

## The Hunter 531

### Chapter 531: Teaching Some People a Lesson

After the couple fooled around, the room became a mess.

Soon, flour was stained everywhere. Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng's faces and bodies were also covered in flour.

When they saw each other's sorry state, they laughed.

After the dumplings were wrapped, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng also went to take a shower and changed their clothes.

The fried dumplings would be ready in no time.

The dumpling skin on the outside of the fried dumpling was crispy, but the meat filling inside was tender and juicy.

After it was dipped in sauce, it tasted delicious.

Li Xiaoran took a few bites and said, "Sigh, it's been a long time since I've tasted such familiar fried dumpling!"

Luo Cheng also picked up a few dumplings and ate them. As he ate, he nodded.

"Do you think they'll be very angry if they find out that only the two of us are enjoying such delicious food?!" Li Xiaoran thought of Wu Qinghe, Shu Ruyue, and the others as she ate.

"Don't worry! I asked the chef to make a lot of delicious food for them, so they won't covet our food!" Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran this, she was amused. "That's good! It's rare for the two of us to have a peaceful meal!" As she ate, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

"When are you planning to hold the empress dowager's birthday party?"

"I don't know. I didn't ask when I entered the palace! Don't worry about it. We can't leave at the moment! If we really leave, we might be stopped by those rebels halfway! I'm not stupid. I don't want to be a hostage!" Luo Cheng said.

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she nodded gloomily.

"Sigh, I've been a little unlucky recently! I have to burn incense when I have free time!"

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

"You? You're unlucky? If you don't believe in your luck, you can go to the casino! You'll quickly be proven that your good luck is still there!"

“I can go to the casino?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and her eyes lit up as she looked at Luo Cheng expectantly.

“You want to go?” Luo Cheng was just saying it casually. Unexpectedly, Li Xiaoran really became interested.

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she nodded.

With that, Li Xiaoran thought of something and smiled maliciously.

“Husband, there must be someone among your buddies who runs a casino!

We’ll go to whoever you don’t like or who caused you trouble in the past!” Luo Cheng understood Li Xiaoran’s thoughts and was immediately amused.

“What? You want to teach them a lesson? With your luck?”

Li Xiaoran said, “Hey, what luck?! With my abilities! Don’t forget, my abilities advanced!”

When Luo Cheng recalled Li Xiaoran’s previous abilities, he immediately laughed.

“I really didn’t expect you to be so capable!”

“Of course. Husband, do you want to accompany me to make some money at the expense of certain people?” Li Xiaoran encouraged.

Luo Cheng also smiled and said, “Of course I have to go! How can I miss out on my wife showing off her skills?! Besides, if you win too much money and some people can’t afford to lose, they might even harm you! I naturally have to follow you and protect you

After Li Xiaoran nodded, she walked over to pat Luo Cheng’s shoulder.

“You’re very sensible! Don’t worry, under my lead, you’ll definitely live a good life in the future!”

“Alright, I’ll rely on you to take care of me!” Luo Cheng immediately said.

As soon as he finished speaking, they looked at each other, then went back to eating the dumplings.

They were going to the casino at night.

The casino was the most lively at night.

After resting during the day, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue changed into men’s clothes at night. Then, they followed Luo Cheng and Wu Qinghe into the casino in the east of the capital.

After Li Xiaoran entered the casino, she looked around curiously.

Unlike the smoky casinos in her impression, this place could be considered a luxurious casino.

The air was refreshing and there was a faint fragrance.

In addition, the people who appeared here were all well-dressed. Even if someone lost money, they wouldn’t cause trouble.

“I really didn’t expect this casino to be so legit!”

“There’s nothing legit about gambling!” Shu Ruyue gritted her teeth and said,

“None of the people who come to the casino are good people!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue’s words, she immediately laughed.

“Since you followed me here today, are you not a good person either?”

Shu Ruyue            this, she looked at Li Xiaoran plaintively.

“I’m doing it for your sake.”

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue’s words, she patted her shoulder gently.

“We’re here to uphold justice and rob the rich to help the poor! If you think about it this way, won’t you feel much better?”

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she thought of something and immediately became happy.

“I feel more motivated after thinking about it that way!” After saying this, Shu Ruyue thought of something.

“But are you sure you’re really going to win money?”

Li Xiaoran raised her chin and said firmly, “Don’t be so skeptical! I’ll show you my skills today!”

Luo Cheng snickered when he heard their conversation.

After tonight, Shu Ruyue would definitely be impressed by Li Xiaoran!

Wu Qinghe walked in and took a look. Then, he said, “Brother, can you lend me some silver? I want to see if my divination is accurate!”

Luo Cheng looked at Wu Qinghe and said, “I’ll lend you a hundred taels of silver! Give me back two hundred taels of silver!”

When Wu Qinghe heard this, he looked at Luo Cheng in shock.

“Are you still my buddy? You clearly know that a person like me, who is plagued by bad luck, will easily lose everything, but you actually want me to pay you back 200 taels of silver? I really didn’t expect you to be so unbrotherly!”

“What are you thinking? Didn’t you say that your bad luck would change after following me? I’ll be here today, so you might get rich! It’s not a big deal for me to let you pay me back 200 yuan!” Luo Cheng lied without batting an eye. After Wu Qinghe thought about it seriously, he felt that Luo Cheng made sense.

“Brother, you’re right. Deal! ”

With that, Wu Qinghe reached out and said, “Brother, give it to me!”

“Give you what?” Luo Cheng didn’t expect Wu Qinghe to think it through so quickly and was a little stunned.

“Money! How can I pay you back 200 yuan if I don’t get the money?” Wu Qinghe asked seriously.

When Luo Cheng saw this, he quickly took out a hundred taels of silver and placed it in Wu Qinghe’s hand.

After Wu Qinghe received the banknote, he slapped it on a gambling table.

“I’ll bet on small!”

Chapter 532: The Two Heroes of the Casino

“Hey, are you stupid?! You bet a hundred taels of silver at once. What if you lose?” Luo Cheng reminded him kindly.

“Brother, don’t worry! With you around, I’ll definitely win!” Wu Qinghe said confidently.

Luo Cheng felt that he had miscalculated just now. He didn’t expect Wu Qinghe to take his words so seriously!

Oh no, this silly boy really believed him!

If he really lost money, how was he going to comfort him?

What was even more terrifying was that if he really won, this kid would believe him even more. What should he do?

Was he going to be this kid’s lucky star in the future?

Before Luo Cheng could figure it out, he heard Wu Qinghe cheering.

“Hahahaha, I won!”

Seeing this, Luo Cheng quietly slipped away.

When Wu Qinghe saw this, he quickly put away the money he had received and followed Luo Cheng.

It couldn’t be helped. At this moment, Wu Qinghe firmly believed that Luo Cheng could change his bad luck.

Seeing that Wu Qinghe had already won, Li Xiaoran also began to see what to bet on.

There were many ways to gamble in this casino.

There were all kinds of ways to play.

Li Xiaoran didn’t choose anyone to gamble with immediately. Instead, she looked at the rules carefully.

After walking around, Li Xiaoran had a full understanding of the tricks in the casino.

