

## The Hunter 521

### Chapter 521: Escape

At this point, Vanilla kowtowed to the Second Prince.

“Second Prince, you have to avenge our girl! Back then, the man who raped our girl had a big mole on his waist and a hair on it. When that bastard was putting on his clothes, he happened to be standing where I could see him, so I’ve always remembered this!”

As soon as she said this, the second prince’s expression changed.

Because he happened to know someone who had such a mole on his waist.

This person wasn’t Luo Cheng, but his mother’s subordinate.

This time, the second prince’s face turned pale and he could barely stand properly.

“Now, you finally understand who did all this? All these years, you’ve repeatedly sent people to kill me, but you didn’t expect that the person who really killed your cousin and separated you two was right under your nose!”

Luo Cheng said sarcastically, “You idiot, you even want to fight for the throne?”

What a joke!”

When the Second Prince heard Luo Cheng’s words, his eyes turned red.

“Luo Cheng, don’t be smug. So what? If you don’t hand over the antidote and prescription today, I’ll still take your life!”

At this moment, the Second Prince was furious about the sudden revelation.

His mother wasn’t by his side and only Luo Cheng was there.

Therefore, Luo Cheng became his target for venting.

“Second Brother, I really overestimated you. I didn’t expect you to be so useless. You don’t even have a backbone anymore. How can you still call yourself a man? Now that you’re angry, you’re targeting me. Good job! Speaking of which, all these years, I’ve been slandered by you and your mother. You guys have even tried to assassinate me so many times. It’s time for me to get payback!” Luo Cheng said as his expression changed.

“Kill the second prince today. Leave no one alive. Whoever takes the second prince’s head will be rewarded with a thousand taels of gold!” Luo Cheng ordered.

All these years, Luo Cheng’s subordinates had been training hard in martial arts so that one day, they could kill those who had oppressed them and bullied their young master.

Today, they finally didn't have to suppress their anger anymore and could beat people up directly. The group was naturally excited and motivated.

In just a few exchanges, countless people had died already.

As Luo Cheng stared at the second prince, who wasn't far away, he sneered.

It was time to let the second prince have a taste of what he had suffered all these years.

"By the way, Second Brother, you have to work hard to survive! Don't die here today! If you're really beheaded by my buddies, that'll be boring! As long as you escape, I guarantee that from today onwards, you and the people you care about will experience several assassination attempts every day. Don't worry, when you're not paying attention, I'll hire assassins to relieve your boredom," Luo Cheng said.

When the second prince heard Luo Cheng's words, he panicked and got stabbed.

As blood spurted out, the second prince's secret guard appeared and ran away with the second prince on his back.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng didn't send anyone to chase after them. Instead, he asked someone to deal with all the people the Second Prince had brought.

These people had killed countless innocent people, so their deaths were not worth pitying.

Moreover, a lot of his buddies had been sacrificed to protect him all these years.

Killing these people with their own hands could be considered comfort for those buddies in heaven.

After the second prince's men were dealt with, Luo Cheng thought of something and quickly brought his men up the mountain to look for Li Xiaoran and the others.

Li Xiaoran sensed Luo Cheng's anxiety in the cave, so she quickly ran out.

When Li Xiaoran walked out of a bush, Luo Cheng finally felt at ease. After Luo Cheng ran over and hugged Li Xiaoran, he took a deep whiff of her scent.

"I'm glad you're fine!"

"What about you? Are you alright?" Li Xiaoran smelled blood on Luo Cheng, so she asked worriedly.

"Don't worry! I'm fine. The second prince suffered heavy losses. However, this time, the second prince was lucky enough to escape! But don't worry, I've already arranged everything. If the second prince can find assassins from the martial world to kill me, I can also find assassins from the martial world to kill him. Anyway, I have plenty of money. I don't lack this bit of money!" Luo Cheng said fearlessly.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

"I'm glad you're fine!"

With that, Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "Husband, come. I'll show you a good place!"

With that, Li Xiaoran brought Luo Cheng to the bushes and stepped on a mechanism.

Soon, the cave entrance was revealed. Luo Cheng called a few people to follow Li Xiaoran to the cave below.

Zi Zheng, Shu Ruyue, and Wu Qinghe were all waiting in the cave. When they saw Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran coming down, their faces lit up.

“Husband, we found this cave by accident. Not only does this place have good scenery, but there’s also a vegetable garden and a small stream. The temperature here is suitable and it’s very hidden. We have to make use of such a good place!” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng looked around and realized that this place was indeed very good, so he nodded.

“Li Xiaoran is right. This place is really a good place!”

“Sigh, I’m thinking that if I can put a bed and some pots, pans, and ingredients here, I won’t get sick of living here for even a month!” Li Xiaoran felt that living here was like being on vacation.

“You’ll get sick of it after living here for a long time! Come home with me first! I’ll send some guards to clean up this place,” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran nodded and left the cave with everyone.

On the way back, Li Xiaoran told Luo Cheng what had happened when they went up the mountain.

Luo Cheng didn’t hide anything either and told her about how he had dealt with the second prince.

He also told her about how the second prince’s mother, Consort Shu, had asked someone to pretend to be him and rape the second prince’s cousin.

Li Xiaoran didn’t expect Luo Cheng to be the scapegoat for such a thing.

No wonder the second prince had been targeting her husband.

“Consort Shu is quite scheming! Not only did she get rid of so many thorns, but she also successfully cleared herself of suspicion and made the second prince hate you for so many years! Why is this woman so evil?!” Li Xiaoran said angrily.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran felt sorry for him, Luo Cheng didn’t feel that bitter about it anymore.

“Didn’t you say that one who has never tasted what is bitter does not know what is sweet?! Perhaps because I’ve experienced so many hardships, the heavens rewarded me with a lucky star wife!”

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When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, her heart ached for him.

“In that case, Consort Shu isn’t a good person either, so why don’t we teach her a lesson sometime to vent our anger?!”

“Don’t worry, there will be a chance! Let’s collect some interest from Second Brother first! Didn’t he like to send people to assassinate me? Now, I’ll let him have a taste of it. Whether he can survive or not will depend on his luck!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran felt that something was wrong with her husband’s smile. Just as she was about to ask, Luo Cheng changed the topic.

In fact, Luo Cheng let the second prince go on purpose.

The Second Prince could die, but he definitely couldn’t die in front of him.

Otherwise, his scumbag father would definitely be furious.

Although his scumbag father owed him a lot now, when it came to facing his sons at the same time, he definitely wouldn’t side with him.

That was why he deliberately let the second prince go.

Of course, after leaving this place, he couldn’t be blamed for what would happen to the second prince.

Speaking of which, the second prince was really unlucky.

It wasn’t easy for them to escape, but amidst their panic, they actually went further and further away.

Ling Kun wanted to find a house to stay in, but he only found one after walking for a long time.

This family looked like mountain hunters on the surface, but they were secretly ruthless robbers.

There were a total of four robbers, who had escaped after the bandit crackdown last year.

After the four of them fled here and repaired the dilapidated stone house, they pretended to be hunters.

Over the years, several missing young masters in the capital had died at the hands of these four people.

It was also because of the money these young masters had that the four of them lived so comfortably and even expanded the stone house.

They were the only family in a radius of more than ten miles.

