, the old man pressed a button and the flagstones closed, as if nothing had happened.

After the old man took a night pearl from somewhere, the secret passage was illuminated, allowing them to see their surroundings clearly.

Just like that, the five of them followed. After an unknown period of time, they finally walked out of a cave.

As soon as he went out, Luo Cheng looked around and realized that White Foothill City was already in the distance.

“We actually came to White Foothill City!” Wu Qinghe said in disbelief. Not to mention Wu Qinghe, even Li Xiaoran was a little dazed.

All of this felt like a dream!

“Stop looking. It’s raining outside, so hurry up and follow me!” The old man looked at the four of them and said.

Luo Cheng glanced at Li Xiaoran. After seeing Li Xiaoran nod, he followed the old man.

After Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran left, the other two naturally followed. Before long, they saw a farmhouse at the foot of a mountain.

“This is where I live. Stay here for the night! You can leave after dawn tomorrow!” After the old man brought the four of them in, he said, “There’s firewood in the kitchen and water in the water tank. If you want to wash up, boil the water yourself. I’m tired!”

With that, the old man went to the main room and went straight to sleep.

Li Xiaoran looked around and saw that everyone’s clothes were wet, so she could only go to the kitchen to light a fire and boil hot water.

After the first pot of water was heated, Li Xiaoran filled a bucket of hot water and looked at Wu Qinghe.

“Wu Qinghe, send this bucket of hot water to the old man! He’s also wet and his body is weaker than ours, so let him take a hot bath first!”

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Wu Qinghe nodded and knocked on the old man’s door with the bucket.

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The old man was actually feeling terrible at this moment. When he heard that Wu Qinghe had sent hot water over, he didn't refuse and accepted everyone's kindness.

After that, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue went to wash up.

They just changed out of their wet clothes. Then, they washed themselves with hot water to warm up before changing into dry clothes.

When the two of them came out, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe boiled a pot of ginger soup.

"We've already drunk a bowl and also sent the old man a bowl. Hurry up and drink it!" Luo Cheng said to Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue.

Li Xiaoran nodded and took the ginger soup from Luo Cheng's hand before drinking it in one gulp.

Although it was a little spicy, her stomach felt much better after drinking such a bowl of hot soup.

After the night, the four of them were a little tired.

There were only two rooms in the old man's house. One was for him, and the other was empty.

After the four of them thought for a moment, they simply squeezed into the same room.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng slept on the bed while Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe moved two long stools. Then, the two of them lay on the stools and leaned against the wall to sleep.

Fortunately, everyone had brought clothes. If they felt cold, they would put on a few more layers of clothes and make do for the night.

The next day, when the sun rose, Li Xiaoran opened her eyes.

At this moment, she was alone in bed.

She quickly got up and walked out of the door. As soon as she went out, she saw Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe chopping wood at one end of the courtyard.

Shu Ruyue was peeling sweet potatoes with a small knife. When she saw Li Xiaoran, she smiled at her.

"We'll steam sweet potatoes later. Go wash up first!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and went to get water to wash her face and hands.

"How can we only eat sweet potatoes? I have some cured meat here, so cook some! There are also some vegetables in the vegetable garden at the back, so pick whatever you want to eat! Tell me when you're done cooking breakfast. I want to eat rice, so cook a pot of rice with sweet potatoes and cook it until it's soft!" The old man walked out with cured meat while saying.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she wasn't intimidated by the old man's sullen expression and took the cured meat with a smile. "Alright, wait a moment. We'll stuff the sweet potato rice later!" With that, Li Xiaoran walked towards the kitchen.

Luo Cheng couldn't help but laugh when he saw his wife smiling.

"Brother Luo Cheng, has Li Xiaoran always been like this?"

“Yes! She can always deal with things with ease,” Luo Cheng replied with a smile.

With that, Luo Cheng carried the chopped firewood to the kitchen and got busy with Li Xiaoran.

“Husband, I’ll boil the hot water first. We have to wash the cured meat later. Put this piece of cured meat on the fire and boil the skin. I’ll go cook sweet potato rice now!” Li Xiaoran said after boiling the water.

“Alright! Don’t worry, leave it to me!” Luo Cheng nodded and replied.

Coincidentally, the fire was already burning, so Luo Cheng picked up the cured meat and placed it on the fire as he held the skin with tongs.

After Shu Ruyue peeled and washed the sweet potatoes, she brought them in. Li Xiaoran washed the white rice skillfully and placed it in the cauldron. Finally, she cut the sweet potatoes into pieces and covered them with water before cooking them.

After doing all this, Luo Cheng called Wu Qinghe over. Then, the two men scooped hot water and washed the cured meat.

After the cured meat was cooked in the pot, Wu Qinghe was in charge of watching the fire on the small stove, and Luo Cheng was in charge of watching the fire on the big stove.

Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue went to the vegetable garden outside to see what vegetables there were.

There were still a lot of vegetables in the vegetable garden, but some were still seedlings.

In addition, those nests of cabbage were growing very well. There were also a few nests of cauliflower growing there.