Since she was going to play, the stakes naturally had to be big.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran brought Shu Ruyue to a place with a stopper.

This stopper wasn't shaken by the person who placed the bet, but by the people in the casino. After shaking it, they would leave and the person who placed the bet would buy the size.

Li Xiaoran took out a banknote worth five hundred taels of silver and held it in her hand.

After the people from the casino shook the dice and placed them on the table, they waited for everyone to place their bets.

Li Xiaoran watched the others place their bets first, then she observed the expression of the person shaking the dice.

At this moment, there were more people buying the big ones and fewer people buying the small ones.

On the surface, the person who shook the stopper didn't move, but he was actually very excited.

“What a bunch of fools. They want to play against the casino? They'll only get sucked dry by the casino!”

At the thought of this, the people in the casino shouted. “Hey, hey, hey, is there anyone who wants to bet? If not, I'm opening it!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran smiled and bet on the small.

500 taels of silver wasn't a lot, but it wasn't a small sum either.

Seeing that no one was betting anymore, the person from the casino reached out to open the dice.

Just as he was about to do so, Li Xiaoran suddenly stopped him.

“I don't trust you. If you want to open the dice, you'd better stay away from this gambling table. Just reach over and uncover it!”

The person in charge of the casino's table was called Yao Jing. When he heard Li Xiaoran's words, his pupils dilated.

Li Xiaoran looked at the person called Yao Jing and added, “Also, it's best for you to stand firm. Don't try to play tricks! My eyes are very sharp. I can see everything clearly.”

This time, Yao Jing was covered in cold sweat. He was caught between a rock and a hard place. At this moment, he could only reach out and roll the dice without approaching the gambling table.

As expected, it was small.

Li Xiaoran smiled at Yao Jing and waited for him to distribute the money.

In the blink of an eye, Li Xiaoran had earned 1,500 taels of silver. From 500 taels of silver, her money had tripled!

This time, everyone looked at Li Xiaoran differently.

Next, Li Xiaoran placed a few more bets and won every time. Then, she

increased her capital and immediately had 8,000 taels of silver. At the side, Shu Ruyue was already numb from the shock.

The casino gamblers' enthusiasm began to soar.

"Oh my god, no wonder people like to gamble! The feeling of winning money really makes people lose their minds!" Shu Ruyue said with a blush.

She wasn't blushing because she had won money, but because she was angry that so many gamblers were here.

Shu Ruyue persuaded anxiously, "Xiaoran, stop while you're ahead! These are all tricks. When they see that you're an unfamiliar face, they'll let you win money with all your might. After they get you addicted, they'll make you lose everything."

Yao Jing complained inwardly.

He felt wronged!

Their casino did have such a rule. They set traps for newbies.

But towards this lucky person, he really didn't set any traps!

Not only didn't he set a trap, but he even rolled the dice obediently. There was no deception at all!

Every time he wanted to do something, he would receive a stern warning from this youngster. Then, he would look at him with a faint smile, as if he could see through him.

Li Xiaoran naturally knew that Shu Ruyue was doing this for her own good, so she smiled and patted her shoulder.

"Don't worry, I'm very clear-headed now. You don't have to worry about me being tricked. Look at my eyes!"

As Shu Ruyue looked into Li Xiaoran's eyes, she looked completely different from the surrounding gamblers.

Li Xiaoran's gaze was clear.

She was in the same state as before and wasn't excited at all that they had won so much money.

What happened here naturally attracted the attention of the casino's staff.

Someone immediately came over to replace Yao Jing. Then, a smily man with a mustache came over.

"I'm Hu Xi. I'll roll the dice for everyone now. Let's continue!" Li Xiaoran smiled at the person called Hu Xi.

"There doesn't seem to be anything interesting here. Let's change!" The others naturally followed suit.

Wu Qinghe was already at the next table. When he saw Li Xiaoran change tables, he also changed tables.

Just like that, one won money with her abilities, while the other won money by relying on luck.

In less than two hours, the two of them had won a lot of money.

Wealth was very tempting! The people who lost money began to feel upset. Even the casino's staff could no longer sit still.

Under such circumstances, Li Xiaoran knew what these people were thinking.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran only kept winning money, so she felt bored.

Li Xiaoran put away the money in her hand and said to the other three, "Let's go! I'm boring!"

When Wu Qinghe heard this, he stopped and collected the money he had won before planning to leave.

"Wait, you two won a lot of money from our buddies today, so it's inappropriate to leave just like that!" A gambler gathered many people and stopped Li Xiaoran and the other three.

When Li Xiaoran saw his greedy expression, she asked coldly, "Then what do you want?"

#### Chapter 533: New Gambling Method

"Let's take another gamble!" Ma Baoshan, the leader, shouted.

Li Xiaoran originally didn't want to agree, but when she saw Ma Baoshan, she suddenly sensed something and changed her mind.

"Sure, I can bet with you guys again. I can even bet all the money I won today, but what can you bet?"

Ma Baoshan was overjoyed to hear Li Xiaoran's words.

He believed that Li Xiaoran must be an expert at cheating. That was why the people in the casino didn't discover her tricks and she won everyone's money.

If he helped everyone win back this money today, he would definitely become famous in the gambling world.

Thinking of this, Ma Baoshan took out a jade pendant from his pocket.

"This is the Ma family's heirloom, Sheep Jade. It's priceless. There's no problem with using it as a bet, right?!"

As Li Xiaoran looked at the Sheep Jade, she thought about it for a moment before saying, "It's just that this one isn't enough. Since you're the one who challenged me, I want to add another item. If you win, I'll give you all this money. If I win, other than this Sheep Jade, I want you to do something else! Don't worry, I won't let you kill, burn, or hurt anyone!"

After Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he looked up and sized up the man in front of him.

She wondered what was so special about this kid that Li Xiaoran was actually willing to gamble with all her money!

Not to mention Luo Cheng, even Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe were curious!

Wu Qinghe sized up the kid in front of him with a frown.

“This kid isn’t a good person! Brother, why don’t you stop him?!”

Hearing this, Luo Cheng looked at Ma Baoshan and then at Li Xiaoran before shaking his head.

“Since she wants to do it, let her do it! Just wait and see! This matter isn’t that simple!”

Since Luo Cheng had said so, the other two couldn’t say anything else.

Li Xiaoran looked at Ma Baoshan and urged, “How is it? Have you thought it through? If you don’t agree, I’ll leave now!”

“I’ll bet with you! But I’ll decide how to gamble!” Ma Baoshan immediately agreed when he saw that Li Xiaoran was really about to leave. Seeing that the other party had agreed, Li Xiaoran immediately smiled.

“Alright! Tell me, how will we gamble?”

After Ma Baoshan thought about it for a moment, he said,

“It’s always these same old methods. How boring. Why don’t we try something new today? I remember there’s an ant nest in this courtyard. Previously, I noticed that ants were crawling everywhere. Why don’t we ask someone to shovel and guess how many ants there are? Whoever guesses the closest will win!”

This was the fairest method Ma Baoshan could think of.

No one could cheat this way. They could only rely on luck!

Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows and asked, “Then how can you guarantee that these ants will stay there obediently and wait for us to count before crawling away?”