Just like that, the four of them actually settled down in a remote place near the capital.

The second prince had brought his guards to stay for the night, so he was like a fat sheep in the eyes of the four bandits.

The Second Prince looked rich and noble, while his clothes were lavish. He was just short of saying that he had a lot of money.

However, the guards beside the second prince were not to be trifled with. Although there were only two guards and they were injured, they were still very skilled in martial arts.

When the four of them brought tea, one of the Second Prince's guards noticed something amiss and gestured to his other companion.

Only the Second Prince, who was in a daze because of what had happened today, didn't notice anything wrong with the tea.

Before the guard beside him could dissuade him, he had already drunk a cup of tea.

The guard had no choice but to try to kill the four men with ill intentions.

When the bandit saw that the matter had been exposed, his gaze turned fierce and he planned to go all out.

If they didn't capture these three people today, the four brothers could forget about continuing to live here.

As the saying went, he who was down need fear no fall. These four people were like desperados.

Although the two guards were skilled, they gradually fell at a disadvantage.

"We were tricked!" a guard shouted when he sensed something amiss.

When the other guard protecting the second prince heard his companion's words, he immediately circulated his internal energy. As expected, there was a problem.

"Hahaha, today of next year will be the anniversary of your deaths!" A strong man rushed forward with a scimitar to end these people's lives.

Unfortunately, the guard dodged, and the man tripped on something. Then, he lost his balance and fell.

Coincidentally, the scimitar in his hand fell out and stabbed into the unconscious second prince's thigh.

A miserable scream sounded. The Second Prince's two guards couldn't be bothered to deal with these people anymore and carried the Second Prince away to escape again.

Even though the two of them had been set up, the four bandits couldn't stop them if they wanted to escape.

Just like that, the four bandits could only watch as the three people in front of them disappeared from their sight.

"Brother, what should we do now?" The man who had injured the Second Prince with the scimitar asked worriedly.

"We can't stay here for long. Let's pack our things quickly and change places!" the person called Big Brother said.

"Huh? We finally found such a good place. Why are we leaving?!" The tanned man said reluctantly.

“We’ll die if we stay here! My intuition has always been very accurate. If you want to die, stay!” The bandit called Big Brother quickly returned to pack his things.

Soon, the four of them left with their bags in the dark.

“Big Brother, where can we go?”

“The last time we went to deliver goods, didn’t we find a very hidden place? Let’s go there! There’s a dilapidated temple there. We can make do for a few days first and build a stone house!” One of the men said in the forest late at night.

The second prince’s guard brought the injured second prince to a small town.

After waking the doctor up late at night and forcing him to treat the second prince’s wound, the two of them brought the second prince to an inn in town.

Then, the three of them finally rested for a while.

Unfortunately, Luo Cheng had already prepared a big gift for them. How could he let them have things so easy?

The second prince had just woken up after taking the medicine when an assassin appeared...

The next morning, as soon as Luo Cheng woke up, he saw Zi Cheng walking over with a messenger pigeon.

“Young Master, you definitely didn’t expect the second prince to be so unlucky! What happened tonight is enough for the second prince to reminisce about for a long time!” Zi Cheng said happily.

“He’s not dead, is he?” Luo Cheng asked aloofly.

“I did as you instructed. He was spared from death, but he suffered a lot!” Zi Cheng told him what the second prince had experienced last night.

After hearing this, Luo Cheng was also surprised. He didn’t expect his second brother to be in such a sorry state yesterday.

First, he was unlucky enough to encounter four bandits who injured his thigh. Then, the doctor secretly drugged him, so his wound kept itching. In the end, when he was being chased, the two guards died in order to protect him. As for him, he was hidden in a bucket by the guards, which saved his life..

## Chapter 523: A Guess

When Luo Cheng heard this, he really didn’t know what to say, but he was very happy.

His second brother deserved it!

However, this was only the beginning. There would be endless assassinations later on.

He would definitely let his second brother enjoy the feeling of living in fear.

“By the way, Young Master, what should we do about that bandit?” Zi Cheng thought of something and asked for instructions.

“Investigate if those four people had killed people before. If they have, capture them and hand them over to the authorities to deal with. If they’re kind-hearted, forget it. However, it seems that these four people aren’t good people, so send someone to keep an eye on them first. When the matter in the capital is settled, send them to Third Brother. I believe that with Third

Brother’s personality, these four people will receive their due retribution!” Luo Cheng said.

Zi Zheng nodded and remembered this.

After that, Luo Cheng began to urge everyone to make the antidote for mania.

By the time the third batch of antidote was made, the herbs were almost exhausted.

At this moment, the capital had returned to normal. Luo Cheng also brought Li Xiaoran back to the capital with the others.

It had been a few days since the empress dowager’s birthday. The emperor had been overwrought recently, so the birthday celebration had been postponed.

After Li Xiaoran received this news, she sighed.

“Why? Are you unhappy?” Luo Cheng asked when he saw Li Xiaoran’s unhappy expression.

“Yes, I miss home! No matter how good the capital is or how prosperous it is, it doesn’t feel like home. Staying here is also quite tiring!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Didn’t you say that you wanted to teach those people who schemed against us a lesson when we came? If we leave without even teaching them a lesson, wouldn’t that be a pity?” Luo Cheng teased.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately perked up.

“That’s right. I forgot why we’re here! Also, what’s her name? Yan Xiaoqiao? Yes, Yan Xiaoqiao, I haven’t taught her a lesson yet!”

At the mention of this person, for some reason, Luo Cheng’s heart skipped a beat.

“Speaking of which, what has Yan Xiaoqiao been doing during the chaos in the capital?”

As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran immediately thought of something.

“Do you have any suspicions?”

“Not really. When you mentioned this person just now, I suddenly had an inexplicable feeling that this has something to do with Yan Xiaoqiao!” Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she suddenly had a ridiculous thought.

“Husband, if those people could find so many people who look very similar to the princes, what about Yan Xiaoqiao? Could Yan Xiaoqiao also be fake?” As soon as this hypothesis was made, Luo Cheng felt unnerved.

According to this train of thought, Luo Cheng suspected that all the ministers in the government had been replaced.

Li Xiaoran also thought of this possibility and shivered.

“That can’t be possible! It’s not so easy to replace all the ministers. However, we can investigate Yan Xiaoqiao. I think she might be an imposter!”

Luo Cheng felt that Li Xiaoran was right. It seemed that he should send someone to investigate Yan Xiaoqiao again.

“Why don’t you tell your father?! Didn’t you leave this matter to him last time?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked. Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment and nodded.

“It’s time to see my father!”

“By the way, it’s all thanks to Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan for bringing the antidote this time. Bring it up in front of Old Master!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“You should ask Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan if they need it. Actually, it’s better not to tell anyone about this! To these two people, helping them hide it is the best way to protect them. Think about it carefully. The person behind this madness hasn’t been caught yet!” Luo Cheng reminded.

Li Xiaoran immediately understood after Luo Cheng reminded her.

“Stop talking! Let’s compensate them with something else! Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan will get married soon, so let’s give them a big gift!”

“Sure!” Luo Cheng nodded and said.

The next day after returning to the capital, Luo Cheng entered the palace.

Since Li Xiaoran had nothing to do, she brought Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe to the streets and alleys of the capital.