“You actually have cauliflower here? Stir-frying cauliflower with cured meat will be delicious! You can also use this cabbage to stir-fry vegetables, so we’ll have a meat dish and a vegetable dish today!” Li Xiaoran said as she watched. As Shu Ruyue looked at the vegetable garden, she pointed at the green chives not far away.

“Can we eat some chives? I feel like eating chives.”

Li Xiaoran looked in the direction Shu Ruyue was pointing and saw two rows of well- growing chives.

“Alright, cut some chives and bring them back. I see a hen crying in the old man’s house, so there should be eggs. I’ll talk to him later! Before we leave, let’s leave some silver for him as compensation!”

“I don’t want your silver. If you want to eat eggs, take them yourself!” At this moment, the old man’s voice sounded.

After Li Xiaoran looked towards the voice, she saw the old man standing under a fruit tree and reaching out to pick something.

Upon closer inspection, she saw that there were some red fruits hanging on this branch. Of course, there was only a small portion of red fruits. Most of them were unripe fruits.

“Eh, this cherry is actually ripe. Isn’t it a little too early?!” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

The old man glanced at Li Xiaoran and replied, “I accidentally encountered this cherry in the mountains. At that time, my wife liked to eat it, so I cut off some branches to grow it. In the end, only this one survived. Therefore, I planted this cherry here! Speaking of which, it’s strange that this cherry tree always ripens a month or two earlier than other people’s cherry trees. So you guys are lucky!” When Li Xiaoran heard the old man’s words, she was immediately flattered.

“Sir, are you picking them for us to eat? You can’t do that! Didn’t you say that your wife likes them? Why don’t you leave them for her?!”

When the old man heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his expression darkened.

“She can’t eat it! She had a fall previously and hasn’t woken up yet. The doctor said that her injuries have healed, but for some reason, she just can’t wake up! Previously, I heard that there was a doctor with very good medical skills not far away and my son brought her to see a doctor. I think he should be back in the next two days! I wonder how the situation is!”

When Li Xiaoran heard about the old man’s sad encounter, she felt a little upset.

“Sir, it’s fine. I believe that she will definitely get better!”

The old man nodded without speaking. After picking the last red cherries from the tree, he went to the well in front to wash them.

After Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue returned, they told the other two what the old man had just said.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he understood what his wife meant by telling them..

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The old man had helped them at the critical moment! Therefore, they should repay this kindness.

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Since the old man’s wife was injured and she knew medicine, she should take a look. She might be able to help.

“Don’t worry! Let’s stay here for two days! We’ll see what happens when the old lady comes back!” Luo Cheng looked at his wife and said.

With Luo Cheng’s assurance, Li Xiaoran was relieved.

“I’ll follow you guys wherever you go! Anyway, my mentor said that with my bad luck, only by following Brother Luo Cheng can I be saved. Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law, you can’t abandon me. You have to bring me along wherever you go!” Wu Qinghe said pitifully.

Luo Cheng glanced at Wu Qinghe and replied, "Alright! I'll let you follow me for the time being, but if you have ill intentions, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

"Don't worry, don't worry. I don't have ill intentions towards you guys! I'm counting on you to help me get rid of my bad luck!" Wu Qinghe quickly promised.

When Shu Ruyue heard their conversation, she immediately asked, "Then can I follow you? I'm out to roam the martial world anyway. It's fine as long as I can fight people! I feel that you're all good people and to my liking. If you don't mind, let me follow you!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she was amused.

She and Luo Cheng were just out on a vacation. Why did they gain two lackeys before they even left White Foothill City?!

Luo Cheng didn't mind, since one person or two people didn't make a difference to him.

Since Shu Ruyue was pestering Wu Qinghe, he could accompany his wife.

"Alright, it's up to you. If you want to follow us, follow us! However, I have to put the word out there. If you have ill intentions, don't blame me for being ruthless! Besides, we're going out to vacation. If you want to follow us, so be it!" Luo Cheng said.

Seeing that Luo Cheng had agreed, Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue were very happy.

Soon, a sumptuous breakfast was ready.

There was sweet potato rice, stir-fried eggs with chives, stir-fried cured meat with vegetables, and a large plate of stir-fried cabbage.

When the old man was called out, the food was already on the table.

In order to cater to the old man's preferences, Li Xiaoran even steamed an egg. The steamed eggs were doused with some stir-fried heads with chopped cured meat.

This way, even if he had bad teeth, he could eat some cured meat.

As expected, the old man liked the sweet potato braised rice. The bacon and steamed eggs were not bad either. In the end, the old man also ate a few mouthfuls of chives and scrambled eggs.

"Sigh, after my wife fell unconscious, I rarely ever had a good meal! Who made these dishes? They're comparable to my wife's cooking! Not bad, not bad!" the old man said happily.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, he immediately sneered.

Li Xiaoran knew that for the old man, to be able to compete with his wife's culinary skills was the highest praise.

Because in the old man's heart, his wife's food was naturally the best.

If her culinary skills were comparable to the old lady's, it was naturally the highest evaluation.

"If you like it, eat more!"