“That’s simple. Just sprinkle a handful of powder and make the ants faint!” Ma Baoshan said, “It just so happens that I have medicine in my hand that can make the ant faint. After five minutes, the ants will wake up again. We won’t kill them!”

They all as they said. A group of people invited the manager of the casino over.

The person who came from the casino was none other than Hu Xi, whom Li Xiaoran had met before.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran realized that Hu Xi was the manager of this casino.

Today’s bet between Li Xiaoran and Ma Baoshan could be considered a grand event for the casino.

In addition, Li Xiaoran was a newcomer who had won a lot of money as soon as she arrived today.

Therefore, Hu Xi naturally came to join in the fun.



This gamble attracted the attention of many people.

Many people came over to join in the fun.

After lighting the torch, Ma Baoshan brought Hu Xi to a corner in the courtyard outside the casino.

Li Xiaoran naturally followed.

Sure enough, in one place, a group of ants was crawling out of the soil.

Ma Baoshan threw a handful of powder in and gestured for Hu Xi to shovel in. The shovel was shoveled into a large white porcelain plate along with the mud and ants.

Soon after, Hu Xi closed the lid and brought the things to them.

While Hu Xi was shoveling ants, Ma Baoshan had already taken a few steps back and came to Li Xiaoran's side, indicating that he hadn't cheated.

Then, the group of people returned to the casino with the plate of ants.

At this moment, no one knew how many ants were on this plate. The two sides stood still. Hu Xi stood in the middle of them with a plate.

"Now, the two of you can guess!" Hu Xi said.

After Ma Baoshan thought about it for a moment, he looked at Li Xiaoran.

"Why don't you go first?"

Li Xiaoran ignored Ma Baoshan and kept staring at the plate.

The onlookers said anxiously, "If you can't afford to lose, don't gamble. Hurry up and guess the quantity! Even if you keep staring at this plate, you won't be able to tell how many ants there are on it! "

The climax was about to come, but why was this kid still dragging it on?

Ma Baoshan also looked at Li Xiaoran and mocked, "What? Are you afraid?" Li Xiaoran continued to ignore him and kept staring at the plate.

Just as everyone was getting impatient, a gambler lost his patience with Li Xiaoran and wanted to beat her up.

How could Luo Cheng let such a person bully Li Xiaoran? He grabbed the man's arm and threw him far away.

"If you can't afford to gamble, don't come to the casino. If you can't afford to lose, don't gamble. If you hit someone after you lose, you're really embarrassing us men!"

Although the gambler was angry about the loss, after being thrown to the ground by Luo Cheng and feeling the pain, he became more clear-headed.

Realizing that the person in front of him wasn't someone he could provoke, the gambler could only get up silently and stand in the distance to watch without daring to approach again.

Seeing that the other party was already intimidated, Luo Cheng glanced at the surrounding onlookers.

Everyone who had been reminded by Luo Cheng felt a chill run down their spines, as if they had been targeted by something terrifying.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran said,

“There are a total of 78 ants on this plate!”

As soon as she said this, Ma Baoshan smiled.

“Since you say there are seventy-eight, I guess there are only seventy-seven!”

Chapter 534: You Miscalculated!

After Ma Baoshan said so, the gamblers outside laughed maliciously.

Even Li Xiaoran laughed.

Ma Baoshan was clearly playing dirty.

This was like gambling. It was just that Ma Baoshan took the opportunity to snub Li Xiaoran.

“Since we’ve both said our guesses, please count them!” Hu Xi looked at Li Xiaoran and then at Ma Baoshan. “Are you two sure? Are you sure these are your guesses?”

Ma Baoshan didn’t speak and just stared at Li Xiaoran.

Ma Baoshan had already made up his mind. If the person in front of him changed her guess, he would change it too.

Unexpectedly, Li Xiaoran smiled and shook her head as she said, “I won’t change it!”

“Then I won’t change it!” Ma Baoshan said sarcastically.

Seeing this, Hu Xi immediately took off the lid, then took out a very thin long needle and began to fiddle with the plate.

“One, two, three, four, five, six...”

At this moment, everyone was focused on the big white porcelain plate.

Everyone listened to Hu Xi’s voice as they counted inwardly.

Even Luo Cheng and the others were staring at this plate.

The only person who didn’t care was Li Xiaoran.

She didn’t seem nervous at all. She looked confident.

As Ma Baoshan watched Hu Xi count, he observed Li Xiaoran from the corner of his eye and guarded against her and the people around her.

Unexpectedly, Li Xiaoran didn’t pay attention to this side from the beginning to the end, so she naturally didn’t do anything.

“73, 74, 75, 76, 77!”

Hu Xi stopped after counting to 77.

“77 ants! There are 77 ants here!” Hu Xi looked at the people around him in disbelief.

To be honest, this gamble was really thrilling!

Hu Xi had worked in the casino for so many years, but this was the first time he had encountered such a thing.

He really didn't expect the newcomer in front of him to be so lucky to be able to guess such an accurate number.

Unfortunately, the heavens weren't on that kid's side in the end.

Ma Baoshan was overjoyed and laughed out loud as he said, “Hahahaha, you've lost. Kid, give me your money!”

Luo Cheng frowned. He felt that something was wrong.

On the other hand, Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe were furious, since they felt that the other party had won unfairly.

“You're playing dirty!” Shu Ruyue couldn't bear it anymore.

“You didn't object to the gambling method back then! You have to admit defeat after losing. Don't be sore losers!” Ma Baoshan said proudly.

“Hmph, you're the ones who can't afford to lose! We were about to leave, but you group of people surrounded us and forced us to gamble!” Shu Ruyue was so angry that her face turned red.

“You're such a bad sport! You can't own up to your loss?! Let me tell you, this is a casino. It's not a place for you to play dirty!” The surrounding gamblers clamored.

She had won too much money previously. Now that she had lost all her silver, the gamblers in the casino felt extremely gratified.

“Who said I lost? If I say there are 78, there are 78! Hu Xi, right?! Are you blind? There's a white patch of ants beside the plate of soil!” At this moment, Li Xiaoran's voice sounded.

As soon as she said this, the smug group of people froze.

Everyone looked at the white porcelain plate.

“What's wrong? Can't you guys see it? There's a white ant on the left and right side of Hu Xi. Everyone, take a closer look. It's in the direction of the dice placed beside that plate!” Li Xiaoran reminded again.

As expected, after Hu Xi fiddled with the needle in the direction Li Xiaoran had mentioned, a white ant was fiddled into the brown soil and immediately became conspicuous.

This time, everyone in the casino was in an uproar.

There were really 78 of them!

“Hahahahahaha!” This time, it was Shu Ruyue’s turn to laugh.

“Who said that I should be the one to admit defeat?! How is it? Does it hurt after getting slapped in the face today?!”

Wu Qinghe’s eyes widened when he saw this sudden turn of events.

“Oh my god, how mysterious! It’s even more mysterious than me using divination and fortune-telling!”

Li Xiaoran looked at Ma Baoshan, who was dumbstruck, then at Luo Cheng. “Brother, take this Sheep Jade! Let’s take our money and leave!” When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran call him brother, he smiled brightly.

