

## The Hunter 401

### Chapter 401: Opening a New Door

“Stop fooling around and get down to business!” Luo Cheng said at this moment, then looked at Wu Qinghe. “Didn’t you say that you have a lot of skills? This wooden box is locked. Can you open it?”

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“Luban Lock? I can unlock it!” Before Wu Qinghe could speak, Shu Ruyue spoke first. “I liked to pick locks since I was young. When I was six years old, the locks at home could no longer stump me. Later, my father saw that I was interested in picking locks, so he brought a famous lock picker in the martial world to teach me how to pick locks! I’ve picked a lot of Luban Locks before!” As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran was amused.

She really didn’t expect that the friends she met were each more impressive than the last.

Shu Ruyue was a chivalrous woman, so she didn’t expect her to have a penchant for picking locks.

This hobby was quite weird!

After Shu Ruyue finished speaking, she realized what she had said.

Thinking of how she had attracted the disdain and vigilance of others when she flaunted her special abilities in the past, Shu Ruyue regretted it now.

After she looked at the three people at the side, she met Li Xiaoran’s mirthful gaze.

Shu Ruyue understood the meaning of this smile very clearly.

Li Xiaoran didn’t look down on her as she had imagined. Instead, she was curious and approving.

Then, she looked at Luo Cheng. Although he looked surprised, he didn’t look disgusted.

As for Wu Qinghe, he looked at Shu Ruyue in shock.

“Do you still lack a disciple? This skill is quite impressive. Can I learn it from you?”

Shu Ruyue was confused.

However, when she saw Wu Qinghe’s burning gaze, she knew that he was not joking. He really wanted to learn it.

“Don’t you think this is something thieves do? Don’t you feel contempt?” Shu Ruyue asked.

“How can that be?” Wu Qinghe replied in surprise, “It’s not black or white. It’s good when used in the right way, but bad when used in a crooked way. Therefore, there’s

no such thing as good or bad. It just depends on what the person who has it uses it for. Did you use this ability to steal other people's things?"

Shu Ruyue shook her head and quickly explained, "I just like to pick locks. I don't steal from others at all!"

"That's right!" Wu Qinghe nodded and praised, "You didn't use your lock-picking skills to do bad things, so why should I look down on you?"

"That's right! Wu Qinghe is right. You don't have to feel burdened. On the contrary, I think you're very impressive! Very few women like to learn this sort of thing. You should continue to deepen your ability and benefit many people!! " Li Xiaoran walked over with a smile and said.

"Benefit many people?" Shu Ruyue didn't expect Li Xiaoran to say this, but these words touched her, making her unable to help but be tempted. "Xiaoran, can my ability benefit many people?"

"That's right!" Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded.

"Ruyue, think about it. If you use your lock-picking skills on a case, wouldn't it help the constables solve the case and avenge people? If you continue to study it, you can open locks and research locks that others can't open. Then, you can use it on an escort agency. Won't that protect the assets of many people? Also, there are many corrupt officials in the imperial court. Some upright officials want to send out evidence, but some corrupt officials think of ways to destroy this evidence. If you can research some locks that protect the evidence, won't you be able to help bring the bad guys to justice?"

Li Xiaoran's words enlightened Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue realized how beneficial her talent in picking locks was!

At this moment, Shu Ruyue, who already had dreams of being a female warrior, felt as if she had found the meaning of her existence!

Shu Ruyue hugged Li Xiaoran and said happily, "Xiaoran, thank you. Your words enlightened me. I finally know what I want to do!"

After Li Xiaoran was hugged by Shu Ruyue, she also felt her heartfelt joy and was sincerely happy for her.

"Then can you help my friend unlock Luban first?" Li Xiaoran teased.

Only then did Shu Ruyue remember the matter at hand. She smiled awkwardly and turned to Luo Cheng to get the lock. "Leave this to me! I'll unlock the door for you now!"

As Shu Ruyue spoke, she took out a tool bag.

Others had sewing kits, but Shu Ruyue had a tool kit on her.

There were all kinds of tools, big and small. The tools seemed quite professional to Li Xiaoran.

These tools must be very useful.

After Shu Ruyue took out a slender tool and held it in her hand, her eyes landed on the Luban lock.

After turning it over many times, Shu Ruyue didn't make a move, as if she was observing something.

After a while, Shu Ruyue finally stopped flipping the Luban lock and placed her tools into the lock.

After that, Shu Ruyue took out all kinds of tools and inserted them into the keyhole.

Shu Ruyue twisted her slender fingers slightly and touched something again. Then, she heard a crisp sound and the Luban lock was unlocked.

"Fortunately, this lock is open now!" Shu Ruyue said happily with a smile.

"You've really broadened my horizons!" Wu Qinghe was sincerely impressed by Shu Ruyue!

Without some capability, one really couldn't open this thing.

However, Shu Ruyue opened it easily!

Wu Qinghe couldn't help but admire her capability!

"How impressive. I can't help but feel shocked!" Li Xiaoran praised sincerely.

As expected, there were capable people everywhere in this world!

They couldn't underestimate anyone. Every ordinary person might be a secret expert!

"Stop praising me. I'll be embarrassed if you continue! Let's see what's in this box!"

Everyone's expressions became serious.

"I'll open it! If it's poison, I can deal with it immediately! All of you, stand further away!" Luo Cheng thought of something and said.

The others also knew that Luo Cheng's medical skills were brilliant, so they didn't object. Instead, they took a few steps back as Luo Cheng said.

Although Li Xiaoran was a little worried, she knew that she couldn't drag them down at this moment, so she took a few steps back!

## Chapter 402: Different Interrogation

Unlike he had expected, there was nothing unusual when the wooden box was opened.

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However, what was inside surprised Luo Cheng.

The box locked with a Luban lock only contained a few pieces of paper.

He carefully took out a pair of leather gloves, then took out a few pieces of paper to examine.

After confirming that there was no poison, Luo Cheng opened the papers.

However, after reading the contents of the paper, Luo Cheng's expression turned ugly.

When Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng's expression had changed in an instant and sensed that he was furious, she quickly walked forward.

"What is this thing?"

Luo Cheng didn't speak, but he handed the papers to Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran could read and write now, so after taking the papers, she read them seriously.

However, Li Xiaoran was also frightened by the contents of the letter and her expression changed.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran figured out something.

"Husband, what happened from the Yuelai Inn to here was all a scheme against you?"

Luo Cheng pursed his lips and tried his best to suppress his anger.

He knew thought that those people wouldn't give up, but he didn't expect them to use such shady methods.

This time, these people had really crossed his bottom line.

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue were a little confused when they saw Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's reaction.

However, both of them had a feeling that this was not the time to ask questions. They should keep quiet for the time being!

After a while, Luo Cheng calmed down. Then, he burned the papers with a match.

After Li Xiaoran looked at the man under the bed, she asked,

"What should we do with this person?"

Luo Cheng stared at the man as he thought for a moment. "Nothing. Just leave him here!"

"You're not going to interrogate him? You might even get some clues." When Wu Qinghe heard this, he suggested, "I have something good. No matter how powerful someone is, they won't be able to withstand it. We can give it a try!"

When Li Xiaoran saw Wu Qinghe's eager expression, she felt his excitement.

