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Chapter 591: Li Yan Causes Trouble

Without needing Li Xiaoqing and the others to take action, the customers in the shop made these people feel ashamed.

Originally, many of these people were here for Mr. Luo. They wanted to see what the prince and princess looked like. They weren't here to make enemies.

Seeing the woman's actions, the others changed sides. All of them wanted to disassociate themselves from her.

One of the men stood up and explained, 'We're not with her. We just wanted to try the sliced noodles and see if we could see the consort. To be honest, we're just curious and want to see what the prince and the princess are like. We don't have any ill intentions!'

The others quickly explained, "That's right! We heard that the consort appeared in the shop, so we came to take a look. We have no ill intentions!"

When Kang Zheng heard these people's words, he quickly came out to reassure them.

"I'll say it again. We welcome everyone who comes to eat. If anyone comes to cause trouble, we definitely won't tolerate them! Yuan Cheng, Mao Dao, help capture this woman and send her straight to the government office!"

When the woman heard that they wanted to bring her to see the officials, she immediately felt fearful.

"I know I was wrong. I won't dare to cause trouble again in the future! It's my fault. I was possessed and wanted to take advantage of you. Please forgive me this time on account that we're all villagers!"

When Kang Zheng heard this, he didn't relent at all.

Kang Zheng asked, "We gave you a chance and warned you before, but unfortunately, you didn't repent at all! Now that we caught you red-handed, you're begging for mercy? If you hadn't been caught by us and successfully placed these things in the bowl of noodles, would you have let things go?"

When the woman heard Kang Zheng's words, she opened her mouth, but couldn't think of a single word to say.

If that was really the case, she definitely would have made a fuss until this shop couldn't continue operating.

Kang Zheng knew what the woman was thinking when he saw her expression, so he called someone in to capture her and send her straight to the government office.

The commotion quickly reached Li Xiaoran's ears.

After Li Xiaoran learned of this, she looked at Luo Ziyang.

“Ziyang, I’m afraid things aren’t that simple. Get someone to follow that woman! Our shop has encountered the same thing since it opened. After Luo

Cheng dealt with it, no one dared to use such methods to cause trouble again.

Now that Luo Cheng have just been conferred the title of king, someone immediately used such a clumsy method to cause trouble. There must be something fishy!”

When Luo Ziyang heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he also realized this.

“Madam, don’t worry. I’ll arrange for someone to keep an eye on that woman! ” Li Xiaoran nodded and put this matter aside.

To be honest, it was normal for the people around her to be curious about her and Luo Cheng. If it were her, she would also be curious about people like the prince and the consort.

However, it was a little overboard to do something like this.

The next day, after Luo Ziyang received the news, he came to look for Li Xiaoran.

“Madam, you’re right. This woman was really instructed by someone. The person behind this is actually related to you!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Ziyang’s words, she immediately thought of something.

“Are you talking about Li Yan?” Luo Ziyang nodded.

“That’s right, it’s her!”

After Li Xiaoran received a definite answer, she immediately sneered.

“The fox may grow gray but never good. My cousin is already someone else’s wife, yet she still likes to play such tricks! In that case, if I don’t return the favor, I’ll be letting her down!”

“Madam, what do you plan to do?” Luo Ziyang immediately asked, “Do you need my help?”

Li Xiaoran said, “Of course I do! If I’m not mistaken, my husband has been sending people to keep an eye on Li Yan! Tell me, what stupid things did my arrogant and vain cousin do in the capital?!”

Luo Ziyang immediately laughed when he heard that.

“She did a lot of stupid things. Madam, let me tell you slowly!”

Then, Luo Ziyang told him what Li Yan had done to help Ai Mingze, Qi Fei, and the others with the test questions through Pei Xuanxin.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her mouth dropped agape.

As expected, her cousin had never disappointed her. She was really a troublemaker!

“Wait, since you know about this, why weren’t Qi Fei and Ai Mingze exposed for the cheating scandal back then?” Li Xiaoran thought of the key point.

Luo Ziyang explained, “Ai Mingze has nothing to do with it, but Qi Fei has a prominent background. Someone protected him and helped him deal with the aftermath. The imperial court didn’t have anything on him, so they were lucky enough to dodge the bullet!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded.

Actually, Li Xiaoran knew that the emperor had lightened the punishment for the cheating scandal back then.

If the emperor dealt with the scandal strictly, more than half of the officials in the imperial court would probably have been implicated.

If that was the case, the imperial court wouldn’t be able to find a suitable person to fill so many empty positions for the time being.

With no other choice, the emperor could only deal with it leniently.