“Sure!”

As Luo Cheng agreed, he took the Sheep Jade from Ma Baoshan’s hand and left with the money they had won today.

When Hu Xi saw this scene, his expression darkened and he secretly shot a look at someone standing in a corner.

The man nodded and immediately went out.

Ma Baoshan was stunned for a long time. When he came back to his senses, he saw Li Xiaoran’s departing figure from afar and shouted, “Hey, what do you want me to do?”

Li Xiaoran said, “When the time comes, someone will naturally bring the Sheep Jade to you!” With that, Li Xiaoran left.

After leaving the casino, a carriage rushed over.

The people who came were Zi Zheng and Zi Cheng.

Luo Cheng let Li Xiaoran and the others get into the carriage first while he stayed behind.

When everyone got in, Luo Cheng looked in several directions and sneered as he got into the carriage.

Soon, the carriage ran and left the casino with Luo Cheng and the others.

“Sigh, wealth is so tempting! It seems that I won the last gamble, but I actually lost! I gave those people a lot of time to set things up!” Li Xiaoran said in the carriage.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he knew that she had already discovered something.

“Don’t be afraid. I’ll definitely protect you! It’s fine if these people don’t attack, but if they really attack, they’ll be courting death!”

Li Xiaoran nodded without saying anything else. Instead, she was thinking about how to spend the money she had earned today.

When Shu Ruyue heard Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's words, she immediately became nervous and grabbed her sword tightly.

Wu Qinghe said when he saw that Shu Ruyue was very nervous, "Hey, don't be nervous! Brother Luo Cheng has arranged everything! If anything happens, don't hide outside. Just protect Xiaoran here!"

"Shut up! Just don't run around when the time comes.. Otherwise, no one can save you!"

## Chapter 535: Changing Places

Luo Cheng laughed when he saw the two of them bicker.

"Don't worry, nothing will happen! But Miss Shu is right. Wu Qinghe, you have to be careful. As long as you don't leave the carriage, I can guarantee your safety!"

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue stopped bickering and nodded at the same time.

A carriage was moving on the streets of the capital.

However, a while after they left the casino, no one appeared along the way. When she heard the commotion in front, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

"Isn't there a busy market in front of us?"

Luo Cheng nodded and said, "Yes! It's called Yongxing Street. It's the only way back!"

Li Xiaoran reminded, "Oh no. The other party will definitely attack in the busy market. When the time comes, I'm afraid innocent people will be injured!"

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he asked someone to stop the carriage.

Wondering what he would decide to do, everyone in the carriage looked at Luo Cheng.

Should they continue forward or not?

Luo Cheng suddenly thought of something and smiled.

"Let's go into the alley on the left side to return to the Seventh Prince's residence first!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she recalled the map of the capital and laughed.

"Good idea. I haven't been back to the Seventh Prince's residence for a long time! I wonder what it's like now!"

Just like that, the carriage started moving again, but this time, it changed direction.

If they went to the Seventh Prince's house, they wouldn't have to pass by Yongxing Street. Moreover, the road behind would become quieter and quieter, and very few passersby would come out.

The people who were originally lying in ambush on Yongxing Street were furious when they received the news, but they could only quickly change their location and chase after them.

After sensing their emotions, Li Xiaoran sneered.

“Husband, it seems that many people want this sum of money! Wealth is really tempting!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he said seriously, “Xiaoran, actually, it’s not their fault. You can only blame yourself and Wu Qinghe for winning too much tonight. The money you two won today is enough for those people to risk their lives!”

After Wu Qinghe was called out by Luo Cheng, he quickly waved his hand and said, “Brother Luo Cheng, don’t count me in. How can the money I won compare to Madam’s? Madam’s wealth is much more tempting!”

“Forget it! You won a thousand taels of gold. How can this be a small amount? Didn’t you see that many people in the casino were glaring at you? If looks could kill, you would have been killed a thousand times over!” Shu Ruyue

snorted and said, “It’s because Xiaoran attracted more hatred that you were saved. Otherwise, there was no way you could have walked out of there unscathed! If my guess is wrong, I’ll take your surname!” When Wu Qinghe heard Shu Ruyue’s words, he immediately laughed.

“Sure, but you have to marry me first!”

“You!” Shu Ruyue was so angry with Wu Qinghe that she lost her temper. This fool never grasped the main point.

“You and Xiaoran are about the same. The amount of money you won is enough to put your life in danger!” Luo Cheng said with disdain, “Since you’re so rich, why don’t you buy a house in the capital and some servants? Don’t follow me!”

Wu Qinghe quickly said, “No, no, no. Brother Luo Cheng, I’ll shut up immediately! I’m not stupid. If I leave you, my bad luck will flare up. Not to mention not being able to keep this gold, I might even lose my life!”

At this moment, Li Xiaoran suddenly said, “Those people are here!”

As soon as she finished speaking, the carriage was blocked by a group of men in black in a narrow alley.

Without another word, this group of people shot arrows at them.

As soon as Li Xiaoran spoke, Luo Cheng pressed a button.

While those people were attacking, many iron sheets appeared around the carriage and wrapped around it.

The flying arrows hit the iron sheet and couldn’t hit the carriage at all.

At the same time, something was thrown out from the carriage.

Unfortunately, the men in black couldn't see clearly in the night. Before the second round of arrows were shot, the group of men in black fell down.

Before they fainted, the group realized that they had been tricked.

Unfortunately, it was too late.

After dealing with this wave of attacks, the carriage continued forward.

Before long, another wave of killers arrived.

This time, the other party slashed at the horse in front of the carriage.

Zi Cheng, who was sitting in front, dealt with the people who were coming for the horse. Then, he raised his whip and urged the horse to run with all its might.

Perhaps sensing danger, the horse accelerated forward.

When the killers behind saw this, they immediately chased after them.

However, as they chased, they ran slower and slower. Then, they lost all strength and slumped to the ground.

What was even more surprising was that be it those lying in ambush in front or those following behind, everyone who saw the carriage fainted.

Even if someone realized that something was wrong and took an antidote pill, they still didn't escape the outcome of passing out.

Just like that, a carriage slipped past the group of people and entered the Seventh Prince's residence.

At this moment, the people in the Seventh Prince's residence had already been changed by the emperor.

The people sent to the Seventh Prince's residence were all people the emperor trusted, and they had been carefully investigated several times.

Shocked that the Seventh Prince and Seventh Consort were finally back, Xiang Yanghong quickly ran out to welcome them.

"Seventh Prince, you're finally back! I've been waiting for you for a long time!" Xiang Yanghong quickly went forward and bowed.

After getting out of the carriage, Luo Cheng glanced at Xiang Yanghong.

"Why do I feel that you look a little familiar?"

Xiang Yanghong laughed when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Seventh Prince, you think I'm familiar because you saved me in the past!"

At this point, Xiang Yanghong reminded him.

"Seventh Prince, when you requested to leave the royal family, you saved a dying person and sent him to the medical center. You also left money for medicine and food."

When Luo Cheng heard Xiang Yanghong's words, he immediately remembered this.