“No, no. I’ve eaten enough for now!” The old man waved his hand and refused. “I have to watch my food intake. Otherwise, my lifespan will shorten!”

Everyone laughed when they heard the old man’s words.

“Sir, may I ask why you were waiting at the woodshed yesterday? Also, why did you say that we were your fated people when you saw us?” Luo Cheng thought of something and asked after laughing.

At the mention of this, the old man looked baffled.

“I came to deliver firewood to the inn yesterday! I sent all the firewood to this inn in a few days, but I didn’t expect the officials to come in just as I sent the firewood over. They pulled my firewood away and didn’t let me leave. I had no choice but to wait in the woodshed. As for the matter of fated people, I had a dream last night, when someone told me not to run around if I was trapped in a place tomorrow if I encountered an emergency and to stay in the woodshed!” With that, the old man looked at the others.

“You might not believe it, but the other party told me which corner of the woodshed there was a tunnel at. He also told me the terrain of the tunnel and where the Night Pearls were hidden. He said that after I saw the first batch of people who came looking for me, I should leave through the tunnel with them. The other party also said that as long as I did this, I would be rewarded with a

blessing that would make me very happy! ”

In the past, Luo Cheng definitely wouldn’t have believed this.

However, after witnessing Li Xiaoran’s special abilities, Luo Cheng believed the old man.

Li Xiaoran didn’t need to ask. She had transmigrated herself, so she naturally believed in this sort of mysterious thing.

In other words, everything depended on fate.

It was destined that the few of them wouldn’t die in the inn and would avoid this calamity. That was all.

Wu Qinghe studied metaphysics himself, so he was very accepting of such things and didn’t find it strange.

As for Shu Ruyue, although she had never heard of such a thing, she was also a member of the martial world and had heard a lot of strange things, so she didn’t think it was a big deal.

“Everything is predestined! Sir, this might be true!” Li Xiaoran said meaningfully.

The old man didn’t think too much about it. He just felt that the juniors in front of him were very likable, so he was willing to make things easier for them.

“I hope so! Actually, when I encountered this, I panicked for a while. I also thought about leaving through this secret passage. It’s just that when I thought of what happened in the dream, I hesitated again. At that time, I thought that if everything was true, I could save a few people and do a good deed!”

At this point, the old man laughed.

“As it turns out, my wait wasn’t in vain!”

With that, the old man brought over the cherries he had washed. “Come and try it! I planted these cherries myself. Everyone, try them!” Li Xiaoran nodded and reached out to take some cherries to eat.

It had to be said that although this cherry wasn’t very big, it was very sweet.

The others tried some too before they stopped eating.

After all, cherries were rare fruits now, so it was better to leave some for the old man to eat.

After dinner, everyone packed up.

“Father, I’m back with Mother!” A man’s voice came from outside mid-morning..

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When the old man heard this voice, he became excited and strode out. “Son, you’re back? Where’s your mother?”

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Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng exchanged looks and followed him out.

At this moment, a middle-aged man pushed a cart in with an old woman.

“Father, I didn’t find that doctor. By the time I rushed over with Mother, he had already left!” the old man’s son said with a dejected expression. After the old man’s hope was extinguished again, he looked much older.

“Sir, if you trust me, why don’t you let me take a look at Auntie?!” Luo Cheng said.

When the old man’s son heard Luo Cheng’s voice, he realized that so many people had come out of the house.

“Father, who are these people?”

The old man looked at his son but didn’t answer. Instead, he looked at Luo Cheng.

“You know medicine?”

“I know a little!” Luo Cheng replied.

The old man nodded and said sadly, "Let me send her back to the house to lie down first! Then, you can examine her. She'll be uncomfortable lying here!"

Luo Cheng nodded and walked straight to the old man's son to help him push the cart up.

Seeing this, the others quickly came over to help.

Li Xiaoran ran in front and pushed open the door of the old man's room.

Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe pushed the cart steadily out of the room. Then, Shu Ruyue reached out and picked up the old lady.

Shu Ruyue was a martial artist, so the old lady's weight was no problem for her.

On the other hand, when she hugged the old lady, the light weight made Shu Ruyue feel a lump in her throat because it reminded her of her grandmother.

Her grandmother had the same lightweight when she died back then.

After the old lady was gently placed on the bed, Luo Cheng immediately took her pulse.

After a while, Luo Cheng frowned.

At this moment, everyone was looking at Luo Cheng to hear about the old lady's situation from him.

However, Luo Cheng didn't say a word. Then, he took the old lady's pulse.

After taking the pulse of both hands, Luo Cheng stood up.

"Cover her with a blanket. Don't let her catch a cold."

Li Xiaoran nodded and pulled open the thin blanket to cover the woman.

Luo Cheng looked at the old man and his son and said, "Sir, let's talk outside! If we talk here, we'll disturb her rest!"

The old man nodded and followed Luo Cheng out with his son.

After walking to the middle of the courtyard, Luo Cheng looked at the old man and his son.