"Will it make sounds?" Luo Cheng asked after a moment.

"No! There won't be any sounds. We just need to tap his mute acupoint!" Wu Qinghe said with a smile.

"How will we interrogate him after we tap his acupoint?" Shu Ruyue asked curiously.

"You don't understand!" Wu Qinghe said mysteriously, "The best way to torture someone is to tickle him!"

“Once you break through his defense, no matter how strong-willed a person is, he won’t be able to withstand it!”

When Shu Ruyue heard Wu Qinghe’s words, she immediately rolled her eyes and said disdainfully, “I thought you could come up with some brilliant method, but it turns out to be a trick that I, Shu Ruyue, have played so many times that I’m fed up with already!”

“Since it’s a trick, there’s naturally a reason behind the fact that it has been passed down for so long. The things you do are all child’s play. Today, I’ll show you the real deal!” As Wu Qinghe spoke, he went to his room and brought all his luggage over.

After rummaging through his bag for a while, Wu Qinghe took out a pile of things.

Looking at these things, Li Xiaoran was a little stunned.

Li Xiaoran originally thought that Wu Qinghe would take out some powder, but what he took out were some random things.

He took out stones, withered branches, and rags. What was even more ridiculous was that there was also a bottle of wood ash.

Not to mention Li Xiaoran, even Luo Cheng and Shu Ruyue were shocked by Wu Qinghe’s things.

“What are you doing with these things?” Shu Ruyue asked in confusion.

“You’ll know when you see it!” Wu Qinghe smiled, but refused to reveal anything.

Soon, Wu Qinghe placed the things he had taken out around the bed.

“Brother Luo Cheng, did you drug this person?! Hurry up and wake him up!” After Wu Qinghe finished preparing, he looked at Luo Cheng.

After Luo Cheng took out a porcelain bottle, he pulled the man in black out and waved the porcelain bottle in front of the man’s nose!

After that, Luo Cheng sent the man in black directly under the bed.

On the other side, Wu Qinghe took out some kind of dried grass and lit it with a match.

Strangely, this kind of dry grass didn’t smell even at all after being ignited.

While the group was wondering about it, the man in black, who had woken up, looked around and rolled out from under the bed.

Li Xiaoran thought that if he rolled out and saw everyone, he would definitely exclaim, but the other party didn’t seem to see them.

“Where am I? Why am I here? Didn’t I hide something on the roof yesterday? Why am I here?” The man in black looked around in confusion.

As soon as he said this, the others looked at Wu Qinghe.

Wu Qinghe raised his eyebrows proudly and asked, “Don’t ask about what this place is. Answer whatever I ask you. Otherwise, you won’t live to see tomorrow morning!”

The man in black seemed to hear Wu Qinghe's words. At this moment, the confusion on his face faded and was replaced by an expression of feigned ignorance.

"Who are you? What do you want to ask?"

"Who instructed you to do this?" Wu Qinghe asked.

"What are you talking about? I really don't understand! I'm just a thief! Do you have some sort of misunderstanding?!" The man in black refused to admit it and played dumb.

"Hmph, you're really stubborn!"

With that, Wu Qinghe took out a small gong.

Strangely, after the small gong sounded, there was no sound at all. However, the man in black seemed to be in great pain. At this moment, he hugged his head and lay on the ground while struggling.

Before long, he felt an itch.

The itchiness was not on the surface of his skin, but coming from inside his body.

After holding on for a while, the man in black couldn't take it anymore and scratched his body with all his might.

Before long, he was bleeding and looked like he wouldn't stop scratching.

"Do you see that? This is the peak of itchiness! I didn't use any powder at all, but I made him feel itchy all over!" Wu Qinghe said proudly.

At this moment, the man in black only felt the itchiness getting stronger and stronger.

At first, the man in black could offset some of the itchiness.

But as time passed, the itchiness became stronger and stronger. It couldn't be relieved by scratching anymore.

As Li Xiaoran watched the scene in front of her, she felt the pain of the man in black. Then, she looked at Wu Qinghe and understood.

"This is an array formation?"

#### Chapter 403: Explanation

"Yes, it's a Taiji Eight Trigrams Array trapping array. However, my trapping array is not an ordinary trapping array. I also added some trinkets to the foundation of the trapping array. Actually, the itchiness he feels is not from his body, but from his soul and mind. As long as he's alive and hasn't fallen asleep, he will always feel this

itchiness. There's no way to relieve it!" Wu Qinghe introduced proudly when he saw that Li Xiaoran had seen through his trick.

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As Luo Cheng looked at the dried grass that had burned away, he immediately understood.

However, he didn't expose him and let Wu Qinghe continue.

"Can we ask him now?" Luo Cheng reminded.

Wu Qinghe reacted and struck the gong again.

"How is it? It doesn't feel good, right?! Do you want to consider my previous suggestion?" Wu Qinghe asked.

The man in black was already on the verge of a mental breakdown. He really couldn't tolerate this itchiness! He couldn't tolerate it anymore!

He wanted to die, but at this moment, he realized that he had no way to.

His hands, feet, and body were out of his control.

Other than talking, he couldn't do anything else!

At this moment, the man in black had a mental breakdown.

This torture was worse than killing him.

When Luo Cheng saw this, he lowered his voice and said, "His method is similar to the method you used previously!"

Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded as she said with shame, "I just came up with it randomly. Moreover, my method has very high requirements for the environment, unlike Wu Qinghe's method, which can be used at any time. I think his interrogation method is better!"

To be honest, the reason Li Xiaoran was able to use these things was that she had received the teachings of countless seniors.

On the other hand, Wu Qinghe had relied on his own abilities, so he was the more impressive one.

On the other side, the man in black couldn't take it anymore. His psychological defense was broken and he said loudly, "I'll tell you! Someone asked me to put the wooden box beside a person called Luo Cheng and find an opportunity to frame him!"

"Oh really? You were the one who called the officials to Yuelai Inn?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

"Yes, that's right. I did it too! I originally wanted to hide the thing in Luo Cheng's room, but Luo Cheng was too vigilant, so I couldn't get close at all. In addition, the officials were in a hurry that night, so I could only place the thing on the roof to attract Luo Cheng's attention and lure him to investigate. However, Luo Cheng didn't fall for it at all. He clearly discovered the anomaly, but he didn't take action at all."

“I had no choice. Seeing that you guys had checked out and were about to leave, I could only put away my things. Unexpectedly, the officials suddenly surrounded the inn. At that time, I even secretly rejoiced and felt that I would definitely succeed this time. However, Luo Cheng didn’t come out from the beginning to the end. Instead, he hid in his room!”

“Later, when I found an opportunity to frame him, Luo Cheng actually disappeared. I wanted to look for him, but I didn’t dare to look for him openly, so I could only come secretly. Unfortunately, Luo Cheng hid too well and I couldn’t find him at all. Later, the inn caught fire, and I couldn’t find him, so I

secretly slipped away!” The man in black explained in detail.

However, he didn’t reveal what they wanted to know the most.

“Who instructed you to do all this?” Wu Qinghe asked.

“I don’t know. I only came because I accepted a mission. The other party told me that Luo Cheng was staying at the Yuelai Inn and asked me to think of a way to frame Luo Cheng. Someone else would handle the rest!” the man in black said in confusion.

