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Chapter 471: Problem With The Dishes

Little Quan didn't refuse. After he thanked her with a smile, he led the two of them to the private room.

This private room was indeed quite private. Other than the place where they came, which faced the courtyard, there were green plants planted beside all the other windows.

The room seemed comfortable and relaxing.

Soon, a few dishes were served.

After Meng Yan brought chopsticks, she urged Li Xiaoran to try them. After all, dishes tasted the best when they were just out of the pot.

If it cooled down later, the taste wouldn't be as delicious.

It had to be said that these dishes tasted delicious.

This fish, in particular, had a special eating method.

After boiling a pot of soup, she shook the fish slices that had been cut into thin slices but had not completely left the fish's body and added them to the pot.

By the time the residual temperature in the soup boiled the fish slices, the temperature of the soup was just right.

At this moment, she picked up a piece of fish with her chopsticks and took it out of the bowl. Then, she savored the taste carefully. The fish meat was very fresh and tasty.

"Not bad. I didn't like fish in the past, but I'm in love with this dish!" Meng Yan praised as she ate.

Li Xiaoran didn't speak and only ate silently.

Whenever a foodie encountered delicious food, they wouldn't praise it loudly, but tasted it first.

It was better to take advantage of this time to eat more delicious food.

Meng Yan didn't waste her breath anymore. Whenever a dish was served, the two of them would taste it silently.

There were a total of six new dishes. After eating them, the two of them were full.

While they were resting, a man in his early forties walked into the private room.

"I wonder if these new dishes suit your taste?"

When Meng Yan saw who it was, she laughed.

"Uncle Chuan, your culinary skills are superb! I really like these new dishes. I can't find any fault with them!" Uncle Chuan said with a smile, "Miss Meng, you're too

polite. Every time we cook new dishes, you say that they're superb. This isn't conducive to us improving our dishes!"

"But I can't say anything bad about it. Uncle Chuan, what do you want me to say?!" Meng Yan felt very helpless!

She felt that these dishes were very delicious and that the customers would definitely like them.

Uncle Chuan had no choice but to look at Li Xiaoran, who had been silent.

"How should I address you. Madam?"

"Uncle Chuan, this is my good friend, Li Xiaoran. Just call her Miss Li!" Meng

Yan knew that Li Xiaoran didn't want to expose her identity, so she spoke first.

"That's right, Uncle Chuan, you can call me Xiaoran!" Li Xiaoran said readily, "No matter what, you're an elder, so you can call me Xiaoran!"

When Uncle Chuan heard Li Xiaoran's words, he said, "I wonder if you have any good suggestions after tasting these new dishes?" Li Xiaoran nodded when she heard Uncle Chuan's words.

"There are indeed some problems!"

As soon as she said this, Meng Yan and Uncle Chuan looked at her in surprise.

To be honest, Uncle Chuan was very satisfied with the new dishes. He was just being polite, but he didn't expect this new customer to really say that there was a problem.

Uncle Chuan was a cautious person and respected every customer who gave him suggestions, so he asked humbly.

"Miss Xiaoran, please continue!"

Meng Yan also looked at Li Xiaoran. From the way she interacted with Li Xiaoran today, Li Xiaoran wasn't the kind of person who spoke without thinking.

"What's the problem?! Xiaoran, don't leave us hanging. Tell us quickly!"

Li Xiaoran nodded as she picked up her chopsticks. Then, she pointed at a chicken soup stewed with mushrooms.

"This dish is quite standard. It's not considered innovative! Although it tastes very good, there's a huge problem. After drinking this soup, my tongue felt a slight numbness. At first, I thought that my taste buds were hallucinating because I ate other dishes, but after I rinsed my mouth with clear water and tasted this soup again, the numbness in my tongue became even more intense!"

When Uncle Chuan heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was immediately shocked. Then, he quickly took out a spoon from a food box and scooped a mouthful for himself to taste.

As expected, after drinking the soup, there was a slight numbness on the tip of his tongue.

To be honest, if one didn't have a sharp sense of taste, one wouldn't have noticed this abnormality at all.

"I don't know what kind of fungus you used, but even if this fungus doesn't cause much harm to most people, we still can't let our guard down. If anything happens to a customer after he drinks this chicken soup, I believe you and the others won't be able to bear the responsibility!" When Li Xiaoran saw Uncle Chuan's expression turn solemn, she knew that he had already tasted the numbness.

"There's also this dish. The chicken tastes very good, but the problem is the chicken itself. In order to pursue the tenderness of the chicken and not let it get dry, Uncle Chuan, you strictly controlled the heat and boiling time. If I'm not mistaken, Uncle Chuan, you blanched the chicken with high heat. This ensured that the chicken was tender and juicy, but you neglected a problem: the chicken has a fishy taste!" Li Xiaoran continued.

"Although the chicken meat is soaked in those delicious condiments, at the end of the meal, although the taste of the condiments is apparent, the fishy taste also comes out!"

When Uncle Chuan heard this, he quickly took out chopsticks from the food box and picked up a piece of chicken to taste it carefully.

Li Xiaoran was right. When the chicken was chewed, the fishy taste was still apparent.

If the customer chewed and swallowed the meat in big mouthfuls, he naturally wouldn't taste it.

However, if the customer tasted it carefully, he would taste the fishy taste of the chicken.

"The last dish has a problem, so this is my favorite fish slice." With that, Li Xiaoran pointed at another dish.

"Huh? This fish is very delicious! Why is there a problem with this dish?" Meng

Yan, who had been standing at the side and listening, couldn't help but ask.

Li Xiaoran was clearly eating with relish just now. Why was she saying that there was a problem with this dish now?

Uncle Chuan was also puzzled. He wasn't surprised that there were problems with the other dishes, but this live fish dish was his best dish!

Why was there a problem with this dish?

After seeing the confusion in their eyes, Li Xiaoran took a sip of water and said, "There's nothing wrong with the taste of this dish! The problem is the fish itself.. "

When Li Xiaoran saw the two puzzled gazes, she immediately stated the problem.

“When cooking food, the most important thing is not taste, but safety. We cooked with fire is because our ancestors realized that the ingredients we ate would have a bad effect on our bodies if we ate them raw, but it would be fine if they were cooked. This fish tastes very good and is indeed cooked with the residual temperature of the soup. However, there are still things in the fish that are not safe for our bodies. These things have not been killed by the heat of the fire.”

“That can’t be! I haven’t felt any discomfort even after eating this fish for so long,” Meng Yan said with a puzzled expression.

“Is that so? You might feel discomfort later!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran smiled bitterly as she asked Uncle Chuan, “Uncle Chuan, may I know where the bathroom is?”

Uncle Chuan immediately understood something and pointed to a place behind a green bush not far away.

Li Xiaoran quickly brought toilet paper and rushed to the place Uncle Chuan had pointed out.

When Meng Yan saw Li Xiaoran like this, she immediately understood something.

Could it be that she really had a stomachache after eating this dish? At this moment, Uncle Chuan’s son, Little Quan, ran in anxiously.

“Father, come and take a look. After my sister ate the live fish, her stomach hurt so much that she’s rolling on the ground. Hurry up and find a doctor!”

