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Chapter 41 The Person He Was Protecting

When Zhao Xiu heard this, she suddenly looked up at Luo Cheng.

The deed? He had already bought the land?

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At this moment, no matter what the people around her felt, Li Xiaoran suddenly felt satisfied.

The man always thought for her sake. He did everything she didn't expect without saying a word.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran suddenly remembered that when she was still worried about buying land yesterday, Luo Cheng even comforted her and said that there was no hurry.

It turned out that this piece of land had long been bought by Luo Cheng.

Understanding this, Li Xiaoran smiled.

To be honest, it was really worth it to marry Luo Cheng.

She wasn't the person he loved, but she could still receive his protection. She was lucky!

It was also at this moment that Li Xiaoran felt that she had to treat Luo Cheng better to repay him.

Upon hearing Luo Cheng say that this piece of land was his, the people who had been clamoring just now finally shut up.

The people near Li Xiaoran's noodle stall quickly moved their stalls away from this place.

Seeing that no one else had appeared on this piece of ground, Luo Cheng gave them a warning look and returned to the front of the noodle stall.

"Alright, the matter has been settled! You can set up your stall and sell your noodles in peace!" Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded. Then, she remembered something and started to burn wood into the stove.

Soon, the fire was lit. Li Xiaoran took out three eggs and placed them in the pot to cook.

Li Xiaoqing had come back to her senses at some point. Seeing that Luo Cheng had gone to sit at the side to rest, she whispered, "Sister, Brother-in-law is really amazing! Did he buy this piece of land long ago?"

"I think so! Your brother-in-law is very thoughtful. He can think of many things that I didn't expect. Speaking of which, I'm really lucky that I was able to marry him!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

Li Xiaoqing thought about it carefully and nodded in agreement. "That's right. In the beginning, I even believed the slander of those people in the village and thought that Brother-in-law was really a terrifying person. Now that I've interacted with him for a while, I realize that he is actually very nice!"

"Totally! Since your brother-in-law is nice, we have to treat him better. No matter what happens in the future, we can't do anything to let your brother-in-law down!" Li Xiaoran nodded and said.

"Don't worry! Sister! I'm not the kind of person who doesn't know what's good for us! Without Brother-in-law, our parents and I would still be suffering in the Li family. How could we have such a good life now?! Don't worry, if anyone dares to slander Brother-in-law in the future, I'll definitely retaliate!" Li Xiaoqing nodded and said.

"It's good that you have this intention! Xiao Qing, you have to remember to be sincere! If others treat us well, we have to treat them twice as well!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

"Yes!" Li Xiaoran nodded. He suddenly saw something and pointed at the two people who were walking in. "Sister, look, Yuan Cheng and the others are only coming over now. I wonder if these two people went somewhere to slack off!"

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao ran over while panting.

She couldn't blame them for being late. They were up early today.

It took them a lot of time to pack up. In addition, the two of them didn't have very good stamina and had to stop from time to time.

Seeing that several stalls had appeared beside the pipeline, Yuan Cheng was dumbfounded.

Where were they supposed to put them now?

Luo Cheng heard the commotion and saw the Yuan family brothers. He wanted Li Xiaoran to teach them how to make steamed buns, so he said, "Put it here!"

When Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao heard Luo Cheng, they immediately thanked him gratefully and placed the items not far away.

The two of them were quite considerate. They set it up at a distance from the noodle stall and not too close.

Luo Cheng looked at the two of them in satisfaction and said meaningfully, "You two are quite sensible, unlike some people! In the future, the two of you can set up a stall here! I bought this piece of land, so I'll allow you to set up a stall here!"

With that, Luo Cheng sneered and glanced at the people around him.

Who were Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao? They used to be loafers.

At this moment, when they saw the people setting up stalls far away from this place and looking afraid, they understood that these people had probably been dealt with by Luo Cheng, like they had been yesterday.

"Thank you, Brother Luo, for taking us in! If you need any help in the future, just let us know!" Yuan Cheng said with a smile.

Hearing Yuan Cheng's words, Luo Cheng glanced at him.

As expected of someone who also had the word Cheng in his name.

Since he was so tactful, Luo Cheng decided to take care of him in the future.

"Sure! I won't leave you out when I can use your help!" Luo Cheng replied.

When Yuan Cheng heard this, he was overjoyed and felt much more relaxed.

Things couldn't go wrong if he followed such a capable person.

Mao Dao also admired the strong. When he heard Luo Cheng's words, he quickly expressed his determination.

"Brother Luo, don't forget me! Don't worry, I'll do whatever you say!"

Luo Cheng glanced at Mao Dao, thought for a moment, and said, "Learn more skills first! I don't keep useless people!"

"Yes, yes, yes, Brother Luo, you're right! I'll go home and learn from today onwards!" Mao Dao nodded and said.

When Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng had accepted two lackeys with just a few words, she smiled.

Some people had such charm. They could subdue others just by relying on their personal charm.

Li Xiaoran was still very supportive of Luo Cheng's decision.

Although Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao used to be idle people, neither of them were evil by nature. As long as they were guided well, they could change their ways.

If Luo Cheng could restrain these two people and make them improve themselves, it would be a great thing.

Seeing that Luo Cheng had subdued two people in the blink of an eye, the others had their own thoughts.

There was a couple who had been obediently selling eggs at the side didn't participate in the dispute from the beginning.

At this moment, they just squatted silently and looked up the pipe.

They were already running out of food at home. They were just hoping for this basket of wild eggs to sell at a good price so they could buy more food to their family.

Luo Cheng had long noticed this couple, but he didn't go forward rashly. Instead, he had been secretly paying attention.

After Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao set up the stall, they invited Li Xiaoran over.

As there were no customers at this time, Li Xiaoran took out some sorghum noodles and some flour and asked Mao Dao to cut some washed wild onions.

“Look, kneading dough is actually very difficult to learn!” Li Xiaoran said.

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“If you want to make delicious sorghum buns, you have to pay attention to some things.” Li Xiaoran lowered her voice after that.

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In such a situation, the people who were craning their necks to learn were extremely mad.

Luo Cheng took in all the expressions of those people and immediately sneered.

The person that Luo Cheng had his eyes on was no fool. How could she let others learn this skill?

Li Xiaoqing was also learning how to make sorghum buns along with Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao.

In Li Xiaoqing's own words, she was a girl. If she learned a few more skills, in the future, she would be able to survive no matter where she went.

Li Xiaoran was naturally willing to teach her. As long as her sister was willing to learn, she would definitely teach her without reservation.

After kneading twice, Li Xiaoran explained some points that needed attention in detail. Then, she let Yuan Cheng, Mao Dao, and Li Xiaoqing do it.

It had to be said that girls had naturally talent in terms of cooking.

Among the three of them, Li Xiaoqing was the fastest to learn. She mastered it almost immediately.

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao were a little lacking, but Yuan Cheng was also very good. He mastered it after learning it twice.

As for Mao Dao, he had some past experience, so he was on par with Yuan Cheng.

Soon, the sorghum noodles and flour they brought were kneaded into balls. After Li Xiaoran taught them how to make steamed buns, she let Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao boil the fire and steam the steamed buns themselves.

At this moment, a convoy of people appeared in the distance. When the group of people setting up the stall saw so many people appear, they immediately perked up.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran quickly returned to her noodle stall and waited for the customers to arrive.

Because the convoy was crowded, they walked slowly.

They saw the convoy from afar, but it took the convoy a long time to reach the stall.

