

## The Hunter 571

### Chapter 571: Luo Cheng's Plan

Wu Qinghe asked, "Your mother's dishes aren't tasty?"

Shu Ruyue said with lingering fear, "My mother is good at playing with knives, but her cooking is awful! If my mother enters the kitchen, she might burn everything down! Fortunately, I didn't inherit my mother's 'ability'. Although the dishes I make aren't very tasty, at least I won't burn down the kitchen!"

When Wu Qinghe heard Shu Ruyue's words, he said seriously, "The dishes I make are very delicious, since I've been forced by my mentor to cook since I was young. My mentor's culinary skills aren't good, so he can only count on me!"

When Shu Ruyue heard Wu Qinghe's words, she sized him up.

"Are you sure? When will you make some dishes for us to try?!"

Wu Qinghe said, "No problem, I'll cook tomorrow!"

Shu Ruyue nodded.

When Wu Qinghe heard this, he was secretly delighted and began to plan.

No one else heard their conversation.

Shu Ruyue thought that Wu Qinghe was going to cook for everyone, so she didn't tell anyone.

After eating and drinking their fill, everyone went home to rest.

The next morning, Li Xiaoran saw a few dogs wandering in the courtyard.

"Big Yellow, come here!" Li Xiaoran shouted at Big Yellow.

When Big Yellow heard Li Xiaoran's voice, it quickly wagged its tail and came to Li Xiaoran's side.

"Big Yellow, long time no see. I'm so happy to see you today! How have you been? Do you want me to make you guys something tasty today?"

Big Yellow whimpered a few times, as if it was stating its request.

Others might not understand, but Li Xiaoran could actually hear what Big Yellow was thinking.

"I want to go up the mountain. I'm sick of running at home!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was a little surprised and smiled.

"Alright, I'll tell my husband to bring the dogs at home up the mountain today, but don't get lost!"

Big Yellow howled a few times to show that it understood.

"With me around, no one can get lost!"

With Big Yellow's assurance, Li Xiaoran told Luo Cheng about this.

Luo Cheng exclaimed, "I really didn't expect you to become more and more capable. Previously, you could hear what others were thinking when they were emotional, but now, you can even hear the thoughts of small animals. How amazing!"

The more powerful his wife was, the more worried and anxious Luo Cheng felt.

He had to become stronger so that others wouldn't covet his wife's abilities. Only then could he protect her safety.

After having this thought, Luo Cheng thought of the soldiers who had retired from the farmstead because of their disabilities.

Perhaps if these people were trained well, they would be a powerful force!

Luo Cheng said, "Alright, I'll bring them out for a run in the morning. It just so happens that I want to see the construction of the farmstead. Also, we have to confirm our fief as soon as possible before we can act according to our plan!"

Li Xiaoran teased, "Maybe the news of your return will spread in a few days. At that time, more people will come looking for you!"

Luo Cheng shook his head at Li Xiaoran. "You're thinking of things too simply. Actually, no local official is willing to be an official in a fief, since no official will be willing to have a prince above him. However, you're right. Many people

will come to investigate and see where I want to draw a fief!"

Li Xiaoran didn't know much about fiefs, so she asked, "Where do you plan to set up a fief? How big is our fief?"

Luo Cheng said as he took out the map and looked at it, "It's not that big. I plan to use White Foothill City as my territory and designate a flat place beside Hele Village as our residence. After I become a king, it'll be the king's residence!"

At the border of Hele Village and a place called Yujiang Village, there was a flat canyon. The terrain here was wide and just enough to build a house. Most importantly, this place was surrounded by mountains on three sides and could be considered an easy place to defend and difficult to attack.

Luo Cheng had chosen this place.

"If we build a residence, won't we have to live in it? But I can't bear to part with my parents, and my parents can't bear to part with the villagers here either!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "Didn't we say before that we'll live in

Hele Village in the future?"

"I've thought about it, but I've changed my mind now! Li Xiaoran, your abilities are what many people dream of. If I want to protect you, I have to establish my own faction. I'm afraid my current faction can't protect you. If you don't want to live in that residence, you can continue to live here. I have other uses for it." Luo Cheng voiced his thoughts.

Li Xiaoran didn't expect Luo Cheng to think of so much. Thinking of her ability, Li Xiaoran felt that it was necessary to take precautions. Li Xiaoran said, "Alright, do whatever you want!"

Of course, what Li Xiaoran wanted to do wasn't just support.

She would also do some other things to help Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng asked, "Then will you follow me to bring Big Yellow to the farmstead this morning?"

In the past, Li Xiaoran would definitely have said that she wanted to go without hesitation.

After knowing Luo Cheng's plan, Li Xiaoran shook her head. "I won't go. I have other things to do!"

Seeing that Li Xiaoran had refused, Luo Cheng didn't force her.

After that, Luo Cheng brought Big Yellow and the others out.

After Li Xiaoran returned to her study, she thought of something, so she started writing.

Since they were going to train soldiers, they naturally had to have a plan.

Li Xiaoran had transmigrated from the modern world and had seen countless ways to train soldiers.

Luo Cheng could use any training method he wanted.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran admired the soldiers nurtured by the country.

If not for these adorable people making sacrifices, there wouldn't be anyone living a peaceful life in the empire.

Luo Cheng wanted to establish his own faction, and Li Xiaoran also hoped to establish such an iron-blooded team.

Even people without martial arts skills could increase their strength through such a training plan.

The faction Luo Cheng had established existed to protect her, so she had to do her best to help these people improve their combat strength and give them more ability to survive..

## Chapter 572: Apologizing

Li Xiaoran spent the entire morning recording all the things she remembered on paper.

Soon, it was lunchtime.

Luo Cheng was eating at the farmstead with Big Yellow and the others, so there was no need to wait for him to come back for dinner.

The chef at home had already prepared lunch. It was only when Shu Ruyue ran over to call Li Xiaoran that Li Xiaoran realized that it was time for lunch.

Li Xiaoran quickly put down the things in her hand and went to eat.

After eating and drinking her fill, Li Xiaoran took an afternoon nap and began to sort out the training methods. Then, she planned to come up with a training plan.

At the same time, Zhao Long brought Jin Xiaojing and Zhao Lijun to look for Li Xiu.

When he saw his sister again, Zhao Long was filled with shame.

Zhao Long said guiltily, "Sister, I'm sorry. We were muddle-headed back then and didn't understand your kind intentions. This time, we're here to apologize to you! I know what we did disappointed you. To be honest, we've been reflecting on ourselves for the past two days. Ever since we moved out, we've changed and were no longer as grounded as before. We kept wanting to take shortcuts! That's why we made a mistake and disappointed you!"

Jin Xiaojing said with a look of shame, "Yes, Sister, I was bewitched previously. I kept feeling that you interfered too much, so I treated you like that. Sister, I really realized my mistake this time. I hope you can forgive me!" Zhao Lijun walked forward and apologized.

Looking at the three people in front of her, Zhao Xiu suddenly felt bored.

If his son-in-law, Luo Cheng, wasn't the Seventh Prince, his second brother's family definitely wouldn't have appeared here today!

She valued family, but she wasn't a fool.

Zhao Xiu said, "It's fine. I didn't take it to heart! Xiaoran and Xiao Qing have already told me! I was indeed wrong. I shouldn't have interfered in your matters, so in the future, make your own decisions!" Zhao Long felt terrible when he heard this.