Uncle Chuan’s expression changed. He couldn’t be bothered to entertain Meng Yan anymore and strode towards his family’s place.

Meng Yan frowned when she saw this scene.

It seemed that Li Xiaoran was right!

Before Meng Yan could think further, a rumbling sound came from her abdomen and pain followed.

“Oh my god, Xiaoran was right!” With that, Meng Yan quickly brought the toilet paper to the bathroom.

Li Xiaoran and Meng Yan were fine. They were healthy, so they would be fine after slight diarrhea.

However, Uncle Chuan’s daughter was suffering. She had diarrhea and vomited for a long, long time.

Later, after drinking the doctor’s prescription to stop diarrhea and vomiting, she fell asleep.

Seeing that Uncle Chuan’s family was busy, Meng Yan asked Little Quan to bring a message before she left with Li Xiaoran.

Originally, Meng Yan wanted to bring Li Xiaoran to the medical center for treatment, since she was worried that Li Xiaoran would have a stomachache after eating that fish.

Unexpectedly, Li Xiaoran waved her hand and rejected her kind offer.

“Don’t worry! I’m fine. There’s a doctor in my family. I trust his medical skills more. As for you, you should go look for a doctor. Don’t let your guard down. It’s better to take medicine!” Li Xiaoran reminded.

Meng Yan nodded and said apologetically, “I’m really sorry. I originally wanted to bring you to try delicious food, but I didn’t expect such a thing to happen!”

“It’s okay, dish sampling is like this! I hope Uncle Chuan can take this incident as an example and not make the same mistake in the future,” Li Xiaoran said indifferently.

After that, they went their separate ways.

After returning to his place, Luo Cheng heard that Li Xiaoran had diarrhea, so he quickly brought her to the study to sit down. Then, he took her pulse.

After taking the pulse of Li Xiaoran’s left and right hands, Luo Cheng heaved a sigh of relief.

“Fortunately, I’ve always paid attention to nourishing your body and improving your health. A few months ago, just diarrhea would have been enough to make you suffer!”

Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“I knew it. With you around, nothing will happen to me!” Flattery always worked.

If she didn’t praise her man now, when should she?

“Cut it out. Although it’s not a big deal, it still hurt your spleen and stomach. I’ll make some pills for you later. Take them for a few days!” Luo Cheng didn’t fall for Li Xiaoran’s tricks and said directly.

“Huh? I still have to take pills?” Li Xiaoran immediately wailed with a dejected expression.

“Either you take the pills obediently or you won’t be able to go out alone from now on. Choose one yourself!” Luo Cheng said with a straight face.

Li Xiaoran didn’t dare to say anything else and could only choose to take the pills.

Life was precious, and love was even more precious, but both could be given up for the sake of freedom.

Freedom was very important!

She naturally chose freedom, so she took the pills obediently.

Meng Yan also went to the medical center she often went to.

The doctor didn’t neglect her. After taking her pulse, he asked about Meng

Yan's symptoms. Then, he wrote a prescription for her and got the medicine.

After the medicine was brewed, Meng Yan drank a bowl of medicine in one go.

Meng Yan didn't know if it was an illusion, but after drinking this bowl of medicine, she felt much more comfortable. She didn't feel any post-diarrhea weakness.

When Meng Yan woke up the next day, she realized that she was sweating profusely.

She quickly asked someone to send hot water in, then took off her smelly clothes and took a shower. Only then did she feel comfortable.

On Li Xiaoran's side, after eating Luo Cheng's pill, she slept soundly that night.

The next morning, Li Xiaoran also smelled sweat.

In order not to stink, Li Xiaoran quickly got someone to send hot water over and went to take a shower.

After washing up, Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran's wrist to take her pulse.

This time, Luo Cheng looked relaxed.

"As expected, the pill from yesterday was useful. You sweated out everything bad in it at night. Now, you have no more problems!"

"Husband, did you know that I would sweat all over yesterday?" Li Xiaoran said in realization, "Then why didn't you tell me?! At least you should have let me be mentally prepared!"

"Why should I tell you? Telling you will only make you worry. You might as well sleep without knowing anything!" Luo Cheng retorted righteously, "Besides, no matter how smelly you are, I won't despise you!"

"Pfft!" Li Xiaoran stood up. "I'm hungry. I want breakfast. I don't want to take those pills anymore!"

"You have to eat breakfast and pills! Li Xiaoran, you have to be obedient!" Luo Cheng quickly chased after her as he coaxed her.

"No, I don't want to be obedient. I feel terrible! My man is starting to force me to do things. I can't accept it!" Li Xiaoran pretended to be sad.

Even though he knew that Li Xiaoran was pretending to be angry, Luo Cheng still couldn't bear to see her like this, but then, he laughed.

"As long as you eat breakfast and take the pills obediently, I can agree to one condition of yours! "

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she simply took out the pill and ate it.

After taking it, Li Xiaoran revealed a sly smile.

“You said it yourself, husband. You can’t go back on your word!”

“No regrets!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

“Husband, what have you been busy with recently?” Li Xiaoran asked as she ate breakfast.

“Have you forgotten? What are we here for this time? We’re not here to mend our relationship with my father, nor are we here to restore my status as a prince. We’re here to fight back!” Luo Cheng picked up a bun and said as he ate.

Li Xiaoran had been busy keeping an eye on Yan Xiaoqiao and making friends these past few days, so she had forgotten about this matter.

“Are you ready?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

“Of course! The show is about to start!”

Luo Cheng didn’t deceive Li Xiaoran.

At noon, the matter of people cheating on the imperial examination was exposed.

Speaking of which, Luo Cheng was lucky. Just as he was about to deal with some people, he discovered something.

This time, there was a very important official among the examiners.

This official wasn’t only in charge of selling the exam questions to the public, but also of silently dropping the money he had collected into the pockets of some important people.

His wife had seen everything that this official had done and left all the records behind.

This official’s name was Lu Xiangyang. His name was very pleasant, but he was a vicious person.

He had used all kinds of methods to snatch his current wife, Weng Yuxin. Not only did he kill her family, but he also killed her lover.

All these years, Weng Yuxin had endured humiliation and pretended to accept her fate in order to get Lu Xiangyang to let his guard down.

As for Lu Xiangyang, he looked like a gentle person on the surface, but he was very violent. After returning home, he no longer hid his true colors and often told Weng Yuxin about the shameful things he had done.

To him, Weng Yuxin, an illiterate woman, couldn’t do much.

However, Weng Yuxin had been secretly learning how to read and write from the wives of Lu Xiangyang’s colleagues all these years. Therefore, she recorded what Lu Xiangyang had done all these years.

Not only that, but Weng Yuxin also used her identity as Lu Xiangyang’s wife to secretly gather some evidence and hide it.

This time, after knowing that Lu Xiangyang had cheated in the imperial examination, Weng Yuxin wanted to use this matter to topple Lu Xiangyang.

When she was secretly doing this, she happened to encounter Luo Cheng's subordinates, then Luo Cheng sent people to protect Weng Yuxin.

At this moment, Weng Yuxin came to the county with all the evidence and sounded the drum in front of the government offices.