After he was removed from the royal family, he left the house happily.

Unexpectedly, he encountered a seriously injured person along the way, so he helped out!

However, Luo Cheng didn't expect that he would actually save his future butler.

"You're from the royal family?" Luo Cheng asked in confusion, "Why were you there?"

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Xiang Yanghong explained, "I was originally from the royal family's Cloud Brocade Palace. That day, I was ordered to ask the Empress for a bottle of good wine from the old patriarch's house. Unexpectedly, on the return to the palace, some assassins appeared and injured me. They even snatched that bottle of good wine. When I was on the verge of death, I was lucky to encounter you, Seventh Prince, so I survived!"

Luo Cheng immediately understood.

When he was expelled from the family, Consort Shu and Consort Li of Cloud Brocade Palace had their most intense battle. No wonder the person in front of him was implicated.

"Since you're in my residence now, work hard! I only need loyal people here!" Luo Cheng said as he held Li Xiaoran's hand and walked towards the main courtyard.

Luo Cheng said, "We're tired after being on the road all night. Get someone to prepare hot water and send it over! By the way, some shady people are following us outside, so tell the guards to be vigilant tonight! No matter who it is, as long as they dare to barge in, they will be killed without mercy!" Then, Luo Cheng left.

When Xiang Yanghong heard Luo Cheng's words, he understood.

This was probably a test from the Seventh Prince!

If this matter was settled tonight, he could stay here forever.

After figuring this out, Xiang Yanghong immediately perked up and made arrangements.

Ever since the last time the Seventh Prince was chased after when he arrived at the residence and they left him in the lurch, the emperor had been planning for Luo Cheng.

None of the guards in the Seventh Prince's residence were pushovers.

As expected, not long after Luo Cheng and the others went in, those who were greedy for money continued to chase after them.

Unfortunately, they encountered elite experts secretly nurtured by Xiang Yanghong and the emperor this time. Naturally, all those who came were eliminated.

Luo Cheng was soaking in the bathtub while listening to the commotion outside.

Li Xiaoran had yet to wash up.



She took off her makeup first and washed her face. Only then did she feel much better.

Luo Cheng, who was bathing, laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"I think you look good now. It's better not to disguise yourself in the future!" Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"I still think that the lesson I gave the casino today isn't enough. I plan to go to a few more casinos!"

"No, you should wait for a while! After what you did tonight, the casinos in the capital will become vigilant!" Luo Cheng thought of something and said, "It's impossible for you to do something like this again!"

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

"You're right. This kind of thing can't be done twice. Sigh, what a pity! But how should I spend the money I earned today? I want to use it for charity, but I don't want my money to be wasted! Husband, think of a good way for me!"

After Luo Cheng thought about it for a moment, he said, "I don't like the capital. There are many high-ranking officials here, and there are many people doing good deeds, so we aren't needed here. On the other hand, many families in the mountains of Sichuan are living such a miserable life! Since my fief is in Sichuan, I might as well use this money on my fief. Firstly, it can bring real benefits to the commoners, and secondly, I won't get deceived."

Li Xiaoran agreed, "That's right. Since we're doing a good deed, it's naturally better to do it ourselves! In that case, put away this money and send it back to Sichuan!"

Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, "By the way, why did you bet with Ma Baoshan previously? Don't say that you like that Sheep Jade. No matter how good that Sheep Jade is, it's not worth you betting all the money you won."

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she pondered for a moment and said, "There's no significant reason. I just saw this person standing on the line between light and darkness, so I wanted to help him!" Luo Cheng was stunned when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"Did you sense anything?"

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she said, "Actually, people are very complicated. A good person might not be entirely good, and an evil person might not be entirely evil. Some people become good or evil with one decision. Ma Baoshan is in such a state now! I want to help him! I'm not forcing him to become a kind person, but he can't become an evil person!"

Luo Cheng didn't expect Li Xiaoran to gamble with Ma Baoshan for this reason. "How can you be sure that a bet with him will change his mind?"

Li Xiaoran said, "I can't be sure! At least I tried! I made a bet with Ma Baoshan and made an agreement with him in order to help him! I didn't have the intention of pulling him into the light when I did this. I just wanted to help him if I could! No matter the outcome, at least if I do it, I won't have any regrets and won't have a guilty conscience!"

“Husband, not everything in this world necessarily has a result. There are many things that can be done, but no one knows what kind of impact it will have. However, at least after doing it, I feel at ease and can continue my life with a clear conscience!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he didn’t say anything else.

It seemed that their conversation didn’t have any substantial impact, but some changes had been made after this subtle influence.

In the past, Luo Cheng would think about what his goal was in everything he did.

He always had to have a goal.

However, when he saw what Li Xiaoran had done today, he suddenly realized, “Some things had to be done, even if he couldn’t achieve his goal, just like how he saved Xiang Yanghong back then. At that time, did he have any ulterior motive? No!”

At this moment, Ma Baoshan, who had gambled with Li Xiaoran, went home heavy-hearted.

Even though he would be blamed by his family when he returned home, Ma Baoshan still didn’t regret it.

However, after agreeing to such a promise, Ma Baoshan felt uneasy.

At this moment, he felt a little regretful about his impulsiveness. At that time, he only wanted to be an influential figure in the casino and wasn’t clear-headed at all.

Now that he had calmed down, he felt regretful!

## Chapter 537: Heirloom

Ma Baoshan had just arrived at the door of the small courtyard where he lived when he saw his great-grandfather, grandfather, grandma, father, mother, eldest uncle, second uncle, and third uncle waiting in the courtyard. Seeing this situation, Ma Baoshan knew that something was wrong and retreated.

“Stop!” Ma Baoshan’s great-grandfather, who had his eyes closed, opened them and looked at Ma Baoshan.

When Ma Baoshan heard his great-grandfather’s voice, his scalp went numb and he had a terrible premonition.

Generally speaking, every time he got into trouble and came home, he only needed to see who spoke up to stop him to predict how big the ruckus would be this time.

One had to know that this was his great-grandfather, so he was definitely dead meat!

Oh no, oh no!

He didn’t expect to meet his demise at 16 years of age.

There were still so many things he hadn't done in his short sixteen years of life, so he felt very rueful.

Ma Baoshan's father, Ma Dongxing, said angrily, "Baoshan, where are you going?"

"Father, my legs suddenly ached, so I lost my balance and took a few steps back!"

Ma Dongxing snorted and reminded, "Is that so? Then hurry up and come forward. Can't you see your great-grandfather waiting for you here?" Ma Baoshan felt apprehensive, but on the surface, he pretended to be calm.

"Greetings, great-grandfather!"

Old Master Ma glanced at Ma Baoshan and went straight to the point. "Where's the jade pendant heirloom?"

When Ma Baoshan heard this, he quickly told the truth. "Great-grandpa, don't be angry! I lost that Sheep Jade!"

These words caused an uproar.

Seeing that things were really as the rumors said, everyone in the Ma family was furious.

One had to know that this Sheep Jade wasn't an ordinary Sheep Jade!

This was a protective talisman that had been passed down in the Ma family for more than twenty generations!