“Then how did you discover Luo Cheng here?” Wu Qinghe asked another question.

“Someone shot a note at my bed with a dart. After I found out about Luo Cheng’s whereabouts, I rushed over overnight!” The man in black said without holding back.

At this point, Luo Cheng no longer had any doubts.

Although the other party didn’t say anything, Luo Cheng already knew what to do.

Besides his henchmen, there was no one else henchmen who could clearly know his whereabouts and arrange so many people.

The papers in the box said it all.

“Knock this person out!” Luo Cheng said.

Upon hearing Luo Cheng’s words, Wu Qinghe beat some gongs and drums.

This time, the man in black couldn’t take it anymore and fainted.

After packing the grass ashes on the ground, Wu Qinghe packed the other things one by one and placed them back in his bag.

This time, the way Shu Ruyue looked at Wu Qinghe changed.

“Not bad, not bad! You’re also a capable person! I, Shu Ruyue, admire a capable person like you!”

When Wu Qinghe heard Shu Ruyue’s words, he immediately laughed. “I also admire your combat abilities!”



Seeing that the two of them were no longer bickering and were starting to praise each other, Li Xiaoran couldn't help but laugh.

On the other side, Luo Cheng stuffed the man in black back under the bed and quickly packed his things.

"It's almost time. Hurry up and pack your luggage. Let's go! If we don't leave now, we'll probably end up in the same situation we were in at Yuelai Inn!" Luo Cheng reminded.

When Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue heard this, they quickly ran back to their rooms and packed their things.

When everyone was done packing, Li Xia and her son rushed over with their luggage.

The group went downstairs to pay the fees. Then, they left the town in two carriages.

Not long after Luo Cheng and the others left, someone brought the officials over.

Unfortunately, Luo Cheng had already left, so it was useless for those people to surround the inn.

"Brother Luo Cheng, where are we going next?" Wu Qinghe asked as he drove the carriage.

There were two carriages, one with Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, and the one driving the carriage was Wu Qinghe.

Li Xia and her son were in the carriage at the back, while Shu Ruyue was driving the carriage.

At this moment, Wu Qinghe was driving the carriage in front. They were about to reach the fork in the road after another mile, so Wu Qinghe asked.

"Take the right path back to Hele Village!" Luo Cheng's voice came from the carriage.

"Alright, let's set off!" Wu Qinghe replied as he drove the carriage excitedly.

To be honest, this was the first time Wu Qinghe had driven a carriage in his life.

It wasn't that he didn't know how to, but every time he sat on it, the horse became agitated and wouldn't pull the carriage at all.

Over time, Wu Qinghe coveted the fact that others could take a carriage and drive it.

Now that he had met Luo Cheng, he could finally drive the carriage personally!

#### Chapter 404: Not That Easy

Wu Qinghe, who was driving the carriage, was like a horse galloping on the grassland. He felt very exuberant.

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Li Xiaoran, who was sitting in the carriage, sensed Wu Qinghe's exuberant mood and couldn't help but smile at Luo Cheng. "Wu Qinghe is quite a wonderful person!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he was immediately jealous.

"Then who am I?" Luo Cheng hugged Li Xiaoran's waist and asked.

Li Xiaoran looked at the handsome face in front of her with a smile.

After kissing Luo Cheng's face, Li Xiaoran replied, "You're my sweetheart!" These words instantly pleased Luo Cheng. He, who had been a little jealous just now, felt content.

After traveling for more than half a day, Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran, and the others sold the carriages and bought some food before entering the mountain.

By the time the people behind caught up, Luo Cheng and the others were long gone.

They had met Li Xia and her son later on, so Luo Cheng changed their carriage and asked them to go straight to Hele Village.

In order to protect the mother and son, Luo Cheng asked Shu Ruyue to follow Li Xia and her son to Hele Village to wait for them.

Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran, and Wu Qinghe walked the mountain road to divert the attention of the pursuers.

Those people were after Luo Cheng, so they naturally wouldn't make things difficult for Li Xia and her son.

As for Li Xiaoran, she naturally had to follow Luo Cheng.

She would go wherever Luo Cheng went.

Besides, she had really never walked in the deep mountains and forests before. She could take this opportunity to see a rare scenery.

To be honest, the deep mountains here were much denser than the tall mountains Li Xiaoran had seen in the modern world.

Not to mention anything else, even breathing in the fresh air filled her with joy and hope for life.

At this moment, it was already time for dinner, so the three of them began to get busy.

Luo Cheng found a place by the stream and moved some stones to make a simple stove.

Wu Qinghe picked up firewood and prepared to start a fire.

Li Xiaoran took the pot she carried with her to the stream to wash it. At the same time, she also washed the pheasants and hares she had hunted on the way.

"Husband, since those people are targeting you, do you think they'll stay at our place and wait?! No matter where we go, we have to go home eventually!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "That's for sure. Someone must be secretly monitoring our home now, but it doesn't matter. No matter how far those people reach, they won't be able to reach my house. As for Father and Mother's new house, they just moved in. When the time comes,

we should investigate carefully and see if there's anything planted inside. However, with Ziyang at home and the people I secretly arranged, logically speaking, such a thing shouldn't happen!"

"If you want to know if anyone is watching the village, I'll just read your fortune!" Wu Qinghe, who had picked up firewood, said after hearing their conversation.

"That's right! I forgot that a fortune-teller like Wu Qinghe is here!" Li Xiaoran slapped her thigh and said happily.

When Wu Qinghe heard this, he immediately looked at Luo Cheng plaintively and said, "Brother Luo Cheng, I'm not a fortune-teller. I just have some divination skills! I'm not a scammer!"

He had no choice. His sister-in-law was a woman, so he couldn't complain. Therefore, Wu Qinghe could only convey his annoyance to Luo Cheng.

When Luo Cheng received Wu Qinghe's resentful complaint, he immediately had goosebumps all over his body.

"Speak properly! I know you're not a scammer. In that case, divine for us!"

As soon as he heard that Luo Cheng was willing to let him divine, he immediately became happy.

"Then when is your birthday and horoscope?"

"I have to report my birthday and horoscope?" Luo Cheng asked in surprise.

"How can I read your fortune without your birthday and horoscope?" Wu Qinghe was stunned for a moment and asked.

"Didn't you say that you're capable? Even if I don't give you my birthday and horoscope, you should be able to divine it!" Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and said.

When Wu Qinghe heard this, he was stunned for a moment before saying, "Alright, alright, alright. It's fine even if you don't give me your birthday and horoscope!"

With that, Wu Qinghe looked around the forest and determined the direction.

After that, Wu Qinghe ran to an empty space alone. After flattening the ground with his shoes, he drew on the ground with a branch.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran smiled and shook her head before going to start the fire.

"Husband, are you testing him?" Li Xiaoran teased as she cooked.

"Since he wants to follow me, I naturally have to test his ability! I don't accept useless people!" Luo Cheng said proudly.

"Didn't you help Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng too?" Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

"I just needed to give Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng a push. I didn't have to worry about the rest. Wu Qinghe will stay by my side, so I naturally have to test him. Not just anyone can follow me! When I chose Ziyang, Zi Zheng, and Zi Cheng from among the

secret guards, I tested them a few times before letting them follow me!" Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she gave Luo Cheng a thumbs up.