“Eh, when did these stalls appear here? I think they’re all selling food. Should we buy some food?” Wan Yuan, who was walking at the front, looked at the food nearby and suggested to Gu Yan.

Gu Yan couldn’t be bothered to look at Wan Yuan and reminded him directly.

“Don’t forget our mission this time. We must send the Lu family safely to the capital. Besides, these are just small stalls. There’s no need to cause trouble.”

Hearing Gu Yancai’s words, Wan Yuan could only look at the surrounding food stalls regretfully. He swallowed hard and endured his hunger.

However, while he could tolerate it, the children of the Lu family couldn’t.

The smell of food on the road made the children in the carriage restless.

“Mother, Mother, I want noodles! I want noodles!” A young child said.

A beautiful woman was overjoyed when she heard her daughter ask for noodles.

“Husband, Jiaojiao wants to eat noodles. Let’s stop and eat a bowl of noodles before leaving!”

When Lu Hua heard his wife’s words, he looked at his daughter, who had no appetite along the way. In the end, he couldn’t bear to let his child suffer, so he called for the carriage to stop.

When Wan Yuan, who was walking in front, saw that a carriage had stopped in the middle, he quickly turned around to take a look.

“Third Master Lu, why did you ask someone to stop the carriage? There’s still some distance until we reach White Foothill City. Let’s hurry!”

“Brother Wan, my youngest daughter suddenly wants to eat a bowl of noodles! As you know, my youngest daughter hasn’t eaten much along the way. She’s hungry. It’s rare for her to encounter something she wants to eat. I want her to eat some food!” Lu Hua told him the truth.

To be honest, Wan Yuan was also a little hungry. When he heard Lu Hua’s words, he thought for a moment and said, “It just so happens that we’re a little tired from walking. We should buy something to fill our stomachs!”

As he spoke, Wan Yuan shouted to his buddies around him.

“Walk a little further to the side and don’t block the way. If you want to buy something to eat, take turns to buy it! Be safe!”

When the group heard Wan Yuan’s words, they immediately agreed happily and split into several groups to buy things.

The people setting up the stall smiled when they saw the customers.

Just like that, the originally deserted road instantly became lively.

Lu Hua alighted from the carriage with his wife and daughter. He went to ask Mrs. Lu, then brought them to the stall.

Jiaojiao got out of the carriage and pulled Lu Hua towards Li Xiaoran and her sister’s knife-cut noodles stall. This made Zhao Chunhua jealous.

“Father, Mother, I want to eat her noodles!” Jiaojiao whispered.

Seeing this, Lu Hua smiled and nodded. “Okay, then sit at that table with your mother. I’ll buy you noodles!”

Jiaojiao nodded, then followed her mother, Uli, to the table and chairs woven from bamboo.

“This chair is comfortable to sit in, and this table is comfortable to use!” Jiaojiao said softly, looking at the table and chairs in front of her.

When Uli saw that her daughter was in better spirits, she said happily, "Since you like it, let's sit a little longer!"

"Yeah." Jiaojiao nodded, then looked around again.

It was as if the countryside in front of her was the most beautiful scenery in the world. Jiaojiao couldn't get enough of it.

Li Xiaoqing also scooped three bowls of bone soup and placed them on the table.

"Little girl, this is bone soup. Your body will warm up a lot after drinking it! Try it!" Li Xiaoqing said with a smile.

"Thank you. I'll drink it now!" Jiaojiao replied with a smile. Then she took a spoon and sipped it.

Uli had been worried and wondered if her daughter could eat these things.

One had to know that at home, her daughter ate delicacies, but they still made her feel uncomfortable.

This bone soup was obviously greasy. She wondered if Jiaojiao could take it.

After drinking several spoonfuls of bone soup, Jiaojiao didn't react at all. This surprised Uli.

Lu Hua asked Li Xiaoran what kind of noodles she was selling and finally ordered three bowls of plain noodles.

Li Xiaoran looked at Jiaojiao, who was drinking soup happily, and thought for a moment before calling out to Lu Hua.

"Sir, actually, I suggest that the three of you order three bowls of minced meat with sliced noodles!"

When Lu Hua heard Li Xiaoran's words, his expression darkened and he was immediately displeased.

In Lu Hua's opinion, Li Xiaoran was forcefully selling things, which he didn't like.

Seeing the change in Lu Hua's expression, Li Xiaoran immediately explained.

“Sir, don’t misunderstand. There’s a reason I’m suggesting this. Look, your child hasn’t eaten anything nutritious recently, right? She’s already seriously lacking in nutrition. Meat, vegetables, and noodles have to be matched together. Only then can it be a nutritious meal that’s more conducive to the child’s health. The child’s health isn’t good to begin with, and there’s no nutritional value in the food she eats. Even if her body wants to improve, it’s difficult to do so!”

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“As for your wife, she should nourish her body. After all, she already has a new life in her stomach! As the pillar of the family, you’re especially important at this time. Therefore, eating a bowl of minced meat noodles to replenish your strength can also help you take good care of your wife and daughter!” Li Xiaoran explained her reason.

“What?” Lu Hua was a little shocked and looked at Li Xiaoran.

His wife had hurt her body when she gave birth to Jiaojiao. The doctor said that it wouldn’t be easy for her to get pregnant in the future.

At this moment, a country girl said that his wife was pregnant. How could Lu Hua not be shocked?

“If you don’t believe me, you can go to White Foothill City to ask a doctor to take your wife’s pulse after eating the noodles. You’ll know!” Li Xiaoran reminded again.

To be honest, if it were any other time, Li Xiaoran wouldn’t have said that.

However, she could sense the emotions of the child in the woman’s stomach and saw that the woman wasn’t in a good mental state, so she took the liberty to remind her.

After all, this child was also a life. She had to be careful!

Uli also heard Li Xiaoran’s words and looked over in surprise, but her hand subconsciously touched her abdomen.

Old Madam Lu’s carriage happened to be opposite the noodle stall, so she naturally heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Mrs. Xu, help me down! Let’s go take a look and see if she is really pregnant!”

Mrs. Xu nodded, then carefully helped Old Madam Lu out of the carriage and walked towards the noodle stall.

When Lu Hua saw his mother get out of the car, he hurried over to her.

“Son! Listen to that girl, but order five bowls of minced meat and sliced noodles!”

When Lu Hua heard his mother speak, he nodded.

“Alright, cook us five bowls of minced meat and sliced noodles!”

Seeing that the other party had agreed, Li Xiaoran nodded and began to peel the noodles.

After Mrs. Xu helped Old Madam Lu sit down, she came to Uli’s side.

“Let me take your pulse!”

Uli knew that Mrs. Xu knew medicine, so she nodded and held out her hand.

Jiaojiao seemed to understand something. She looked curiously at her mother and then at Mrs. Xu.

After a while, Mrs. Xu asked Uli to take her pulse with another hand.

After checking the pulse of both hands, Mrs. Xu’s face lit up.

“Congratulations, Old Madam. Congratulations, Third Master. Third Young Madam is really lucky. It’s been more than a month since she got pregnant!”

Old Madam Lu knew it the moment she saw Mrs. Xu’s expression. When she heard this good news, a smile immediately appeared on her face.

Lu Hua was also very excited at this moment. After all, he had two daughters and no son. The child had come just in time.

“This child is really lucky to have survived all the twists and turns along the way. Speaking of which, I have to thank the stall owner!” Old Madam Lu said happily.