Immediately, the news that the cheating during the examination had been exposed spread throughout the capital.

When the emperor received this news from the Dark Dragon Guards, he was immediately furious.

The evidence reported by Weng Yuxin was quickly presented to the emperor.

Looking at the things recorded in the thick books, the emperor suddenly realized that these people had actually done so many things to harm the government in secret.

The people involved in this booklet were not only the important ministers of the current dynasty, but also talents who had been hired a few years ago.

If this group of idiots continued to be officials and the real talents were let go, the government wouldn't be far from destruction.

The current emperor prided himself on being a wise ruler. Previously, he was quite proud of his achievements over the years.

In the blink of an eye, someone had exposed such a big scandal that disproved the emperor. How could the emperor not be angry?

When the emperor was angry, the imperial court felt his wrath.

The emperor immediately ordered the Royal Minister, Leng Yu, to investigate the fraud case thoroughly. Then, he gave a secret decree for the Dark Dragon Guards to secretly investigate the officials involved in the fraud a few years ago.

As for Lu Xiangyang, the emperor immediately sent his trusted official to capture him and secretly detain him.

For a moment, the entire government was unsettled. Many officials were in a precarious situation.

After this news spread, Qi Fei and Ai Mingze's expressions changed drastically. Then, the two of them returned to their residence and discussed countermeasures.

"What should we do now? Why did the matter of cheating suddenly get exposed at this juncture?! This woman called Weng Yuxin really deserves to die!" Qi Fei slapped the coffee table beside him. With a bang, the coffee table shattered into two.

Ever since he started cheating with Qi Fei, Ai Mingze had been anxious.

Now that this matter had been exposed, he was actually relieved.

“Brother Qi, now is not the time to be angry. Let’s think about it together. When we obtained these test questions back then, we interacted with that person called Lu Xiangyang. As long as the government doesn’t find out about us, we’ll be safe!”

When Qi Fei heard Ai Mingze’s words, he calmed down and began to recall things bit by bit. Then, he erased some traces of his involvement.

Qi Fei and the others were not the only ones doing this. The others who had bought the questions were also cleaning up after themselves.

Regardless of whether it was too late or not, they had to give it a try.

After Pei Xuanxin learned of this, his expression became strange.

Although he didn’t participate in the cheating, he felt that the matter was a little fishy.

That was because he had seen the questions in the examination this time.

The questions could be found among the revision questions bought by Li Yan.

Pei Xuanxin took out the revision questions he had written and looked at them one by one. As expected, he had found all the questions for this examination.

At this moment, Pei Xuanxin didn’t suspect Li Yan. Instead, he wondered if someone had used this method to cheat.

Therefore, Pei Xuanxin planned to collect these questions and hand them to the officials in charge of investigating the cheating.

Li Yan had also heard about the cheating, so she hurriedly rushed back from grocery shopping.

As soon as he reached home, she saw Pei Xuanxin sorting out the test questions she had given him previously and immediately had a bad feeling.

“Husband, I heard that there was cheating in the examination. Is that true?” Li Yan quickly went forward and pulled Pei Xuanxin back as she pretended to be shocked.

“It’s true. The emperor has already sent someone to investigate!” Pei Xuanxin nodded and continued to pack the test papers.

“Then husband, why are you packing up these test papers? Are we going home because of this?” Li Yan couldn’t help but ask, “If this continues, will we have to wait until the next exam?”

Chapter 474: Direct Warning

On the day of the palace examination, the princes were also summoned to the main hall by the emperor.

The Seventh Prince, Luo Cheng, who had never appeared, finally stood in front of his brothers.

It was really awkward for the brothers to meet again after so many years!

The crown prince was a hypocrite, so when he saw Luo Cheng appear, he immediately acted like an affectionate brother.

“Seventh Brother, you’ve finally appeared! You’ve been gone for so many years, but you didn’t even come back to visit us even once. Father doesn’t say anything, but he’s actually been missing you!”

Luo Cheng sneered when he heard the crown prince’s words.

“Father has been thinking about me because he owed me a lot. As for you guys, you guys have indeed been thinking about me quite a lot. You guys know very well what you’re doing. There’s no need for me to say them out loud one by one! You guys don’t have to pretend to be nice to me. I only hope that you guys won’t think about me, who only wants to live a carefree life!” Luo Cheng’s bluntness embarrassed many of them.

At this moment, the emperor walked in.

“Why is it so quiet?! Seventh son, you have to change your stubborn temper.

Why do you look so sulky?!”

“Father, if you don’t want to see me, you don’t have to recruit me into the royal family! You know that I really don’t like the royal family! I have too many bad memories of it! Moreover, I really don’t want to interact with the people in the royal family! I just want to go back to my fief after my grandma’s birthday and live my life peacefully!” Luo Cheng said directly.

Before the emperor could react, Luo Cheng bowed to his brothers in the hall and said directly, “Today, I swear in front of you guys that I won’t covet the throne in my life. I only want to live a peaceful life. Please be magnanimous and don’t play any more tricks. You guys keep framing me or trying to kill me! I’m really not an enemy. Let me off the hook!”

At this point, Luo Cheng paused for a moment and began to threaten, “As the saying goes, he who is down need fear no fall. I only have a few relatives around me, but it’s different for you guys! If you dare to provoke me again, I might give you a taste of your own medicine. After all, you guys have many more relatives and friends than I do!”

Luo Cheng used politeness before resorting to threats.

The emperor was originally a little angry, but when he saw Luo Cheng’s actions, he admired him even more.

His seventh son really had the demeanor of his younger self!

“I’m warning you guys first. If you don’t listen, you’ll have to bear the consequences.

When the Third Prince, Ling Heng, saw this scene, he felt a little regretful.

He, who had some brotherhood with Luo Cheng, naturally knew about Luo Cheng's talent and abilities.

If his seventh brother worked for the imperial court and the people, that would be the blessing of the government!

Unfortunately, his brothers couldn't see this at all. They only knew how to indulge in fighting for power and scheming all day long.

The others felt differently.

They could sense that Luo Cheng wasn't joking, but warning them seriously. It made sense. In terms of family, there were many more people around them than Luo Cheng.

If they really forced Luo Cheng into a corner, none of them would have it easy.

"Alright, this is the end of today's matter! You have to remember that you're brothers, so you have to think twice before doing anything. I called you here today to let you participate in the palace examination. After the examination, you can recommend students you think are good!" The emperor explained why he had called everyone here today.

As soon as he said this, many people started to plan.

Only Luo Cheng and Ling Heng were not anxious at all. Their expressions didn't even change.

"Father, I don't think I need to participate! After all, my fief doesn't need any talents. It's fine as long as we can get by!" Luo Cheng said directly, "It's better for these talents to stay in the imperial court and work for you and the commoners."

Not knowing what to say, the emperor stared at Luo Cheng.

While Luo Cheng was in the royal family, Li Xiaoran went out to look for Meng Yan again.

When she saw Meng Yan again, Li Xiaoran felt that something was different about her.

"Why? Don't you recognize me?" When Meng Yan saw Li Xiaoran's hesitant expression, she took the initiative to greet her.