He knew that their relationship wasn't that easy to repair.

But it didn't matter. As long as they changed their ways, his sister would see their sincerity.

After sending Zhao Long and his family off, Zhao Xiu went straight to the Luo family's home to look for Li Xiaoran.

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's voice, she put down the thing in her hand and went out to take a look.

"Mother, why are you here? Is something the matter?"

Zhao Xiu nodded and asked her daughter, "Are you free now? I have something to tell you!"

Li Xiaoran said as she pulled Zhao Xiu into her study, "Then come to my study!"

Looking at the many pieces of paper on Li Xiaoran's table, Zhao Xiu realized something.

"Am I disturbing you?"

"No, it's just that it's better to remember these plans. Otherwise, I'll keep forgetting them!" Li Xiaoran smiled and said, "I'm almost done, so you don't have to worry about disturbing me!"

When Zhao Xiu heard Li Xiaoran's words, she was relieved.

Zhao Xiu said to Li Xiaoran, "That's good! Xiaoran! I came here to tell you something. If your uncle and aunt do anything in your name in the future, you definitely can't agree. It's hard to guess people's intentions! Although these people are all relatives, they're all selfish and will side with their own families!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she knew that something must have happened.

“Second Uncle came here to look for you?”

Zhao Xiu thought that Li Xiaoran had guessed it, so she nodded.

“That’s right. Your second uncle and second aunt brought Zhao Lijun to the house to apologize! However, I felt a little upset when I saw them. Actually, I know very well that if it weren’t for the fact that my son-in-law is of distinguished status, your second uncle might not have brought his wife and children to apologize! In the past, I didn’t believe it when people said that people were fickle. Now, I finally believe it!”

After she heard Zhao Xiu’s words, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Mother, don’t worry! I won’t let them do anything bad in our name. At least now, we know if Second Uncle and Second Aunt are sincere or not. We won’t let them take advantage of us in the future.”

In the end, Li Xiaoran persuaded, “However, since Second Uncle and Second Aunt are sincerely repenting, why don’t we give them a chance?! Time will prove everything. Don’t feel upset. Let’s wait and see!”

Kindness and evil were determined by a single thought.

What his second uncle’s family had done was indeed disappointing and the other party had indeed come to apologize in order to obtain benefits.

However, there was very little sincerity in this world, so it was probably very difficult to obtain 100% sincerity.

Therefore, she only give her second uncle’s family a chance and see what would happen next.

After all, her second uncle was her mother’s younger brother! When Zhao Xiu heard her daughter’s words, she felt more confident.

“Alright, I’ll listen to you!” Zhao Xiu nodded.

“By the way, Mother, since you’re here, let’s go to the shop by the official road to take a look! I wonder what changes have happened to the shop recently!” Li Xiaoran had been writing for most of the day and was a little tired, so she simply pulled her mother to the shop to take a look.

Zhao Xiu thought about how she hadn’t been to the shop for a few days, so she nodded.

“Alright, I’ll go take a look too!”

After settling her worries, Zhao Xiu felt much more relaxed.

As they walked, the mother and daughter talked about some of the things that had happened after they separated.

As soon as she reached the shop, Li Xiaoran realized that it was filled with people.

Be it the sliced noodles shop or the fast-food shop, they were both overcrowded.

Not only their shop, but the food stalls near the official road outside were also overcrowded.

Li Xiaoran stood outside and looked around as she said, “There are so many people? It seems that more and more people are passing through this pipeline!”

Zhao Xiu thought of something and said, “This place is quite famous now. There are all kinds of nicknames for it, but they haven’t decided on an official name yet. Later on, the village chiefs of the surrounding villages discussed and unanimously decided to let you name it when you come back.”

Li Xiaoran looked at her mother in surprise.

“Let us name it?”

Zhao Xiu told her, “That’s right! You guys brought this place prosperity, so if someone has to name it, you guys should do it!”

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she remembered this matter.

Li Xiaoran said, “Alright, when my husband comes back, I’ll discuss it with him! When he confirms the fief, we’ll name the market here!”

Zhao Xiu asked in surprise, “What? Fief?”

## Chapter 573: Popular Bachelors

Li Xiaoran explained, “That’s right, a fief! Mother, the emperor issued a decree to my husband and said that he can choose a town as his fief!”

Zhao Xiu nodded, as if she understood, and didn’t say anything else.

In Zhao Xiu’s understanding, the prince did have a lot of land and assets.

Seeing that her sister had arrived, Li Xiaoqing ran out after cooking the last bowl of sliced noodles.

“Sister, why are you here?”

“I came to see how you’re running the shop!” Li Xiaoran teased.

“Are you satisfied now that you’ve seen it?” Li Xiaoqing asked.

Li Xiaoran said, “I’m satisfied, satisfied, very satisfied! You’re indeed quite impressive!”

Zhao Sisi ran out and called out, “Aunt! Cousin!”

Although she was disappointed in her second brother and sister-in-law, Zhao Xiu couldn’t vent her anger on the child.

At this moment, Zhao Xiu nodded in greeting.

Li Xiaoran looked over and nodded with a smile. “Have you learned how to make sliced noodles?”

Zhao Sisi looked at Zhao Xiu in embarrassment and then at Li Xiaoran.

“I’ve already learned it! Actually, I learned it after half a month. Now, I’m making sliced noodles with Xiao Qing to sell!”

Seeing that the little girl had been looking at her, Zhao Xiu said, “Your parents and brother have already come to apologize to me today! So don’t worry, just work hard in the shop!”

Zhao Sisi heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Zhao Xiu’s words.

To be honest, Zhao Sisi had been on tenterhooks all day, for fear that her aunt would be angry and chase her away.

After all, her mother and brother were in the wrong. It was only right for her aunt to be angry.

“Thank you, Aunt!” Zhao Sisi said gratefully.

After that, the little girl went to work happily.

Li Xiaoran praised, “Mother, you did the right thing by not bringing personal grudges to the workplace!”

Zhao Xiu said, “Sigh, I also think that this girl is a good person! Ever since she came to the shop to work, she has been diligent and hasn’t slacked off at all! I wonder which young brat will be lucky enough to marry this girl!” With that, Zhao Xiu sighed.

Zhao Xiu said it as an offhand remark, but the listener took it to heart.

Mao Dao, who had just walked out, paused. Then, he looked at Liu Sisi, who was busy in the shop, and pondered over something.

Ever since Liu Sisi came, Mao Dao couldn’t help but take care of this shy but kind girl.

Previously, he hadn’t thought anything about it, but now that he heard Zhao Xiu’s words, Mao Dao felt that marrying Liu Sisi wasn’t a bad idea.

Most importantly, he liked Liu Sisi.

Thinking of this, Mao Dao’s heart burned with desire and he planned to ask Liu Sisi.

Yuan Cheng also ran out and came to Li Xiaoran’s side with Mao Dao.

Yuan Cheng asked with a smile, “Madam, you’re here? Is Brother Luo Cheng back too?”

“Yes, we’re all back! It’s just that Luo Cheng has something to do elsewhere, so only my mother and I came over to take a look!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile, “I haven’t seen you two for a while. The two of you seem to have changed!”

After Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao exchanged looks, they smiled awkwardly.

Ever since they came to the shop to work for Li Xiaoran, the two of them had been eating well.

As time passed, their nutrition was replenished.