Uli was also shocked by this good news. When she came back to her senses and heard her mother-in-law’s words, she smiled gratefully.

“That’s right! I think the owner of this noodle stall is a blessed person. Jiaojiao had a stomachache all the way and didn’t have an appetite, but when she arrived here, she wanted to eat noodles. She didn’t even complain about a stomachache after she drank a bowl of bone soup!”

Lu Hua was also very grateful to Li Xiaoran. If not for her reminder, they would have neglected this little life.

Soon, five bowls of sliced noodles were ready.

The five bowls of noodles were all clear broth, with no chili.

Those who traveled for a long time were physically exhausted. It wasn’t a good time to eat chili, so a light diet was best.

Moreover, this group of people were all old and weak, so it was better to eat light food.

After the good news, they were in high spirits.

After five bowls of sliced noodles were served, the five of them ate together.

Even Jiaojiao had eaten most of her bowl of sliced noodles. After she finished eating, she looked more energetic.

The others were also focused on eating their noodles and immersed in enjoying the tasty food.

The sorghum buns at Yuan Cheng’s stall were also steamed. Many people ran over to buy some.

As there were a lot of people in this convoy, they were snatched up as soon as they were done steaming. After that, two more steamers of steamed buns were also sold out.

The other stalls more or less had some business, but the ones with the best business were Li Xiaoran’s noodle stall and Yuan Cheng’s stall.

While Lu Hua’s family was enjoying their meal, Wan Yuan and Gu Yan brought their buddies to the noodle stall.

At the same time, the others from the Lu family also came down and sat to eat noodles.

Later, when there weren't enough seats, Wan Yuan and Gu Yan simply gave up their tables and chairs. They squatted in the field to one side and ate.

After Old Madam Lu finished eating, she looked at the bowl of soup and was immediately surprised.

“I actually finished this bowl of sliced noodles!”

Mrs. Xu saw Old Madam Lu's bowl and laughed.

“Yes! It's rare to see the old lady have such a good appetite!”

Uli also looked at her empty bowl. She actually felt like she wanted more.

Lu Hua didn't feel full yet.

Hence, Lu Hua ordered two more bowls of sliced noodles and even ate Jiaojiao's unfinished noodles.

Li Xiaoran noticed Lu Ran's actions and smirked slightly.

Perhaps all fathers in the world were like this. They didn't despise their children's leftovers.

Luo Cheng also noticed that Li Xiaoran was very concerned about Lu Hua's family. For some reason, his heart ached.

He was just a man, and a man with a family. Why was she staring at him so much?!

Thinking of this, Luo Cheng quickly got up to make his presence known.

“What can I do for you?”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she looked at him and gave him a big smile.

“The fire in the kitchen is low. Help me add some firewood!”

For some reason, when he saw Li Xiaoran smiling so happily at him, his previous jealousy disappeared.

“Okay!” Luo Cheng replied and sat down to add firewood.

After Jiaojiao finished eating, she ran to Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng out of boredom.

Looking at the busy Li Xiaoran, Jiaojiao leaned against Luo Cheng again.

This was the first time Luo Cheng was so close to such a young child. His entire body stiffened and he didn't dare to move.

"Brother, it's so warm here. Can I warm myself by the fire?" Jiaojiao glanced at Luo Cheng and asked obediently.

"Yes," said Luo Cheng, and left it at that.

So Jiaojiao obediently leaned back and stretched out her little hand to warm herself in front of the stove.

Chapter 44 Our Agreement

The little girl snuggled up to Luo Cheng and seemed to trust him very much.

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When Li Xiaoran turned around to catch the vegetable leaves, she saw this cozy scene. She smiled and got busy again.

At this moment, Luo Cheng's entire body was stiff.

Despite his resistance to the approach of others, he didn't push the little girl away. Instead, he silently gave her a sense of security.

Jiaojiao kept staring at Li Xiaoran with envy in her eyes.

Perhaps this envy was too strong for Li Xiaoran to ignore.

Finally, after she brought the last bowl of sliced noodles to the customer's table, Li Xiaoran walked to the stove and squatted down to look at Jiaojiao. "Little girl, why are you staring at me?"

"I like you! You look very healthy. You can do whatever you want. I'm very envious of you!" Jiaojiao stared at Li Xiaoran and said in a childish voice.

Li Xiaoran didn't expect Jiaojiao to say such a thing and was stunned.

Luo Cheng also turned to look at the little girl leaning against him. He didn't expect her to have such thoughts.

Jiaojiao kept looking at Li Xiaoran, her clear eyes filled with Li Xiaoran's shadow.

Reaching out, Li Xiaoran touched Jiaojiao's head and said, "Jiaojiao, you can be like me! Don't be afraid that those things outside will hurt you. Go ahead and do what you like! Even if you dirty your clothes, trying it is a good thing!"

When Jiaojiao heard Li Xiaoran's words, her eyes lit up with a hint of anticipation.

"Will I be as healthy as you if I do as you say?"

Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "It's not just that. In the future, you have to eat rice, vegetables, meat, and eggs. You have to eat all of them so that your nutrition is balanced. Coupled with more exercise and work, you will be as healthy as me!"

"Okay, I'll listen to you!" Jiaojiao nodded obediently.

"In the future, if you want to cry, cry. If you want to laugh, laugh. Only when you're happy will your mood become better! Look at me!" Li Xiaoran said. Then, she laughed out loud.

The sudden laughter startled the others, who turned to look.

Jiaojiao looked at Li Xiaoran and suddenly followed suit.

"Hahahahaha!"

"Yes, that's right! You're still a child. You can laugh freely and cry when you want, and run when you want. That's how you should be!" Li Xiaoran didn't care about the gazes of others at all. Instead, she continued to encourage Jiaojiao after seeing her smile.

Seeing this, Lu Hua frowned and was about to stop her when Old Madam Lu glared at him.

"What do you want to do? Look at Jiaojiao. When have you ever seen her so happy?"

Lu Hua heard his mother's words and remembered something. He looked at his daughter.

Jiaojiao was smiling brightly now.

Compared to her usual listless appearance, his daughter was much more vibrant and lively.

At that moment, Lu Hua finally understood why his mother had stopped him.

At this moment, Lu Hua was recalling bits and pieces of what had happened after his younger daughter was born.

Every time he was careful and attentive, the child suffered a lot.

Day after day, year after year. Now that Jiaojiao was eight years old, she still looked like a porcelain doll that would shatter at the slightest touch.

He hadn't said anything over the years, but he felt exhausted.

Meanwhile, his wife, Uli, had been doing her best to protect Jiaojiao. As her father, he hadn't been doing his best.

Even he felt so tired. What about his wife, Uli?

Wouldn't she feel even more tired?

At that moment, Lu Hua turned around and looked at his wife on the other side.

As if on cue, Uli glanced up at her husband.

“Husband, don't worry. I think the stall owner is right. Perhaps we really took too good care of Jiaojiao! She's already eight years old. It's time for her to go through some hardships!”

Lu Hua looked thoughtful when he heard his wife's words.

After Jiaojiao laughed, she suddenly felt much more relaxed. Then she didn't feel cold anymore.

“Thank you! I know what to do!”

Seeing that Jiaojiao was in a much better mood, Li Xiaoran also smiled.

After the noodles were eaten, the convoy set off.

Before leaving, Jiaojiao suddenly thought of something and ran back to hug Li Xiaoran.

“Sister, thank you! I will definitely come back to visit you in the future!”