"No, I just feel that you seem to have changed into a different person!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's words, she laughed.

"I've changed. After you enlightened me last time, I thought about it again and again after I went back. I really figured out a lot of things! I seemed to be living a carefree life, but I was actually pretending. It wasn't until you said those things to me that I really thought it through!"

Li Xiaoran could feel Meng Yan's relaxed and happy mood, so she was sincerely happy for her.

“It’s good that you’ve thought it through. In the few short decades of life, suffering and sorrow have already occupied a lot. If you don’t let yourself live a more relaxed life, how are you going to keep living?! Tell me, why did you call me out today?”

“I really have something to tell you! I just don’t know how to start! Someone asked me to invite you to a gathering. Because I owe them a favor and can’t refuse, I can only brace myself and come to you!” Meng Yan went straight to the point. “Of course, you can refuse to participate. You don’t have to do it on my account. Do whatever you want. You don’t have to suffer for me! My friend doesn’t have to suffer for me!”

Li Xiaoran understood what Meng Yan meant and smiled.

“Looks like being your friend isn’t a bad idea! Sigh, there’s a cafe ahead. Let’s go in and drink while chatting! Tell me what this gathering is like first, then I’ll consider if I want to participate!”

“Alright, let’s go. I’ll treat you today!” Meng Yan was a straightforward person and agreed directly.

The two of them went to the cafe in front and chose a corner to sit in.

After ordering some juice and fruits, Meng Yan organized her words and explained the gathering to Li Xiaoran..

Chapter 475: Broken Arm

“Of course not!” Luo Cheng said firmly.

After talking about this matter, Luo Cheng pondered over it.

He wondered if Pei Xuanxin had recognized him at the restaurant that day.

Forget it. Even if he recognized him, it was fine. He would let Pei Xuanxin realize the difference in status between him and Li Xiaoran so that he would stop thinking about his wife.

Thinking of this, Luo Cheng felt that he should probably ask someone to investigate what had happened to Pei Xuanxin in the capital.

Luo Cheng immediately made the arrangements.

Not only did they have to investigate what had happened to Pei Xuanxin in the capital, but they also had to send people to keep an eye on Pei Xuanxin and Li

Yan.

Their surveillance revealed some alarming things.

Luo Cheng realized that not only had Li Yan been asking about their whereabouts recently, but she also went to the Seventh Prince’s residence every day.

Needless to say, Luo Cheng knew what Li Yan was up to.

Did she think that he liked her, so she had a chance to climb up the social ladder?

What a joke!

At this moment, Luo Cheng was really glad that he had chosen Li Xiaoran back then.

Otherwise, he would have regretted living with such a woman!

Therefore, Luo Cheng immediately ordered that Li Yan wasn't allowed to approach them.

Li Yan, who was still thinking about finding the Seventh Prince, was prevented from seeing Luo Cheng.

She tried her luck every day, but she always returned disappointed.

At the same time, with Luo Cheng's secret help, Leng Yu dealt with the cheating scandal very swiftly.

With Weng Yuxin's revelation and Lu Xiangyang's confession, all the officials who had participated in the cheating scandal were caught.

The emperor captured these officials and interrogated them one by one.

The second prince, Ling Kun, was very anxious.

"Second Prince, we can't let Leng Yu continue investigating. If this continues, I'm afraid you'll be implicated! The emperor is already a little dissatisfied with you. If he knows that you were involved in the cheating scandal this time, something bad will happen!" The second prince's aide said.

The second prince was also extremely anxious. When he heard the aide's words, he was immediately furious.

"Do you think I don't know? Come up with a practical solution to stop all of this! As the saying goes, soldiers are trained for years to fight for a crucial moment. It's time for you guys to repay me! But look at all of you. At this critical moment, you guys can't think of a single solution!"

When the other aides heard the second prince's words, they immediately felt very aggrieved!

The emperor was so fast that they couldn't react in time at all!

"Why don't we oust Leng Yu and replace him with our own people?" An advisor thought of a solution. "As long as the person who is investigating isn't Leng Yu, things won't be that bad. At least, we can take a breather and think of other ways!"

The second prince was desperate and felt that this was a good idea, so he arranged for someone to scheme against Leng Yu.

Luo Cheng had arranged for people to pay attention to the second prince's movements.

He had guessed that someone would attack Leng Yu, so he had secretly entered the palace to remind his father already.

Therefore, the assassin sent by the second prince was caught by the emperor's Dark Dragon Guards as soon as he appeared.

Fortunately, the Second Prince's men were cautious and found killers from the martial world. Therefore, even if these people were caught, they wouldn't expose the Second Prince.

After that, the second prince sent someone to arrange for Leng Yu to be poisoned. Unfortunately, Leng Yu knew that he had already become a thorn in the side of others, so he was very careful not to touch food given by anyone other than his trusted aides.

Leng Yu was still alive and well, but the second prince was already so anxious that his mouth was covered in sores.

In the end, the Second Prince could only watch as one of his trusted aides took all the responsibility. Only then did the Second Prince escape accountability.

Even so, the Second Prince's heart ached!

After all, it wasn't easy for him to place such a capable helper in the imperial court.

Now that one of them was arrested, it was equivalent to him losing an arm.

When Luo Cheng saw that the second prince had lost a powerful helper, he felt much better.

Not only the second prince, but the other princes in the government had more or less suffered some damage as well.

Fortunately, the Third Prince wasn't harmed from the beginning to the end. After all, with the Third Prince's straightforward personality, he indeed wouldn't do such things.

Other than these princes, several important ministers had been captured and many good positions had been vacated.

Various factions began to compete for these empty positions.

Under such circumstances, the government became unstable once again.

As many officials in the government fell from grace, Leng Yu started investigating the people who had bought examination questions.

This time, the students who were indifferent at first began to become nervous.

After that, the students who bought the questions were exposed. The other students scolded the people who bought the questions.

Under such circumstances, Qi Fei and Ai Mingze began to feel uneasy.

It was unknown if they were lucky or if they had done a good job, but they weren't discovered.

In the end, after more than twenty days of investigation, the cheating investigation case finally came to an end.

At this moment, Qi Fei and Ai Mingze heaved a sigh of relief.

Li Yan, Qi Fei and Ai Mingze were relieved.

Although Li Yan had burned Pei Xuanxin's test papers, Qi Fei and Ai Mingze knew!

If anything happened to these two people, they would definitely expose her and Pei Xuanxin.

At that time, she would have nothing left.

Not only would she be imprisoned, but even Pei Xuanxin would be removed from his position.

Fortunately, she was lucky enough not to get exposed!

Qi Fei and Ai Mingze were fine, so she was safe as well.

After the cheating scandal case was closed, the vacant positions on the Ranking List of Scholars would be filled by the people ranked behind.

This way, according to the emperor's previous request, anyone who entered the Ranking List of Scholars could participate in the palace examination.

This time, the emperor didn't give everyone any buffer time. He informed everyone about the palace examination on the day the cheating scandal case was closed. The next day, the palace examination was held in the open space outside the royal family.

It had to be said that this was the best time to test a person's mental fortitude.