It seemed that Qi Fei and Qi Mingze had also benefited from this lenient treatment and were lucky enough to dodge the bullet!

“I’m sure my cousin-in-law doesn’t know about the stupid things my cousin did! Think of a way to reveal this to Pei Xuanxin. I want to see if my cousin-in-law, who was tricked by his wife, will still treat my cousin so well,” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Ziyang nodded and immediately went to arrange this matter.

Of course, she didn’t hide this from Luo Cheng. At night, Li Xiaoran told Luo Cheng what she had done.

Luo Cheng said with a smile, “If you hadn’t mentioned it, I would have forgotten about this! Actually, I originally planned to expose this matter during the cheating scandal and see what Pei Xuanxin would choose. In the end, I forgot about this! Let Pei Xuanxin see what kind of person he’s sleeping with!”

Coincidentally, when Luo Ziyang arranged for someone to reveal what Li Yan had done to Pei Xuanxin, Pei Xuanxin was also looking for Luo Cheng.

Speaking of which, Pei Xuanxin wanted to thank the benefactor who gave him the silver back then.

This time, Pei Xuanxin wanted to find a benefactor who had helped him in order to repay him.

Unfortunately, he couldn’t find his benefactor..

Chapter 592: Remind Him

When Luo Cheng found out that Pei Xuanxin was looking for him, he changed his clothes to see him.

After calling a beggar to send news to Pei Xuanxin, Luo Cheng waited in the wine shop.

After Pei Xuanxin received the news, he rushed to the wine shop.

Under the waiter's lead, Pei Xuanxin arrived at the private room where Luo Cheng was.

After pushing open the door, Pei Xuanxin immediately saw Luo Cheng sitting there tasting wine, so he quickly walked forward and bowed.

“Greetings, benefactor. Back then, it was all thanks to the reishi mushrooms and the money you gave me. That's why I have such a good life today! These days, I've been looking for your whereabouts, but I didn't expect you to appear today!”

Luo Cheng pointed at the stool beside him and said indifferently, “Sit down and talk! ”

Pei Xuanxin quickly nodded and sat down, then he stared at Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng said softly after drinking a glass of wine, “I called you here today to remind you of something. I saw that you were a talented person, so I helped you. Unexpectedly, your judgment of people is really bad! Do you know that you were schemed against?! Even the person beside you is using you, but you didn't notice at all. You really disappoint me!”

When Pei Xuanxin, who was originally a little emotional, heard Luo Cheng's words, he felt as if he had been struck by lightning and his mind started buzzing.

What did his benefactor mean?

What did he mean by being schemed against without knowing it?

What did he mean by saying that the person beside him was using him?

Looking at Pei Xuanxin's confused expression, Luo Cheng shook his head.

To think that he had been very vigilant against Pei Xuanxin previously. Now, it seemed that this person wasn't his match at all.

It was ridiculous to be so muddle-headed.

“Have you ever thought about why you did all those questions? Pei Xuanxin, recall them yourself! If you can't even figure this out, just stay in Hanlin

Academy! Otherwise, you'll harm others and yourself in the future!” With that, Luo Cheng stood up and left.

“I'll say the same thing as before. I'm helping you because I think highly of you! But I also hope that the person I'm helping isn't a fool

Luo Cheng appeared quickly and left quickly. When Pei Xuanxin came back to his senses, there was no one left in the private room.

Looking at the dishes and wine on the table, Pei Xuanxin poured himself a glass of wine.

He took a sip of wine and a bite of the food.

Although it was delicious, Pei Xuanxin could no longer enjoy it.

At this moment, his mind was filled with what had happened in the capital. He recalled everything carefully.

After he recalled what he had neglected previously, he discovered many problems.

After eating and drinking his fill, Pei Xuanxin became more and more clear-headed.

After Luo Cheng walked out of the wine shop, he headed to town.

Li Xiaoran also followed Luo Cheng to town today.

This time, the couple came to town together to see locations for the shop. If they were going to start the grilled fish business, the shop should be renovated.

Regarding this, Li Xiaoran naturally had to personally take a look.

“Xiaoran, I’ve settled my matters. Now, we can go take a look at the shop together!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s voice, she nodded and got into the carriage with him.

When the carriage came out and passed by the wine shop, Pei Xuanxin also walked out with the wine.

The carriage headed towards the right, while Pei Xuanxin left.

In the previous life, they were originally husband and wife, but in this life, they were walking further and further away from each other.

Soon, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran left the town and arrived at a farmstead not far from the town.

This farmstead was neither big nor small, but it was enough for the fish business.