Thanks to the antidote developed by Luo Cheng, the oppressive atmosphere from the mania had been swept away.

The commoners, who had been locked up at home for a long time, ran to the streets to play.



The shops that were originally closed were now opening to attract customers.

The streets, which usually looked desolate, became lively and prosperous.

Shu Ruyue thought of something and said, "I wonder if my martial uncle and junior sister left before the capital got closed off?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she thought for a moment and said, "We're out for a stroll, so why don't we go to your mentor's place to take a look?! Logically speaking, on the day of the accident, your martial uncle and junior sister should have still been in the inn!"

After that, the group took the carriage to the street on the other side of the capital.

Shu Ruyue's martial uncle and junior sister were staying in this shop called Fulai Inn. When they arrived at the door of the shop, they realized that many people were preparing to leave with their luggage.

Seeing that the shopkeeper and the waiter were busy calculating everyone's room fees, Shu Ruyue simply walked towards the room where her martial uncle and junior sister were staying.

However, the room was already empty.

At this moment, a woman walked out of the room after cleaning up. When she saw Shu Ruyue standing there, she immediately thought of something.

"Is your name Shu Ruyue?"

Shu Ruyue nodded quickly when she heard her name.

"Yes! I'm Shu Ruyue!"

"The guests in this guest room left a letter for you. It's with the shopkeeper, so go to the shopkeeper and get the letter!" The woman said with a smile.

"Alright, thank you! When did the guests leave?" Shu Ruyue asked again.

"They left last night! After the city gate of the capital opened, many guests left. Therefore, there were many guest rooms that had to be cleaned. That's why we cleaning up the guest rooms until today!" The woman explained.

After Shu Ruyue nodded, she thanked her again and went downstairs to look for the owner.

Li Xiaoran stood in the hall and waited. Amidst her boredom, she noticed something that happened on the street outside.

At that moment, a carriage galloped over and bumped into someone. However, not only did the person in the carriage not apologize, but the person even cursed.

Li Xiaoran found the voice familiar!

“Who are you?! Your carriage bumped into someone. How can you be so unreasonable?” At that moment, a very familiar voice sounded.

When Li Xiaoran craned her neck curiously to take a closer look, she realized that she actually knew the two people confronting each other.

Moreover, these two people could be considered her sworn enemies!

One was Yan Xiaoqiao, who wanted to snatch her man, and the other was Li Yan, who schemed against her and wanted to snatch her life.

The two of them actually bumped into each other.

What a small world!

Yan Xiaoqiao looked at the poor woman in front of her as she said disdainfully,

“Do you know who I am? How dare you speak to me like that? Believe it or not, I’ll make you disappear from the capital today!”

When Li Yan heard the other party’s words, she bit her lip with envy.

If she had not given up on marrying Luo Cheng back then, she would be the Seventh Prince’s consort now.

With her status as the Seventh Prince’s consort, it would be easy for her to deal with a woman like her.

Thinking of this, Li Yan retorted.

“Who do you think you are?! I know the Seventh Prince. The Seventh Prince will arrest you for recklessly riding your horse on the streets!”

When Yan Xiaoqiao heard Li Yan’s words, she immediately sized up her.

“You know the Seventh Prince?”

When Li Yan heard this, she immediately became smug.

“How is it? Are you afraid? Let me tell you, I have an extraordinary relationship with the Seventh Prince!”

Yan Xiaoqiao looked at Li Yan with disdain.

“You? You have a special relationship with the Seventh Prince? Get a look in the mirror!”

“What’s wrong with me? The Seventh Prince was the one who took the initiative to propose to me back then!” Li Yan was agitated by Yan Xiaoqiao’s disdainful gaze and shouted.

“Hmph, do you really think there’s no one else in the capital?! Any girl in the capital can outshine you. You dare to say that the Seventh Prince wanted to marry you?” Yan

Xiaoqiao sneered. "Besides, I've seen that country girl, the Seventh Prince's consort. Even though I don't like her, I have to admit that she's much better than you!"

"Hmph, how can Li Xiaoran compare to me?!" Li Yan said stubbornly, "Even Li Xiaoran can't compare to me!"

"Is that so? So in your eyes, I can't compare to you? Then why did you scheme against me back then and let me marry the Seventh Prince instead? Now that you see that I've become the Seventh Prince's consort, you're filled with regret!" Li Xiaoran stuck her head out of the inn and asked with interest.

As soon as Li Xiaoran said this, Yan Xiaoqiao and Li Yan looked over at the same time.

When Li Yan saw Li Xiaoran leaning against the window lazily like a royal, she was furious.

It was this b\*tch in front of him who snatched her identity as the Seventh Prince's consort.

She had been looking for her for a long time and finally bumped into her today.

Before Li Yan could rush forward angrily, Yan Xiaoqiao rushed towards Li Xiaoran first.

Li Xiaoran looked at Yan Xiaoqiao, who looked like she wanted to kill her, and guessed that she wanted to get revenge for what happened last time.

Without saying anything else, Yan Xiaoqiao attacked Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran wasn't worried at all. Even when she saw Yan Xiaoqiao whip out of her waist, Li Xiaoran continued to lean against the window and didn't move at all.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was about to get whipped, Li Yan gloated.

Li Xiaoran deserved it!

At this moment, Shu Ruyue snatched the whip from Yan Xiaoqiao's hand and retracted it forcefully before dodging quickly.

Therefore, when the whip was only two fists away from Li Xiaoran, it was retracted and slapped Yan Xiaoqiao's face instead.

Yan Xiaoqiao couldn't dodge in time nor did she expect things to develop like this, so she was whipped.

With a scream, Yan Xiaoqiao threw the whip away and covered her face.

Upon closer inspection, blood was already flowing out from between Yan Xiaoqiao's fingers.

"As expected, evil people will suffer retribution. I wonder how it feels to be whipped by yourself." Shu Ruyue stood beside Li Xiaoran as she mocked Yan Xiaoqiao.

Shu Ruyue hated people who bullied others.

It was one thing to bully others previously, but now, she was actually bullying Li Xiaoran.

She was the one who came looking for trouble!

“Sigh, I heard that you couldn’t speak previously. Now that I hear that your voice is very sharp, seems like there’s nothing wrong with your throat

These words agitated Yan Xiaoqiao even more.

“You b\*tch from the countryside, just you wait. I’ll teach you a lesson!”

“Alright! I’ll be waiting! It just so happens that I haven’t had enough of punishing you! Tell me, why are you coveting a married man all day? Is this the upbringing of a daughter of a wealthy family? This really broadened my horizons as a girl from the countryside!”

“Don’t generalize. Not all the young ladies in the capital are like this. Most of them are knowledgeable and sensible, unlike Yan Xiaoqiao, who is shameless!” At this moment, Meng Yan walked out of the crowd and walked past Li Yan towards Li Xiaoran.

When Li Xiaoran saw Meng Yan, she smiled.

“Why are you here? Are you done dealing with the matter?”

“It’s just a few shops. They’re already operating normally, so there’s naturally nothing else to do! I happened to plan to look for you, but I saw you here!” Meng Yan sat beside Li Xiaoran as she replied with a smile.

Li Yan watched as Li Xiaoran interacted with the noble lady from the capital and even dealt with the unruly woman who had looked down on her just now. There was no joy on her face, but hatred.