Mao Dao was better off than Yuan Cheng. After all, his family doted on him, so he was better fed.

However, Yuan Cheng had been malnourished for a long time, so he looked thin and sallow.

Now that the two of them had caught up on their nutrition, their appearances had changed.

The two boys were very handsome now.

As a result, some young female customers who were eating in the shop would steal glances at these two of them from time to time.

More and more started to take a fancy to Mao Dao and the matchmaker kept visiting.

Unfortunately, Mao Dao didn't relent and didn't like any one of them.

Yuan Cheng also had many proposals, but Yuan Cheng felt that with his current situation, he wasn't suitable for marriage.

He didn't want to delay anyone, so he refused.

Yuan Cheng replied with a smile, "I ate well, so my health improved a lot!"

Zhao Xiu teased, "Xiaoran, these two boys have become popular with girls now! There are girls in the nearby village who secretly came over to ask about their preferences and family background."

Mao Dao only smiled, since he felt that there was nothing to be embarrassed about.

Yuan Cheng blushed bashfully.

"Mother, stop teasing them!" With that, Li Xiaoran looked at Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao. "The two of you can go ahead! I'm just here to take a look. I'll leave in a while!"

Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng nodded and entered the shop together.

Kang Zheng and Wen Lu had been busy. More and more people came to eat fast food, so it wasn't that the two of them didn't see Li Xiaoran, but their hands were tied.

Li Xiaoran went in to look at the dishes and then at the dining table where the guests were sitting. In the end, she came to the two of them in satisfaction.

"Thank you for your hard work during this period of time!"

Kang Zheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"It's not hard work at all! My time here has been the best period in my life. Not only do I have a wife, but I also have the motivation to work!"

When Wen Lu heard her husband's words, she nodded. "That's right! When I see people coming and going, I feel more and more motivated!"

At this moment, Gao Chen, who had finished cooking the last dishes in the kitchen, looked at Li Xiaoran and said, "Why aren't you praising my cooking?"

Li Xiaoran affirmed with a smile, "Yes, yes, yes. Master Gao, you're the best chef. After all, the customers are very satisfied with your fast food!" When Gao Chen heard Li Xiaoran's words, he smiled.

After sizing up Li Xiaoran, Gao Chen suddenly said, "Did you encounter something when you went to the capital? Why do you look a little more haggard than before?!"

Li Xiaoran replied, "I encountered some things, but they were all resolved! I don't like living in the capital!"

Li Xiaoran's words brought back some unpleasant memories for Gao Chen.



Gao Chen said, "That's right. The capital isn't a good place, so it's better not to go there in the future!"

Li Xiaoran said, "I think so too! After going once, I don't want to go again! I feel mentally exhausted!"

Gao Chen suddenly said, "You'll be even more mentally exhausted in the future! I don't know if I should say that you have good fortune and know how to choose a good man, or that you're unlucky to have chosen such a man!"

## Chapter 574: Two Attitudes

Li Xiaoran understood what Gao Chen meant, so she thought for a moment before answering, "There are many things in life we can't influence, but we can at least decide our own attitude towards life. Even if the mountains collapse and the ground splits, we can at least face everything with a smile!"

When Gao Chen heard Li Xiaoran's words, he froze for a moment before falling silent.

During the rest of the time, Gao Chen became very silent.

After looking around the shop, Zhao Xiu saw He Hui selling something, so the two of them chatted.

Bored, Li Xiaoran also strolled around the stalls on both sides of the official road.

There were many more people who set up stalls on both sides of the official road to sell things.

There were even fruit stalls beside the official road. Not only was the price affordable, but the vendor would also help customers peel and cut the fruits into pieces.

Because customers could eat delicious fruits without needing to do anything, this stall was doing well.

In addition, there were also people selling water.

In addition to boiling water and cold water, there was also juice and salt water. After Li Xiaoran saw this, she couldn't help but admire these people's business acumen.

As she walked, Li Xiaoran suddenly saw a very familiar figure.

The other party seemed to have noticed Li Xiaoran walking over and quickly lowered his head, as if he didn't want Li Xiaoran to see him.

When Li Xiaoran saw the few mountain mushrooms placed in front of that person, she sighed.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran could barely recognize that the person in front of her was her cousin, Zhao Lijun.

In her impression, her cousin, Zhao Lijun, was a high-spirited young man, but he actually became like this for the sake of a woman.

Thinking of what she had heard about her second uncle's family from Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran didn't know if she should say that her cousin was a hopeless romantic or a good-for-nothing!

Li Xiaoran pretended not to see him and walked forward calmly.

Just as Zhao Lijun heaved a sigh of relief, Li Xiaoran walked back.

“These mushrooms look very fresh! You must have spent a lot of effort to find and pick them! Working and earning money with your own abilities isn’t a shameful thing, but an honorable thing! If you’re still the cousin I know, Zhao Lijun, then raise your head high and act like a dignified person!”

With that, Li Xiaoran turned around and left.

On account that they were all relatives, Li Xiaoran couldn’t bear to see a good young man’s future become ruined like this.

Everyone made mistakes.

Mistakes were not scary. What was scary was being unable to recover from mistakes.

Li Xiaoran didn’t think it was worth it to become so dispirited because of a woman.

Many women felt that if a man was dispirited because of them, it meant that he really cared about them.

However, for Li Xiaoran, such a man had to be reconsidered.

If he was dispirited for a moment but quickly pulled himself together, such a man was worth paying attention to.

But if he kept on moping, one would rather not have such a man!

Because in life, there were always obstacles waiting for everyone.

It would be very tiring to live with a man who didn’t have any responsibility.

She hoped that her words would make Zhao Lijun come to his senses! The Hu family of White Foothill City hadn’t appeared in Hele Village for a few days.

Just as everyone was about to forget about the Hu family, Miss Hu appeared.

Previously, Miss Hu had met Zhao Lijun when she went to the noodle shop to eat noodles.

Now, if Miss Hu wanted to meet Zhao Yan, she could only enter the village.

Because Zhao Yan was a homebody, no one had ever seen him leave the village.

In fact, Zhao Yan was walking around the mountain at this moment and looked as if he was checking something.

At this moment, he was carrying a basket on his back as he searched the pine forest for pine fungi.

It had rained heavily a few days ago, so these few days, pine mushrooms were popping up in large quantities.

Having grown up in the forest for a long time, he was naturally familiar with the mountain treasures that could be picked at this time.

Thinking of the things from Li Xiaoran his parents had sent him, Zhao Yan wanted to do something to repay Li Xiaoran.

Favors had to be reciprocated.

Xiaoran was so good to him. He didn't have the ability to give her anything precious, so he could only try to search for what she liked.

Zhao Yan knew that Li Xiaoran liked to eat delicious things. Coincidentally, pine fungus was very delicious.

Therefore, after Zhao Yan made up his mind, he brought the basket up the mountain to pick pine mushrooms.

Zhao Yan was very lucky to have filled up half a basket of pine mushrooms in just two hours.

Zhao Yan muttered, "Pick some more! My cousin will definitely like it! "

Miss Hu guarded the village for a long time but couldn't find Zhao Yan, so she stomped her feet in anger.

"Hmph, Zhao Yan, I don't believe that you won't appear! If I can't see you today, I'll come again tomorrow. In the future, I'll come every day. I'll see how you can hide!"

With that, Miss Hu turned around and left angrily.