“After hearing your plans previously, I’ve been sending people to build this farmstead. Look, the thatched shed built here can be used to run the business. In summer, if you place tables and chairs here, you can enjoy the cool breeze while eating grilled fish and skewers. Even if it rains, the thatched shed can block the rain. The room here is for selling hotpot fish. In winter, it’s more suitable to eat indoors.” Luo Cheng introduced the layout of the farmstead as he walked.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked, “Isn’t it a waste to split it up like this?! What will happen to everything in this house in the summer?”

Luo Cheng said, “In the summer, this can be a resting place. When the time comes, we can use a screen to isolate private rooms. Families with children or women can take a break here!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she suddenly thought of something.

She wondered if there were any mahjong or poker cards in this space-time dimension.

If not, she could provide these two things as a form of leisure and entertainment.

With this in mind, Li Xiaoran asked,

“Husband, is there any form of entertainment here?”

Luo Cheng asked in confusion, ‘Entertainment? You mean like riddles and poetry competitions?’

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

Li Xiaoran said mysteriously, "Is this all the entertainment you guys gave. How boring! I'll make two things for you later. I guarantee that with these two things, you can attract many people to come to the farmstead to play!"

Although he didn't know what Li Xiaoran was talking about, Luo Cheng nodded when he heard Li Xiaoran's firm tone.

"Alright, I'll wait for your surprise!"

Next, Luo Cheng brought Li Xiaoran to the back to take a look.

Because this farmstead was relatively small, there was no man-made lake.

There was no lake, but there were streams.

Moreover, this stream flowed from a high place to a low place. It had a beautiful scenery.

Luo Cheng pointed at it and said, "I plan to make this place into a winding stream party. The people who come in to eat can play too!"

Li Xiaoran seemed to understand something and said with a smile, "Not bad. This place is indeed very suitable to be made into a winding stream party. I believe you chose this place as the shop because of this stream!"

Luo Cheng said with a smile, "You know me well!"

Other than these, there was only a kitchen, some rooms for people to live in, and a vegetable field in the farmstead.

This place was prepared for those who worked in the farmstead..

Chapter 593: Luo Cheng's Bottom Line

"You forgot something! Aren't you going to build a fish pond? We're going to sell so many fish, so where are you going to nurture them?" Li Xiaoran felt that something was missing here, but she couldn't remember it at the moment.

When she passed by the kitchen, she suddenly remembered.

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

Luo Cheng said as he led Li Xiaoran down the stream, "Of course there is. It's in the stream you saw previously! I use live water. When the time comes, those fish can be nurtured in the stream and swim around. It's better than nurturing them in a pool of stagnant water!"

At this moment, the stream finally flowed into a pool. After the pool was filled, the water would flow down through an iron net at the top of the pool, forming a small waterfall. Then, it would flow out of the farmstead along the river.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she immediately clapped her hands and praised it.

"Husband, is this what you thought of? This design is really amazing!"

Luo Cheng teased, "Of course. You're so outstanding, so as your husband, I naturally have to improve as well. Otherwise, how could I be on par with you?" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she smiled again.

"Husband, you're already very outstanding. If you continue to become more outstanding, I'll feel very pressured!"

Luo Cheng hugged Li Xiaoran and said, "Don't worry, I won't leave you behind!"

They had a place for the grilled fish shop, so all that was left was to prepare other things.

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng returned home, Li Xiaoran picked up a pen and paper and drew all the poker cards and mahjong tiles.

The mahjong that Li Xiaoran drew was the kind of mahjong in Sichuan back in the day.

Li Xiaoran couldn't make those cards and mahjong tiles in the modern world, so she replaced them with bamboo pieces.

The rest was left to the craftsmen working for Luo Cheng. It only took three days to make the mahjong and poker cards Li Xiaoran wanted.

Looking at the mahjong and poker cards made of bamboo, Li Xiaoran was shocked.

Li Xiaoran couldn't help but marvel, "Gosh, these craftsmen are so dexterous. They actually made these things so exquisitely!"

Luo Cheng looked at the things in front of him. They looked good, but he had no idea what they were for.

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she called Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng over.

Li Xiaoran took a deck of poker cards and taught Luo Cheng and the others how to play 'Fight the Landlord'.

In the beginning, the few of them didn't know the rules, so they needed Li Xiaoran to tell them the rules.

After playing it a few more times, the few of them gradually became familiar with the rules of this card game.

After Luo Cheng and the others learned it, the way the three of them looked at Li Xiaoran changed.

Luo Cheng asked curiously, "Turns out that there's such a fun thing! Xiaoran, what's this thing called?"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "This is called cards!"

Luo Cheng added, "Cards? Why don't we call them bamboo cards?! We can use this to unwind in the future!"