Perhaps Li Yan’s hatred was too intense, but it attracted Meng Yan’s attention.

“Who is this person? She said that the Seventh Prince wanted to marry her?

What’s going on?”

“We’ll talk about this later. I’ll deal with Yan Xiaoqiao first!” Li Xiaoran said and looked at Yan Xiaoqiao, who was still standing on the spot.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran felt that there was something unusual about Yan Xiaoqiao.

Before she could see clearly, Yan Xiaoqiao suddenly let go. Then, a hideous wound appeared.

Li Xiaoran was a little dazed when she saw that half of her face was covered in blood.

At this moment, Yan Xiaoqiao suddenly spat out a few thin needles that flew towards Li Xiaoran...

Chapter 525: You’re Not Yan Xiaoqiao

In the blink of an eye, Shu Ruyue grabbed a tablecloth from the side and rushed in front of Li Xiaoran and Meng Yan. Then, Shu Ruyue waved the tablecloth and knocked the poisonous needles to the ground.

Zi Zheng, who had been guarding Li Xiaoran, injured Yan Xiaoqiao and tapped her acupoints to prevent her from moving.

After Shu Ruyue picked up the poisonous needle from the ground and looked at it carefully, she found traces of poison on it.

“You’re really vicious! This needle is contaminated with a lethal poison. You’re trying to murdering people!”

As Li Xiaoran looked at Yan Xiaoqiao, she suddenly understood something.

“You’re not Yan Xiaoqiao! Who are you?”

Yan Xiaoqiao didn’t speak at all and only sneered at Li Xiaoran.

“She’s not Yan Xiaoqiao? How is that possible?” Meng Yan asked in confusion.

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she came to Yan Xiaoqiao’s side and stared at her face carefully.

Then, Shu Ruyue held the poison needle in her hand as she touched Yan Xiaoqiao’s face.

As Yan Xiaoqiao looked at the thin poisonous needle in front of her, her heart thumped. She was afraid that the poisonous needle would accidentally poke her face.

Yan Xiaoqiao was filled with fear and regret.

If she had known earlier, she wouldn’t have come out. She should have stayed in the residence with her sister.

She just wanted to show off in the capital like her sister. How did such a thing happen?

If she had known earlier, she would have left immediately when she saw that the Seventh Consort was here.

Speaking of which, her sister was to blame.

If not for the fact that her sister had been pestering her to avenge her, she wouldn’t have come over to attack when she saw Li Xiaoran here.

Li Xiaoran looked at Yan Xiaoqiao with widened eyes, as if she had seen something unbelievable.

In fact, Li Xiaoran was even more shocked.

In the past, she could only empathize with others and could sense their emotions.

No matter how powerful she was, she could only enter other people’s dreams.

But what was going on now?

Why could she hear Yan Xiaoqiao’s thoughts?

“Xiaoran, Xiaoran? What are you thinking about?” Meng Yan was the first to realize that Li Xiaoran was in a bad mood and nudged her gently. After Li Xiaoran came back to her senses, she shook her head.

“I’m fine, I’m fine! I’m fine!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and turned to look at Meng Yan.

Strange, why couldn’t she hear Meng Yan’s thoughts?

At this moment, Li Xiaoran heard the thoughts of someone not far away.

“Hmph, Li Xiaoran is really lucky. Why wasn’t she poisoned to death by that poisonous needle?! As long as Li Xiaoran dies, she can become the Seventh Consort!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this voice, she looked at Li Yan and saw that her face was filled with jealousy and her emotions were fluctuating.

Li Xiaoran understood something.

Perhaps when people lost control of their emotions or their emotions fluctuated greatly, she could hear what they were thinking, but she couldn’t hear what those who were calm and emotionless were thinking.

After understanding this, Li Xiaoran hid her emotions and looked at Yan Xiaoqiao.

No, she should be Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister.

“You’re not Yan Xiaoqiao. You’re Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister? If I’m not wrong, you and Yan Xiaoqiao are twins, right?! No wonder you look identical. If outsiders don’t look carefully, they really won’t be able to tell!”

As soon as he said this, everyone around him was stunned.

Shu Ruyue, who was looking for a human skin mask on Yan Xiaoqiao’s face, also looked at Li Xiaoran when she heard this.

“No wonder I didn’t see a human skin mask even after searching for a long time. So this person isn’t Yan Xiaoqiao!”

Meng Yan stood up in shock and took a closer look at the captured “Yan Xiaoqiao”.

It had to be said that Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister was really similar to her!

Meng Yan rubbed Yan Xiaoqiao’s cheek.

“What’s wrong?” Shu Ruyue asked curiously.

“Yan Xiaoqiao has a mole here. I wanted to see if she had it. In the end, she did, so I wanted to rub it to see if it was fake!” Meng Yan replied.

“You can’t rub it off like that!” As Shu Ruyue spoke, she took out a bottle of medicine and handed a drop of medicine to Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister.

After gently wiping it with a handkerchief, the mole disappeared.

“Look, this is a mole she drew with an eyebrow pencil. Because the material of this eyebrow pencil is a little special, it’s waterproof. You can’t wash it off by rubbing it with your hands or washing it with water. You have to use a special medicinal liquid like mine!” Shu Ruyue explained.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she suddenly smiled.

“Ruyue, apply this medicinal liquid on her entire face again and wipe it off with a handkerchief. Perhaps we can see her true appearance.”

As soon as she said this, Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister stared at Li Xiaoran murderously while wishing she could hack Li Xiaoran into pieces.

Li Xiaoran smiled when she met her gaze.

“Don’t look at me like that. I’m not homosexual! I love my husband very much, so I won’t like you!”

Everyone around them couldn’t help but laugh.

Shu Ruyue applied the medicinal liquid on Yan Xiaoqi’s face and wiped it with a handkerchief.

As expected, after her entire face was wiped, a face that resembled Yan Xiaoqiao’s was revealed.

“No wonder you knew how to speak today. I thought that Yan Xiaoqiao had found a doctor to treat her throat. Unexpectedly, she had a twin sister! Sigh, why were you the one who was sent away back then? Why did your sister stay? Logically speaking, you’re the eldest sister, so you should have been the one who was left behind to enjoy life! Why were you sent away? How pitiful!” Li Xiaoran said indignantly.

These words really struck a chord with Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister.

All these years, Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister really hated her!

She hated her parents for being so unfair.

They were both children they had given birth to, so why should she suffer so much?

Yan Xiaoqiao’s sister’s name was Yan Xiaoxi. Since childhood, she had been raised by a nun in a dilapidated nunnery.

She originally thought that her life would remain miserable, but unexpectedly, her biological parents came looking for her a few years ago.

At that time, she realized that her biological parents were actually dignitaries.

When she saw her sister, her first reaction wasn’t joy but jealousy!

Why? Why should she be the one suffering?

Her parents' decision made her feel even more indignant.

She was clearly the one who had suffered, but why did she have to continue to suffer?

She couldn't recover her identity and even had to pretend to be her sister, Yan Xiaoqiao.

She refused, but it was useless. His parents had plenty of ways to force her to do as they pleased.

That was why Yan Xiaoxi came here disguised as Yan Xiaoqiao.

"That's right. I'm Yan Xiaoqiao's sister. I'm the twin sister who was sent out by the Yan family!"