Some students with weak mental fortitude and who couldn't withstand the pressure had good results during the general examination, but they didn't perform well during the palace examination.

Some were the opposite. They didn't perform well during the general examination, but because they could handle pressure well, they achieved good results during the palace examination..

Chapter 476: Direct Warning

On the day of the palace examination, the princes were also summoned to the main hall by the emperor.

The Seventh Prince, Luo Cheng, who had never appeared, finally stood in front of his brothers.

It was really awkward for the brothers to meet again after so many years!

The crown prince was a hypocrite, so when he saw Luo Cheng appear, he immediately acted like an affectionate brother.

"Seventh Brother, you've finally appeared! You've been gone for so many years, but you didn't even come back to visit us even once. Father doesn't say anything, but he's actually been missing you!"

Luo Cheng sneered when he heard the crown prince's words.

"Father has been thinking about me because he owed me a lot. As for you guys, you guys have indeed been thinking about me quite a lot. You guys know very well what you're doing. There's no need for me to say them out loud one by one! You guys don't

have to pretend to be nice to me. I only hope that you guys won't think about me, who only wants to live a carefree life!"

Luo Cheng's bluntness embarrassed many of them.

When the second prince received Luo Cheng's provocative gaze, he immediately understood something.

Perhaps his Seventh Brother was behind the cheating scandal's exposure.

At the thought of this, the second prince gritted his teeth in hatred

At this moment, the emperor walked in.

"Why is it so quiet?! Seventh son, you have to change your stubborn temper. Why do you look so sulky?!"

"Father, if you don't want to see me, you don't have to recruit me into the royal family! You know that I really don't like the royal family! I have too many bad memories of it! Moreover, I really don't want to interact with the people in the royal family! I just want to go back to my fief after my grandma's birthday and live my life peacefully!" Luo Cheng said directly.

Before the emperor could react, Luo Cheng bowed to his brothers in the hall and said directly, "Today, I swear in front of you guys that I won't covet the throne in my life. I only want to live a peaceful life. Please be magnanimous and don't play any more tricks. You guys keep framing me or trying to kill me! I'm really not an enemy. Let me off the hook!"

At this point, Luo Cheng paused for a moment and began to threaten, "As the saying goes, he who is down need fear no fall. I only have a few relatives around me, but it's different for you guys! If you dare to provoke me again, I might give you a taste of your own medicine. After all, you guys have many more relatives and friends than I do!"

Luo Cheng used politeness before resorting to threats.

The emperor was originally a little angry, but when he saw Luo Cheng's actions, he admired him even more.

His seventh son really had the demeanor of his younger self!

"I'm warning you guys first. If you don't listen, you'll have to bear the consequences.

When the Third Prince, Ling Heng, saw this scene, he felt a little regretful.

He, who had some brotherhood with Luo Cheng, naturally knew about Luo Cheng's talent and abilities.

If his seventh brother worked for the imperial court and the people, that would be the blessing of the government!

Unfortunately, his brothers couldn't see this at all. They only knew how to indulge in fighting for power and scheming all day long.

The others felt differently

They could sense that Luo Cheng wasn't joking, but warning them seriously.

It made sense. In terms of family, there were many more people around them than Luo Cheng.

If they really forced Luo Cheng into a corner, none of them would have it easy.

"Alright, this is the end of today's matter! You have to remember that you're brothers, so you have to think twice before doing anything. I called you here today to let you participate in the palace examination. After the examination, you can recommend students you think are good!" The emperor explained why he had called everyone here today.

As soon as he said this, many people started to plan.

Only Luo Cheng and Ling Heng were not anxious at all. Their expressions didn't even change.

"Father, I don't think I need to participate! After all, my fief doesn't need any talents. It's fine as long as we can get by!" Luo Cheng said directly, "It's better for these talents to stay in the imperial court and work for you and the commoners."

Not knowing what to say, the emperor stared at Luo Cheng.

While Luo Cheng was in the royal family, Li Xiaoran went out to look for Meng Yan again.

When she saw Meng Yan again, Li Xiaoran felt that something was different about her.

"Why? Don't you recognize me?" When Meng Yan saw Li Xiaoran's hesitant expression, she took the initiative to greet her.

"No, I just feel that you seem to have changed into a different person!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's words, she laughed.

"I've changed. After you enlightened me last time, I thought about it again and again after I went back. I really figured out a lot of things! I seemed to be living a carefree life, but I was actually pretending. It wasn't until you said those things to me that I really thought it through!"

Li Xiaoran could feel Meng Yan's relaxed and happy mood, so she was sincerely happy for her.

"It's good that you've thought it through. In the few short decades of life, suffering and sorrow have already occupied a lot. If you don't let yourself live a more relaxed life, how are you going to keep living on?! Tell me, why did you call me out today?"

"I really have something to tell you! I just don't know how to start! Someone asked me to invite you to a gathering. Because I owe them a favor and can't refuse, I can only brace myself and come to you!" Meng Yan went straight to the point. "Of course, you can refuse to participate. You don't have to do it on my account. Do whatever you want. You don't have to suffer for me! My friend doesn't have to suffer for me!"

Li Xiaoran understood what Meng Yan meant and smiled.

“Looks like being your friend isn’t a bad idea! Sigh, there’s a cafe ahead. Let’s go in and drink while chatting! Tell me what this gathering is like first, then I’ll consider if I want to participate!”

“Alright, let’s go. I’ll treat you today!” Meng Yan was a straightforward person and agreed directly.

The two of them went to the cafe in front and chose a corner to sit in.

After ordering some juice and fruits, Meng Yan organized her words and explained the gathering to Li Xiaoran..

Chapter 477: Malice

“This gathering is actually a flower appreciation banquet organized by Princess Ning Xin. The purpose is to meet the daughters of various officials in the capital. This banquet is also called the Flower Banquet. As the name implies, it’s a banquet to get married to the daughters of these officials in the capital.” Meng Yan said, “Logically speaking, you’re already married and shouldn’t be invited, but someone came to me and asked me to invite you out of kindness. Regardless of whether you come or not, I’m asking in order to repay this favor!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately became baffled.

They invited her to such a banquet? Were those nobles going to betroth her to someone?

The possibility was small and could be ruled out.

Could it be that the other party was after her husband, Luo Cheng?

After all, in this time and space, a woman could accept concubines for her husband.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran immediately felt disgusted.

These people really thought she was a pushover!

Since they couldn’t get through to Luo Cheng, they began to force her.

“Hmph, that person has an ulterior motive! Why? Is it because my identity as a countryside woman makes those people look down on me?!” Li Xiaoran’s expression was icy, and she exuded an intimidating aura that made people tense up.

At this moment, Meng Yan realized that the woman in front of her, who had been smiling brightly, was no longer as cute and amiable as she looked.

On the contrary, she was a capable person that couldn’t be underestimated.

“You’re indeed very smart. You saw through their intentions at a glance! That’s why I said that you don’t have to attend this gathering on my account. You can refuse!” Meng Yan suggested.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she wasn’t angry, but laughed instead.