Coincidentally, not long after Miss Hu left, Zhao Yan returned from the mountain with joy.

However, Zhao Yan didn't return to the village directly. Instead, he went to Luo Cheng's house.

After knowing that Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng weren't around, Zhao Yan left the pine fungus to Zi Zheng, who was taking care of the family.

"This is the pine fungus I picked on the mountain. I hope you can help me pass it to her!"

Zi Zheng knew Zhao Yan. When he saw that the other party was covered in pine fur, his face was red from sweat, and the soles of his shoes were stained with a lot of mud, he knew how much sincerity Zhao Yan had.

Zi Zheng said, "Alright, don't worry. I'll definitely convey your feelings to Madam!"

Zhao Yan smiled and nodded before turning to leave.

Watching Zhao Yan leave, Zi Zheng couldn't help but mutter.

"We're both from the Zhao family. Why is there such a big difference?!" Things were always easier for people who knew how to be grateful to others.

Zhao Yan was such a person.

When Li Xiaoran returned and learned that Cousin Zhao Yan had sent a basket of pine fungi, she was immediately touched.

"It seems that Zhao Yan will definitely be a promising person in the future. The heavens always rewards people who know how to be grateful!"

Out of gratitude towards Zhao Yan, Li Xiaoran placed for the pine fungus at the dining table.

After using a few chickens to stew a pot of pine fungus, Li Xiaoran gave some to everyone.

She sent some to her grandparents, her parents, and Granny Jin. It had to be said that the soup made from this fungus was delicious!

## Chapter 575: Brothers! Heart-to-heart

The next day, the Hu family's daughter, Hu Yutong, came to Hele Village again to wait for Zhao Yan.

However, before she could see Zhao Yan, she bumped into Zhao Lijun.

Yesterday, after meeting Li Xiaoran, Zhao Lijun thought about many things.

It wasn't easy for him to adjust his emotions, but he encountered the Hu family's girl again.

When Hu Yutong saw Zhao Lijun, she felt a little guilty, so she wanted to avoid him.

Unexpectedly, Zhao Lijun stopped her before Hu Yutong could.

Zhao Lijun stared at the woman in front of him and asked, "Hu Yutong, aren't you going to greet me? I think you owe me an explanation and an apology!"

Hu Yutong originally didn't want to get involved with Zhao Lijun anymore, but now that they had met, there was no way to avoid it. She could only face him.

To be honest, in terms of looks, Zhao Lijun was quite handsome.

The men of the Zhao family all had thick eyebrows and big eyes. They were handsome and pleasing to the eye.

However, Zhao Lijun and the others had offended his eldest aunt.

Because of his aunt's attitude, Zhao Lijun went straight to the shop to condemn his cousin, Li Xiaoqing.

To be honest, Hu Yutong looked down on such a man.

Hu Yutong sneered at the person in front of her and said, "Zhao Lijun, shouldn't I be asking you this? Tell me, why did you offend your aunt? Do you know who your aunt is?"

"I want to marry you too, but you have to work hard! If you can make your eldest aunt reconcile with your family and let your eldest aunt propose marriage, this marriage can still be negotiated. Otherwise, don't stand in my way!"

When Zhao Lijun heard this, he remembered that his cousin-in-law was actually the Seventh Prince.

At this moment, Zhao Lijun laughed.

"How ridiculous. When I saw you a few days ago, I felt that you were the love of my life. Even when my aunt objected to this marriage, I still went against her. But in the end, what I got in exchange was this! Leave! From now on, I'll pretend that I never knew you!"

When Hu Yutong heard this, she snorted and prepared to leave. "Wait!" At this moment, Zhao Yan appeared and walked towards the two of them.

When Hu Yutong saw Zhao Yan come out, her eyes lit up and her disdainful expression immediately changed to one of shyness.

"You're Zhao Yan, right? I have something to discuss with you!"

As Zhao Lijun stared at Hu Yutong, he suddenly felt disgusted.

How blind must he have been before to fall in love with such a double-faced girl?

"You're that girl, right? I came out to tell you to give up on marrying into the Zhao family! My brother won't marry you, nor will I! Also, do you really think no one can see through the schemes of the Hu family? Do you really think my cousin-in-law can't see through your tricks? If you know what's good for you, give up on your plans as soon as possible. Otherwise, you'll have to bear the consequences!"

When Hu Yutong heard Zhao Yan's words, her expression changed. In the end, she left with a dark expression.

After Hu Yutong left, Zhao Yan looked at Zhao Lijun.

"Brother, we haven't gone up the mountain to hunt in a while! I think there's a lot of prey on the mountain here, so let's go up the mountain today and compete. Then, we'll rest in the mountain for the night and come back tomorrow!"

Zhao Lijun hesitated when he received Zhao Yan's invitation.

"But my parents don't know where I went, so I'd better go back and talk to them first! Besides, we have to be careful when we go up the mountain. Let's go back and get some tools first!"

When Zhao Yan heard Zhao Lijun's words, he immediately smiled and reached out to put his hand on his shoulder.

"Then let's go! Speaking of which, it's been a long time since we went hunting!"

Zhao Lijun smiled at Zhao Yan.

The grudge that had arisen because of Hu Yutong disappeared.

Between brothers, these sorts of conflicts were trifling.

They let bygones be bygones.

After they got back, they took their weapons and told their families. Then, the brothers went up the mountain together.

On the way, they met Li Xiaoran walking around with a few dogs, so the brothers went forward to greet her.

Seeing that Zhao Lijun had already recovered and was no longer as dispirited as before, Li Xiaoran was relieved.

Li Xiaoran asked with a smile, "Where are you going?"

Zhao Yan said as he waved the tools in his hand, "Brother and I are going up the mountain to hunt. We plan to stay on the mountain for the night! Look, we brought all our tools!"

As Li Xiaoran looked at the two of them, she thought of something.

"If you want to go up the mountain to hunt, find a stone house on the mountain first! It was built by your cousin-in-law when he was hunting. If you encounter any danger, you can go there to hide!"

Zhao Yan and Zhao Lijun nodded and bade farewell to Li Xiaoran before leaving.

Li Xiaoran didn't think too much about it and continued to bring Big Yellow around.

After Zhao Yan and Zhao Lijun went up the mountain, they chose a direction to go in.

In the end, they were lucky to have hunted a lot of wild animals as soon as they went up the mountain.

Fortunately, when they were hunting, they actually found the stone house that Li Xiaoran had mentioned previously.

They brought the prey to the stream in the mountains to be cleansed first.

Then, the two of them arrived at the side of the stone house.

Without using the stove inside, the two brothers lit a fire outside the stone house and roasted the processed pheasants and hares.

It was already summer. In the evening, a cold wind blew through the forest, driving away some of their frustration.

Hearing the crackling sound from the fire, Zhao Yan suddenly mentioned the Hu family.

"Brother, that Hu family's girl isn't a good match for you. They're blind and only know how to scheme for benefits. She's not worth your time." Zhao Lijun fell silent when he heard Zhao Yan's words.

Zhao Yan looked at Zhao Lijun and said, "We've been brothers for so many years. Are we going to fall out like this because of that woman? Do you still remember what we agreed on together back then? In this generation, we brothers must help each other. Once anyone falls behind, the others have to help!"

When Zhao Lijun heard this, he recalled his happy days in Eagle Village and suddenly said,

"If only we hadn't moved out of Eagle Village back then!"