As soon as she said this, there was an uproar. After everyone came back to their senses, they began to discuss it.

Li Xiaoran felt that the people around her were looking at her strangely, so she looked at Meng Yan.

"Why do they look like they want to hide after hearing about the twins?"

Meng Yan looked at Li Xiaoran and saw the confusion on her face, so she asked, "Don't you know? It's said that giving birth to twins is a curse from the heavens, especially identical twins. Whoever gives birth to twins will face disaster!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her eyes widened.

"Who said that? How did twins become a curse? This is nonsense. I know a pair of twins and the two of them have been bringing good luck to their families since they were born. Later on, their lives became better and better. How did such a blissful thing become a curse in your eyes?"

"The state preceptor said so. The state preceptor said that twins are the curse of the heavens and they're born to bring disaster to people, so when everyone hears about twins, they're filled with fear!" Meng Yan said.

Li Xiaoran was at a loss and said, "When did the government have a state preceptor?"

Meng Yan told her, "There has always been a state preceptor. It's just that the state preceptor hasn't found an heir yet, so he went out of the capital to find a suitable disciple! Speaking of which, the state preceptor appeared during the empress dowager's birthday because the state preceptor prays for her every year!"

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said with schadenfreude, "In that case, after the news that Yan Xiaoqiao and this woman are twins spread, Prime

Minister Yan's family will probably be in trouble!"

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's words, she shook her head.

"Don't rejoice too early. Prime Minister Yan isn't easy to deal with. In my opinion, this matter will most likely be resolved by Prime Minister Yan. At that time, Prime Minister Yan will push the blame to you and say that you had a grudge because Yan Xiaoqiao



coveted your man, so you created rumors to slander the Yan family. After all, there are many people who look alike, so it's normal. Many cousins look alike as well!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Meng Yan's words, she immediately pursed her lips.

Because she knew very well that the development of the matter might be as Meng Yan had guessed.

"Then should I have let them slander me?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and said indignantly.

Meng Yan didn't know what to say. After all, with Li Xiaoran's current identity, she was no match against Prime Minister Yan.

"Actually, you don't have to worry. The emperor definitely won't blame you. After all, this person injured you first, so it's understandable that you counterattacked. It's just that it's not easy to use this matter to bring down Prime Minister Yan!"

Li Xiaoran knew that Meng Yan was right, so she suppressed her aggrieved emotions.

She was alone now, so it was better not to go against Prime Minister Yan.

It wasn't easy to get rid of him, so they had to take it slow.

Li Xiaoran recalled her previous guess.

In that case, Yan Xiaoqiao actually had a substitute.

When the Yan family needed her, this person called Yan Xiaoxi had to do anything for Yan Xiaoqiao at any time.

If Prime Minister Yan didn't know about this, it could only be said to be a scheme between women.

If Prime Minister Yan knew about this but didn't acknowledge Yan Xiaoxi's identity, and treated Yan Xiaoxi as Yan Xiaoqiao's substitute now, it would be difficult to hide the scheme behind this!

At this moment, Luo Cheng also saw his father.

After a while, when Luo Cheng saw his father again, he suddenly realized that he seemed to have aged a lot.

When they met a while ago, he looked quite energetic.

Luo Cheng blurted out what was on his mind, "Father, you have to take care of yourself! "

The emperor looked at the child in front of him. He had heard many people asking him to take care of himself, but Luo Cheng sounded the most sincere when he said this.

People's hearts were made of flesh. As time passed, one would see who was sincere and who was hypocritical.

Although he was the emperor, he was also a person of flesh and blood.

He was also a shrewd person.

“It’s fine. I’m recovering! It’s all thanks to you for developing an antidote for mania previously. Otherwise, the government would have been in chaos!” The emperor said with a smile.

Back then, the emperor and Xiao Dezi made a bet, but no one lost or won. Luo Cheng didn’t enter the royal family, but he resolved the emperor’s urgent need.

Looking at his son in front of him, the emperor had mixed feelings.

He yearned for his son, Luo Cheng, to be closer to him, but he was also a little angry. Why did Luo Cheng let Li Shun send the medicine rather than himself back then?

Actually, the emperor knew very well that Luo Cheng didn’t trust him.

Realizing this, the emperor actually felt a little upset. There wasn’t much trust between the father and son.

“That’s all I can do!” was all Luo Cheng said.

“You didn’t come to the palace just to show concern for my health, did you?” the emperor asked Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng thought of something and took out the food box in his hand.

“Xiaoran made some rice cakes. The ingredients she prepared yesterday were steamed early this morning. When I left, she instructed me to bring a food box to Father!”

The emperor’s eyes lit up when he heard that.

To be honest, it had been a long time since he had eaten food cooked by Luo Cheng’s wife, so he really craved it.

The emperor quickly stood up and took the food box. After he asked someone to pour water, he washed his hands and took the rice cake from the food box to

The rice cake was just ordinary rice cake. There was nothing special about it.

However, it was this plain rice cake that reminded the emperor of his childhood joy.

The emperor had a tough childhood.

At that time, the most blissful thing for the emperor was eating the rice cake personally made by his mother, the current empress dowager.

“This taste is the same as the rice cake your grandma made! I really miss it!”

## Chapter 527: The Mediocre Crown Prince

After the rice cakes in the food box were quickly eaten, the emperor was full.

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he mentioned what had happened previously.

“Father, I want to ask, have you captured all the people who look like the eldest princes?”

Speaking of this, the emperor thought of something and sneered.

“Previously, I sent people to keep an eye on those people. I originally wanted to stay there and catch the mastermind. Unexpectedly, mania happened later, and the capital was in chaos. My people also suffered from mania, so there was no one to keep an eye on them. After the matter in the capital was resolved, I went to take a look, but they were long gone!”

Luo Cheng didn't expect things to turn out like this!

Speaking of which, no one expected things to turn out like this.

This mania outbreak happened at the wrong time.

“In other words, these people are gone?” Luo Cheng asked.

The emperor nodded awkwardly.

Luo Cheng sighed when he heard this.

“Sigh, fortunately, I saved a trick up my sleeve!”

When the emperor heard Luo Cheng's words, his eyes widened.

“What?”

“Father, you didn't mishear me. I saved a trick up my sleeve!” Luo Cheng chuckled and bowed to the emperor before leaving the imperial study.

As the emperor watched Luo Cheng leave, he was stunned.

“Xiao Dezi, what do you think Luo Cheng means?” Xiao Dezi was also a little confused by Luo Cheng.

“Your Majesty, if you don't know, I don't know either!”

After Luo Cheng came out of the imperial study, he gazed at the blue sky and white clouds in the sky. Then, he heaved a sigh of relief and strode out of the Imperial City.

Not long after, they bumped into the crown prince.

“Luo Cheng, are you here to see Father again? Look at you. When something happened in the capital, you couldn't even be seen, but now that the capital is safe, you actually appeared!” The crown prince said sarcastically.

As Luo Cheng looked at the crown prince in front of him, he shook his head. Without saying anything, he left.

“Luo Cheng, are you that arrogant?”

“It’s not the first time I’ve been arrogant. You’ve never taken me seriously since I was young anyway! Now, you’re finally taking me seriously? Thank you, but I hope you’ll continue to treat me as if I don’t exist in the future!” Luo Cheng left after saying this.