Before every ancestor died, they would instruct people to take good care of the Sheep Jade because it was the Ma family's protective talisman and could turn misfortune into blessings.

However, this Sheep Jade had been lost not long ago.

Because this matter concerned the prosperity of the family, the Ma family had been secretly investigating it.

Unexpectedly, today, they heard news that Ma Baoshan had gambled in the casino and lost the Sheep Jade.

Initially, the Ma family didn't believe it, so they wanted to wait for Ma Baoshan to return and ask him.

In the end, the truth was something that they found difficult to accept.

Ma Dongxing asked again, "You really took our family's heirloom, the Sheep Jade?"

"That's right! Father, I took it! Actually, I didn't take it. When I went to the back garden to pick peaches beside that rockery to eat that day, I accidentally found this jade pendant on the branch of the peach tree. I saw that this jade pendant was very similar to my father's heirloom, so I wanted to bring it out to show off. Before I could show off, I saw someone who won a lot of money from everyone at the casino. I was indignant, so I gambled with her!" Ma Baoshan's voice became softer and softer as he spoke.

This time, Old Master Ma could no longer sit still and fainted from anger.

What followed was chaos.

When Li Xiaoran opened her eyes the next day, the sun was already high in the sky.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran felt that she had changed a lot after coming back to live here again.

In the past, she felt uneasy sleeping there and kept getting bad vibes. However, when sleeping there last night, Li Xiaoran felt very at ease.

After washing up, Li Xiaoran went out to look for Luo Cheng.

When Li Xiaoran arrived at the martial arts field, she suddenly felt some pain, as if her body was being pricked by needles.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran quickly retreated and didn't dare to enter the training field again.

It was very strange. As long as she didn't enter the martial arts field, she was fine.

Once she walked in, she felt her skin prickle.

Luo Cheng also noticed Li Xiaoran. He felt baffled when he saw her walking in and out of the training field.

After quickly putting away his sword, Luo Cheng walked towards Li Xiaoran.

“Wife, what are you doing?”

After Li Xiaoran tried again, she retreated outside. Then, she heard Luo Cheng's voice.

Li Xiaoran looked up at Luo Cheng and asked, “Husband, don't you feel that this training field is very strange?”

After Luo Cheng looked around carefully, he asked in confusion, “Strange?”

What's strange about it? I don't think there's anything strange about it.”

Li Xiaoran said as she took a big step towards the martial arts arena, “As long as I enter this martial arts arena, my entire body will hurt like I've been pricked by needles. As long as I leave the martial arts arena, I'll be fine! I've tested it out many times already. I'll try again!”

Sure enough, the deeper they went, the stronger the prickling sensation became.

Li Xiaoran was in so much pain that her entire face was scrunched up and beads of sweat appeared one after another.

When Luo Cheng saw this, he realized that something was wrong and quickly carried Li Xiaoran out of the training field.

As soon as they left the training ground, the uncomfortable feeling disappeared and there was no longer any pain.

“How are you? Are you feeling unwell?” Luo Cheng asked with heartache. Li Xiaoran panted as she said, “I'm fine! As long as I leave the martial arts field,

I'll be fine!”

Luo Cheng knew that Li Xiaoran wouldn't lie to him, so there must be something wrong with this training field.

However, after training inside for so long, he didn't feel uncomfortable at all!

After bringing Li Xiaoran back to the main courtyard, Luo Cheng sent someone to call Xiang Yanghong over.

When Xiang Yanghong heard of this, he didn't panic at all. Instead, a look of understanding flashed across his eyes.

Xiang Yanghong told him everything he knew, "Seventh Prince, the reason Seventh Consort feels uncomfortable in the training field is because the training field is filled with murderous aura! Seventh Prince, do you still remember that someone set up a very sinister array formation in your residence? After the emperor found out about this, he asked the state preceptor to make a trip and set it up for you again. However, the state preceptor specifically reminded me that the previous array formation had already produced something sinister that the state preceptor couldn't eliminate, so he could only use the power of the array formation to trap those bad auras in the training field.."

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After Xiang Yanghong thought about it for a moment, he added, "Ordinary people like the Seventh Consort naturally won't be able to withstand the pressure of that murderous aura. The reason you didn't feel anything when you were practicing martial arts inside was because you had vigor that could restrain this sinister aura. That's why you were safe and sound! At that time, the state preceptor lured this sinister aura to the martial arts field to use the vigor of the men to slowly dissipate it!"

After hearing Xiang Yanghong's words, Li Xiaoran finally understood.

It turned out that what made her feel uncomfortable was sinister aura.

Li Xiaoran said, "No wonder I didn't feel as depressed and uncomfortable as before when I came back to sleep in the house this time. It turns out that the fengshui of this house has been adjusted!"

Luo Cheng didn't expect this to happen.

Luo Cheng finally said, "My father is quite thoughtful!"

He couldn't bring himself to say anything sentimental.

However, he wasn't a heartless person, so he wouldn't remain indifferent either.

Although he was touched, Luo Cheng still had his bottom line.

If the emperor wanted Luo Cheng to inherit the throne, he still wouldn't agree.

Now, he would at most treat the Old Master a little better and help him resolve some trouble!

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and said, "Husband, since there's no problem with the house here, let's move back!"

After Luo Cheng thought about it, he felt that they might as well move back in.

After all, they still had to enter the palace to celebrate his birthday later, so they had to return to the Seventh Prince's official residence.

Luo Cheng said, "Then let's stay here! I think those people already know our identities, so someone might come looking for us!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately thought of something.

Li Xiaoran said indifferently, "So be it. I won this money with my own abilities!"

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

"Xiaoran, you're right. You won these with your own abilities, so no one can snatch them away!"

With that, Li Xiaoran threw this matter to the back of her mind and started thinking about food instead.

"Husband, the weather is getting hotter, so why don't we make some porridge and omelets for lunch?!"

"As long as you're happy, you can do whatever you want!" Luo Cheng had always agreed to Li Xiaoran's requests.

After Li Xiaoran ate breakfast, she went to make omelets for lunch.

After Luo Cheng and the others brought people back to the Seventh Prince's residence last night, many people guessed that the people who went to the casino were the couple.

Even if they couldn't recognize Li Xiaoran, they could recognize Luo Cheng. After all, he had not hidden his appearance at all previously.

Ling Kun, who was recuperating in the prince's residence, was furious when he received the news about the casino's incident.

"It's Luo Cheng again. Luo Cheng, the enmity between us is irreconcilable!" It turned out that the boss of this casino was the second prince.

After Li Xiaoran and Wu Qinghe's commotion last night, the profits of the casino immediately decreased to a very low level. Moreover, gamblers were unwilling to gamble in that casino anymore.

Because everyone was afraid of encountering people like Li Xiaoran and Wu Qinghe again!

Since they kept losing money, no one was willing to go anymore.

It seemed that the people who lost a lot of money yesterday were the gamblers, but in fact, the casino lost the most money.

Of course, the people who had lost a lot of money yesterday were determined to get back the money they had lost.

However, after knowing Li Xiaoran and Wu Qinghe's identities, they could only swallow their anger.

It couldn't be helped. They had won so much money by relying on their own abilities.