"Sir, her illness is indeed as you said previously. She doesn't have any injuries on her body. Her injuries are here!" As he spoke, Luo Cheng pointed at his head. "Her head was hit, right? That's why a crack appeared in her brain and some blood flowed out. This blood has been suppressing the meridians in her brain, so she has been unconscious. If we want to wake her up, we have to use golden needles to probe her acupoints and draw out the little blood clot inside to let her return to normal!"

Hearing Luo Cheng's words, the old man, who originally didn't have much hope, suddenly felt anticipation.

"Does that mean she can be saved?"

"Father, don't listen to his nonsense. The blood in her brain can't be drawn out so recklessly. If he's not careful, he will probably hurt my mother's brain and make her



become a fool!" The old man's son glared at Luo Cheng, as if Luo Cheng was a murderer who had harmed his mother.

After Li Xiaoran covered the old lady with a blanket and walked out, she sensed the strong emotions coming from the old man's son.

This emotion made Li Xiaoran stop in her tracks and the way she looked at the son changed.

Luo Cheng didn't deny the man's words. Instead, he looked at the old man.

"That's right. Extracting blood clots might hurt one's brain, so ordinary doctors don't dare to take the risk, but I have the ability to do it. As for whether I do it or not, it depends on whether you're willing to or not!"

When the old man heard Luo Cheng's words, he fell into a dilemma. For a moment, he was conflicted and he didn't know what to do.

"Father, you can't believe this person! Look at my mother. She's already in this state. How can you let her continue to suffer?!" The old man's son quickly dissuaded.

"Do you feel sorry for your mother's suffering, or are you afraid that my husband's medical skills will really cure her and affect you negatively?" Li Xiaoran walked over and stared at the old man's son as she questioned, "In her current situation, what's the difference between living and being dead? But things might be different if we take a gamble. The worst outcome is that she becomes stupid, but there's also a high chance that she'll get better and wake up! Why does it seem that as a son, instead of wanting your mother to get better, you're more willing to let her stay unconscious?"

As soon as Li Xiaoran finished speaking, the son lost his temper.

"Who exactly are you guys? Not only did you guys appear at my house, but you guys are actually trying to sow discord between us?! That's my mother. I naturally hope she gets better!"

Seeing that the other party was hopping mad, Li Xiaoran sneered.

"Why? Are you feeling guilty? Is that why you used your loud voice to cover up your uneasiness?"

When the other party heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was furious and reached out to hit her.

Luo Cheng was beside Li Xiaoran, so how could he tolerate someone bullying his wife? He reached out and grabbed the other party's hand. With a hard push, the old man's son took a few steps back.

"If you dare to hurt my wife, I'll teach you a lesson!"

With that, Luo Cheng looked at the old man.

“Master, let’s go back and rest. Think about it carefully! If you’ve made up your mind, come to me again! We’ll stay here for another day. If you don’t need me to treat her, we’ll leave tomorrow.”

With that, Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran towards their guest room.

Wu Qinghe walked forward and looked at the old man’s son.

“For some things, just because no one knows doesn’t mean they haven’t been done. The heavens are watching. Sooner or later, retribution will come!” Shu Ruyue also walked over and glanced at him disdainfully.

“If this was my mother, I would have risked my life to find someone to save her.. Even if there was only a chance of survival, it was better than her lying there like a living dead!”

## Chapter 387: Conflict

With that, they left, leaving the old man and his son standing in the courtyard. After returning to their room, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng poured a glass of water and drank it.

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Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue also poured themselves a glass of water and the four of them sat around the square wooden table.

“I think there’s something wrong with the old man’s son!” Shu Ruyue said with a pout.

“Isn’t that obvious? We can all tell!” Wu Qinghe continued, “I took a closer look at this old man’s son just now. He looks upright, but he’s actually a shady person. Brother Luo Cheng, I think we shouldn’t wait until tomorrow. Let’s leave this afternoon!”

“No, let’s wait for the old man’s final decision! Don’t forget that if the old man hadn’t been around last night, there’s no telling what kind of situation we would be in now!” Li Xiaoran shook her head and objected, “We can’t forget his kindness!”

As soon as Li Xiaoran said this, Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue came back to their senses.

“That’s right. How could I have forgotten about this?!” Shu Ruyue said in frustration, “Actually, I’m just angry about the old man’s son. I forgot about the old man’s kindness to us!”

Wu Qinghe also looked guilty. He nodded as he said, ‘Yes, I was so angry that I forgot about the old man’s kindness to us. We really deserve a beating!’”

With that, Wu Qinghe slapped himself twice.

Li Xiaoran naturally knew that these two people were not ungrateful. Speaking of which, these two people were quite simple-minded.

When Luo Cheng heard everyone's words, he said, "Actually, there's still something about her illness I didn't say out loud! It's very simple to drain the small amount of blood in her brain, but the thing is that she herself is unwilling to wake up!"

As soon as he said this, the other three looked at Luo Cheng.

"Actually, a person's pulse can also reflect their survival instincts. Her pulse is stable. No matter what happens outside, it can't stimulate her survival instincts. It's as if she has already given up on living! To be honest, although the blood clot in her brain can make people fall into a coma, she definitely wouldn't have stayed unconscious like now. Theoretically, she should be unconscious for a period of time and wake up for a period of time. In short, there should be times when she's conscious. However, she hasn't woken up at all, as if she has given up on this world!" Luo Cheng told them what he had discovered.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood something.