The crown prince was so angry at Luo Cheng that he stomped his feet, his eyes filled with killing intent.

“Hmph, these people are looking down on me more and more! He’s just a son of a lowly slave, but he actually dares to show off in front of me. Just wait and see. Sooner or later, I’ll teach these people who underestimate me a lesson!”

With that, the crown prince snorted and flicked his sleeves before going to see the emperor.

The commotion outside naturally couldn’t be hidden from the emperor.

The emperor was becoming more and more disappointed in the crown prince.

Why did he think that the crown prince was a qualified crown prince back then?

From the looks of it, the crown prince’s potential was really mediocre. He had spent a lot of effort nurturing the crown prince, but in the end, this was the outcome.

It would be a lie to say that he wasn’t disappointed.

At this moment, the crown prince walked to the imperial study. After the emperor thought about it for a moment, he decided to meet the crown prince.

If they didn’t meet, the conflict between the crown prince and Luo Cheng would probably deepen in the future.

If the crown prince didn’t understand and really offended Luo Cheng, he probably wouldn’t have the chance to sit on the throne.

After all, just because Luo Cheng didn’t fight for the throne didn’t mean that the other princes wouldn’t fight for it!

The current crown prince’s status was in danger!

After the crown prince walked in and saw the current emperor, the first thing he did was to complain.

“Father, when I came in just now, I saw Luo Cheng go out! I greeted him out of kindness, but Luo Cheng ignored me.”

When the emperor heard the crown prince’s words, his gaze became a little strange.

“You came here just to talk about this?”

Could it be that the crown prince he had nurtured so painstakingly actually became a good-for-nothing? He actually only knew how to complain when something happened?

When the crown prince met his father’s gaze, he immediately had a bad feeling.

“No, Father, I have something to discuss with you! Father, since the chaos of the mania has subsided, it’s time to send officials out to calm people down! I heard that

an army is about to arrive in the capital, so we have to calm the people down at this time! I'm willing to do this for you!"

Faced with the crown prince's initiative, the emperor fell silent.

If it were any other son who said that he wanted to do this, the emperor would have agreed without hesitation.

But the person who made this suggestion was the crown prince!

At this moment, the emperor couldn't help but wonder if the crown prince could do it.

Perhaps sensing the emperor's distrust, the crown prince said anxiously, "Father, I'm the crown prince, so it's most suitable for me to comfort the people on your behalf. As long as the officials and people in the capital are united, we won't have to be afraid of that army!"

Seeing that the crown prince was anxious to prove himself, the emperor finally gave him this opportunity.

"In that case, go ahead and do it! Remember, make it interesting!" Seeing that the emperor had agreed, the crown prince was immediately overjoyed.

"Thank you, Father. Don't worry, Father. I'll definitely handle this matter well!"

With that, the crown prince left.

Looking at the happy crown prince, the emperor let out a long sigh.

The crown prince really didn't seem to be suitable for the throne!

With his current state, if he continued to be the crown prince, that would probably harm him!

Thinking of this, the emperor became anxious to replace the crown prince.

However, he had many sons. Who should be the one to take the throne?

For some reason, the emperor suddenly thought of Luo Cheng.

If Luo Cheng was the emperor, he wouldn't have to worry so much.

After all, with Luo Cheng's intelligence and personality, it wasn't difficult for him to manage a government.

Unfortunately, he had neglected this kid when he was young. Now, Luo Cheng didn't want the throne at all. If Luo Cheng really had that intention, Li Shun wouldn't have entered through the secret passage this time! Luo Cheng didn't know that the emperor had designs on him.

Even if he knew, Luo Cheng would only scoff.

Whoever liked the throne could have it. He didn't want it anyway.

After glancing at Li Yan, Li Xiaoran smiled.

"Congratulations. I heard that you did very well during the general examination. I wonder how the palace examination went?"

With that, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

It seemed that after the palace examination, the results hadn't been announced yet.

No wonder. No wonder Li Yan was still in the capital..

## Chapter 528: Shu Ruyue's Thoughts

It seemed that this mania incident had actually diverted attention away from the examination.

In the past, Li Yan would definitely have bragged about it.

After all, Li Xiaoran could only be a countrywoman, unlike her, who was destined to be an official's wife.

However, now that she knew Luo Cheng's identity and saw that Li Xiaoran had a large group of people following her whenever she went out and could even befriend the noble ladies in the capital, Li Yan felt that this congratulation was like a big slap to her face!

Li Yan gritted her teeth and said with hatred, "Li Xiaoran, don't be so smug!

You're just occupying my position. Sooner or later, you'll have to return it!"

"Cousin, don't tell me you still think that Luo Cheng really likes you and insists on marrying you? If you think that way, it's really a fool's dream. Besides, you didn't want this marriage back then and insisted on making me marry him. Perhaps all of this was predestined." Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "This time, do you really think you can snatch everything from me?"

With that, Li Xiaoran left the inn with her friends and guards, as well as Yan Xiaoxi, who wanted to kill her.

She was already far away, but Li Yan felt weak all over.

Of course, although she was acting tough, she had long sensed that Li Xiaoran's aura was very different.

Li Yan had a feeling that if she pestered her again, what awaited her wouldn't be good.

Thinking of this, Li Yan quickly got up and ran towards her with the basket.

Li Xiaoran naturally wouldn't let Li Yan off, but she wasn't in a hurry to deal with her now. She only asked someone to secretly follow Li Yan and see where she was staying now.

Meng Yan thought of something and sat in the carriage to remind Li Xiaoran, "Your cousin doesn't look like a good person and she looks very fierce. You have to be careful!"

Li Xiaoran recalled the scene when she had just transmigrated and nodded. "I knew what she was like a long time ago! Don't worry! She can't do anything to me!"

Actually, it wasn't that Li Xiaoran didn't want to take revenge on Li Yan, but Li Xiaoran felt that letting Li Yan live in regret every day was the best punishment for her.

Didn't she want her wealth and glory?

Now that she had it, Li Xiaoran had something better.

With her understanding of Li Yan, she was probably feeling extremely upset.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran knew what to do, Meng Yan didn't say anything else.

On the way, Meng Yan thought of something and said, "By the way, I still have to see Ma Chongshan, so I won't accompany you guys later!"

"Then has your marriage been decided?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

"His parents have already agreed to this marriage, but the situation in the capital hasn't stabilized recently, so this marriage has to be postponed!" Meng Yan said with a smile.

Li Xiaoran recalled the army Luo Cheng had mentioned and was a little worried.

"So be it! Anyway, you're not in a hurry. The situation in the capital isn't good now, so it's better to make more preparations first! By the way, if you have food, it's better to hoard more!"

Meng Yan nodded in understanding.

"Why must we stay in the capital? I think we might as well leave the capital!" Meng Yan thought of something and said, "Instead of staying here and fighting like trapped beasts, we might as well leave this place!"

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she said, "If possible, leave quickly and go far away. Don't return to the capital for the time being!"

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's reminder, she was silent for a moment before finally shaking her head.

"Forget it. Where can I go? I can go outside the capital, but I'm afraid it's not safe!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and didn't say anything else.

When they reached the fork in the road, Meng Yan got out of the carriage.