If they used this excuse to cause trouble for the Seventh Prince, they would undoubtedly cause trouble for themselves. Of course, it wasn't that no one came.

The Ma family came.

The people who came were none other than Ma Baoshan and his father, Ma Dongshan.

After getting the invitation card, Luo Cheng gave it to Li Xiaoran.

"Li Xiaoran, do you want to see them?"

Li Xiaoran, who was cutting potato shreds, thought about it for a moment, then nodded and said, "Invite them in!"

Soon, Ma Dongxing and Ma Baoshan saw Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng, who were busy in the courtyard, under the guidance of the servants.

Luo Cheng was sitting on a stool while washing chives.

As for Li Xiaoran, she had just cut all the shredded potatoes and placed them in the water. Then, she prepared to cut some more shredded cucumbers.

Ma Dongxing and Ma Baoshan were stunned when they saw this scene.

"Greetings, Seventh Prince and Seventh Consort!" Ma Dongxing quickly came back to his senses and bowed to Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

Ma Baoshan also recognized that the person cutting the dishes was the person who had gambled with him yesterday, so he immediately lowered his head with mixed feelings.

He was angry and uncomfortable, but also curious.

Luo Cheng said to the father and son, "I know why you're here, but the Sheep Jade isn't with me. It's with my wife! So, you should ask her!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her husband's words, she looked up and put down the cucumber. Then, she took half a cucumber and washed her hands as she ate it.

Li Xiaoran said after taking a few bites of the cucumber, "Sit down at the stone table at the side. Then, let's talk!"

Ma Dongxing and Ma Baoshan naturally wouldn't refuse. The father and son came to the stone table and sat down.

After the servants served tea, Li Xiaoran watched as Ma Dongxing and Ma Baoshan took a sip of tea and said, "I know why you're here. You must be here for the Sheep Jade! I can give you the Sheep Jade, but you have to exchange it for something!"

Hearing Li Xiaoran's words, Ma Dongxing heaved a sigh of relief. Then, he said even more politely, "I wonder what you want, Seventh Consort?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Ma Dongxing's words, she smiled and looked at Ma Baoshan.

“Actually, the reason I accepted the bet yesterday wasn’t because of this Sheep Jade, but because of you, Ma Baoshan!”

When Ma Baoshan heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he was immediately shocked.

At this moment, Ma Baoshan couldn’t help but look up at Li Xiaoran, as if trying to determine her motive.

Not only Ma Baoshan, but even Ma Dongxing was shocked.

At this moment, he saw that Li Xiaoran wasn’t joking, so he began to ponder over it.

Ma Baoshan couldn’t help but ask, “What do you mean?”

Li Xiaoran said to Ma Baoshan, ‘What were you thinking when you challenged me yesterday?’

As soon as he heard this, Ma Baoshan began to recall it..

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What was he thinking at that time?

Oh right!

At that time, he thought that this person didn’t have much ability and only relied on cheating to win so much money.

He wanted to expose this person for cheating. Then, he would win her money and become famous in the casino.

With this in mind, Ma Baoshan revealed what he was thinking at that time.

At this moment, Ma Dongxing wanted to slap his son.

Young people were too naive. He actually wanted to use this opportunity to become famous in the gambling world? What kind of nonsense was this?

When Li Xiaoran heard Ma Baoshan’s words, she thought about it for a moment and asked,

“What if you had won yesterday? In that case, what were you going to do next? What were you going to do with the money you won from me?”

“What was I going to do?” Ma Baoshan was confused.

He had thought of many possibilities, but he hadn’t thought about how to use this money.

“I probably would have treated the people in the casino to drinks! Then, everyone would have had a good time!”

Li Xiaoran said to Ma Baoshan sternly, “No, you would have become addicted and kept on gambling until you lost all your money. Then, you would have taken out your Sheep Jade and continued gambling! Not only that, but you also would have owed a lot of gambling debts under the instigation of others!” When Ma Baoshan heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he was immediately furious.



“That’s impossible. I have self-control!”

Li Xiaoran glanced at Ma Baoshan and said, “No, you can’t control yourself!

Have you forgotten why you went to the casino yesterday?” At this moment, Ma Baoshan thought of something and his expression changed.

Cold sweat broke out on his forehead, and Ma Baoshan’s expression turned ugly.

When Ma Dongxing saw his son like this, he immediately understood something.

“What’s going on? How did you get to the casino?”

Ma Baoshan could refuse to admit it, but when he faced his father, he couldn’t lie.

“It was Sixth Cousin and Lu Letian. They instigated me to come! By the way, Father, how did Sixth Cousin know that I had the Sheep Jade on me? After I got the Sheep Jade, I never told anyone, but yesterday, Sixth Cousin immediately recognized that I had Sheep Jade on me! Lu Letian said that I was a coward for being controlled by my family all day long and since I haven’t ever been to a casino before!”

Ma Dongxing’s expression changed drastically when he heard his son’s words.

The sixth cousin Ma Baoshan was talking about wasn’t from his wife’s family, but from her stepmother’s family.

No wonder his stepmother had been secretly investigating something all these years. She was after this Sheep Jade!

When Li Xiaoran saw the expressions on the father and son’s faces, she asked someone to bring the Sheep Jade over.

“Take a closer look at this jade. Is it your family’s heirloom?” When Ma Dongxing saw this, he quickly took out the Sheep Jade.

After he flipped it over and over, he finally nodded.

“It’s indeed the Ma family’s Sheep Jade. Thank you, Seventh Consort!”

Li Xiaoran said, “You can take the Sheep Jade. Consider it that your family owes me a huge favor! Also, Ma Baoshan, the promise you gave me yesterday is still valid. Today, I want you to fulfill your promise!”

Ma Baoshan replied readily when he saw Li Xiaoran return the Sheep Jade to the Ma family so readily, “I lost, so tell me! What do you want me to do?”

Li Xiaoran said her conditions, “I want you to be a beggar for three days, then a long-term worker for a month, then a shopkeeper for a month, and finally, go to the casino to collect debt ten times. When you collect the debt, you can only follow and watch. You can’t speak or help. You can only be a bystander and watch from the beginning to the end!”

As soon as she said this, not to mention Ma Baoshan, even Ma Dongxing was stunned.

What kind of request was this?

Ma Baoshan asked in a daze, ‘You’re not joking with me, are you?’

Li Xiaoran said, ‘I’m not joking with you!’ Then, Li Xiaoran looked at Ma Dongxing.

‘Ma Dongxing, you’re Ma Baoshan’s father, so there are some things I have to explain to you first. This is my bet with your son, so you’re not allowed to look for Ma Baoshan for the next three months. Even if you meet him on the street, you can only pretend not to know him. You can’t help him do anything. In three months, I’ll definitely return your son to you safe and sound!’

At first, Ma Dongxing was a little baffled, but when he saw his son’s unhappy expression and thought of how his son had been instigated to go to the casino, he immediately made up his mind and nodded.

‘I can’t thank you enough for your kindness! If you need my help in the future, feel free to tell me. Since this matter involves the bet, I’ll keep my word! Don’t worry, Seventh Consort, Ma Baoshan won’t be in our family for the next three months.’