"Husband, you're impressive!"

"This is nothing. Didn't you see how my other buddies chose their guards? That's called perfection!" Luo Cheng thought of something and sneered.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she recalled what had happened recently and asked worriedly, 'Who do you think did this? Wasn't everything fine previously? Why do I feel that the other party seems quite anxious this time? Could it be that something happened in the capital that made them chase after you so relentlessly?'

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he felt that it was very likely.

Was his scumbag father about to die?

Even if his scumbag father couldn't hold on anymore, why did he have to be eliminated?!

He was a commoner, so he wouldn't compete with them for the throne. Wasn't it a little unnecessary to focus on him now?

In fact, something had really happened in the capital.

Everything that Luo Cheng had encountered was caused by this matter.

Not long ago, Luo Cheng had safely sent the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom to the emperor. After that, his scumbag father had gone crazy and asked someone to bring Luo Cheng back.

However, Luo Cheng slipped away quickly. By the time the emperor's men rushed over, Luo Cheng was long gone.

After the emperor learned of this, he locked himself in the imperial study for the night and issued an imperial edict the next morning..

## Chapter 405: Thinking About

However, this imperial decree was a secret decree. No one knew what was written on it.

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Someone had received news from the emperor's personal eunuch that the imperial decree seemed to be about the throne.

Moreover, the person who the throne would be passed down to shocked everyone. It was actually Luo Cheng.

This time, the capital was in an uproar.

At this moment, everyone who coveted the throne had their eyes on Luo Cheng.

Of course, there were also some smart people who pretended not to know anything on the surface, but secretly schemed.

What Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran, and the others were experiencing now was one of these scheming people's framing.

Since the emperor wanted to pass the throne to Luo Cheng, could a person who colluded with foreigners and betrayed the commoners successfully succeed the throne?

At the same time, Luo Ziyang was anxiously waiting for someone in Hele Village.

Just as he was thinking about how to pass on the news he had received to his buddy, Luo Han arrived.

"Young Master Luo, you came at the right time. Have you heard anything about my brother?" Luo Ziyang walked over and asked anxiously.

"Ziyang, don't worry! At the moment, I don't have any news about Luo Cheng, but this is probably the best news! Think about it, Li Xiaoran is an ordinary woman, right? If something really happened to your brother, if Xiaoran is alive, she will definitely come looking for us. Since neither of them has appeared, it means that they're very likely hiding in a safe place! Therefore, you can't panic. You have to guard this place for your buddy!" Luo Han reminded him, "Don't forget that this is the place your brother and sister-in-law care about the most! You have to protect the people you should protect!"

"I've already arranged this! Before my brother and sister-in-law left, they entrusted everyone's safety to me. I naturally won't disappoint them! Young Master Luo, you're right. My brother is very capable and my sister-in-law is also a smart person. They will definitely find a way to protect themselves. What I have to do is guard this place well!" Luo Ziyang finally calmed down and regained his rationality.

Seeing this, Luo Han nodded. "Protect this place and leave the rest to me. Don't worry, I'll definitely bring your brother and sister-in-law back safely!" Luo Ziyang nodded and turned to make other arrangements.

Although he had made some preparations previously, if he really wanted to protect his family, he had to do his best.

At the same time, Zhao Xiu, who was helping in the shop, had been restless for the past few days. She didn't know why, but she felt anxious for some reason.

"Wife, can you stop wandering around this garden?! I'm still dealing with the chives. You're giving me a headache by wandering around!" Li Shun muttered as he pinched off the yellow leaves of the chives.

The spring plowing had been settled, so all they had to do now was to wait.

When the weeds in the field grew again, it would be time to weed them.

During this period, everyone had nothing to do.

Li Shun tried to make an ornament, but he kept messing up, so he simply came out of the shop to help them.

Unexpectedly, after arriving at the shop, he didn't feel relaxed. Instead, he felt a headache from his wife, Zhao Xiu.

"I don't know why, but I keep feeling anxious. Perhaps Xiaoran and my son-in-law encountered something outside?" Zhao Xiu revealed her anxiety.

"I think you just miss them too much! Our daughter has been by our side for so many years. Now, she's married, and she even went out for a vacation with our son-in-law. You won't be able to see my daughter anymore, so you feel this way!" Li Shun said.

After Zhao Xiu thought about it carefully, she felt that it made sense.

"Maybe I really miss my daughter too much!"

When Li Shun heard his wife's words, his expression became serious.

"Speaking of which, I miss them too! In the past, we used to be together every day, so I didn't think much of it. But now that they're suddenly gone, I feel empty inside!"

"Sigh, don't think about it anymore. We're thinking about our daughter and son-in-law, but that girl might not be thinking about us!" Zhao Xiu suddenly thought of something and said.

"Hahaha, what? Are you going to compete with our son-in-law for our daughter's attention?" Li Shun teased.

"What are you talking about?! I'm not talking to you anymore. I'm going to help Xiao Qing!" With that, Zhao Xiu rolled her eyes at her man and went to the shop in front.

Li Xiaoqing was busy cooking noodles. Seeing that her mother was finally no longer anxious, she heaved a sigh of relief.

"Mother, there are barely any vegetables left for the noodles today. Help me wash some!"

Zhao Xiu nodded and rolled up her sleeves to get some cabbage. Then, she cut the cabbage into pieces with a knife and washed them with water in a wooden basin.

At this moment, a smiling old woman walked in with a walking stick.

"Little girl, cook me a bowl of noodles!"

When Li Xiaoqing saw that there were customers, she immediately looked up and agreed with a smile.

"Alright! Yuan Cheng, help the old lady sit down!"

After Yuan Cheng handed over the buns that the last customer needed, he quickly came over and helped the old lady sit on the chair.

After settling the old lady, Yuan Cheng quickly scooped a bowl of bone soup and placed it in front of her.

“Old lady, this is our shop’s bone soup. It’s free! Drink it to moisten your throat first! ”

The old lady nodded at Yuan Cheng with a smile as she thanked him and lowered her head to drink.

On the other side, Li Xiaoqing also began to cook knife-cut noodles and season them.

“Old lady, do you want chili in your noodles?”

“Put more chili. I like spicy food!” The old lady replied happily, “By the way, I like chewy noodles. Don’t cook it too soft. I still have teeth, so I can eat chewy noodles!”

When Li Xiaoqing heard this, she was amused.

“I’ll cook it as you want!”

Seeing Li Xiaoqing agree, the old woman drank the soup again.

Before long, a bowl of noodles was delivered.

Seeing that the soup was red and the knife-cut noodles were chewy, the old lady smiled in satisfaction.

The noodles seemed to suit the old woman’s taste.

The old woman, who had been won over by the delicious food, couldn’t be bothered to speak anymore. She focused on eating the knife-cut noodles.

At that moment, a group of people suddenly barged in.

“Who’s in charge here?” a man in government uniform asked as he walked in last and glanced around..

## Chapter 406: Smart Person

Li Shun heard the commotion outside and quickly rushed out.

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“I’m in charge here. What can I do for you?”

After Zhao Xiu came back to her senses and saw her man rushing out, she held back and watched.