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and lifted the curtain as she said, "Meng Yan, you have to visit Little Quan's house when you're free! Didn't you agree to treat us to a meal last time? After the mania incident, this matter was left unsettled! I'm a little worried, so help me take a look!"

Meng Yan also thought of this and nodded.

"Don't worry, I'll go take a look today!"

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

Then, the group went back.

Ever since Shu Ruyue heard what Li Xiaoran and Meng Yan had said previously, she had been thinking about something.

After returning, Shu Ruyue went to look for Wu Qinghe.

“Wu Qinghe, don't you know divination? Can you divine what other disasters will happen in the capital?”

When Wu Qinghe saw Shu Ruyue, he asked curiously, “Are you frightened by the mania incident? Why do you keep feeling that something will happen in the capital?”

Shu Ruyue glared at Wu Qinghe and said impatiently, “I told you to divine, so divine. Cut the crap!”

Seeing this, Wu Qinghe could only say kindly, “Alright, alright, alright. I'll divine it now!”

With that, Wu Qinghe washed his hands, lit incense, and finally took out his copper coins.

Soon, the divination results came out.

Looking at the divination results in front of him, Wu Qinghe frowned. “What's wrong?” Shu Ruyue asked when she saw that Wu Qinghe didn't look happy.

“That's strange. When I divined the fortune of the capital, the divination I received was that all six lines were moving. Usually, this divination means that everything is unclear and it's hard to predict what will happen!” Wu Qinghe said.

Shu Ruyue immediately understood when she heard this.

“Alright, I understand!” After saying this, Shu Ruyue ran straight to the main courtyard where Li Xiaoran lived.

At this moment, Luo Cheng had yet to return. When Shu Ruyue went to look for Li Xiaoran, she realized that Li Xiaoran was reading.

Seeing Shu Ruyue rushing over to look for her, Li Xiaoran put down her book and asked, “Ruyue, what's wrong?”

“Xiaoran, what did you mean by what you said to Meng Yan previously? Is something going to happen in the capital? For some reason, I felt frightened when I heard your conversation and had a bad feeling. Just now, I went to look for Wu Qinghe to divine the safety of the capital, but Wu Qinghe said that it was unpredictable! Xiaoran, I'm very worried. My family is outside the capital and I want to send a letter to my family. Do you think this letter can be sent?” Shu Ruyue didn't hide anything and revealed her true thoughts.

Shu Ruyue could have sent a message to her family without telling Li Xiaoran, but she didn't do so. Instead, she came to ask Li Xiaoran.

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she understood her meaning.

“You can send a letter to your family and ask them to quickly pack up their food and family assets. Then, hide in a remote place. Remember, it's not safe inside or outside the capital!” Luo Cheng's voice came from outside the door.



## Chapter 529: Luo Cheng's Analysis

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise and immediately understood something.

“If you're really worried about your family, I think it's better to let them hide in the mountains first! Is there a deep mountain near your family's home?”

“Why do they have to enter the mountains?” Shu Ruyue asked in confusion, “My family's home is near the mountains, so it's easy for them to enter the mountains!”

“In that case, that's even better! Let your family enter the mountains and stay there for a while. Bring everything from home, especially food and money. If they really can't take them away, find a place to hide them or bury them,” Li Xiaoran said. Upon hearing this, Shu Ruyue looked at Li Xiaoran and then at Luo Cheng.

“What about the commoners?”

“Don't worry, the commoners are safer, especially a big family like yours, since your family is good at treating external injuries!” Li Xiaoran said and emphasized the last two words.

Seeing that Luo Cheng had tacitly agreed to all this, Shu Ruyue understood something.

Without asking further, Shu Ruyue quickly went back to write a letter.

After sending Shu Ruyue off, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng.

“Ruyue heard me reminding Meng Yan today. I forgot that Ruyue's family still lives near the capital!”

Luo Cheng knew what Li Xiaoran meant. As he sat in front of his desk, he poured himself a cup of tea.

“Miss Shu has always treated you as a friend and has gone through thick and thin with you many times, so we should remind her of these things. Just as you said previously, the Shu family is very special. If the government really fights with that rebel army, who knows what the Shu family will experience?! I wonder how influential Shu Ruyue is in the Shu family. I hope the Shu family can listen to Shu Ruyue and quickly pack their things to hide in the mountains.”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she understood.

“Husband, are we really going to war?”

“I don't know! When I went to see Father today, Father didn't tell me about this, but I received news that the army is still rushing towards the Imperial City and shows no signs of turning back. Li Xiaoran, do you remember what happened when we went to Eagle Village?” Luo Cheng asked.

“You mean, this rebel army was created by those people from Eagle Village?” Li Xiaoran was smart and knew Luo Cheng’s way of speaking very well, so she immediately understood the hidden meaning in Luo Cheng’s words.

Luo Cheng sneered and said, “That’s right. My men saw some familiar faces in that rebel army. I don’t think there’s any mistaking it!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, “No wonder Huang Hong and the others from Eagle Village kept wanting to obtain the king of eagles back then. I’m afraid they’ve already succeeded and used the king of eagles to capture the treasure-hunting rat. In the end, they found the gold mine!”

Luo Cheng shook his head and denied Li Xiaoran’s guess, “It’s not that easy to capture treasure-hunting rats, and gold mining isn’t that easy. I’ve sent people to pay attention to the situation in Eagle Village, but I didn’t hear the news that Huang Hong and the others had found the gold mine. Therefore, the money of this rebel army probably came from another source!”

At this point, Luo Cheng paused.

“I keep feeling that this rebellion has something to do with the mania incident. Otherwise, why would the timing be so coincidental?”

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“They might not give up. They’ll only give it their all! The army has already been raised, so there’s no way to hide it anymore! Now that the arrow is on the bow, they have no choice but to fire it! This is why I agreed when Shu Ruyue came to ask if she could send a message to her family. This battle might affect the innocent, especially these families who know how to treat external injuries. They will definitely be targeted by the rebels in the end!” Luo Cheng explained.

“Besides, although Father has never been responsible towards me, from his performance after he sat on the throne, he’s a good emperor who cares about the people. Therefore, there won’t be a fight outside the capital, nor will they let the rebels reach the capital! I believe that Father definitely sent troops to stop that army! And the best place to stop the army is here!”

As Luo Cheng spoke, he stood up, took out the map, and pointed at a place.

“Look at this place! The terrain in the middle is flat, but there’s a mountain here. This is the only way to enter the capital, so it’s very suitable to set up an ambush here! Even if we can’t stop the rebels, as long as we guard this mountain well, we’ll stop the rebels outside the capital and they won’t be able to approach it. And the capital is supported by food-producing lands in two other directions, so we’re not afraid that the rebels will cut off the capital’s supply!”

“What if there are more rebels?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

Luo Cheng shook his head when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“No, the rebels might have a backup plan, but it definitely won’t be to the extent that the government won’t notice it. I keep feeling that my father has a backup plan, so let’s wait and see!”

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

“Actually, I’m not anxious about the crisis in the capital at all. I have a feeling that the arrival of the rebels won’t affect the capital that much.”

“I think so too, but we still have to stock up on more food!” Luo Cheng said thoughtfully.