"Husband, do you mean that the blood clot in her brain actually can't keep her in a coma? The real reason she's in a coma is that she's unwilling to wake up?"

"Yes, that's what I mean!" Luo Cheng nodded and said firmly.

Everyone was stunned by these words.

"Oh my god, what kind of accident has happened to make her want to abandon her husband and stay unconscious?" Shu Ruyue couldn't figure it out at all.

"I'm afraid only she herself knows the reason!" Wu Qinghe said.

Luo Cheng didn't respond but looked at Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran shook her head at Luo Cheng.

Her ability was empathy. The woman was clearly hopeless, so how could she empathize with her?

Luo Cheng also felt that this was a difficult problem, so he could only sigh when he saw his wife shake her head.

However, there were no absolutes. Some things seemed difficult, but were actually very easy.

At noon, Li Xiaoran cooked again.

Although they didn't like the old man's son, everyone was grateful to the old man for saving their lives, so they still made a table of dishes.

The old man didn't seem to have decided yet and was very silent while eating.

On the other hand, the old man's son seemed to have a good appetite and ate a third of the dishes on the table.

The other party's lack of table manners made the group feel queasy, so everyone ate very little.

Li Xiaoran had the habit of taking an afternoon nap. After eating, she washed the dishes and went to the room to take a nap.

Luo Cheng didn't need to take an afternoon nap, but he was worried about Li Xiaoran's safety, so he stayed by her side.

After sleeping, Li Xiaoran actually entered a dream!

Moreover, it wasn't anyone else's dream, but the woman's.

After realizing that she had entered a dream, Li Xiaoran was a little confused.

"Aren't you disheartened already? Why are you emotional now?" Li Xiaoran muttered in confusion.

"I feel disheartened because I'm sad. Sadness is also an emotion!" At this moment, a voice sounded.

When Li Xiaoran heard this voice, she turned around and saw the woman appear in front of her.

"You can see me?"

The woman nodded and invited Li Xiaoran to sit down.

"Did you pull me into your dream?" After sitting down, Li Xiaoran understood and asked.

Luo Cheng nodded at Li Xiaoran.

"I'm very conscious, so I can sense everything that's happening outside. I want to wake up too, but I can't!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the woman's words, she was shocked.

"It's not that you don't want to wake up?"

The woman nodded and waved her hand. Li Xiaoran realized that her surroundings were no longer white, but full of spring vitality.

As Li Xiaoran looked at her surroundings carefully, she felt that they were familiar. When she saw the fruit tree filled with flowers at the back of the house, she immediately thought of something.

"This is the old man's home! We live here now!"

"That's right. This is my home! It's also the place that made me like this!" The woman appeared beside Li Xiaoran.

"This place is very beautiful, especially the cherry blossoms on this tree!" Li Xiaoran looked at the cherry tree in front of her as she said happily.

"But it was under the cherry blossoms of this tree that my son actually wanted to kill me!" The woman said.

Li Xiaoran suddenly turned around and looked at the woman.

“Why is that?”

“I also want to know why. That’s why I tried my best to live and have been struggling on the brink of death so that I could wake up! I tried many ways, but I couldn’t wake up!” The woman said with a sad expression.

“I never expected my son, whom I raised myself, to harm me one day. I just want to ask why he did this!” The woman said with tears streaming down her face.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she sensed that something was wrong.

The old lady wanted to wake up, but Luo Cheng said that her pulse was very stable and she had no will to live.

How could these two contradictory situations be explained?

### Chapter 388: Old Man’s Request

“Girl, I want to wake up. My husband likes to eat my food the most! If I keep lying like this, he’ll be so pitiful! So, let your man save me! If I really hurt my head and can’t wake up again, I hope you can help me find out what’s going on!” The woman said before disappearing.

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Li Xiaoran also woke up from her sleep and looked around.

“What’s wrong? Did you have a nightmare?” Luo Cheng realized that Li Xiaoran had woken up from her sleep and opened his eyes to look at her.

After Li Xiaoran composed herself, she looked outside.

“Don’t look. There’s only the two of us in the house. The old man is taking care of his wife, while Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue are helping him tidy up the courtyard,” Luo Cheng seemed to have seen through Li Xiaoran’s thoughts and said.

“Where’s his son?” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked again.

“His son doesn’t live here. He works in town. Someone came to him previously and said that the town was short of people to do work, so he left.”

When Li Xiaoran heard that his son wasn’t around, she relaxed a little.

After some consideration, Li Xiaoran asked this question.

“Husband, is there a possibility that there’s some medicine that can keep a person unconscious and prevent her from waking up?!”

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

“Any knockout powder is fine! It’s just that the effect won’t last, so you have to continue giving it to the other party every once in a while.”

“Can this medicine be undetectable and keep the poisoned person’s pulse stable?” Li Xiaoran asked again.