After the head bailiff sized up Li Shun, he took out two portraits.

“You should know these two people, right?!”

When Li Shun heard this, he looked over carefully.

After a glance at the portraits, Li Shun already knew the situation.

Li Shun wasn't the only one. The others looked shocked when they saw the two portraits as well.

Just as Li Shun was feeling uneasy and wondering what to say, Luo Han appeared.

"Why are you here, Constable Jin?" Luo Han asked as he walked in.

Constable Jin looked at Luo Han in surprise.

"Mr. Luo, why are you here?"

"What do you think?" Luo Han smiled and walked over. Then, he placed his hand on Constable Jin's shoulder.

"Come, it's been hard on you guys. I'll treat you guys to a bowl of noodles today!"

With that, Luo Han looked at Li Xiaoqing.

"Xiao Qing, hurry up and cook the noodles!"

Li Xiaoqing nodded and replied with a smile, "Alright, please take a seat. The knife-cut noodles will be ready soon!"

Zhao Xiu also came back to her senses and suppressed the uneasiness in her heart. Then, she followed her daughter to cook knife-cut noodles.

When Luo Han saw the stunned Li Shun, he walked over and said, "Uncle Li, I'm here, so go ahead!"

Li Shun looked at Luo Han, then at Constable Jin and the others. Finally, he nodded and went to the courtyard at the back.

Changsheng quickly ran to the shop. As he wiped the tables, he scooped a bowl of bone soup for the bailiffs.

On the other side, Luo Han sat down and pulled Constable Jin to a table.

"There are some people you can't hunt down!" Luo Han said as he took a sip of the bone soup in front of him.

Constable Jin's heart skipped a beat when he heard Luo Han's words.

"Mr. Luo, please enlighten me!"

Luo Han saw that Constable Jin seemed very understanding.

"Constable Jin, it's understandable that you don't know about the capital, but you should have heard that the current emperor has a prince who lives among the commoners!"

At this point, Luo Han had no intention of saying anything else.

A smart person would immediately understand.

Constable Jin was a smart person, so he immediately understood what Luo Han meant.



Constable Jin finally understood what Luo Han meant.

“So it’s him! No wonder! I was wondering why this matter was so fishy. So that’s what happened. Don’t worry, Mr. Luo. I brought my buddies over for a bowl of noodles today!”

Luo Han smiled when he saw that Constable Jin understood what he meant.

“Constable Jin, you’re really good at choosing places! The knife-cut noodles in this shop are superb. You definitely came to the right place!”

When Constable Jin heard this, he immediately laughed heartily.

“That’s right. I heard that the knife-cut noodles here are very delicious, so I brought my buddies over to try them! We were lucky to meet you today. You’re really good to us. You even want to treat us to noodles. Thank you so much!” As he said this, Constable Jin raised his voice.

When Constable Jin’s subordinates heard his words, they immediately understood.

“That’s right. We’re lucky today!”

“That’s right. We heard that the noodles here are delicious, so we rushed over to try them!”

The other bailiffs quickly echoed.

Luo Han was immediately satisfied.

“We’re all buddies from White Foothill City, so there’s no need to stand on ceremony!”

As they spoke, the knife-cut noodles were ready.

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao quickly served the knife-cut noodles one by one.

Since the matter had been resolved, everyone ate their sliced noodles happily.

It had to be said that the knife-cut noodles tasted really delicious!

Constable Jin liked noodles and the unique texture of the knife-cut noodles suited his preferences very well!

“This knife-cut noodle shop really lives up to its reputation! Unfortunately, this shop is too far from White Foothill City. Otherwise, I could come here every morning to eat a bowl of noodles!”

“That’s easy. You might be able to eat it often soon!” Luo Han said.

Constable Jin smiled and nodded, then said nothing more.

After eating the noodles, Constable Jin tactfully left with his men.

After Luo Han saw that they had left, he came to pay for the noodles.

However, Li Shun and the others refused to accept this money.

“Young Master Luo, you helped us. How can we let you pay?!” Li Shun said.

When Luo Han heard Li Shun’s words, he knew that they wouldn’t accept the silver, so he simply took it back.

“Young Master Luo, are Luo Cheng and Xiaoran in trouble?” Li Shun hesitated for a moment before asking.

Luo Han didn’t hide anything and nodded.

“Luo Cheng and Xiaoran were accidentally dragged into something and were falsely accused. Don’t worry, it’s not a big deal. I can resolve it, so you guys don’t have to worry. Luo Cheng and Xiaoran might come back soon!”

With Luo Han’s assurance, Li Shun was finally relieved.

“That’s good. That’s good!”

After Luo Han finished dealing with things here, he left quickly.

In the noodle shop, the old lady who had been eating noodles never left. She had a panoramic view of everything here.

Li Xiaoqing noticed that the old lady was still sitting there, so she walked over and asked, “Madam, are you done eating the noodles?”

The old lady nodded and sized up Li Xiaoqing.

“I’m done eating the noodles, but there are some things I haven’t thought about, so I’m sitting here and thinking about it carefully. Am I disturbing you guys?”

Li Xiaoqing smiled when she heard the old lady’s words.

“You won’t disturb us. You can sit here as long as you want! I’ll get you another bowl of water. You can sit here and think about things!”

With that, Li Xiaoran went to pour a bowl of water.

The old lady nodded and thanked her. Then, she continued to sit there with her eyes closed.

Although the others felt that the old lady was strange, they only took a glance and didn’t say anything else.

This lasted until an old man walked in.

“Please give me a bowl of noodles!” a hoarse voice shouted.

“Okay!” Li Xiaoqing replied and looked over.

Li Xiaoqing was shocked.

This old man was too scary-looking. His face was covered in pitted scars of all sizes..

What was even stranger was that the old man seemed to sense Li Xiaoqing looking at him and smiled at her.

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It would have been fine if it were a normal person, but the old man's smile made people shudder.

"Little girl, why are you looking at me? Do you think my face is very scary?" the old man asked.

Li Xiaoqing shivered, then shook her head and quickly went to cook the noodles.

Seeing this, the old man found a random table and sat down.

Because of the old man, a few customers who came later were all frightened and quickly ran next door to eat.

Li Xiaoqing wasn't angry. She continued to cook the noodles.

The old man didn't seem to know how much his face had affected the noodle shop. He continued to sit there leisurely and wait for the noodles.

The other customers in the shop were no longer in the mood to eat their noodles. After they finished the sliced noodles quickly, they paid and left.

In the end, there were only four people left in the shop.

Li Xiaoqing cooked noodles, while Yuan Cheng sold buns, and there was a dazed old lady and an old man who scared away the customers.

Soon, the sliced noodles were cooked and served.

As soon as Li Xiaoqing put down the noodles, the old man picked up his chopsticks and ate.

The old man ate very slowly, but Li Xiaoqing wasn't in a hurry. She stood in front of the stove and waited.

Before long, a caravan passed by and two men alighted from a gorgeous carriage.

One man was filled with arrogance, while the other man looked like a guard and had been following this man.

The man walked straight into the knife-cut noodles shop. As soon as he entered, he was shocked to see the old man with pitted scars all over his face.