Li Xiaoran didn't care what this was called. She simply felt that the bamboo card wasn't bad.

Li Xiaoran pointed at the mahjong tiles made of bamboo on the other side and said, "Other than this, there are many other ways to play. I'll teach you guys this method first today. Next, we're

going to a square table to play mahjong!” The mahjong game made of bamboo was also a rectangular card.

Although it wasn't as comfortable to the touch as the modern era's mahjong, it wasn't bad.

There were four people now, so there was no need for everyone to take turns.

As Li Xiaoran explained the rules of mahjong, she began to teach everyone how to play.

With the experience of playing cards previously, Luo Cheng and the others felt that it was much simpler to learn mahjong now.

After a few rounds of mahjong, the four of them were already good at playing it.

This time, the four of them couldn't stop playing.

After the sun set outside, the four of them realized how much time had passed.

Luo Cheng frowned in alarm.

“There are good and bad things about this thing! It's good for killing time, but it might give those gambling addicts even more tricks!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she recalled that modern-era people were addicted to mahjong and gambling. Then, she sighed.

“Husband, you're right. This thing is very good for killing time. At the same time, it's very addictive! How should I put it? This thing is like martial arts. If you use it for righteous purposes, it will be considered a good thing. If you use it with malicious intentions, it will be considered a bad thing. If you think this thing has a bad influence on everyone, don't put these things out!”

When Li Xiaoran thought of mahjong and poker cards, she really forgot the disadvantages of these two things.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran didn't know what to do!

Luo Cheng was also very hesitant. After thinking about it, he finally decided to put these things away.

“Li Xiaoran, you're right. If these things are used in the right places, they're good. If they're not used in the right places, they're bad!

Li Xiaoran naturally supported Luo Cheng's decision.

Although Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng felt that it was a pity, they also supported Luo Cheng's decision as well.

After all, gambling had harmed too many people in this world.

Without mahjong and poker cards, Li Xiaoran thought of some other games.

For example, they could split the traditional words into small cards and randomly draw a few to see what words they could form.

Luo Cheng approved of this card game.

Li Xiaoran also told them how to play other games.

Luo Cheng recorded these ways of playing and planned to let the farmstead's guests play them.

After confirming all this, all that was left was to train people.

Not only did chefs have to be trained, but people who did odd jobs also had to undergo systematic training.

It was unknown where Luo Cheng had picked up so many disabled soldiers from the battlefield and sent them here.

Li Xiaoran taught them everything she could.

When these people had learned enough, Li Xiaoran would choose some outstanding people from among them.

Unlike Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, Pei Xuanxin had been focusing on Li Yan these few days.

Some things couldn't withstand investigation.

Many problems could be discovered with a single investigation.

Although there was no concrete evidence, Pei Xuanxin had already realized that something was wrong with Li Yan!

It was obvious that Li Yan had interacted with Qi Fei, Ai Mingze, and the others behind his back!

Chapter 594: Hearsay

Speaking of which, it was all thanks to Li Yan's brother, Li Zhan, that Pei Xuanxin found out that Li Yan had interacted with Qi Fei and the others behind his back.

Li Zhan disappeared from Hele Village for several months.

Previously, the Li family had even asked someone to look for Li Zhan. Unfortunately, there was no news at all.

Unexpectedly, Li Zhan, who couldn't be found anywhere, actually returned after knowing that Pei Xuanxin had returned home in glory.

Pei Xuanxin accidentally saw Li Zhan and followed him.

After Li Zhan returned, he went to look for Li Yan immediately.

After Li Yan saw Li Zhan, she didn't welcome him into the house. Instead, she looked around and pulled him to a quiet place outside.

"Brother, why are you here?" Li Yan looked at Li Zhan as she said with disdain, "Why didn't you change into better clothes? Look at you now. You're embarrassing me!"

When Li Zhan heard Li Yan's words, he smiled ingratiatingly.

“Sister, look at you. You must have a lot of money! I’m a little tight on money now, so give me some money to spend!”

Li Yan frowned when she heard that Li Zhan was here to ask for money again. “Brother, don’t forget that when you brought Young Master Qi to me, he gave you a lot of money! Where’s the money?”

“I spent it all!” Li Zhan smiled awkwardly as he rubbed his hands.

Li Yan immediately lectured her brother, “Spent it all? Brother, you gambled it away again, didn’t you? If you continue to act like this, no matter how much money our family has, it won’t be enough for you to gamble!”