“Refuse? Why should I refuse? I have never been a coward before! If I can refuse this time, there will be a second time and a third time. Instead of being harassed and pressured by others, why don’t you let me go to this gathering to show off my might? I’ll let certain people know what the consequences of offending me are!”

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she said worriedly, “But their dirty methods are impossible to guard against. I’m afraid you’ll suffer if you go!”

Meng Yan really liked Li Xiaoran as a friend. Her thoughts and perceptions were so different that it impressed her.

It wasn’t easy for her to get such a good friend, so she was unwilling to let her experience those terrible schemes and embarrassment.

“Don’t worry! I’m not that easy to scheme against! When will this gathering be held and where will it be held? Tell me everything! I’ll participate on time!” Li Xiaoran said calmly.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran had made up her mind to go, Meng Yan thought for a moment and said, “How about this?! I’ll bring you along! No matter what happens, at least I can help you!”

Speaking of this, Meng Yan remembered something.

“By the way, bring a few skilled maids with you! Bodyguards can’t enter that gathering, so you also have to bring some self-defense medicine as well. You have to prepare a few more sets of outfits too!”

After Li Xiaoran remembered these things, she parted ways with Meng Yan and went home.

At this moment, Luo Cheng had also returned from the palace. When he saw Li Xiaoran’s solemn expression after getting out of the carriage, he knew that something must have happened.

“What’s wrong? Why are you frowning? Didn’t you go out to play with Meng Yan?”

When Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng had returned and was looking at her with concern, she shook her head.

“It’s not a big deal, but husband, you have to prepare some things for me!”

With that, Li Xiaoran held Luo Cheng’s hand and the two of them entered the house.

When Li Xiaoran told Luo Cheng about the flower banquet, Luo Cheng’s expression turned ugly.

“I really didn’t expect that after I dealt with the men, the women started bullying you! It seems that the cheating scandal hasn’t taught everyone a lesson. The women have to be taught a lesson as well!”

“Husband, leave this matter to me! It’s better for you to handle the men’s matters. Let me handle the women’s matters!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Can you really do it? Don’t underestimate these women. When it comes to ruthlessness, even men pale in comparison!” Luo Cheng said worriedly.

“Husband, have you forgotten what my special ability is? It’s fine as long as you arrange for experts to protect me and give me some self-defense medicine! This is my battlefield, so I can’t retreat. I have to go. Moreover, I have to show them that I’m not to be trifled with!” Li Xiaoran said.

When Luo Cheng thought of Li Xiaoran’s special ability, he was slightly relieved.

“Now, we’ll get Wu Qinghe to divine your fortune. You can only go if there’s no danger!”

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng was worried about her safety, so she didn’t refuse.

The couple found Wu Qinghe and asked him to read Li Xiaoran’s fortune.

Wu Qinghe read Li Xiaoran’s fortune, which was that she would actually have a daunting experience without mishap.

Therefore, in the end, Li Xiaoran decided to attend the flower banquet in two days.

This drug for self-defense and the drug for teaching others a lesson were both useful, but it wasn’t easy to find a skilled female bodyguard!

At this moment, Luo Cheng really didn’t know where to find such a person.

Just as Luo Cheng was fretting, an unexpected person appeared in front of Li Xiaoran.

“Xiaoran, Xiaoran, here, here!” When Li Xiaoran was strolling on the street, she suddenly heard someone calling her, so she looked over.

On the other side of the street, Shu Ruyue, whom she had not seen for a few days, had actually appeared.

“Ruyue, why are you here?” Li Xiaoran ran over happily and grabbed Shu Ruyue’s hand as she asked, “Didn’t you say you wanted to go home and recuperate? Why did you run out not long after? Don’t you know how to cherish your health?!”

Shu Ruyue was amused by Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Don’t worry! I’m in good health now and I have a good appetite. I got lucky. A martial artist from my sect happened to visit me and made me a saint-grade medicine to treat my injuries. After I took a few pills and recuperated for so many days, I

completely recovered! As you know, I like being on the go, so I came to the capital with my martial uncle and junior sister!”

“Where are your martial uncle and junior sister?” Li Xiaoran looked around and asked curiously.

“My martial uncle and junior sister have something else to do.. I just came out to see if I could run into you!” Shu Ruyue explained, “It turns out that we’re really fated!”

Chapter 478: Little Quan Comes

“Then what do you plan to do in the future? Are you still going to follow your martial uncle and junior sister?” Li Xiaoran said as she brought Shu Ruyue into a stall at the side.

They ordered some food and sat down to eat while talking.

“Actually, I’m here to look for you two! I heard about the Seventh Prince and his consort and guessed that it was you two, so I came to seek refuge with you two! Look, you’re alone in the capital now, so there must be many people eyeing you guys with evil intentions. If I follow you, I can protect you!” Shu Ruyue told them her plan.

Shu Ruyue had considered this matter carefully.

She was bored after wandering the martial world alone all these years.

On the other hand, when she followed Li Xiaoran, what she experienced was very exciting.

She had a feeling that as long as she continued to follow Li Xiaoran, her life would definitely be more interesting.

Besides, she and Li Xiaoran were sworn friends, so she wouldn’t have to be afraid of being scammed if she followed her.

When Li Xiaoran thought of her needs, she said happily, “You sure trust me! But speaking of which, I really need you! In the next two days, I have to go to a banquet. I need someone to disguise as my maid and protect me. So, I’ll have to trouble you!”

Shu Ruyue was immediately interested.

“A banquet? Is it held by the families of those rich and powerful officials? Something will definitely happen at such a banquet. No wonder you need someone to protect you! How about this? I definitely don’t have enough manpower alone, so why don’t I call my junior sister along?! This way, with the two of us around, things will be safer!”

“Is your junior good at martial arts?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

“Not only is she good at martial arts, but she also has a good memory. She can remember everything she’s seen. Moreover, she’s very observant and can quickly

notice things that others don't. With her around, we'll get twice the results with half the effort!" Shu Ruyue said.

"That's good! As long as your junior sister is willing, I can't ask for more. Since you've helped me, feel free to ask for remuneration!" Li Xiaoran said happily.

Shu Ruyue thought for a moment and said, "I don't need any remuneration. Just let me follow you and protect you in the future. I'll ask my junior sister when she comes back."

Li Xiaoran nodded and took this matter to heart. The two of them separated after eating.

Li Xiaoran told Shu Ruyue her current address.

Ever since Luo Cheng entered the palace, the people secretly watching him already knew that he lived here with her, so there was no need to hide their address.

"Very few people know that we live here. Don't reveal it!" After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she reminded her.

Shu Ruyue knew the importance of confidentiality.

"Don't worry, I won't reveal it! How about this?! Let's meet again in this shop tomorrow. If my junior sister agrees, we'll gather again to discuss it!"

Li Xiaoran felt that this was a good idea, so she nodded in agreement.

After she finally found a person to protect her, Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief.

Just as Li Xiaoran was about to go back, Little Quan appeared and stopped her.

"Sister Xiaoran, I've been looking for you for many days!"

When Li Xiaoran saw Little Quan appear here, she looked around.

"Little Quan, why are you here alone? Where are your parents?"