"Damn, you old fart, don't come out to meet people if you're so ugly! You actually came here to eat noodles? Do you know that you scared the hell out of me? You can't even afford to compensate me!"

Before he could finish speaking, Li Xiaoqing had a bad feeling.

The old man ignored this person and continued to eat.

Seeing this, Yuan Cheng quickly came forward to persuade him.

“Sir, please sit inside! As the saying goes, harmony is conducive to business. Didn’t you come in to eat a bowl of delicious noodles? There’s no need to anger yourself!”

However, this man didn’t appreciate it at all. He actually reached out and pushed Yuan Cheng! Yuan Cheng didn’t expect this person to push him, so he lost his balance and fell to the ground. After his head hit the wall, blood flowed.

“Father, Mother, find Brother Ziyang quickly. Brother Yuan Cheng’s head is bleeding!” Li Xiaoqing quickly shouted.

At this moment, the old man put down his chopsticks and arrived beside Yuan Cheng.

With one hand, the old man lifted Yuan Cheng up. Then, he took out a silver needle from somewhere and inserted a few needles into the place where Yuan

Cheng was bleeding.

Soon, the bleeding stopped.

The old man pulled Yuan Cheng to sit down. Then, he took out something that looked like a paste and applied it to Yuan Cheng’s wound.

When Li Shun and Zhao Xiu ran over, Yuan Cheng’s wound had already been treated.

Li Xiaoqing also looked at Yuan Cheng anxiously and asked, “Yuan Cheng, how do you feel now?”

“I’m fine. Don’t worry! The old man treated me. I feel fine!” Yuan Cheng replied.

Other than the slight pain from the wound, everything else was fine.

“Yuan Cheng, let Ziyang come over and take a look at you! It’s better to be safe than sorry!” Li Shun said anxiously.

The wound was on his head, so he had to be careful about it.

“Hmph, his life isn’t worth that much. What’s there to worry about?!” The man who caused trouble at the beginning snorted and said disdainfully. At this moment, a chopstick flew into the man’s mouth and stabbed into his throat.

The sound of a man coughing came from the shop.

When the man’s guard saw that his master was hurt, he immediately slapped the old man.

When Li Xiaoqing saw this, she immediately rushed out angrily and grabbed the man’s wrist.

“Don’t you dare!”

In the blink of an eye, after Li Xiaoqing grabbed the guard’s hand, she swung it hard. Then, the guard flew out of the shop in disbelief and landed by the pipe.

When the people setting up the stall here saw a figure descend from the sky, they immediately understood.

“Let’s go and take a look. Someone went to Li Xiaoran’s shop to cause trouble again!”  
Many people ran towards Li Xiaoran’s shops.

After the old man ate the last mouthful of sliced noodles, he walked towards Li Xiaoqing.

“Little girl, you’re quite skilled in martial arts! You’re also quite strong. Have you acknowledged anyone as your mentor?”

After Li Xiaoran turned around and saw the old man, she said awkwardly, “I didn’t acknowledge anyone as my mentor, but my brother-in-law said that he would find me a very capable mentor to teach me!”

“Your brother-in-law will find one for you? Why don’t you learn martial arts from me?!” The old man said when he heard Li Xiaoqing’s words.

Li Xiaoqing frowned. For some reason, she didn’t like the old man in front of her.

“I’m sorry, but people have to keep their promises. My brother-in-law has already helped me find someone. I have to wait until my brother-in-law finds me a mentor.”

“Why? Is the mentor your brother-in-law found for you very powerful? Is he as powerful as me?” With that, the old man reached out and slapped the table at the side.

With this slap, the wooden table instantly shattered, then the bowls and chopsticks on the table turned to dust.

This sudden scene shocked everyone.

The man, who had been showing off just now, was so frightened that his legs trembled. Then, he ran out.

Without thinking, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu came to Li Xiaoqing’s side and protected their daughter.

Although Li Shun was very afraid, his protectiveness of his daughter made him restrain his fear and ask loudly, “What do you want to do?”

“It’s nothing. I just want to take in a disciple!” The old man said aloofly.

However, everyone could hear the threat in his words.

“I’m sorry, but I’m afraid you’ll have to be disappointed!”

At this moment, Luo Ziyang walked in from the backyard and said to the old man in front of him.

After Luo Ziyang came in, the old man’s gaze landed on him.

“Kid, do you know who I am?”

Chapter 408: Terrifying Mentor

“Who doesn’t know the famous Hercules, Peng Sansi? However, your habit of snatching disciples hasn’t changed! You already have so many female disciples by your side, so I don’t think my sister will make any difference!” Luo Ziyang walked over and stood in front of Li Shun before looking at Peng Sansi.

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Peng Sansi was a little surprised that Luo Ziyang exposed his identity.

After he used his current appearance to travel the martial world, very few people could recognize him.

How did this young man in front of him recognize him?

“There’s no need to be shocked. It’s very easy for me to recognize you! I advise you to pay for the noodles and leave this place quickly! It’s impossible for my sister to be your disciple!”

When Peng Sansi heard Luo Ziyang’s words, he didn’t show it on his face, but he was conflicted.

To be honest, it was rare for him to see a little girl who was as naturally strong as him.

Although he had taken in many female disciples, the more the better.

The young man in front of him looked very young. Even if he was a martial artist, how powerful could he be?

Thinking of this, Peng Sansi sneered.

“Since you know that I’m Peng Sansi, you should know that no one can stop me!”

“Is that so?” Luo Ziyang sneered and asked sarcastically.

For a moment, the atmosphere in the shop became tense.

“Hmph, kid, I’ll teach you a lesson today and let you know how to respect your elders!” Peng Sansi said as he slapped Luo Ziyang.

Luo Ziyang calmly received Peng Sansi’s palm.

However, Luo Ziyang stood on the spot and waited for Peng Sansi’s attack without changing his expression.

Peng Sansi was shocked when he saw this scene.

He had used 80% of his internal strength in this palm strike. The other party was just a brat, so how could he withstand his attack?

Because he was too shocked, Peng Sansi was a little distracted.

Luo Ziyang took the opportunity to send the internal energy he had just received back to Peng Sansi.

After Peng Sansi's internal energy surged over, it broke through his meridians. Blood surged up and spurted out of the corner of his mouth. "You!" Peng Sansi pointed at Luo Ziyang as he took a few steps back.

"Tell me your name, kid!"

Luo Ziyang looked at him and shook his head.

"I'm just a nameless person in the martial world. I'm not worthy of Senior Peng's attention! Senior Peng, please leave quickly!"

Peng Sansi knew that in this situation, if he stayed here any longer, he might die here today.

"Hmph, just you wait. No one can snatch my disciple away!"

"Is that so?" At this moment, the old lady, who had her eyes closed, said directly.

When Luo Ziyang heard this voice, he was pleasantly surprised.

Before he could say anything, the old lady slapped Peng Sansi.

Peng Sansi felt a sense of danger, so he quickly used his internal energy to defend himself.

As soon as it was dispelled, the other party's continuous internal energy surged over, causing Peng Sansi's expression to change drastically.

Peng Sansi felt annoyed!

He had just been injured, but an even more powerful person appeared.

He might not have been able to withstand this attack at his peak, let alone now that he was injured.