Now, Luo Cheng understood.

“Yes, of course. Are you saying that someone drugged the woman so that she couldn’t wake up?”

Li Xiaoran nodded and didn’t hesitate to tell him about her entering the woman’s dream in her nap. When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately looked at Li Xiaoran in surprise.

“You mean, she has the will to live and wants to wake up?”

Li Xiaoran nodded.

To be honest, she still found it unbelievable.

Luo Cheng pondered for a moment when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Actually, this matter is very simple. I’ll go and diagnose her again. As long as I can see what medicine the other party is using and make a targeted antidote, she’ll be able to wake up quickly!”

“But the old man hasn’t replied yet!” Li Xiaoran said worriedly.

“Let’s go find him now! There’s no time to lose. Since his son isn’t around, we can persuade him!” Luo Cheng was a decisive person. After making a decision, he immediately took action.

Li Xiaoran nodded and sat up on the bed.

“Wait, I’ll go wash my face first!”

After the water from the well was splashed onto her face, she felt a hint of coldness.

The chill instantly sobered Li Xiaoran up and she became much more energetic.

Looking up at the cherry tree that was taller than the roof, Li Xiaoran suddenly smiled.

“Perhaps this is the best time for you to wake up! The cherry is red, so it’s time to wake up and try it!”

The woman entrusted Li Xiaoran to help her find out what was going on, but Li Xiaoran had a different idea.

After all, this was a family matter between her aunt and her son. As an outsider, she should not interfere.

Even if they wanted to find out the truth, they should let the woman wake up and investigate herself.

They could help from the side, but they couldn't take the initiative to investigate.

After thinking it through, Li Xiaoran knew how to persuade the old man.

The old man had wiped the woman's body previously and had just changed her clothes.

Seeing Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran walking over, the old man invited them in.

"I've already thought it through. Please save me! Take advantage of the fact that my son is not around now to save me!" The old man said softly. "Sir, you..." Li Xiaoran said in surprise, but she couldn't finish the second half.

The old man sighed and said, "That's my son, so how could I not know what's wrong with him?! All these years, the reason I've been sending firewood to the inn is because I asked the owner of the inn to help me keep an eye out for any doctors with good medical skills. It's just that I'm unlucky and haven't been able to find a reliable doctor."

"Although I suspected that my son had something to do with what happened to my wife, I thought that no matter how shameless my son was, he wouldn't kill my wife. That's why I didn't get to the bottom of it. I just wanted to find a doctor with good medical skills to treat my wife. But what happened this morning made me realize something, so I pretended to be hesitant at that time. My goal was to dispel my son's suspicion!"

At this point, the old man looked at Luo Cheng.

"I don't know what you need to save my wife's life, but I'll help you prepare it now!"

Luo Cheng looked at the old man and said, "Just prepare a basin and bring some water in! Leave the rest to me! I'll take her pulse first!"

The old man nodded and went out to get a wooden basin to fill with water.

Li Xiaoran couldn't help much at this moment, so she could only stand at the side and wait.

"Wife, get Wu Qinghe to burn a small stove. I need it!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and quickly went out to look for Wu Qinghe. Soon, everything Luo Cheng needed was ready.

When everything was ready, Luo Cheng had already taken her pulse. Previously, he had only taken her pulse roughly, so there were some aspects that needed to be confirmed.

Coupled with the news Li Xiaoran had just obtained from entering the dream, Luo Cheng already had an idea.

The woman had indeed been drugged, and the drug had been applied very secretly. All he needed to do was put some powder in the woman's daily food.

Actually, the other party didn't really want the woman dead. The dosage of the drug was very low and was just to ensure that the woman would never wake up.

As for the antidote, Luo Cheng had a guess.

Fortunately, the antidote pill he carried could detoxify this knockout powder, so all he needed to do now was expel the small amount of blood in her brain.

Thinking of this, Luo Cheng took out the golden needles he was carrying and placed them on the fire in the small stove to roast for a while.

While no one was paying attention, Luo Cheng had already pricked the woman's head with a golden needle.

“Bring the wooden basin over!” Luo Cheng shouted.

Wu Qinghe quickly picked up the wooden basin filled with water on the ground and placed it by the bed.

In the blink of an eye, a stream of blood flowed down along the golden needle. Soon, the water in the wooden basin was tainted deep red by the blood clot...

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When the blood stopped flowing, Luo Cheng immediately took out another burning golden needle. Then, he quickly pulled out the golden needle with one hand and inserted the burning golden needle at the same spot as the other.

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Seeing this, Li Xiaoran finally understood why Luo Cheng had said that previously.

His medical skills were indeed very brilliant. Those without this ability really wouldn't dare to do such a thing.

Just like that, after administering seven golden needles in a row, the blood clot in the woman's head was finally drawn out.

After confirming that there was no more blood clotting, Luo Cheng put away the golden needles, then took out a box of ointment and applied it to the place where the needles had been inserted with his clean hand.

Because the golden needles were very thin and the wound wasn't big, they didn't need much ointment.

After doing all this, Luo Cheng placed the used golden needles in a small pot and boiled them on the small stove.