“Okay! I’ll definitely wait for you to come back and see me!” Li Xiaoran bent down with a smile and extended her little finger.

“What’s this?” Jiaojiao asked when she noticed Li Xiaoran’s actions.

Li Xiaoran pulled Jiaojiao’s hand up and guided her to hook her little fingers.

“Look at this. It’s called a pinky swear. It’s an agreement. A pinky swear means we have an agreement! It’s a promise. A promise that can’t be changed and must be kept!”

Intrigued by this method of agreement, Jiaojiao nodded, then waved goodbye.

After the carriage left, Li Xiaoran kept watching Jiaojiao’s carriage with a smile on her face.

“You like children a lot?” Luo Cheng asked after witnessing the way the two of them made the pinky promise.

“It’s not that I like children. It’s because I’m that child’s hope that I made this agreement! I hope that when I see her again, she can smile happily, cry freely, eat whatever she wants, and live a life that others are used to! This agreement is like a seed of hope. As long as she has expectations, she will try her best to live, nurse her body, and become healthy!” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng had thought of many possibilities, but not this reason.

“Humans can only live if there’s hope! Isn’t that right? Even if that hope is ethereal, as long as there’s hope, we can hold on to it and walk towards it step by step to realize it!” Li Xiaoran smiled and said, “Do you believe that there are miracles in this world?”

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment and looked at Li Xiaoran in confusion.

“I do! I’m sure that as long as none of us give up, we’ll create miracles!”

“So, even without me, you would have eventually escaped from the Li family! The only difference is a few more years or less?” For some reason, Luo Cheng suddenly thought of this and couldn’t help but confirm with Li Xiaoran.

“No, it’s not just a little difference! The difference is huge! When we’re free, we can sit together and talk about it!” Li Xiaoran didn’t give an answer.

Chapter 45 Li Yan’s Scheme

Actually, there was something that Li Xiaoran didn’t say. Those differences were actually unimportant. The biggest difference was that there was one more person.

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Some people were destined to meet.

If they missed out on each other, their lives would be completely different!

Therefore, meeting the right person at the right time was also fate.

She and he must be fated!

Or so Li Xiaoran thought, though she’d never said it aloud.

There were some feelings that she knew she felt but couldn’t bring herself to say.

Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran in confusion and suddenly felt that there was something between him and Li Xiaoran.

They seemed very close, but they also seemed very far apart!

This feeling confused Luo Cheng.

What was wrong with him?

After one of the convoy left, more than half of the dough that was prepared for today was gone.

The sorghum noodles brought by Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao had already been made into steamed buns and sold.

There were only two baskets left. They would definitely be sold out.

Now that they were alone, they found a spot where no one else could see them. They gathered around and counted their previous earnings.

When the counting was done, the two of them smiled happily.

They had earned some money from selling sorghum buns for the first time.

Li Xiaoqing couldn't help but laugh when she saw how happy the two of them were.

The two big lads were smiling like children now. It was rare to see.

Still, seeing them happy made her happy, too.

"Sister, I suddenly seem to understand the joy of helping others!" Li Xiaoqing said to her sister.

"It's actually a joy to give. Unfortunately, some people don't understand this joy. They even take it for granted and trample on it." Li Xiaoran thought of something and sighed.

"I got it. You must be talking about Grandpa, Uncle, and Second Uncle!"

Li Xiaoran only smiled but didn't say anything else.

The other stalls there had more or less sold some items, and the people who set up their stalls were all smiling.

Of course, there were exceptions.

For example, Zhao Chunhua and the old couple selling wild eggs not far away were exceptions.

If looks could kill, Zhao Chunhua would have killed Li Xiaoran countless times.

Why was the difference so big when they both had noodle stalls? What was she missing?

When the convoy stopped just now, many people would rather wait there than buy from her stall.

Occasionally, there were two people who bought the soup. After they ate it, no one else came to buy it.

At this moment, Zhao Chunhua felt that Li Xiaoran must have jinxed her. Otherwise, how could her soup not sell?

Just like that, Zhao Chunhua blamed all the trouble on Li Xiaoran.

Li Yan originally wanted to set up a stall to earn money.

Because in her memory, Li Xiaoran had married a poor scholar in her previous life.

At that time, the poor scholar's mother was seriously ill and they didn't have the money to treat her illness. They were chased over by the people from the medical center.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran and Li Shun sold a reishi mushroom and took out some money to pay for the treatment.

It was also for this reason that the poor scholar had always been grateful to Li Xiaoran.

Li Shun felt that this poor scholar was a good person. Coincidentally, Li Xiaoran had also reached the age of marriage.

Later on, the poor scholar came back to propose marriage and married Li Xiaoran. From then on, Li Xiaoran lived a better life.

Calculating the time, Li Shun and Li Xiaoran had probably met the poor scholar recently.

Therefore, Li Yan wanted to go to the mountain to find the reishi mushroom that Li Shun and the others had found in their previous life. Then, she would meet that poor scholar and snatch Li Xiaoran's wealth and man from her.

However, reishi mushrooms weren't so easy to find. After searching several mountains, she didn't see any reishi mushroom. In the end, she even fell a few times and her hand was cut by the sharp stones.

In a fit of anger, Li Yan kicked the stones away. Before she could vent her anger, she even slashed at the surrounding small branches with the scimitar in her hand.

“Go to hell! Go to hell! Why can Li Shun and Li Xiaoran find reishi mushrooms, but why can’t I?! God, why are you so unfair to me? Good things have never been mine!”

With that, Li Yan even roared.

“Reishi mushroom? So you’ve been wandering the mountains for a few days looking for reishi mushrooms?” At that moment, a voice sounded.

Li Zhan, who had been following behind Li Yan, walked out and said with a smile.

Li Yan glanced at her brother and rolled her eyes.

“Big Brother, you’ve really been free recently! Didn’t you promise Grandpa that you would study? Why are you here?!”

Seeing that his sister was avoiding the main topic, Li Zhan walked over and said, “I’ve been reading! But I can’t be reading all the time, right? I have to come out and walk around. I happened to see you coming up the mountain, so I followed you! Sister, don’t change the topic. Where’s the reishi mushroom you mentioned? Why don’t I help you find it?”

Li Yan glared at her big brother and said angrily, “Even I can’t find it. Do you think you can find it? I think your gambling addiction is acting up again! Big brother, don’t forget that you owed so much gambling debt previously. Grandpa used a tiger bone to pay it off for you. Now that the remaining tiger bone has been made into a paste, if you gamble again, there won’t be a second tiger bone to save your life!”

Lee Zhan chuckled at that.

“My sister, why don’t you use your brain! Grandpa doesn’t have a tiger bone anymore, but Luo Cheng might have one!”

When Li Yan heard this, a hint of mockery appeared on her face.

“Big Brother, don’t say that I didn’t remind you. Luo Cheng isn’t a good person. He treats Li Xiaoran’s family well now, but after a while, they’ll suffer. At that time, Li Xiaoran’s family will know that he’s even worse than the Li family!”

Li Zhan heard Li Yan’s words and realized something.

“Why did you say that, sister?”

“Why do you say that? Do you really think that the rumors about Luo Cheng in the village are fake? I can tell you that they’re all true. Luo Cheng is even more cold-blooded and heartless than everyone thinks. He’s not human at all. There’s nothing in this world that he can’t do!” Li Yan recalled her experience in her previous life and said hatefully.

Lee Zhan frowned when he saw his sister like this.