Zhao Yan frowned when he heard this.

"Brother, do you think you should say something like that? You know better than me what kind of life we would have had if we continued living in Eagle Village. Didn't you want to come out and adventure back then? Why? You want to go back after just a little setback? Look at you now.. You don't seem like the brother I know at all!"

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Zhao Lijun lowered his head in silence, making it impossible for Zhao Yan to tell what he was thinking.

Zhao Yan sighed and felt a sense of powerlessness.

He was really anxious!

Why had his brother become like this?

His brother was a very good person in the past.

Could things change so much just because of a woman?

Zhao Yan couldn't figure it out.

In fact, even Zhao Lijun couldn't figure out the changes in himself.

Li Xiaoran's words had touched him very much, so he tried his best to adjust himself and wanted to start over.

But at this time, he met Hu Yutong, who was looking for Zhao Yan.

To be honest, after hearing what Hu Yutong said, Zhao Lijun felt heartbroken.

What was even more hilarious was that his sincerity was treated as something worthless.

As for her cousin-in-law, just because he was a prince, others wanted to curry favor with him.

If she couldn't curry favor with her cousin-in-law, she would curry favor with her cousin-in-law's mother-in-law, his eldest aunt.

At this moment, Zhao Lijun realized the importance of power.

Since he was going to start over, Zhao Lijun decided to become a powerful person.

He didn't want to rely on his cousin-in-law. He wanted to rely on his own abilities to go out and explore.

He didn't believe that he couldn't achieve anything after leaving his cousin-in-law's family.

Zhao Lijun's ego caused Zhao Lijun's mentality to change again.

"Brother, say something!" Zhao Yan was very anxious.

Zhao Yan felt that something was wrong, as if his brother was standing at the edge of a cliff.

Zhao Yan wanted to try his best to pull him back, but his brother continued to stand at the edge of the cliff.

How could Zhao Yan not be anxious?!

Zhao Lijun snapped back to reality and looked at Zhao Yan, who was very anxious.

"Don't worry, I'm fine!"

At this point, Zhao Lijun added a piece of firewood and said,

“You’re not me. You don’t understand how I’ve been feeling during this period of time! Zhao Yan, have you ever experienced the feeling of being trampled on by someone? Have you ever risked everything for a woman, but in the end, that woman mocked you for not doing the right thing and not meeting her requirements? You’re not me, so you’ll never understand how I feel!”

Zhao Yan asked, ‘Yes, yes, yes. I can’t understand your feelings, nor can I empathize with you, but I want you to pull yourself together! So, tell me, what do you want to do now?’”

Zhao Lijun thought about it carefully, then looked up at the forest in the distance.

“I want to leave this place and White Foothill City. I want to go out and adventure! Zhao Yan, one day, I’ll marry a wife who only likes me!”

After Zhao Yan thought about it, he opened his mouth to say that there was no need to do this, but he couldn’t bring himself to say it.

Perhaps, just as Zhao Lijun had said, he wasn’t him, so he couldn’t understand Zhao Lijun’s thoughts.

Since he wanted to go out and adventure, he should go!

In the end, Zhao Yan said, “Brother, if you think this is the best thing for you, then do it!”

Zhao Yan had already said everything he could. In the end, Zhao Lijun didn’t change his mind, so he had no other choice.

Zhao Lijun was already an adult, so he should be responsible for his own life.

After that, the brothers didn’t talk about this anymore. Instead, they roasted wild animals and drank wine while talking about the past, as they had in Eagle Village.

The next day, when Zhao Yan woke up, Zhao Lijun had already left the stone house.

Zhao Yan sighed and cleaned up the stone house. Then, he left with his things.

Last night, the brothers had already agreed that they would leave the mountain on their own today.

At this moment, Zhao Lijun was probably already talking to parents about venturing out!

To be honest, Zhao Yan didn’t approve of Zhao Lijun’s idea.

However, Zhao Lijun was already determined, so he wouldn’t listen no matter what.

On the way back, Zhao Yan looked listless.

Coincidentally, Li Xiaoran brought Big Yellow and the others out at this time, so the two of them met again.

Li Xiaoran asked curiously, “Eh, Zhao Yan, why are you the only one coming down the mountain today?”

When Zhao Yan saw Li Xiaoran, he felt as if he had found a helper.



“Xiaoran, you came at the right time. Help me with something!”

“Alright, tell me!” Li Xiaoran patted Big Yellow’s head and gestured for it to bring the other dogs around.

Big Yellow understood and led its dog brothers to the forest at the side to run around.

After the two of them found a big rock and sat down, Zhao Yan told Li Xiaoran what had happened last night.

“Cousin, I think something’s wrong with my brother’s situation. I’m very worried that he’ll suffer again after he goes out!” Zhao Yan didn’t hide his worries from Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran analyzed calmly, “Cousin, you’re actually the same as my mother. You all think you’re doing so for other people’s good, but you guys don’t if they need it or not! At this moment, Eldest Cousin won’t listen to anyone’s opinion and will only follow his own plan. Therefore, it’s useless no matter who dissuades Eldest Cousin now!”

Zhao Yan asked, “Should we just let Eldest Cousin do whatever he wants? We know that what he’s doing wrong, but we can’t think of a way to stop him?”

“How should I stop him? Eldest Cousin complained about my mother because of a scheming girl, and now, because of that girl, he’s becoming more and more extreme. To be honest, I think it’s a good thing for him to go out and make a living! If he can withstand the beating outside and improve himself, that’ll be a good thing!”

Zhao Yan asked, “What if he fails and gets discouraged in the end?”

“That’s his life and his choice! Second Cousin, you have to remember something. Everyone should pay the price for their choice! Success often requires a lot of effort,” Li Xiaoran said.

“The most important thing isn’t experiencing hardship, but after experiencing hardship, one should perfect oneself and improve oneself.. Therefore, let Eldest Cousin go out and experience it! After all, this is his own decision, so we have no right to interfere! If you don’t want your two to become enemies, I advise you not to interfere in the future! Look, isn’t my mother and Second Uncle’s family’s feud an example?”

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Zhao Yan understood what his cousin meant.

“Thank you, Xiaoran! Otherwise, I would have made a mistake too! Don’t worry, I won’t interfere in my brother’s matters! You’re right. Everyone has their own path. No one can interfere!”

Seeing that Zhao Yan understood, Li Xiaoran immediately smiled.

“Then what do you plan to do in the future?”

After Zhao Yan thought for a moment, he said hesitantly, “I don’t want to go out. I want to stay in the village. I wasn’t sure in the past, but now that I see that you and my cousin-in-law are back, I’m even more determined to stay here. I’ve observed carefully. The climate here in Hele Village is actually very suitable for planting mushrooms, so I want to cultivate mushrooms and fungus to sell!”

Li Xiaoran didn’t expect to hear Zhao Yan’s entire future plan just by asking casually.

This path wasn’t easy, but as long as Zhao Yan persisted, it would be very profitable in the future.

The amount of fungi in the mountains was no longer enough to satisfy people’s needs.

If these mushrooms could be eaten all year round, the sales would be very impressive.

Li Xiaoran affirmed Zhao Yan’s idea.

“Cousin, your idea is very good. If it is really executed, you will definitely earn a lot of money in the future! Actually, it’s feasible to plant mushrooms artificially, as long as you’re not afraid of hardship or fatigue!”