"Sister Xiaoran, my parents are at home! These few days, my parents have been looking for you everywhere! I'm really sorry about what happened last time. My parents said that they want to invite you home for dinner!" Little Quan pulled Li Xiaoran's sleeve and refused to let go.

"Then why didn't you look for Meng Yan? She could have found me!" Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

"We haven't been able to find Sister Meng Yan these few days! Sister Meng Yan has never told us her address, so I could only come to populated areas to search!" Little Quan explained.

When Li Xiaoran heard Little Quant's words, she immediately remembered.

Meng Yan had never revealed where she lived.

She only found Meng Yan by chance. Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran looked at Zi Zheng.

“Zi Zheng, do you know where Meng Yan lives?”

Zi Zheng nodded and asked, “Madam, are you going to look for Meng Yan?”

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she nodded. “Let’s go find her!”

With that, Li Xiaoran squatted down and looked at Xiao Quan, who was pulling her.

“How about this?! Tell me, when do your parents want us to go? I’ll come with Meng Yan!”

After Little Quan thought for a moment, he nodded and asked, “Are you free tomorrow or the day after?”

Li Xiaoran shook her head.

“I have something on tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. Meng Yan probably has something on too! Why don’t we go on the 12th?”

“Is today the ninth?” Little Quan asked after a moment.

“Yes, today is the ninth. I’ll come with Meng Yan at noon on the twelfth. Is that okay?”
Li Xiaoran nodded and said.

“Alright, it’s settled then!” Little Quan nodded and said happily.

“Let’s go! Get in the carriage. I’ll send you home. I’m worried about you walking here alone!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and decided to send Little Quan home first.

After all, he was still a child, so it wasn’t safe for him to wander through the streets alone.

Since they had met, she naturally had to send him home safely.

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

Because on the way back, they saw a few people carrying a little girl into the carriage and kidnapping her.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran was furious and quickly called someone to follow them.

“Zi Zheng, we have to capture this person today! He’s too arrogant. He actually kidnapped a child on the streets!”

Li Xiaoran was very angry. She thought that the security in the capital would be much better, but she didn’t expect such a thing to happen.

If this child was really kidnapped, who knew what kind of tragic ending would await her in the future.

Zi Zheng was also very angry. As he chased after the carriage, he took out something.

Zi Zheng threw it into the sky with a bang.

Soon, the secret guards who were protecting Li Xiaoran nearby came over.

“Quick, stop the carriage in front. Someone kidnapped a little girl and they’re in the carriage!” Zi Zheng said when he saw his people.

As soon as he said this, three people immediately appeared and chased after the carriage in front.

If the secret guards attacked, the other party naturally couldn’t escape. After half an hour, everyone in the carriage was subdued and the little girl was saved..

Chapter 479: Saving People Until The End

The little girl in front of them probably wasn’t from an ordinary family.

The fabric of her clothes was very extraordinary. At least, ordinary people couldn’t afford it.

The child was carrying a longevity lock that was made of gold and was probably worth a lot of money.

Those people probably were not after money. Otherwise, this longevity lock wouldn’t have been left on the little girl.

Li Xiaoran flipped the longevity lock over to take a look. Unfortunately, there were only some patterns on it and no other information. Li Xiaoran had no choice but to send Little Quan home first. Then, she went to the place where the child had been captured and asked around.

Even until night fell, there was no news about this child.

No one nearby paid attention to the child and they only found out that there was a child here when the child was carried away.

Li Xiaoran had no choice but to bring this child back.

When Luo Cheng saw that Li Xiaoran had been out for an entire day and had brought a little girl back, he asked curiously, “What’s going on?”

Li Xiaoran was already thirsty. After she handed the child to Zi Cheng, she washed her hands and drank a mouthful of water.

“In such a prosperous place like the capital, public security is actually so bad. This little girl was carried into a carriage in the downtown area and was about to be taken away. Fortunately, I met her and asked someone to snatch her back. I snatched this child back, but I couldn’t find a single one of her relatives! Aren’t these parents worried that this child got lost? I’ve been asking around all afternoon, but I didn’t see anyone coming to look for the child!” With that, Li Xiaoran poured another large cup of water and drank it again.

“That little girl was drugged by those people. At that time, Zi Cheng applied medicine on the child and found a doctor to take a look. He confirmed that she was only unconscious, so looked for her family members. In the end, they were nowhere to be seen!”

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he asked, "Then did you go to the government offices to report a case? When some children get lost, the parents go to the government office to report a case. You should go to the government office to register. Perhaps the other party will find you!" Li Xiaoran stopped drinking water and looked at Luo Cheng.

"Sigh, if you hadn't mentioned it, I wouldn't have thought of this! In that case, should I get someone to register at the government office now?"

"There's no one in the government office now. Go tomorrow! Also, find another little girl tomorrow and put the two little girls together. Even if someone comes to look for the child, we'll bring the two little girls out and let them see which one is the child they're looking for!" Luo Cheng quickly said.

"You mean someone will lie?" Li Xiaoran didn't think of this at all and asked in disbelief, "Seriously?"

"Why not? The human heart is the most difficult thing to guess in this world. How do you know that the other party is really the little girl's family member? Or how do you know that the little girl's family is good to her?! Don't forget that there are all kinds of conflicts within families. Many times, conflicts between wives and concubines involve children! If the other party really recognizes this little girl and takes her away to harm her, won't we become accomplices?! Therefore, we have to be careful about this!" Luo Cheng explained.

After Li Xiaoran nodded, she thought of something.

"Don't worry, husband! No one can fool me. I can tell if they're really worried or not!"

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

Oh right, how could he have forgotten about Li Xiaoran's special ability?! This person could live with a few masks on, but emotions couldn't be deceived.

"That's good. Let's be more careful about this matter!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and went to wash up.

She was really exhausted today, so she couldn't wait until after dinner to wash up.

After washing up, she felt more refreshed.

At this moment, the little girl woke up.

Perhaps because she was in an unfamiliar environment, the little girl looked around warily and didn't say a word.

When Li Xiaoran learned that the little girl had woken up, she thought for a moment, then packed some food before going to the little girl's side.

When Li Xiaoran appeared, the little girl's eyes lit up.

"You're the pretty girl who tried to save me previously!"

Li Xiaoran smiled when she saw that this little girl actually recognized her.

“You still remember me? Don’t worry, you’re very safe in my house now. Bad people can hurt you anymore!”

Perhaps with someone she trusted around, the little girl finally relaxed.

After Li Xiaoran brought over the food box and scooped a bowl of rice for the little girl, she also scooped a bowl of rice for herself and ate with the little girl.

Because Li Xiaoran had been running around for a long time today, Luo Cheng instructed the kitchen staff to make some mild side dishes and a pot of porridge.

The two of them ate the porridge happily.

After eating, Li Xiaoran asked someone to clean up. Then, she looked at the little girl and asked, “I still don’t know your name.”

“My name is Ruan Weiwei. You can call me Weiwei!” the little girl replied.

“Weiwei, can you tell me where your house is? Where are your parents?” Li Xiaoran asked.

When Weiwei heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she shook her head.