His sister hated Luo Cheng so much. Could it be that something had happened between his sister and Luo Cheng when he was away studying?

Or had his sister found out something about Luo Cheng and said that?

Chapter 46 She Cared About Him?

“Then I won’t have any ideas about that tiger bone. But Sister, you have to let me have a share of the reishi mushroom you mentioned! When I start high school, your status will naturally become better and you will marry a better man! So Sister, help me!” Li Zhan thought for a moment and decided not to provoke Luo Cheng.

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“How can I help you? I can’t even find the reishi mushroom myself!” Li Yan was furious when she heard this.

“Sister, how are you so sure that there must be reishi mushroom in the mountains?” Li Zhan asked.

“If it weren’t for Li Shun and Li Xiaoran...” Halfway through her sentence, Li Yan thought of something and quickly changed her words. “I heard Li Shun and Li Xiaoran talking. At that time, the father and daughter were standing at the foot of the mountain while talking. I happened to overhear! ”

When Li Zhan heard that, he immediately thought of something.

“No wonder you’ve been keeping an eye on Li Xiaoran these past few days. So it’s for reishi mushroom! You should have said so earlier! If you had told me this reason earlier, I might have already thought of a way for you! Since Li Shun and Li Xiaoran know about this, why don’t we kidnap them and ask them properly? Then we’ll know!”

Hearing that Li Zhan had such a bad idea, Li Yan didn't want to bother with him anymore.

No wonder her elder brother, who had studied for so many years in her previous life, didn't even manage to pass the county-level examination.

He was dumber than her.

“Do you think it's easy to kidnap two people? If you think it's easy, go yourself!”

With that, Li Yan walked down the mountain.

Her hand was injured and she had to rush back to apply medicine.

Li Zhan's smile faded as he watched his sister walk away. His expression darkened.

“Hmph, even my biological sister dares to show me attitude. I really can't stay in this family anymore! However, I can't be rash. I still have to plan carefully. I have to get some money. If I can't stay here, there will be a place for me elsewhere. When I, Li Zhan, make a name for myself, I will definitely make those people who look down on me look at me in a different light!”

After saying this, Li Zhan seemed to have thought of something and a sinister smile appeared on his face.

Li Xiaoran didn't know that Li Zhan and Li Yan were both plotting against her.

She, who was cooking noodles for a customer, actually felt cold and shivered.

When Luo Cheng saw this, he turned around and went to take out a coat.

“It's getting cold. Why didn't you bring a coat? If it's cold, you can put it on! You can wear mine first!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran didn't refuse and quickly put on his clothes.

It was unknown if it was because Luo Cheng's meticulousness, or if Luo Cheng's clothes carried Luo Cheng's scent and separated those evil things, but in any case, Li Xiaoran felt warm after putting it on.

After that, Li Xiaoran focused on peeling the noodles and cooking them.

There were more customers on the pipeline today, so the dough was sold out before noon.

“Sister, since business is so good today, do you want to go home and make some more dough to sell?” Li Xiaoqing really liked setting up the stall to earn money now.

Li Xiaoqing felt that it would be a pity if the stall was closed at this time.

“Sister, you won’t be able to earn all the money! If we close the stall earlier today, we can also go back and help Father and Mother do something! Besides, you have to let others drink some meat soup too!” Li Xiaoran smiled and persuaded, “Besides, don’t you want to have a good rest?”

Although Li Xiaoqing was a little unwilling, she still listened to her sister.

Li Xiaoran glanced at the old couple who still hadn’t sold their pheasant eggs and thought for a moment before coming to Luo Cheng’s side.

“Husband, I don’t think we have any more eggs at home. I’m still injured. Why don’t we buy the wild eggs over there! I heard that wild eggs are very nutritious and very nourishing!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he looked at the old couple and nodded.

“Okay, you can close the stall first! I’ll buy it!”

Seeing that Luo Cheng had agreed, Li Xiaoran nodded happily and went to clean up the stall with Li Xiaoqing.

“Sister, if you want to eat wild eggs, let Dad go up the mountain to find them for you! Dad is so good at finding them! Why do you want Brother-in-law to spend money to buy them? That’s not worth it!” Li Xiaoqing asked in confusion.

When Li Xiaoran heard her sister criticizing her, she smiled happily.

“Can’t you tell? Your brother-in-law has been paying attention to that old couple! I think your brother-in-law must have wanted to go over and help them, but he didn’t find any legitimate reason. Didn’t I give him a reason to go buy wild eggs?!”

Li Xiaoqing heard her sister’s words and recalled.

It seemed that her brother-in-law had been looking at the old couple over there many times. So that was what was going on!

Although the sisters' voices were soft, Luo Cheng could still hear them clearly.

When he heard that Li Xiaoran hadn'ticed his actions, Luo Cheng's expression softened and the corners of his mouth curled up slightly.

Li Xiaoran seemed to care about him very much. As long as there was a slight change in his mood, she could feel it.

Did she actually care for him in her heart?

With this knowledge, Luo Cheng's mood improved.

With the reason Li Xiaoran gave, Luo Cheng bought all the wild eggs from the old couple.

The old couple followed Luo Cheng over and carefully picked up the wild eggs and placed them in Li Xiaoran's basket.

Seeing that there was still some bone soup left in the pot, Li Xiaoran scooped out two bowls.

“Master, Madam, I can't sell anymore bone soup. I can't take it back now either. Why don't you guys help me drink it so it won't be a waste? Secondly, it can warm you guys up!”

“How can that be?!” The old lady quickly waved her hand and refused.

Li Xiaoran forcefully stuffed it into the old lady's hand and said with a smile, “It's just a bowl of bone soup! Just drink it!”

Luo Cheng also placed another bowl of bone soup in the old man's hand.

“She told you to drink it. Just drink it!”

With Luo Cheng's words, the old man and woman looked at each other, then picked up the bone soup and drank it.

Although it was bone soup, there was some oil in it.

The old couple hadn't eaten much meat and oil recently, so they were very satisfied with the bowl of bone soup.

With tears in their eyes, they thanked them profusely.

Li Xiaoran quickly took out the money and handed it to Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment. He only reacted when he saw Li Xiaoran pointing at the two old people. Then, he counted the copper coins and handed them over.

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Seeing the money in their hands, the two elders seemed to see hope. A happy smile appeared on their wrinkled faces.

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"Thank you!" The old lady thanked him again. She picked up the bamboo basket and went home with the old man.

Luo Cheng watched the old couple leave and was about to turn around to help Li Xiaoran tidy up the tables and chairs.

In an instant, Luo Cheng noticed a man with a strange expression. He kept looking in the direction where the old man and his wife had left in.

Luo Cheng sneered and immediately understood something.

He had done so out of kindness, but had probably brought trouble to the old couple.

With that in mind, Luo Cheng put his hand on the table and began tapping.

The secret guard immediately perked up when he saw Luo Cheng tapping his fingers. He understood what Luo Cheng meant and chased after the old couple.

When everything was packed, Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao also noticed the commotion and walked over.

"You aren't going to set up the stall anymore, Brother Luo?" Mao Dao asked.

“We’re not setting it up anymore today. The noodles are sold out!” Luo Cheng replied succinctly.

“That’s true. There were many customers today. We can go back after selling our steamed buns for a while longer!” Mao Dao nodded and echoed, “Brother Luo, you can leave first! The two of us will help you pack the rest!”