Seeing that Li Xiaoran agreed with his idea, Zhao Yan immediately chuckled.

“I just have this thought. I haven’t implemented it yet! Actually, I’ve been thinking about this for a long time. When I was young, I liked to go up the mountain to pick mushrooms. At that time, I was thinking about how wonderful it would be if I could eat mushrooms every day! So I had the idea of planting mushrooms! It’s just that planting mushrooms is too difficult, so I still haven’t figured out a plan yet!”

Li Xiaoran thought about Zhao Yan’s words.

“How about this? Cousin, continue to study the environment. After the next rain, come up the mountain with me.”

Zhao Yan only thought that Li Xiaoran thought that picking mushrooms was very fun and hoped that he would bring her along next time, so he agreed to Li Xiaoran’s request.

“Don’t worry, I’ll look for you the next time I pick mushrooms. I definitely won’t forget!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and called Big Yellow and the others back.

After that, the cousins returned to their respective homes to look for their moms!

After returning, Li Xiaoran bumped into Luo Cheng in the courtyard.

“Did you go walk the dogs today?”

“Yes, I went out to have fun with Big Yellow and the others. Then, I happened to meet Cousin Zhao Yan and talked to him about something!” “Is it about Zhao Lijun?” Luo Cheng guessed it immediately.

“That’s right! My eldest cousin is probably mentally deranged. Now, he’s making a fuss about going out to adventure. I think letting him go out and sober up is a good thing. On the other hand, Zhao Yan gave me a surprise!” Li Xiaoran told him what Zhao Yan wanted to do.

Upon hearing this, Luo Cheng thought about it.

“It seems that your cousin is a promising talent. Since he wants to do it, let him try! If a man doesn’t take advantage of his youth to try things, should he do it when he’s old?”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “Actually, I know how to plant mushrooms!”

After Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran in surprise, he understood what she meant.

“Do you want to help him?”

Li Xiaoran nodded and said, “I want to help him. After all, I like mushrooms too! Although planting mushrooms is very profitable, there’s no end to the money in this world, so there’s no need for me to keep everything in my hands. It just so happens that Zhao Yan likes planting mushrooms and he has a good personality, so I naturally want to help him!”

Luo Cheng had always supported Li Xiaoran’s decisions.

Since Li Xiaoran was willing to do it, he had no objections.

Luo Cheng thought of something and said, “If you want to help, so be it! By the way, on the way to the farmstead previously, I met Granny Jin. She asked me to give you a message. She said that she wanted you to go to her place to make snail noodles when you’re free, since she’s craving it! In addition, Granny Jin recently made a new stinky tofu herself and asked you to go over and try it!” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately smiled.

“It seems that Granny Jin really has a special fondness for things with a stench! It just so happens that I haven’t gone to see her yet after I came back, so I’ll make some preparations this afternoon and go tomorrow morning! You don’t have to wait for me to come back for lunch tomorrow!”

Luo Cheng nodded and reminded her,

“You should let Shu Ruyue follow you! Now that word of my identity has spread, someone might have designs on you!” Li Xiaoran nodded when she heard Luo Cheng’s words.

Luo Cheng hit the nail on the head.

When Li Xiaoran went to Old Madam Jin’s house the next day, a few more people had come out of the Jin family’s house.

Granny Jin looked at the people in the hall angrily with a straight face.

When Old Madam Jin saw Li Xiaoran standing outside the hall, she shook her head at her. Then, her maidservant walked out and led her to the courtyard to rest.

After a while, Old Madam Jin walked over tiredly.

“Granny Jin, did something happen?”

Old Madam Jin reminded, “Something happened, but it has nothing to do with you! Xiaoran, remember, no matter who comes to you in my name in the future, you’re not allowed to agree. Otherwise, I won’t acknowledge you as my granddaughter!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

“Granny Jin, the news that my husband is the Seventh Prince has already spread! Those people are your children and grandchildren, right?”

Old Madam Jin nodded. She didn’t want to hide things for her unfilial children.

“That’s right, it’s them! Hmph, when I wanted to acknowledge you as my granddaughter, these people refused. Now, they’re in a hurry to acknowledge you as their granddaughter. Unfortunately, it’s too late!”

Old Madam Jin snorted with a mocking smile.

“All of you are thinking of taking shortcuts instead of doing serious business. No wonder the Jin family is in such a dire state now! If not for me supporting the Jin family back then, they wouldn’t have had a good life! Unfortunately, they didn’t know how to cherish their blessings. It’s too late to regret it now!”

Li Xiaoran quickly poured a cup of tea for Old Madam Jin and placed it in front of her.

Old Madam Jin said, “That’s why! Remember my words. Don’t let them take advantage of you.. I just want them to suffer a little!”

## Chapter 578: The Secret to Deliciousness

With Old Madam Jin’s assurance, Li Xiaoran already knew what to do.

Li Xiaoran remembered why she had come, so she took out the pickled bamboo shoots she had brought as she said with a smile, “Granny Jin, let’s not talk about those unhappy things! Didn’t you want to eat a bowl of snail noodles? I brought a lot of fermented pickled bamboo shoots over today! Let’s go. While it’s not that hot yet, let’s eat a bowl of noodles to ward off the heat. After a shower, you’ll feel more comfortable!”

As soon as the lid was removed, an indescribable stench wafted over.

However, this suited Old Madam Jin’s taste.

Old Madam Jin said with a smile, “Sigh, this is the taste. Let’s go! I’ve been craving snail noodles for a long time. I have to eat to my heart’s content today!” As long as there were snail noodles, Old Madam Jin would have no worries.

Li Xiaoran smiled as she closed the lid again and went to the kitchen with Old Madam Jin.

The maid in charge of the kitchen was called Fang Fang. When she saw Li Xiaoran, she smiled.

“Miss Li, you’re finally here! I’ve made snail noodles many times, but Madam kept saying that the taste isn’t right. Today, I want to learn from Miss Li so that I can cook it for Madam in the future!”

Li Xiaoran smiled at Fang Fang.

“Sure! I’ll do it later! Actually, the method is really simple!”

With that, Li Xiaoran began.

Because she liked to eat snail noodles, Old Madam Jin kept snail noodles at home at all times.

Li Xiaoran began to stir-fry.

Old Madam Jin didn’t leave. She sat outside the kitchen and watched Li Xiaoran with a smile.

Fang Fang watched the entire time. They were clearly the same ingredients, the same condiments, and the same cooking method, but why couldn’t she make snail noodles to Madam’s liking?

Li Xiaoran ignored Fang Fang’s doubts and focused on making snail noodles.

After the snail noodles were ready and two large bowls were filled, there was still some left in the pot.

Old Madam Jin wasn’t stingy. In order not to waste food, Old Madam Jin rewarded these snail noodles to the servants who were helping in the kitchen.

After that, Old Madam Jin and Li Xiaoran left with the snail noodles.

After Madam left, Fang Fang filled a bowl with snail noodles eagerly and started eating.

After her first bite, Fang Fang realized the difference.

“How can this be? They’re clearly made of the same things, but why do they taste different?!”

Old Madam Jin praised the snail noodles as she ate and asked what she had been wondering about for a long time.

“Girl, how do you make snail noodles taste so delicious?”

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin’s words, she laughed.