With Ma Dongxing’s help, this matter was basically settled.

After that, Ma Dongxing left with the Sheep Jade, while Ma Baoshan was taken away by Zi Cheng.

He had agreed to experience three days of beggar life, so of course they had to make it seem convincing.

At this moment, Ma Baoshan was wearing smelly clothes and his hair was messy.

What was even worse was that his legs had been pricked by Zi Cheng, so he couldn’t exert any force on one of his legs.

As the young master of the Ma family, he had actually become a beggar now.

He was lying on a tattered mat in a corner of the capital and living off begging!

After Ma Baoshan’s matter was resolved, Li Xiaoran made omelets.

When Luo Cheng saw her happy expression, he asked with a smile, ‘You’re so happy just because you spent so much effort to help a brat? In my opinion, you shouldn’t have helped that brat! There’s no need for you to spend so much effort on someone else’s child!’

Li Xiaoran said, ‘I’m very happy to be able to help other people! Although Ma Baoshan is cursing me now, after three months, he will definitely thank me! Although I indeed didn’t have to interfere, since I met him, I naturally had to interfere. Just treat it as me doing a good deed!’

Luo Cheng said with a smile, ‘Of course I support your decision! To be honest, I’m actually looking forward to it. I wonder what will happen to Ma Baoshan when I see him again in three months!’

Li Xiaoran said, ‘Just wait and see! There might be a surprise!’

The matter at the casino came to an end. At the same time, the Shu family received news from Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue’s father, Shu Wang, read the contents of the letter and immediately asked someone to tidy it up.

At the same time, Shu Wang went to the Shu family's patriarch with the message!

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"Third Uncle, look, this is the news Ruyue sent from the capital!" Shu Wang handed Shu Ruyue's letter to the current head of the Shu family, Shu Hengxin.

After Shu Hengxin took the letter and looked at it, his expression changed.

"I heard that Ruyue is with the Seventh Consort now?"

"That's right. She's indeed with the Seventh Consort! From what I see, the Seventh Consort probably revealed this information to us on purpose!" Shu Wang voiced his guess.

When Shu Hengxin heard Shu Wang's words, his heart sank.

After a while, Shu Hengxin said, 'Go and ring the bell under the yellow-horned tree immediately. Just ring it three times!'"

Shu Wang nodded and quickly went to get it done.

Soon, three chimes sounded in the village.

As soon as they heard the three chimes, everyone, no matter who they were, immediately rushed home.

Every family began to pack their things and walk in one direction.

Shu Wang was no exception. After counting the people in the house, he brought food and valuables. After locking the door, he brought his family to a place not far away.

Shu Wang's wife, Bai Sha, asked worriedly, "If we leave just like this, what will happen to Ruyue?"

Shu Wang comforted her, "Don't worry! Ruyue won't be in much danger if she follows Seventh Consort."

Bai Sha also knew that she was a little too paranoid. In this situation, it wasn't appropriate to think too much about it. She could only quickly follow her family to a place not far away.

Back then, the Shu family had chosen this place to settle down in because it was close to the mountain range.

Before the Shu family came, this was just a barren mountain.

It was because the Shu family moved over and developed it generation after generation that it reached its current scale.

Even so, the Shu family had always maintained a population of around two hundred people.

At this moment, the entire village was divided and headed into the mountains from six directions.

After generations of hard work, the Shu family had already developed the vicinity of this barren mountain into their territory.

There were also many such secret tunnels.

Every time the bell rang three times, it meant that the family was in danger and needed the clansmen to quickly pack their things and enter the mountain to take refuge.

The Shu family had practiced this kind of thing several times in the past, so no one panicked. Instead, they followed the drill in an organized manner and entered the cave quietly.

Through the passage in the cave, everyone finally arrived at a very hidden valley deep in the mountains.

This valley was surrounded by mountains on three sides and cliffs on the other side.

A very large stream flew down the mountain and entered the cold cave through the valley, into the stream, and then into the river.

But in that case, other than the mountain path that the Shu family had cleared, no one could enter this valley.

Many stone houses had been built in the valley.

After every family came in, they walked towards the stone house that belonged to them and settled down.

This was the Shu family's backup plan.

Every family would regularly store some food in the valley.

In addition, there were also some vegetable fields in the valley. From time to time, people would come to farm.

Therefore, once an emergency happened, everyone wouldn't lack food and drinks.

This was why the Shu family survived from generation to generation.

The originally quiet valley became lively.

The originally lively village fell silent.

Many things that couldn't be taken away were placed in the underground storage room.

There were some furniture and crops in the field.

The Shu family had never allowed anyone to raise chickens, ducks, or pigs.

If they wanted to nurture them, they would raise them in the valley. They wouldn't raise them outside.

From the looks of it, it was also to deal with the crisis!

Just like that, in a single day, the Shu family's village became empty.

Speaking of which, there was a coincidence.

As soon as the people from Shu Village moved away, the army mobilized by the emperor started fighting at the place called Nine South Slope, as Luo Cheng had expected.

This place was easy to defend and difficult to attack, so the rebels suffered heavy casualties.

Because they lacked a doctor, the rebels captured all the local doctors.

Later on, they heard that the people of Shu Village were good at treating external injuries, so they sent some people to Shu Village to capture people.

Unfortunately, the Su family's village was already empty.

Just as this group of people was about to burn the village down, the army from the capital suddenly rushed out and killed the small group.

Fortunately, this army rushed over. Otherwise, the Shu family's village would have been destroyed.

Actually, it was all thanks to Luo Cheng.

After Shu Ruyue spread the news, Luo Cheng secretly asked someone to request the emperor protect the Shu family if he could.

At the very least, they couldn't let the rebels capture the Shu family. Otherwise, it would be very disadvantageous to the government.

The emperor wanted to ease the relationship between father and son, and secondly, he felt that Luo Cheng was right, so he secretly sent a message to ask the people who went to eliminate the rebels to protect the Shu family.

The commotion outside reached the ears of the Shu family the next morning.

After Shu Wang received the news, his back broke out in cold sweat.

"Fortunately, Ruyue's message reached us in time. Coupled with the help of our benefactors, we managed to preserve our foundation for generations!" When Bai Sha heard her husband's words, she nodded.

"That's right. It's a blessing from the heavens! Fortunately, the village didn't burn down. Otherwise, it would have cost us a lot of money to move back in the future!"

Shu Wang said gratefully, "After this disaster is over, we should thank the Seventh Prince and the Seventh Consort! If they hadn't revealed the news to us, the village would have suffered heavy losses! Who knows how many of our clansmen will be captured? It's hard to say if they would have survived!"

Bai Sha nodded and echoed, "That's right! "

Then, the government's army arrived and began to kill the rebels.

The rebels never expected to be ambushed before they even reached the capital.

As soon as they started fighting, their people were injured.

Their morale plummeted, and in the end, they were even less confident in facing the government's army.

Just like that, the government's army crushed the rebels.

In the end, most of them were captured.

The key figures in the army seemed to have disappeared into thin air.

After Luo Cheng received this news, he went to the palace again.

Luo Cheng and the emperor spoke in the imperial study for a while, but no one knew what the father and son discussed..