Yuan Cheng nodded and said, “That’s right! Brother Luo took care of us and your wife taught us how to make steamed buns. We’re very grateful, so we want to help with some things. Leave the rest to us!”

Luo Cheng glanced at Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao, thought for a moment, then nodded.

“That’s good! You must remember that the sparks in the stove must be extinguished. You must wait until there are no sparks at all on the stove, then pour water on them and leave!”

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao nodded and promised that it would be done well.

So Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran left with the other things.

Seeing Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran leave, the people around the stall looked at them enviously.

Of course, there were also people who were secretly happy, such as Zhao Chunhua.

Zhao Chunhua felt happy that the Li family sisters had left!

After they left, she would be the only stall selling noodle soup in this place. At that time, all the noodle soup she made would definitely be sold out.

Li Xiaoran naturally didn’t know what Zhao Chunhua was thinking. At this moment, she was also happy.

The knife-cut noodles were selling better and better these days. She would be able to save some money and open a small shop by the official road.

At that time, they wouldn’t have to be exposed to the wind and rain, nor would they have to be watched all the time.

To be honest, since Li Xiaoran was doing business openly, she wasn't afraid of others watching.

It was just that when she did things, she always felt that there were countless eyes staring at her from behind. This felt creepy.

Luo Cheng was also thinking about this matter.

Honestly, he wasn't willing to let anyone keep staring at them.

Anyway, he had money on hand and it wasn't difficult to build a shop. He would talk to Li Xiaoran later and persuade her to let him pay to construct a shop.

Otherwise, by the time her noodle stall earned enough money to construct a shop, it would probably be winter already.

Luo Cheng frowned at the thought of shivering in the cold.

Soon, the group arrived at the house.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran only saw her mother, so she asked, "Mom? Where did Dad go?"

"Didn't you want to make that big umbrella that can shelter you from the wind and rain? Your father went to the bamboo forest to cut bamboo!" Zhao Xiu placed the chopped wild vegetables in the wooden bucket and planned to bring them to the little chicks.

"How long has my father been gone?" Li Xiaoran asked casually.

As soon as she said this, Zhao Xiu stopped in her tracks and looked puzzled.

"Your father has been out for almost four hours! He should have been back long ago!"

For some reason, when Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she suddenly had a bad feeling.

Just as Li Xiaoran was panicking, Luo Cheng's cold voice sounded.

"Don't worry. I'll take Blackie out and take a look. I'll find Father-in-law and bring him back!"

With that, Luo Cheng whistled, and soon, Blackie ran out.

“Wait at home. Remember, don’t leave this house. Don’t panic if anything happens. Big Yellow will protect you!”

With that, Luo Cheng gave Blackie an order, and the man and dog ran out.

After Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing placed the items in the stall, they also looked anxious.

“It must be Grandpa’s people. They might have brought Father back to the Li family’s house!”

Li Xiaoran also had this guess, but she couldn’t run out to take a look now, so she could only feel anxious.

“No, your father wouldn’t follow your grandfather and the others back to the Li family’s house!” Zhao Xiu said with certainty.

Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing looked at their mother, not understanding why she was so sure.

“Ever since we arrived at the Luo family, our lives have been stable and comfortable. You sisters set up a stall to sell noodles to earn money, and we have a son-in-law to protect us. We’re very at ease. Today’s good days are something we can’t take for granted. Your father definitely won’t be foolish.”

“Besides, when we all came over, your father had already given up on the people on your grandfather’s side. The family has already split up, and the dowry has also been arranged. Your father has always been saying that he’s already a member of his son-in-law’s family. The Li family has nothing to do with him anymore!” Zhao Xiu told her what she knew.

“Maybe Grandpa and the others thought of a way to trick Father back!” Li Xiaoqing felt that this was done by the Li family, so she said this.

Li Xiaoran felt that guessing wasn’t a solution, so she kept thinking about what to do.

Li Shun, who was being worried about, was lying unconscious in a dark cellar.

When Luo Cheng and Blackie reached the bamboo forest, they only found some chopped bamboo and a hatchet that had been thrown to the ground. Other than that, there was no trace of anything.

Luo Cheng frowned and continued to look around for something.

Sure enough, in a very hidden bush not far away, Luo Cheng found the unconscious secret guard.

Luo Cheng took out a porcelain bottle and waved it in front of the secret guard's nose.

Soon, the secret guard woke up.

"I have failed in my duty. Young Master, please punish me!" The secret guard stood up and was about to receive his punishment.

"Tell me what happened."

"Young Master, Master Li was cutting bamboo when an old woman suddenly came to ask for directions. Just as I felt that something was wrong, I suddenly Blackieed out and fainted."

Chapter 48 Found the Person

Luo Cheng frowned as his mind began to work out what was going on.

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What exactly were they after?

Were they after the tiger bone in his hand?

Or were those men coming for him?

"Get up! You'll be punished after he's found."

As Luo Cheng spoke, he placed the machete in front of Blackie's nose and let him smell the scent of Li Shun on it.

Blackie sniffed for a moment, then barked towards a hill.

When Luo Cheng and the secret guard saw this, they immediately followed.

With Blackie leading the way, Luo Cheng and the secret guard quickly arrived at a place filled with weeds.

Blackie kept barking at a pile of weeds.

Luo Cheng and the shadow guard walked over carefully. The shadow guard cut a branch and walked in front of Luo Cheng while poking places with a wooden stick.

When the secret guard stabbed towards the east, he immediately felt that something was wrong.

“Sir, we have a situation here!”

Luo Cheng looked at the place where the secret guard was probing and gestured for him to poke it with a wooden stick.

Soon, a dark opening was revealed.

“Young Master, I’ll go down and take a look!” the secret guard said. He took off the rope he carried and tied one end to a nearby pine tree trunk and the other to his waist.

“Be careful when you go down. If anything happens, shout for help!” Luo Cheng instructed.

“Young Master, don’t worry! If Master Li is down there, I will definitely bring him up!”

With that, the secret guard jumped down.

The pit wasn’t deep, so the secret guard landed not long after jumping in.

He took out a shiny stone he was carrying and saw Li Shun lying unconscious at the bottom of the cave.

He took another rope and carefully checked Li Shun’s condition. After confirming that he hadn’t injured any bones, he tied him to his back. Then, he pulled the rope to bring Li Shun out.

Seeing that the secret guard had found him, Luo Cheng heaved a sigh of relief.

It was good as long as Li Shun was fine!

“What’s going on down there?”

“Young Master, someone threw Master Li to the bottom of the pit. I’ve checked. Master Li was only drugged and wasn’t injured, so I brought him out!” The secret guard directly explained the situation below.

Luo Cheng looked at him and said coldly, “Since you’ve found him, you’ve made up for your mistake. However, from this matter, it can be seen that you were careless. That’s why you were easily tricked. Go back and receive your punishment now! Learn more skills before coming back!”

“Yes, I accept my punishment!”

“Let’s go before anyone sees us!” Luo Cheng added.

The guard bowed, then disappeared from sight.

Luo Cheng looked at his father-in-law now. After some thought, he took out the porcelain bottle and waved it in front of his nose.

Li Shun slowly woke up. After seeing Luo Cheng’s face, memories rushed into his mind.

“Father-in-law, why were you in a cave on the mountain just now?! If it weren’t for Blackie’s sharp senses, I might not have been able to find you!”

“It was Li Zhan. Li Zhan dressed up as a woman and knocked me out!” Li Shun remembered what had happened before he passed out. His expression turned ugly. “By the way, how did you find this place?”