“Granny Jin, cooking seems simple, but there’s actually a lot of knowledge involved. Why is it that once a chef is gone, it’s very difficult for others to replicate dishes of the same taste? There’s a reason! The difference in the quality of the ingredients and the

difference in the condiments are the easiest to discover. But the chef's cooking skills and control of the fire are different!"

As Li Xiaoran spoke, she took another bite of the noodles and said in satisfaction, "I scooped this bowl first. I like food with a chewy texture. If it's too soft, it'll lose its original taste! Your bowl of snail noodles was scooped later. Because it was cooked for a while longer, it seems softer, but it still tastes good! If I had continued to cook the snail noodles, the snail noodles would have broken into small parts. Then, the taste would have been compromised!"

Old Madam Jin had eaten delicious food all her life, so she naturally knew that what Li Xiaoran said made sense.

Li Xiaoran asked, "Actually, what I just said is very easy to master, but why do many dishes no longer have the same taste when the chef is different?"

Old Madam Jin asked curiously, "That's right. Why is that? The heat control and ingredients can be imitated, right?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she laughed.

"Because chefs are different and their moods are different, the taste is different! Every chef's dish is filled with their blood, sweat, and emotions, so the taste can't be replicated. It's just like how all of us like to eat our mom's cooking. It's not that our mother's cooking is delicious, but that Mom's dishes are filled with a mother's love for her child!"

When Old Madam Jin heard this, she nodded. "No wonder the snail noodles made by Fang Fang weren't as tasty as yours. So that's the case!" Li Xiaoran smiled and focused on eating the noodles.

It had to be said that noodles really put people in a good mood.

The delicious yet stinky snail noodles gave them a comforting and satisfying feeling!

After the two of them finished eating the snail noodles, they dried their sweat before taking a shower.

Old Madam Jin had long prepared new clothes for Li Xiaoran, so Li Xiaoran put on new clothes after taking a shower.

Li Xiaoran looked much more vivacious than usual in the new clothes.

Old Madam Jin sized up Li Xiaoran and nodded in satisfaction. "Yes, you young people should dress like this! Look at what you usually wear. Your identity is different now, so you have to pay attention to how you dress! I know you don't care, but outsiders are very snobby. You have to keep up appearances!"

Li Xiaoran knew that Old Madam Jin was saying this for her own good, so she agreed with a smile.

"Got it. Grandma, you're right. In the future, I'll buy more colorful clothes to blind others!"

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran's words, she was overjoyed.

“Yes, that’s how things should be! At your young age, you should be more energetic. Don’t learn from those overly mature people!”

At this point, Granny Jin thought of something.

“By the way, I made a very special stinky tofu myself. Try it! The taste has improved, and it’s not that same old charred stinky tofu anymore!” At this point, Old Madam Jin actually revealed a look of disdain.

“Although the stinky tofu in the past was delicious, I didn’t like that it looked charred. The new stinky tofu I made is golden. Try it!”

Li Xiaoran naturally agreed.

After the first pot of stinky tofu was out, Li Xiaoran tasted it. It tasted delicious, but she felt that something was missing.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran noticed a plant growing outside the window and her eyes lit up..

## Chapter 579: Knowing

Li Xiaoran put down the stinky tofu in her hand and said, “Wait for me.” Then, she took the hoe and basket and ran out.

There was a patch of Chameleon Plant growing outside the kitchen.

Many people disliked the Chameleon Plant, but it was loved by the people of Sichuan.

After Li Xiaoran dug up some onions, she brought the Chameleon Plant and onions back.

After washing these two ingredients, Li Xiaoran split the leaves and roots of the chameleon plant into two.

The root was cut into pieces and placed in the stinky tofu along with the onions.

With these two ingredients, the stinky tofu tasted even better.

After Li Xiaoran tasted a piece, she placed the Chameleon Plant powder and spring onions in the other bowl of stinky tofu and handed it to Old Madam Jin.

While Old Madam Jin was tasting the stinky tofu, Li Xiaoran took out some condiments. Then, she took out the remaining leaves of the Chameleon Plant and marinated them before making them into a dish. It had to be said that such a dish was very appetizing.

Li Xiaoran liked the taste very much.

After Old Madam Jin tasted the stinky tofu, she praised, “Sigh, after you added these two ingredients, the stinky tofu immediately tasted more delicious!”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “It’s delicious, right?! This stinky tofu has to be matched with Sichuan’s Chameleon Plant and onions in order to taste delicious! Fortunately, you’re used to the taste of Chameleon Plant, so you’re able to enjoy such delicious food!”

Old Madam Jin said with a smile, "Of course. I've always been a lucky person!" Next, Li Xiaoran and Old Madam Jin ate stinky tofu together.

Some things were delicious, but they couldn't be overeaten.

After Li Xiaoran ate a bowl, she put down her chopsticks.

"Granny Jin, I can't eat anymore. My stomach will be full if I eat any more!"

Old Madam Jin also knew the disadvantage of overeating, so she put down her chopsticks as well.

Although she was a little reluctant to stop eating, Old Madam Jin knew that her health was no longer the same as before.

She still wanted to live a few more years!

Because she was too full, Li Xiaoran helped Old Madam Jin to a shady place in the courtyard to stroll around.

After dismissing the people around her, Old Madam Jin entered the pavilion in the courtyard with Li Xiaoran.

It had to be said that this location was really good. Despite the scorching sun, the two of them felt a cool breeze as they sat in this comfortable pavilion.

Old Madam Jin suddenly thought of something and said, "You must have suffered a lot after entering the capital this time!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she laughed.

"I did encounter some trouble, but I resolved them one by one! Look, haven't I appeared in front of you alive and kicking?"

Granny Jin said, "Girl, you only know how to avoid the main point. I have some factions in the capital, so there are some things that you can't hide from me! You and Luo Cheng have both contributed so much, but he only restored his status as a prince and gave him a fief. You guys didn't get any other rewards?"

The emperor is getting more and more muddle-headed!"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Granny Jin, I know you feel sorry for me, but I

don't think it's that much of a deal. From the day I was willing to marry Luo Cheng, the two of us had to go through hardships together. I don't care how others treat me. What I care about is being able to fight side by side with Luo Cheng and protect the small family we built!"

"Besides, don't we have the identity of a prince and an imperial consort? Not only that, but we also have a fief! As long as we manage our fief well, we won't have to get involved in the government!" Li Xiaoran revealed her heartfelt thoughts.

Old Madam Jin reminded, "It's impressive for you to be so open-minded and look on the bright side. This is a good thing, but you can't lose your vigilance. There are many things that you can't do just because you want to! Even if you want to live in seclusion, I'm afraid the few people in the capital won't agree!" Li Xiaoran said seriously, "Granny Jin, don't worry. We know what you're



talking about. We won't be used by other people! No matter how powerful the other party is, as long as we become powerful, we won't be easily manipulated!"

Whoever was more powerful had greater say.

Li Xiaoran had understood this since she was young.

Therefore, she and Luo Cheng wouldn't be stupid enough to let those people scheme against them!

After all, they weren't to be trifled with!

Seeing that Li Xiaoran really knew what to do, Old Madam Jin didn't say anything else.

Li Xiaoran spoke to Old Madam Jin for a while longer before leaving.

After all, Old Madam Jin was old, so she needed to rest.

After sending Li Xiaoran off, Old Madam Jin instructed no one to disturb her sleep. Then, she lay on the bed.

It had to be said that Old Madam Jin really had foresight.