“I don’t know where my family lives. I grew up with my mother. A few days ago, a woman suddenly came to find me and my mother. She said that my father was about to die and asked us to come to the capital to see him for the last time. However, after we arrived in the capital, that woman settled my mother and me in a small house. I was still sleeping on the bed in that house last night. When I woke up today, I was already on the street! After that, you saved me!” “Then your surname is Ruan? Did you take your father’s surname?”

Ruan Weiwei shook her head and continued, “I took on my mother’s surname. I’ve never seen my father since I was born! My mother said that I’ll definitely be able to see my father this time!”

When Li Xiaoran saw that Ruan Weiwei didn’t know where she lived, let alone how she appeared in the bustling city, she knew that there must be something fishy.

“Then can you tell me where you live in the capital?”

After Ruan Weiwei thought about it carefully, she recalled it.

“I remember that when we entered the capital, we came in from the east gate. The carriage kept going straight and only turned left at the end. After that, we turned left, right, left, and left. In the end, we probably passed by an oil mill because I smelled the smell of oil.. Finally, under a tall and big banyan tree, we stopped the carriage and entered the house after heading towards the left!”

After Li Xiaoran remembered what Ruan Weiwei had said, she asked the old servants in the residence to come over and take care of Ruan Weiwei.

With the new information, Li Xiaoran found Luo Cheng.

“Husband, do you have a map of the capital? I want to see where Ruan Weiwei’s carriage went in the end.”

Luo Cheng nodded as he took out the latest map of the capital. Then, he deduced it step by step according to what Ruan Weiwei had said previously.

It had to be said that this wasn’t an easy task.

There were too many forks in the capital, and there were also many left and right turns.

According to Ruan Weiwei’s description, they could deduce many routes.

Every route needed to be checked again. In the end, when it was late at night, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng still had six routes left to check.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was yawning as she continued to deduce, Luo Cheng said with some heartache, “There’s no hurry. You’ve been running around all day, so you should rest early! Rest up so that we can continue to help the little girl find her family tomorrow!”

Li Xiaoran was really sleepy at this moment, so she nodded when she heard Luo Cheng’s words.

After they washed their feet together, they lay down to rest.

As she slept, Li Xiaoran rolled into Luo Cheng’s arms.

Perhaps because she smelled something that made her feel at ease, Li Xiaoran immediately fell asleep.

Luo Cheng smiled bitterly when he saw Li Xiaoran snuggling up to him.

He was also a man with desires!

His wife was right beside him, but he couldn’t touch her and could only suppress his desire. It was too torturous.

Luo Cheng thought that he would definitely be able to endure it. After all, Li Xiaoran hadn’t fully recuperated and couldn’t withstand the pleasure of sex.

However, it was still very torturous to suppress his desire every day.

After taking a few deep breaths, Luo Cheng tried not to let his imagination run wild.

Gradually, he fell asleep with Li Xiaoran in his arms.

The next day, Li Xiaoran asked Zi Cheng to register at the government office and brought Ruan Weiwei to have breakfast with Luo Cheng.

Perhaps Li Xiaoran’s existence gave Ruan Weiwei a sense of security, so she wasn’t afraid even when Luo Cheng appeared.

“It seems that this little girl is very close to you!” Luo Cheng couldn’t help but say when he saw the two of them chatting and laughing.

“Of course. I’m a cute little girl that everyone loves!” Li Xiaoran said smugly.

Luo Cheng couldn’t help but laugh.

However, Luo Cheng agreed with Li Xiaoran’s boasting.

“What are you going to do today? Didn’t you make an appointment with Shu Ruyue and her junior sister? Do you need me to accompany you?” Luo Cheng thought of something and asked.

After Li Xiaoran recalled her agreement with Shu Ruyue, she pondered over it.

“Let Weiwei follow me! Send more people to secretly protect me. Perhaps I can attract some people’s attention if I appear in the city with Weiwei!”

Luo Cheng guessed that Li Xiaoran would do this, so he nodded. “Sure! Bring Wu Qinghe along today! With him and Shu Ruyue around, any danger can be resolved!”

Li Xiaoran nodded in agreement.

When it was almost time, Li Xiaoran brought Zi Zheng and Wu Qinghe out. As Ruan Weiwei sat in the carriage, she looked out the window curiously.

“You like lively places?” Li Xiaoran asked with a smile.

Ruan Weiwei nodded as she said expectantly, “I like watching bustling streets very much. I’ve lived alone in the courtyard since I was young. My mother didn’t let me go out, since there were many bad people outside and they would take me away. Therefore, I don’t even know what our village is like. To be honest, I’m very happy to be able to come to the capital because I can finally come out and take a look!”

These words expressed the little girl’s strongest desire.

Li Xiaoran could also sense that Weiwei was speaking from the bottom of her heart.

Li Xiaoran reached out to touch the poor little girl.

Speaking of which, Weiwei’s experience was a little similar to Li Xiaoran’s experience.

The difference was that Weiwei was imprisoned in her house, while the Host trapped her in the village because of her personality.

“I will show you around today. You can also eat a lot of delicious food with me!” When Ruan Weiwei heard this, she immediately looked at Li Xiaoran happily.

“Really?”

“Of course it’s true. I won’t lie to you!” Li Xiaoran said as she held Ruan Weiwei’s hand.

“But after you get out of the carriage, don’t wander around. You have to hold my hand tightly. You can’t be carried away by bad people again, understand?”

Ruan Weiwei nodded, indicating that she would definitely be obedient and wouldn’t run around.

Soon, the carriage arrived at the place they had agreed on with Shu Ruyue.

Li Xiaoran came in advance, so she asked for a private room. She also told the waiter she had seen yesterday that if he saw the girl who had eaten with her yesterday, he should tell her to come to the private room.

The waiter nodded and went to serve the dishes.

Ruan Weiwei wasn't hungry at this moment, so under Wu Qinghe's protection, she leaned against the window and looked out curiously.

"Weiwei, you can keep looking around for a while. I still have something to do!

After I'm done, I'll bring you out to shop!"

Tan Weiwei nodded as she said happily, "Sister Xiaoran, go ahead. I'll take a look around first!"

As soon as she finished speaking, footsteps sounded. Li Xiaoran saw Shu Ruyue push the door open and walk in.

"Eh, why are you alone? Where did your junior sister go?"

When Shu Ruyue saw Li Xiaoran, she said apologetically, "Xiaoran, my junior sister can't come! I can only accompany you to the banquet alone!"

Li Xiaoran could sense that Shu Ruyue was in a bad mood, so she asked, "Did something happen?"

Shu Ruyue nodded and said angrily, "My martial uncle brought my junior sister to the capital to fulfill a marriage contract. Unfortunately, the other party changed his mind. He refused to acknowledge this at all and even chased my martial uncle and junior sister out. My junior sister isn't in a good mood, so she can't take on your job!"

"It's fine. Your junior sister's mood is more important! Actually, I think this is a good thing. It's better to recognize the other party's true colors before marriage than to only realize it after marriage! At least your junior sister has a chance to choose again!" Li Xiaoran comforted.

"You're right. From another perspective, this is really something to be happy about!" Shu Ruyue nodded as she said..