“It’s like this! Business was good today. We sold all the noodles in the morning. When we came back from the stall, we heard from my mother-in-law that you went to cut bamboo and didn’t come back. Because you were out for too long, I brought Blackie to look for you. Who knew that when I arrived at the bamboo forest, I only saw bamboo and scimitars on the ground and didn’t see you? Fortunately, Blackie has a sharp nose and found this place by smelling you!” Luo Cheng said. He glanced at Li Shun and asked again, “Father-in-law, are you sure it was Li Zhan? After all, you were drugged before!”

When Li Shun heard Luo Cheng’s words, he explained, “My physique is a little different from that of ordinary people. Some of the medicine’s effects on me will be reduced. Li Zhan indeed drugged by me, but when he carried me up the

mountain, I woke up a little. At that time, I heard Li Zhan say that he would find a place where others couldn't find me and lock me up until I became obedient. At that time, he would ask me to bring him to find reishi mushroom!"

Speaking of this, Li Shun was also confused.

Take Li Zhan to find reishi mushroom?

He had no idea where to find a reishi mushroom! Where could he bring him to?

Just as Li Shun was feeling confused, something Li Zhan said suddenly reached his ears again.

"Hmph, my sister said that she overheard the two of you talking about finding the reishi mushroom. She even wanted to secretly go up the mountain to look for it alone, but her hand was cut. Fortunately, I was smart and saw that my sister was acting strangely these few days. I secretly followed her and learned such a big secret. After I find the reishi mushroom, I'll sell it for money. I won't have to come back to see those old farts' expressions."

"Son-in-law, tell me, is Li Zhan crazy?! If I had found reishi mushroom, I already would have brought it back to you to exchange for the tiger bone. With my previous filial piety to my parents, I definitely wouldn't have kept it for myself!" Li Shun said angrily.

Luo Cheng glanced at Li Shun and nodded in agreement. "That's right. With your personality, you would indeed do such a thing! Therefore, the suspicion is on Li Yan! This news was most likely fabricated by Li Yan to deceive Li Zhan. Other than that, I can't think of any other possibility!"

Li Shun couldn't figure it out either. He felt uncomfortable just thinking about it.

"It's all right, Father-in-law. Let's go home! The family is waiting!"

Li Shun nodded, then stood up.

Looking at Blackie, Li Shun said gratefully, "Blackie, thank you! If not for you, I don't know how much I would have suffered!"

Blackie wagged his tail at Li Shun and grinned.

An hour later, Luo Cheng and Li Shun finally returned safely.

Seeing that both of them were fine, Li Xiaoran finally felt relieved.

“Husband, you’re finally back safely. Do you know that your sudden disappearance scared us?! If our son-in-law hadn’t gone out to look for you, we wouldn’t have known what to do!”

“I’m sorry! I didn’t mean it. I didn’t expect that brat Li Zhan to pretend to be an old lady to trick me. He even drugged me unconscious!” Li Shun explained.

“I knew it! It must be someone from Grandpa’s side! Look, I didn’t guess wrongly!” When Li Xiaoqing heard her father’s words, she was instantly furious.

Chapter 49 She Could Read Prophets?

“There’s something strange about this!” Luo Cheng said as he remembered something. “Father-in-law, why don’t you tell me what you know first? I’ll add to it! There are many of us. If we think about it together, we might be able to figure it out!”

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Li Shun nodded and told him what had happened after he went out.

The chopping of bamboo at the front was only a brief mention. What was important was what Li Zhan said after he was knocked out by Li Zhan.

After Li Shun finished speaking, Luo Cheng also told him how he found Li Shun.

Of course, those related to the secret guards were all hidden.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she recalled that she had guessed that Li Yan was a reborn person and immediately had an idea.

Could it be that her father had found the reishi mushroom in her previous life, so Li Yan wanted to find this reishi mushroom after being reborn in this life?

In the end, Li Yan didn’t find it, and this matter was discovered by Li Zhan. That was why Li Yan used the excuse that her father knew where the reishi mushroom was.

Now that she thought about it, it all made sense.

Luo Cheng had been paying attention to Li Xiaoran's expression. Seeing that she had thought of something, he asked, "Do you have any guesses?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words and saw that her family was looking at her, she hesitated for a moment before saying tentatively, "Could it be that she knows how to read fortunes? Could it be that she knew that my father would encounter a reishi mushroom recently?"

Li Xiaoqing couldn't help but laugh.

"Sister, what are you talking about! If she really knows how to read fortunes, why didn't she deduce where the reishi mushroom is?"

Zhao Xiu and Li Shun also felt that this reason was a little far-fetched, but they couldn't figure out any other explanation.

Luo Cheng fell into deep thought when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

To be honest, he felt that Li Xiaoran's guess was very reliable.

Thinking about it carefully, Li Yan had changed too much. He had no choice but to be suspicious!

Some time ago, she had dressed up and intentionally bumped into him. She looked at him with desire.

Therefore, when Luo Cheng wanted to marry a wife to dispel others' suspicions, he thought of Li Yan.

Who knew that a day later, when she saw Li Yan again, she seemed to have become a different person.

When she saw him, she immediately fled far away. There was no longer any greed and scheming in her eyes, but fear.

At the time, he could never understand what had happened.

But if the reason was what Li Xiaoran had said, it seemed to explain everything.

If she could read fortunes and predict that her future life wouldn't be good, that could be why she was unwilling to marry him.

That would explain everything.

Therefore, what seemed impossible was often the most likely.

“I think it might be true!” Luo Cheng said.

As soon as he said this, everyone except Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in disbelief.

Even Li Xiaoran was a little surprised. She really didn't expect Luo Cheng to believe her reason.

“The reason I believe it is because there are some things that make me feel that this is the only explanation!” At this point, Luo Cheng thought for a moment and decided to say it. “You guys will definitely find why I asked Li Yan to marry me strange!”

As soon as he said this, Li Shun and his family looked over curiously.

They were indeed very curious about this matter. Even Li Xiaoran was curious.

Seeing the group of people looking at him as if they were listening to gossip, Luo Cheng suddenly wanted to laugh.

“Actually, before Sr. Li needed the tiger bone, Li Yan often appeared in front of me.”

As soon as he said this, Li Shun and his family obviously misunderstood. Their faces were filled with an expression that seemed to say, “You're actually this kind of person.”

Luo Cheng was a little flustered, but he didn't show it on his face. He explained, “My only relative in the world was seriously ill. He said that he wanted to see me get married before he died. He was very special to me, so I could only find a random girl. You know what the people in the village think about me, so I wanted to find just anyone. Coincidentally, Li Yan appeared in front of me from time to time, looking like she wanted to marry me. Since my relative wanted me to get married, I thought of her.”

“Coincidentally, Sr. Li needed the tiger bone at that time, and I had it here, so I went to trade!” Luo Cheng thought for a moment and added.

“Oh, I see!” said Li Shun and his family in unison.

“I originally thought that there would be no problem. Who knew that after a single day, Li Yan would keep avoiding me when she saw me? Even if she bumped into me, she would look afraid and fearful. Later on, she refused to marry me no matter what. I was also very puzzled and couldn’t figure out what had happened. When I heard the reason you mentioned today, I felt that it might be true!” Luo Cheng voiced his thoughts. “Otherwise, there’s no way to explain it!”

“Then why did she change her mind? Isn’t it good to marry you?” Li Xiaoqing asked in confusion.