Thinking of this, Peng Sansi quickly retreated. As he retreated, he dissipated some of his internal energy.

Even so, he, who had taken a few steps back, couldn't help but spit out another mouthful of blood.

Seeing this, the old lady waved her palm again. Peng Sansi could no longer withstand it and was sent flying.

Unlike the guard from before, Peng Sansi landed on the dam outside the shop.

"Get lost! If you dare to try to snatch her again, I'll break your legs. Back then, your mentor named you Sansi, so that you'll think twice before acting. But what have you done all these years? Haven't you learned your lesson? If you think this lesson isn't enough, I don't mind educating you on behalf of your mentor!" The old lady's voice came from the shop.

After Peng Sansi landed on the ground, he spat out another mouthful of blood. When he heard the old woman's voice, he was so angry that he spat out another mouthful of blood.

"Who are you?"

"Who am I? Don't you recognize me, your mentor's sister?" The old lady asked.

As soon as he heard the words “mentor’s sister”, Peng Sansi’s mind went blank. Then, he got up from the ground and ran.

He was most afraid of two people in his life.

One was his mentor, and the other was his mentor’s sister, who was eight years younger than him.

Although Peng Sansi and his mentor’s sister had only met a few times, he would be taught a lesson every time he met her.

Her methods were different from others’. Every time, she would hit his sore spot and make him suffer.

Therefore, Peng Sansi had always been traumatized by his mentor’s sister.

After they left, Li Shun heaved a sigh of relief.

After Li Shun wiped the cold sweat off his forehead with his sleeve, he calmed down.

So many things had happened in one day. Who could stand it?!

Luo Ziyang walked towards the old lady in surprise.

“Granny Qiu, why are you only here now?! I sent you a letter a long time ago. Did you get caught up in something?”

Granny Qiu smiled at Luo Ziyang.

“It’s rare for me to come out, so I went sightseeing and tried delicious food all the way. That’s why I only arrived now!”

With that, Granny Qiu looked at Li Xiaoqing and asked, “This little girl is the one your brother asked me to teach, right?”

Luo Ziyang nodded and waved at Li Xiaoqing. “Sister Xiao Qing, come and greet Granny Qiu!” Li Xiaoqing walked over and bowed to Granny Qiu.

“Greetings, Granny Qiu!”

Granny Qiu sized up Li Xiaoqing carefully, her eyes filled with kindness.

“You’re a kind-hearted girl. Not only did you not chase me away today, but you also didn’t chase away Peng Sansi, who scared your customers away. You passed my test. I’m willing to take you in as my disciple!”

As soon as she said this, Li Xiaoqing was stunned.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu also reacted at this moment and smiled happily.

“Sister Xiao Qing, hurry up and greet your mentor!”

“Mentor!” Li Xiaoqing finally reacted and quickly called out.

“I, Qiu Yun, have been alone for my entire life, but I still managed to get a satisfactory disciple at the end of my life. I’m truly blessed!” Granny Qiu smiled as she marveled..



## Chapter 409: Which Way?

Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, and Wu Qinghe were walking deep in the mountains.

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To be honest, this was the first time Li Xiaoran had set foot in such a deserted place.

Everything here was different from what she had imagined.

But everything here was also magnificent and beautiful.

She saw the beauty of the sunrise, the magnificence of the waterfall, and the thrill of climbing the steep rock wall.

If Luo Cheng hadn't brought a thick rope with him and climbed up the cliff first, Li Xiaoran wouldn't have had the courage to climb such a steep cliff.

After climbing up, Li Xiaoran felt weak all over.

Lying on the ground, Li Xiaoran panted heavily as she enjoyed the comfort of the mountain wind.

"I finally understand why so many people like to climb mountains. This sense of accomplishment is really satisfying!"

Luo Cheng sat on the steep cliff as he gazed at the beautiful scenery of the mountains at the foot of the mountain. At this moment, he felt much more relaxed.

"Whenever I'm troubled, I like to sit on a high mountain and gaze at the mountains. Compared to this beautiful river, my worries seem so insignificant!" Luo Cheng said with a relaxed expression.

At the side, Wu Qinghe was silent. As he only gazed at the beautiful scenery in front of him, he felt a sense of yearning.

"What's wrong?" Luo Cheng glanced at Wu Qinghe and asked.

"I'm thinking about my mentor! I learned from my mentor in a deep mountain like this. Although it was not as steep as the cliffs here, it was still a very tall mountain. Those few years on the mountain were the happiest years of my life. Even though I was unlucky from time to time, I was very happy. Actually, the most terrifying thing in this world is the human heart!" Wu Qinghe suddenly lamented.

"After I left the mountain, I encountered one unlucky incident after another and saw human evilness again and again! Now that I think about it, the best place is the mountain because no matter how dangerous the mountain is, it's beautiful compared to our current situation!"

Luo Cheng agreed with Wu Qinghe.

“Humans are greedy, while human hearts are fickle. It’s fine as long as you get used to it. Protect yourself and your family. We’ll deal with whatever comes our way! This world isn’t entirely evil. There are some kind people!” Luo Cheng patted Wu Qinghe’s shoulder as he comforted him.

Wu Qinghe nodded in enlightenment.

He couldn’t dwell on the past. He should focus on the future.

“Hey, look, there’s someone down there! Could it be that those people who are chasing us haven’t given up yet?” Li Xiaoran suddenly sensed several emotions. When she looked in the direction where those emotions were released, she saw some figures.

When Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe also looked at where Li Xiaoran was pointing, they also saw some figures.

“Hahahaha, they probably didn’t expect us to climb this cliff and leave! Even if they knew, they wouldn’t be able to catch up!” Wu Qinghe said with a smile.

“Let’s go! They won’t be able to discover us now, but they might discover us later, so we should leave quickly!” Luo Cheng, who was more cautious, said.

Li Xiaoran and Wu Qinghe nodded. Then, the three of them carefully distanced themselves from the cliff and walked deep into the mountains.

“We should be able to go home in two days! I know a shortcut, but the pathway isn’t smooth! If we take a detour, it’ll take two more days. What do the two of you think?”

Luo Cheng climbed to the top of a big tree and observed the surrounding terrain before quickly climbing down and asking.

“How difficult is it?” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked, “Will I drag you guys down?”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and replied, “The shortcut I’m talking about is a little risky. We’ll cut some bamboo or wood to make a raft and flow down the river. I know the general direction of this river, but I’m not sure what terrain will flow on the river road. Perhaps we’ll reach a high waterfall and fall down!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she realized that this path was indeed risky!

Without her, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe would probably survive by relying on their martial arts skills.

But with her around, she would instantly become a burden.

“Let me divine it!” Wu Qinghe saw Li Xiaoran’s troubled expression and said, “I’ll see if it’s more dangerous for us to travel by water or the road!”

Luo Cheng nodded.

Wu Qinghe quickly took out his copper coins and began to divine.

“Let’s go by water! This divination means that we’ll have a safe trip. Even if there’s danger, we’ll encounter a benefactor!”

With Wu Qinghe’s assurance, Li Xiaoran was relieved.

After all, from the beginning until now, Wu Qinghe was really good at divination.