“By the way, it’s been so long since the palace examination, but why haven’t I heard any news?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

“Don’t worry, the news will be out tomorrow! This examination has indeed been delayed for a long time! By the way, you might not know, but the man Li Yan married scored third place!”

“Third place?” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she asked, “Who’s the top scholar?”

“The top scholar is the son of a low-ranking official in the capital. This person was originally a very impressive person, but for some reason, he was mocked for having no talent. Logically speaking, he should have been able to participate in the general examination long ago! It’s just that for some reason, he delayed it for three years and only participated in the examination this year.” Luo Cheng revealed what he knew.

“Interesting! In the past, he was very powerful. Later on, he gradually lost his fame, but now, he shocked everyone with his performance! It seems that the top scholar of this year is also a person with a history!” Li Xiaoran said.

“That’s right! People who have such experiences won’t end up that bad in the future. It seems that the imperial court can recruit some more talents now!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

Although he didn’t like his father, Luo Cheng still hoped that their dynasty would get better and better..

Chapter 530: Settle For What You Have While Looking For Something Better

The next morning, the results of the palace examination were indeed announced.

After knowing that he came in third place, Pei Xuanxin was relieved.

The journey to the capital for the examination was smooth, but the examination process was full of twists and turns.

Fortunately, the ending was good. It didn't disappoint him!

Although it was a pity that she didn't become the top scholar, it wasn't bad to be able to get third place.

Li Yan was stunned when she heard this outcome.

After seeing Li Xiaoran yesterday, she was angry for a long time.

Later on, she thought that Pei Xuanxin would soon become the top scholar. At that time, she would be able to hold her head up high.

But why did Pei Xuanxin, who was clearly the top scholar in her previous life, only got the third place in this life? This time, Li Yan was a little confused!

What was going on?

Pei Xuanxin thought that Li Yan was overjoyed, so he was stunned.

"Li Xiaoran, look, I got third place!"

When Li Yan heard Pei Xuanxin's voice, she smiled.

"Congratulations, husband. Congratulations!"

"It's all thanks to you. If not for you, I wouldn't have had such good results!" Pei Xuanxin said gratefully.

Speaking of which, Pei Xuanxin had mixed feelings about Li Yan.

Although Pei Xuanxin had always felt that Li Yan shouldn't have been his wife, the reality was that she was the wife he had married.

When he was still a nobody, Li Yan accompanied him.

Therefore, he shouldn't be troubled by those strange feelings. Instead, he should cherish his current happiness and treat the people around him well.

Li Yan didn't expect Pei Xuanxin to say this to her.

At this moment, Li Yan was a little confused.

Faced with Pei Xuanxin's gratitude and warmth, Li Yan felt guilty.

Actually, she wasn't worth Pei Xuanxin treating her so well.

As this thought flashed across her mind, Li Yan quickly became determined again.

No, she deserved better! If not for Li Xiaoran and Pei Xuanxin, she would have been the Seventh Consort. No matter how glamorous getting third place was, it couldn't compare to the status of the Seventh Consort! What belonged to her should be taken back by her!"

Thinking of this, Li Yan perked up and looked at Pei Xuanxin.

“Husband, what are you talking about?! We’re husband and wife, so you don’t have to thank me. In the future, let’s move forward together and strive for a better life!”

Pei Xuanxin nodded and reached out to hug Li Yan. Then, the two of them undressed and celebrated this joyous occasion with sex.

Afterwards, Li Yan and Pei Xuanxin fell asleep together.

After Li Yan woke up again, she looked at the man lying beside her. Li Yan glanced at him disdainfully and smiled.

After putting on her clothes, Li Yan left the house.

As she stood in the courtyard and stared at the blooming flowers, the smile on Li Yan’s face became very eerie.

Compared to the rash Li Yan in the past, the current Li Yan had already changed.

After witnessing Li Xiaoran’s current glory, Li Yan suddenly began to restrain herself.

She would definitely become the Seventh Consort, but it wouldn’t be easy to get all of this.

Now, she had to rely on Pei Xuanxin to change her identity to an official’s wife.

Only after she became an official’s wife and slowly gained her own faction would she have a chance to deal with Li Xiaoran.

Thinking of this, Li Yan smiled.

“Li Xiaoran, you’d better continue being so lucky, because once you’re in trouble, it’ll be time for you to return everything to me! I said that I want your wealth and glory! I wanted it in my previous life, and I want it in this life as well!”

Li Xiaoran, who was making dumplings, suddenly thought of something and said, “By the way, husband, there’s something I forgot to tell you!”

Luo Cheng suddenly wanted to eat dumplings filled with chives today, so Li Xiaoran chopped the meat and kneaded the noodles. Then, the couple sat together and wrapped them.

“What’s the matter?” Luo Cheng watched as Li Xiaoran placed the minced meat on the dumpling skin. He immediately felt curious and imitated her.

Li Xiaoran lowered her voice and explained, “My abilities seem to have changed! When people are very agitated, I can hear what they’re thinking!”

Luo Cheng happened to finish making a dumpling, but it looked a little strange. When he heard Li Xiaoran’s words, the dumpling fell.

Fortunately, the two of them were sitting in front of the table. The dumpling only fell onto the table, so it didn’t affect the edibility of the dumpling.

“What?” Luo Cheng couldn’t care less about the dumpling at this moment. Instead, he looked at Li Xiaoran in surprise. “Your ability can actually upgrade?”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she was immediately amused. "I didn't expect that either! But this happened naturally!"

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he said, "Then see what I'm thinking about now."

Li Xiaoran glanced at Luo Cheng and smiled.

"Husband, you're thinking that the dumpling you made just now was too ugly. Fortunately, it landed on the table, so there's no need to find an excuse!"

Luo Cheng's mouth dropped agape.

"You, you, you, you can really hear me?"

"Husband, if your emotions continue to fluctuate, I can hear whatever you're thinking!" Li Xiaoran reminded him with a smile.

Luo Cheng      Li Xiaoran's words, he restrained his emotions and pondered for a moment.

"In other words, if the other party's emotions are stable, you won't be able to hear his inner thoughts?"

"Yes! I can't hear the other party's thoughts, but I can still sense their emotions!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately felt that Li Xiaoran's ability was too freaky.

However, with this ability, the couple would be much safer in the future.

"Not bad. It seems that we've become more capable of protecting ourselves!" Luo Cheng said with a smile.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she teased, "Husband, aren't you afraid that I'll pry into your thoughts? You don't have any privacy now!"

"Li Xiaoran, you don't have to pry. Even if you want to see my heart, I can dig it out for you to see!" Luo Cheng immediately lost his seriousness and said with a cheeky smile.

Li Xiaoran reached out and poked Luo Cheng's face with the white flour on her fingers.

"Focus on making dumplings! Stop fooling around. I want to eat fried dumplings today! I haven't eaten fried dumplings in a long time!"

Luo Cheng chuckled and didn't tease Li Xiaoran anymore. Instead, he continued to make dumplings.

Two clear fingerprints appeared on Luo Cheng's face.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she couldn't help but laugh.

"What are you laughing about?" Luo Cheng asked in confusion.

"Husband, you should take a look in the mirror!" Li Xiaoran reminded him with a smile.

Luo Cheng quickly went to take a look. After discovering the fingerprints on his face, he immediately ran over and stained it with flour.. Then, he wiped it on Li

Xiaoran's face...