“Perhaps, after she married him, she didn’t get what she wanted and even saw Luo Cheng’s terrifying side. That’s why she was so scared that she didn’t want to marry him!” Li Xiaoran suggested another possibility.

One had to know that when she had just transmigrated, Li Yan had hit her and said that she wanted her wealth.

Thinking about it, her life wasn’t good. She didn’t have any wealth, so to Li Yan, it was probably worse than death!

Otherwise, she wouldn’t have been so obsessed with the wealth she had after her rebirth!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng pitifully.

Luo Cheng probably didn’t have a good life in his previous life! Something probably happened after that, which was why his life was hard-pressed and Li Yan didn’t have a good life!

Luo Cheng was confused by Li Xiaoran’s pitiful gaze.

What was with this Li Xiaoran’s pitiful look?

Could it be that she pitied him because Li Yan had abandoned him?

“Brother-in-law, you don’t have to be sad. Actually, it’s a good thing that Li Yan didn’t marry you! My sister is much better than Li Yan!” Li Xiaoqing said in a comforting tone, “Brother-in-law, let me tell you, you definitely won’t regret marrying my sister! Back then, a monk said that my sister will have a calamity in her life. If she survived it, she would be a lucky star in the future. Whoever she married would be lucky!”

As soon as she said this, the others stared at Li Xiaoqing.

“Do you know what you’re saying?”

“Sister, I know you don’t want me to say this, but that monk clearly said so!” Li Xiaoqing stared at Li Xiaoran and said disapprovingly.

“What the hell is going on?” Lee Shun asked his youngest daughter.

Chapter 50 Lucky Star

“Father, have you forgotten? Every year at the temple fair, Father and Mother would ask us to go to the temple to pray for their safety and let us kneel in the main hall of the temple and chant the scriptures. Last year, I went with Sister, but I fell asleep after listening for a while. Sister was afraid that I would freeze, so she hugged me in her arms,” Li Xiaoqing said as she recalled.

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“When I was half asleep, I heard a monk’s voice. He said that Sister chanted very devoutly and asked her to draw a lot. Sister drew a lot and handed it to the monk. After the monk read the lot, he said that Sister had a calamity this year and after it, she would be a lucky star. She would be a blessing to her family and even more so to her husband!”

“Father, think about it. Sister hit her head previously and almost lost her life. Although she found a doctor to treat her, Sister woke up unexpectedly. I think that was her calamity. Later on, Sister was able to wake up, so she must have survived the calamity and became a lucky star! Doesn’t everything that happened after that prove this?”

“Sister was forced to get married and brought our family out of misery. Now, we’re living a comfortable life and making a lot of money from setting up the stall. All of this matches what the monk said!” Li Xiaoqing said confidently.

Li Xiaoran watched as her sister found the perfect excuse for her.

A lucky star?

Oh my God!

Her sister was such a braggart!

Why didn't she see that she had the ability to bless others?

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoqing's words, he suddenly remembered the day he picked up Li Xiaoran's family.

At that time, he even made up an excuse that he had a box of gold and silver treasures because of Li Xiaoran.

Now that he heard what Li Xiaoqing said, this box of treasures was really brought to him by Li Xiaoran.

Noticing Luo Cheng's expression of deep agreement, Li Xiaoran was overcome with embarrassment.

Oh no, oh no!

Previously, Luo Cheng had said that he had found gold and silver on the first day she came to the Luo family. Now that he heard this, wouldn't he be convinced that she was a lucky star?

How could she explain how she could convince her family and Luo Cheng that she was just an ordinary farm girl?

"I see. I was wondering why my daughter suddenly knew how to make knife-cut noodles! So there was a reason! It must be because my daughter survived the calamity and was rewarded by the heavens!" Li Shun said in realization.

What?

Li Xiaoran looked at her father in complete disbelief.

So they had their suspicions all along?

They just never said it out loud!

Great, now she didn't have to make any excuses later. Her old man had them ready!

"Actually, it's not difficult to prove this!" Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran immediately looked at Luo Cheng. For some reason, she felt very panicked.

“Didn’t Li Yan say that Father-in-law will find the reishi mushroom? Why don’t I bring Father-in-law up the mountain this afternoon! Then, I’ll bring Father-in-law and Xiaoran up the mountain tomorrow. If Father-in-law finds the reishi mushroom when Xiaoran is around, won’t it prove something?” Luo Cheng suggested.

Not expecting him to come up with such a bad idea, Li Xiaoran glared at Luo Cheng.

The reishi mushroom wasn’t like anything else! It was as rare as ginseng! Where could she find a the reishi mushroom for them?

At this moment, Li Xiaoran looked calm on the surface, but she was panicking inside.

Help! Why did they have to depict her as a lucky star!

She didn’t! She couldn’t! She wasn’t!

Unexpectedly, Li Shun, Zhao Xiu, and Li Xiaoqing nodded.

Li Xiaoqing thought for a moment and said, “I don’t think there’s a need to wait until tomorrow! After dinner, Brother-in-law and Father will go out for two hours. Then, after two hours, Brother-in-law will come back to pick up Sister and go for another two hours. It can be resolved in an afternoon!”

Was this a matter of a few hours?

Was this something they could just wander around and find?

Where on earth did her family and sister get the courage to think she would be so lucky?

Who did they think she was?

However, the family ignored her opinion and decided on it in the end.

For lunch, Zhao Xiu quickly finished cooking.

After the family finished eating, Luo Cheng and Li Shun went out in high spirits.

On the other side, Li Xiaoqing pulled Li Xiaoran and reminded her to rest well! She would wake her up in two hours.

“Sister, you must rest well and try to accumulate enough luck to find the reishi mushroom immediately! Sister, you can do it. I think highly of you!”

Li Xiaoran really wanted to cry!

Was this kind of thing something she could do just by resting?

Was this kind of thing something she could do with just a little encouragement?

Did her sister have some sort of misunderstanding?

However, Li Xiaoran couldn't defend herself now. Seeing that her sister had already turned into her fan, she could only sigh and go to bed for an afternoon nap!

Forget it, forget it. Perhaps she could get a moment of peace by dreaming!

Two hours later, Luo Cheng and Li Shun returned!

The two men returned empty-handed.

The two of them, who had already walked until their mouths were dry, returned and drank a large bowl of water. After that, the two of them found water bags to carry some water with them. They would drink it after going up the mountain.

Li Xiaoran was also called up by Li Xiaoqing. At this moment, she resigned herself to fate and followed Luo Cheng and Li Shun out.

However, just as they left the forest, Luo Cheng and Li Shun stopped.

“My daughter, where do you think we should go?”

Li Xiaoran looked around casually, and pointed in a direction.

So the three of them headed in that direction.

Li Xiaoran and Li Shun both carried baskets, and Luo Cheng carried the rope.

The three of them kept wandering around the mountain. More than half an hour had passed, but they didn't find anything.

“Father, Luo Cheng, why did you believe Xiao Qing's words? I think that the monk might have said those words to make me happy, but you believed him!” Li

Xiaoran's feet were sore from walking. She couldn't help but sit on a rock and pant.

"It's fine. If we can't find it, we can cut some firewood!" Li Shun was very open-minded and didn't feel dejected about not finding the reishi mushroom.

"That's right! Dad, you're right!" Li Xiaoran immediately heaved a sigh of relief when she heard this.

It was too tiring to live with the high expectations of others!

"Wait! Look, there seems to be something behind the stone that Xiaoran is sitting on!" Luo Cheng said.