After washing his hands, Luo Cheng took out a porcelain bottle.

“Wife, take two pills and boil them with water. After they warm up later, feed them to the woman. If the effect is fast, she'll wake up tomorrow morning!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and took the porcelain bottle before going to get a bowl of water.

After the woman drank the medicine in the bowl, everyone heaved a sigh of relief.



The old man had been silent. Seeing that his wife was lying on the bed steadily, he asked, "How's her situation now?"

Luo Cheng looked at the old man and tried to be as clear as possible.

"The blood clot in her brain has been eliminated and I also asked my wife to give her the antidote. Because she has been unconscious for too long and her body has been very weak, it will take a while for her to wake up completely. If it's fast, she can wake up tomorrow morning. If it's slow, she won't wake up for at least three days. All of this depends on her will to live! No matter what, she will definitely wake up in three days!"

When the old man heard Luo Cheng's words, he finally felt relieved.

"Thank you. Thank you!"

With that, the old man sat on the edge of the bed as he held the woman's hand.

"Take good care of your body and wake up early! The cherries I planted for you are red, so you can eat them when you wake up! Don't hesitate. No matter what happens, I'm here for you!"

Seeing that the old man was talking to the woman on the bed with red eyes, Li Xiaoran gestured for the others to quickly pack up and leave.

Soon, only the old man and his wife were left in the room.

Standing outside and looking at the old man who was already crying, Li Xiaoran felt an indescribable feeling.

"What are you thinking about?" After Luo Cheng wiped the water with his golden needle with a handkerchief and put it away, he saw Li Xiaoran looking at the two people in the room with red eyes.

"I'm wondering what love is," Li Xiaoran replied.

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows but didn't intend to reply because he could tell that Li Xiaoran had something to say.

As expected, Li Xiaoran retracted her gaze from the old man and woman and looked out of the courtyard.

"There is the love of parents, children, and husband and wife. As the relationship changes, the love will become different. Over time, the experience will be different, and the manifestation of love will also be different. Some people like passionate love, where every emotion is intense. Pain can cut through the heart, and sweetness can be sweeter than honey. It can even give people the courage to live a passionate life."

"But the two of them stayed by each other's side and never left each other when something bad happened. Similarly, when something happened to me, I tried everything to return to your side. This kind of love is like brewing wine. It takes time

to brew and ferment with experience before it can finally brew a unique wine fragrance! For a moment, I'm actually a little envious of such relationships!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he walked over and hugged her from behind.

"There's no need to envy others, because we also have our own love. I can't tell you what love is, but I can let time prove it! Wife, a lifetime is very long, and there will be many variables, but as long as we have each other in our hearts, we will definitely be able to spend the rest of our lives together happily. Remember, no matter what happens, don't let go of my hand!"

Li Xiaoran leaned into Luo Cheng's arms and nodded.

The woman's matter was resolved for the time being. The rest could only wait until the woman woke up.

"Brother Luo Cheng, what do you think the situation in White Foothill City is now?"  
Wu Qinghe suddenly thought of something and asked.

As soon as he said this, everyone in the courtyard looked over.

To be honest, everyone wanted to know the situation in White Foothill City.

"Why don't I go into the city to take a look? I'm fast, so I can come back tonight!" Shu Ruyue thought of something and said.

"It's better not to go. When you stood up for Wu Qinghe that day at the inn, many people already remembered you!" Li Xiaoran felt that it was inappropriate and persuaded.

Wu Qinghe thought of something and quickly waved his hand. "I can't go! As long as I leave Brother Luo Cheng, I'll be plagued by bad luck and I won't be able to come back!"

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "Now is indeed not the time to investigate this matter! According to the woman's situation, she should wake up tomorrow morning! It won't be too late for us to leave at that time! At that time, instead of going to White Foothill City, we'll go to the next place. I believe we can hear some news from there as well!"

The others nodded in agreement.

They had finally escaped from that inn, so none of them wanted to be implicated again.

"To be honest, I wonder if that suspect implicated us in such big trouble. If I find out, I will definitely beat him up!" Shu Ruyue thought of something and said angrily.

The few of them had all been implicated. They only intended to stay in an inn for a night, but they actually had such a shocking experience.

Li Xiaoran also remembered the abnormality by the window. Although she was curious, she didn't want to get involved anymore.

However, they didn't expect that something that had nothing to do with them would be blamed on them.

At this moment, the officials found a portrait artist from somewhere and drew all the portraits of the people who had escaped from the inn.

The noticeboard was filled with portraits.

Four of the paintings were of Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran, and the others.

Coincidentally, when a man who was working saw the four portraits, his eyes widened!

## Chapter 390: Missed

After confirming again and again, this person stopped working and ran towards the government office.

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Night fell, and the sunset appeared on the horizon.

When a group of bailiffs appeared at the old man's house, only the old man and the woman lying on the bed were in the entire courtyard.

"Father, what's going on? Where are the four people I saw today? Have they left?"

The old man looked at his son, who had returned with the bailiffs, with a blank expression.