Not long after Li Xiaoran left, the juniors of the Jin family came again.

However, this time, they didn't even get to enter Old Madam Jin's door.

No matter what, the guard refused to open the door.

In the end, the Jin family could only target Li Xiaoran.

Hence, the group turned around and walked towards the Luo family's house.

The Luo family's location in the village was very special, so the Jin family quickly found out where the Luo family's house was after asking around.

It had to be said that the place Luo Cheng had chosen was very good.

After the group walked into the forest under the scorching sun, the group felt a cooling sensation.

The eldest son of the Jin family, Jin Dawei, said enviously, "I really didn't expect such an inconspicuous village to have another world! The Seventh Prince has good taste. His residence is not only secretive, but also warm in the winter and cold in the summer. It's a great place!"

The greedy expression on his face betrayed his true thoughts.

When Jin Ximing saw his brother acting like this, he immediately revealed disdain for him.

"Brother, can you stop looking so greedy?! You have to know that we're here to ask for help. If Li Xiaoran sees through your intentions, do you think she'll still help us?"

Jin Dawei said angrily, "Why wouldn't she help? We're her uncles.. How dare she disobey us?! If she doesn't help, as her uncle, I can naturally teach her a lesson!"

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As soon as he finished speaking, barking came from afar. Big Yellow even instructed a puppy to bite Jin Dawei's butt.

This puppy was conceived by a female dog before Li Xiaoran and the others entered the capital. When they returned, this puppy was already a few months old.

When they were a few months old, they were at their most naughty period. Therefore, at Big Yellow's order, the little puppies naturally pranced around.

There was nothing at home for them to tear down, so coming out to bite the bad guys' butts sounded fun to them!

Just like that, Jin Dawei, who was boasting just moments ago, was taught a lesson by a few pups in the blink of an eye.

Seeing that the lesson had been taught, Big Yellow barked softly. The puppies immediately retreated quickly and ran back with Big Yellow.

After Big Yellow watched the pups leave, it turned to look at the people in front of it.

The other adult dogs also came over and stood behind Big Yellow in a row.

These pastoral dogs were not to be underestimated. They were very good at guarding the house.

Big Yellow could tell at a glance that those people had ill intentions.

Therefore, the row of dogs and the leader, Big Yellow, stared at the group of people in front of them menacingly, making the Jin family feel pressured.

"How strange. Why do I feel that these dogs are very extraordinary?" The second son of the Jin family, Jin Zhengang, who rarely appeared, had a bad feeling.

"Second Brother, be quiet! These dogs clearly have spiritual aura, so they might be able to understand what we're saying!" said Jin Ximing.

The others didn't even dare to breathe loudly, for fear that their actions would arouse these dogs to attack.

"What's going on?" At that moment, a man walked over from the other side.

The few puppies from before followed this man over.

The person was none other than Luo Ziyang.

Luo Ziyang had noticed Big Yellow and the others' movements, so he followed them over to take a look.

After seeing the group of people opposite him clearly, Luo Ziyang understood.

Although he didn't know anyone from the Jin family, he knew that they had been visiting Old Madam Jin's place these few days.

From the way this group of people was dressed, he could guess who they were at a glance.

"Who are you guys? This is private territory. You're not allowed to trespass.

Please leave quickly!"

When Jin Dawei saw that someone had come, he immediately became confident and shouted, “We’re not leaving. Let Li Xiaoran see us! Is this how the Luo family treats guests? When her uncles come, you actually don’t invite us in and try to chase us away. How ridiculous!”

Luo Ziyang smiled when he heard this.

After rubbing his wrist, Luo Ziyang’s eyes landed on Jin Dawei.

“What did you say just now? You’re my Madam’s what?”

Although Luo Ziyang was smiling, he exuded a sinister aura. Jin Dawei was so frightened that he didn’t dare to say anything.

Jin Zhengang quickly said to ease the situation, “It’s a misunderstanding. It’s all a misunderstanding. We want to see the Seventh Consort!”

Luo Ziyang snorted and said, “Since you know Madam’s identity, you shouldn’t be so rude! I know Madam’s uncles. If you guys want to impersonate them, it seems that you guys are quite bold. I’ll send you guys to the government office!”

Jin Zhengang explained, “We’re the Jin family of White Foothill City, the children of Old Madam Jin’s family, so we’re indeed the Seventh Consort’s uncles!”

Luo Ziyang sneered when he heard this.

“Others might not know, but don’t the Jin family know? When my wife acknowledged Old Madam Jin as her grandma, Old Madam Jin had already left the Jin family! Therefore, your excuse doesn’t hold water at all! Leave quickly.

Otherwise, I won’t stand on ceremony!”

Since Luo Ziyang had made things so clear, the Jin family naturally couldn’t stay any longer.

After all, what Luo Ziyang said was true. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have thought of establishing ties with Li Xiaoran through Old Madam Jin.

Unfortunately, Old Madam Jin had never agreed, so they had no other choice.

Now that Li Xiaoran refused to see them at all, the Jin family was very frustrated.

With no other choice, the Jin family could only take the carriage back to town and planned to discuss it at length at home.

At the same time, Li Xiaoran received a special guest in the house.

When she saw Luo Han again, Li Xiaoran was shocked.

Luo Han, who looked like a graceful young master previously, was now as emaciated as a skeleton. Li Xiaoran was so frightened that she thought that he was an imposter.

Fortunately, after Luo Ziyang dealt with the Jin family outside, he rushed back and confirmed Luo Han’s identity.

Li Xiaoran still didn’t dare to believe it. It had only been a few months, so how did he become like this?!

Seeing that Li Xiaoran had been sizing him up, Luo Han immediately smiled bitterly.

“I became seriously ill, then I became like this! Unexpectedly, something serious happened at home at this time and I’ve been overwrought, so I became like this!”

Li Xiaoran could sense that Luo Han was telling the truth, so she looked at Luo Ziyang.

“Ziyang, don’t you know medicine too? Why didn’t you treat Luo Han?”

Luo Ziyang explained, “Madam, I’ve already taken a look. Fortunately, I was around. Otherwise, he would have lost his life! This kid was poisoned by a Gu. After the Gu poison took effect, he almost lost his life. Fortunately, his parents saw that the situation wasn’t right and quickly sent him to me. Coincidentally, I happened to be learning about this recently, so I detoxified the Gu worm in his body. However, the Gu worm grew up with blood essence and his body is very malnourished, so he can only slowly recuperate!”

“He was even more malnourished than he looks now?” Li Xiaoran said sympathetically, “Luo Han, when were you schemed against? You’re such a careful person, so that shouldn’t have happened!” Luo Han smiled bitterly.

No one expected the culprit to come from the Luo family.

Speaking of which, Luo Han’s encounter had something to do with Luo Cheng.

After Luo Cheng recovered his identity as the Seventh Prince, some people from the Luo family immediately looked for Luo Han’s father, in hopes that they could rely on their close relationship with Luo Cheng all these years to let him help the Luo family restore their families’ glory. After receiving Luo Han’s father’s rejection, those people targeted Luo Han.

Luo Han and Luo Cheng had the best relationship, so as long as they controlled Luo Han, the Luo family would be able to return to the capital and regain their former glory.

One of Luo Han’s uncle’s concubines in the capital was from Miaojiang.. She provided a puppet Gu and let the Luo family plant it on Luo Han!