“In that case, follow me. I see a bamboo forest in the southwest, so let’s go over and cut some bamboo. Then, we’ll get some vines to wrap around it. We’ll be able to make the bamboo raft!” Luo Cheng made a prompt decision and immediately led the two of them in a certain direction.

After half an hour, the three of them really found a bamboo forest.

There were also some vines wrapped around the bushes beside the bamboo forest.

Therefore, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe cut bamboo in the bamboo forest while Li Xiaoran collected some vines outside.

The three of them worked together and spent an hour and a half preparing the materials for making the bamboo raft.

At this time, the three of them were hungry and no longer had the strength to build a bamboo raft.

“Shall we get some food to fill our stomachs first? We should hunt around and prepare some dried meat and boiled fresh water. After all, we’ll be drifting on the river for two days, so we need to prepare some food!” Li Xiaoran reminded.

Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe also felt that it was a good idea, so the three of them ate some dry food to fill their stomachs.

After that, Li Xiaoran picked up firewood and started a fire while Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe went hunting.

Luo Cheng walked into the forest while Wu Qinghe walked towards the river.

After Li Xiaoran built the fire and boiled the steamed buns she had brought previously, Wu Qinghe returned with a few fish and some wild celery.

“Look, I found this wild celery by the river. I’ve washed it already, so I can put it in the pot to cook it directly!” With that, Wu Qinghe hung the fish on a branch and planned to put the wild celery in the pot.

“Wait!” Seeing this, Li Xiaoran quickly stopped Wu Qinghe. “Don’t. Let’s wait for my husband to come back and see what he caught.. We might be able to make stir-fried celery later!”

“We don’t have any oil here, so how can we stir-fry celery?” Wu Qinghe asked in confusion.

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Li Xiaoran smiled and spoke in riddles.

“When my husband comes back, there’ll be oil!”

When Wu Qinghe heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he thought of something and didn’t say anything else.

The fish had already been cut open and washed. After Li Xiaoran washed her hands with water, she took out the salt she carried and smeared it on the fish.

“Oh right, I also found some wild onions and ginger by the river. I’ll dig some and use them to marinate the fish!” Wu Qinghe thought of something and stood up to walk towards the river.

Soon, the tender ginger and wild onions were brought back. Then, Li Xiaoran took some and stuffed them into the fish’s stomach.

“Wu Qinghe, go pick some big leaves from over there. Then, go to the river to wash them and bring them over quickly. It’s better to marinate these fish on the tree!”

Wu Qinghe nodded and immediately did as Li Xiaoran instructed.

While Li Xiaoran was taking down the fish, Wu Qinghe went around to pick up some firewood.

“Why is your constitution so special? I really don’t understand!” Wu Qinghe thought of something and suddenly asked.

Li Xiaoran knew what Wu Qinghe was talking about. After all, she and the Host were two different people, so their fates were naturally different.

That was why Wu Qinghe saw such contradictory fates in her.

However, she couldn’t tell Wu Qinghe this, so Li Xiaoran could only explain it this way.

“People often say that one can change one’s own fate, so you should know about this too! It’s not easy to change one’s fate artificially and it often takes a lot of effort to do so. However, there’s a kind of change in fate that people can do themselves. When a person’s mindset changes, their thoughts will change, and their fate will naturally change. For example, when you, the previous you, and you currently face the same thing, your thoughts and opinions will be different! Therefore, this will directly cause your fate to change!”

When Wu Qinghe heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he immediately relaxed.

All these years, he had been cultivating on the mountain but his cultivation realm hadn’t improved.

His mentor had said that he had reached a bottleneck and that he had to go to the mortal world to train before he could break through.

At that time, he didn't understand why his mentor would say that.

Now that he thought about it seriously, he realized that all opportunities were in the mortal world.

“A change in mindset changes one's fate! No wonder!”

“In fact, it's very difficult to change one's fate because it's very difficult to change one's thoughts and opinions. For example, isn't it difficult for others to change what you think? But one day, when you accidentally encountered something or saw something, you were immediately enlightened, and your thoughts changed. Thus, your fate began to change!” Li Xiaoran said.

Wu Qinghe was enlightened and his thoughts began to change.

Seeing that Wu Qinghe seemed to have realized something, Li Xiaoran didn't disturb him anymore.

When Luo Cheng returned, they saw him carrying a big wild boar. When Li Xiaoran saw the big wild boar, her eyes widened.

“Husband, you actually hunted such a big wild boar!”

“That's right! I was just about to go hunting when this wild boar targeted me! I had no choice. I can't let go of the wild animals that send themselves to me. If I let them go, I'll be letting down the opportunity!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

On the other side, Wu Qinghe also snapped back to reality.

Seeing the wild boar that Luo Cheng had carried back, Wu Qinghe quickly ran over to help.

Not only did Luo Cheng bring back the wild boar, but he also brought back several banana leaves.

After Li Xiaoran took the banana leaf, he went to the river to wash it.

On the other side, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe hung the wild boar on a tree with a rope.

The ground wasn't clean, so they couldn't put the wild boar on the ground.

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he made arrangements. “Wu Qinghe, come over and dig a pit with me. We'll pick up some firewood later and put it in this pit to burn. After this pit is burned, we'll get water over. Then, we'll put the wild boar in the hot water of this pit and boil it to remove its fur!” After Wu Qinghe nodded, the two of them got busy together.

After Li Xiaoran washed the banana leaves, she hung them on the tree to dry.

This was because these banana leaves could be used to place wild boar meat later.

Soon, the pit was dug. After Luo Cheng asked Wu Qinghe to burn the fire, they went to the river and pulled out a small ditch with a stick to guide the water flow.

However, when the ditch was about to reach the fire pit, Luo Cheng stopped digging.

After the fire pit burned, the water would be introduced into the water pit. Now wasn't the time yet.

Li Xiaoran wasn't idle at this moment. After she got some celery leaves, she placed them in the cooked noodle soup.

As for the marinated fish, Li Xiaoran skewered them with branches and placed them by the fire pit to roast.

After they finished drinking the soup, the fish were also roasted.

After scattering some chili powder and cumin powder, the three of them ate heartily.

After eating and drinking her fill, Li Xiaoran felt a little tired and leaned against a big tree to sleep.

Seeing that the temperature of the fire pit was about right, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe moved the firewood and guided the water in.

Then, the wild boar was also placed in boiling water by the two of them.

After scalding the wild boar's body, Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe used daggers to remove the wild boar's fur and hung it on the tree.

As a hunter, Luo Cheng naturally knew how to cut prey.

After the wild boar's stomach was cut open, all kinds of internal organs were taken out and placed on the banana leaf.

After that, the pig's skull, pig's leg, and pig's tail were cut.

Finally, the pieces of pork were divided and placed on the banana leaves.

Looking at the densely packed pork pieces on the ground, Wu Qinghe felt an indescribable sense of satisfaction.

"Brother Luo Cheng, with you around, we can live in the deep mountains for the rest of our lives!"

Luo Cheng glanced at Wu Qinghe with a smile.

"You like this kind of life?"

"Yes, it's simple, relaxing, and comfortable!" Wu Qinghe nodded and said.

Luo Cheng laughed.

"Then you should like to live in Hele Village in the future. When I lived in Hele Village, I went hunting deep in the mountains often.. At that time, I felt the same as you!"