"What four people? Son, are you out of your mind? There's only your mother and me in this house! Didn't you bring your mother back from a doctor's appointment yesterday? Where did these four people come from?"

When the old man's son, Jiang Bao, heard his father's words, he immediately panicked.

"Father, stop protecting those four people! Do you know that those four people are actually fugitives wanted by the authorities? They've committed a crime, so we have to hand them over!"

The old man continued to stare at his son in disbelief, then slowly walked to the bailiff not far away.

"Where did you see my son? My son has been anxious to earn money to treat his mother's illness! Did my son do something to bring you guys over?" As soon as he said this, the bailiff who came was stunned.

When the old man saw that the bailiff was stunned for a moment, realization dawned on his face.

"Is there a bounty? The bounty is very generous, so my son had ulterior motives when he saw it."

With that, tears fell from the old man's eyes and he walked towards his son.

“Son, son! I know you’re filial, but your mother is already in this state, so you can’t force yourself anymore! If you drive yourself crazy, what will I do?! Don’t be too anxious. We’ll have money. Let’s earn it slowly. When we’re done, we’ll go to the capital to find a famous doctor!”

With that, the old man hugged Jiang Bao again.

“Son, I know you’re a good child. I know you’re filial and my heart aches for your mother, but there’s no choice! We can’t lie to others just to get money!” As he spoke, the old man looked furious and even ruthlessly smacked Jiang Bao’s butt a few times.

“Father, what are you doing?” Jiang Bao didn’t expect his father to spank him in front of so many people. At this moment, he flew into a rage out of humiliation and said, “Father, I really saw those four people. I’m not lying!”

With that, Jiang Bao broke free from the old man’s grip and walked towards the bailiffs.

“Hurry up and search the house! Perhaps those fugitives are hiding in my house!”

The bailiffs didn’t want to return empty-handed.

No matter what the old man said to his son, the leader of the bailiffs waved his hand and the group entered the old man’s house to search.

After searching carefully, they didn’t even see rats, let alone four people.

Seeing this, Jiang Bao immediately panicked.

“Father, did you let them go? Hurry up and tell me where these people went.” The old man stared at his son with a troubled expression.

“Son, I really don’t know what you’re talking about. No one has been to our house before. If you don’t believe me, you can look around and ask the people around you! There’s no one here.”

After the bailiffs heard the father and son’s conversation, they sent some people out to investigate.

In the end, they still found nothing. No one around saw any strangers in this family.

This time, Jiang Bao was scolded by the bailiffs and beaten up a few more times before leaving.

After the bailiffs left, Jiang Bao stared at his father for a long, long time.

“Father, where are they?”

When the old man saw that the bailiffs had left, he ignored his bastard son. Without a word, he returned to the room to take care of his wife.

Seeing that his father was ignoring him, Jiang Bao could only kick the broom on the ground in fury.

One had to know that the bounty was a lot of money!

A bounty for four people was a lot of money!

“Father, do you know that you chased away the only chance to save Mother?! Those four are fugitives and the officials issued a bounty. Do you know how much they’re worth? With this money, we can afford as many doctors as we want! Do you know that Mother might be able to wake up?!” Jiang Bao shouted outside.

The old man ignored his son and let him roar crazily.

Li Xiaoran and the others were sitting in a pool in the mountains. Luo Cheng had woven two baskets with vines and was catching fish with Wu Qinghe in the pool.

As Shu Ruyue sat beside Li Xiaoran, she sized her up curiously.

“What are you looking at?” Li Xiaoran asked after seeing Shu Ruyue’s gaze.

“I think you’re about the same age as me, so how about I call you Xiaoran?” Shu Ruyue thought of something and said.

“Sure! Then shall I call you Ruyue?” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

“Xiaoran, do you have exceptional hearing? I remember that at the inn that night, you heard the commotion of those people before us. It’s the same today. We didn’t notice, but you actually knew that someone was coming!” Shu Ruyue asked the question on her mind. When Li Xiaoran heard this, she laughed.

“You can say that!”

It turned out that before Jiang Bao even rushed over with the bailiffs, Li Xiaoran had already sensed the emotions of many people.

After realizing that something was wrong, the four of them quickly packed up and walked into the mountains with the old man.

The four of them were martial artists and had sensitive senses, so they avoided the people in the village along the way and quietly came to the pool to rest.

The pool was hidden and rarely anyone in the village had been here before, so it was safe for the four of them to hide there.

“Fortunately, you have good hearing. Otherwise, we would have been tricked!” Shu Ruyue looked glad. Then, she stood up and looked down the mountain with her hands on her hips as she said angrily, “When the sky turns dark, I’ll go down and beat up that old man’s son. This kid is simply inhumane!”

“It’s better not to go! How do you know that those bailiffs won’t sneak in again at night?” Li Xiaoran shook her head and said.

“Huh? The bailiffs will return?” Shu Ruyue was shocked and quickly sat back down beside Li Xiaoran.

“Think about it. It wasn’t easy for the bailiffs to find clues. Even if they missed us, they definitely won’t give up.. They might be waiting for us to fall into their trap!”