Li Zhan threatened, “Hmph, don’t look down on me just because you relied on him to become successful! Don’t forget that I know everything about you and Young Master Qi! If I tell him that you helped Young Master Qi scheme against him and asked him to help Young Master Qi do the exam questions, will you still have a good life?”

When Li Yan heard this, she was immediately shocked. Then, she looked around.

After confirming that there was no one around, Li Yan heaved a sigh of relief.

Li Yan said as she took out two taels of silver, “Brother, what are you doing? If you ruin my life, will you have a good life? I only have two taels of silver here. Take it and use it first! However, this is the last time! Brother, if you gamble again, I’ll tie you up and hand you over to Father and Mother to teach you a lesson!”

When Li Zhan heard Li Yan’s words, he took the silver with a smile. Then, he said, “Don’t worry! I’ll definitely earn a lot of money this time! When the time comes, I will give you money to spend!”

With that, Li Zhan left with the silver.

As Li Yan watched her brother leave, she stomped her feet. Then, she turned around and returned to the house.

After the two of them left, Pei Xuanxin walked out of a very hidden place.

Pei Xuanxin heard Li Zhan and Li Yan’s conversation clearly.

At this moment, Pei Xuanxin’s face was filled with gloominess as he clenched his fists.

He really didn’t expect this!

He wanted to take good care of his wife, but she had been using him.

Help Young Master Qi do exam questions?

In that case, Young Master Qi had designs on him right from the beginning?

The tutor sessions were all a ruse.

Pei Xuanxin thought of the cheating scandal in the capital and the test questions that Li Yan had brought back in the capital.

He figured out everything that he couldn’t figure out in the past.

No wonder after the cheating scandal was exposed, he wanted to report those test papers, but Li Yan snatched them away and burned them.

At that time, he foolishly thought that Li Yan didn't want him to be suspected.

Unexpectedly, from the beginning to the end, Li Yan only didn't want what she had done to be exposed.

Thinking of this, Pei Xuanxin was filled with anguish.

He thought that he had found a good wife, but he didn't expect to marry a scourge!

Fortunately, his benefactor had reminded him this time. Otherwise, he would have continued to be deceived by Li Yan.

If he became an official in the future, but Li Yan kept dragging him down and secretly doing shady things he didn't know about, would he really be able to escape accountability if something happened?

He would probably be the first to be dealt with.

Thinking of this, Pei Xuanxin ignored his anguish and became rational.

This matter had to be handled properly.

If he didn't handle it well, his life would be ruined.

After all, although Li Yan and Qi Fei were the ones who did the cheating, strictly speaking, he was also indirectly involved.

Even if he reported it now, what awaited him would be losing everything he had.

Pei Xuanxin was unwilling to bear such consequences.

He had studied hard for so many years and worked hard for so many years, so his life definitely couldn't be ruined by a woman.

For the first time, Pei Xuanxin had the idea of divorcing his wife.

However, after thinking for a while, Pei Xuanxin gave up on this idea. The timing wasn't right!

Thinking of this, Pei Xuanxin could only restrain his emotions and pretend that he didn't know anything before going home.

After Li Zhan received the money, he felt relaxed.

"The fortune teller said that I'll definitely become rich these few days! Now that I have these two taels of silver, if I go to the casino again, all the silver will go to my pocket!"

Li Zhan was daydreaming as he walked towards a nearby casino.

Just as he was about to arrive, a girl suddenly ran out and grabbed Li Zhan's clothes.

"Brother, I've finally found you. Do you know that Father and Mother have been looking for you for the past few months?!"

Li Zhan looked over. It was none other than his sister, Li Qin.

Li Xiaoran happened to pass by in a carriage and accidentally saw Li Qin and Li Zhan pulling each other on the street.

“Stop!” Li Xiaoran suddenly shouted.

Zi Zheng, who was driving the carriage in front, quickly stopped the carriage.

“What’s wrong?” Luo Cheng, who was resting, asked when he heard Li Xiaoran’s voice.

“I saw Li Zhan and Li Qin. The siblings were pulling each other on the street,” Li Xiaoran replied as she watched.

At this moment, Li Zhan shook off Li Qin’s hand and threatened fiercely, “Xiao Qin, hurry up and go home! Don’t tell Father and Mother that you saw me.

Otherwise, I will hit you every time I see you in the future. Do you believe me?”

With that, Li Zhan raised his hand to scare Li Qin.

Li Qin hadn’t been doing well recently.

The Li family’s life was getting worse and worse.

Li Qin, who always slacked off and played around in the past, was also forced to work.

Faced with her brother’s threat, Li Qin thought of something and said, “Brother, if you give me some money, I won’t tell Father and Mother!”

Chapter 595: Asylum

In order to get rid of Li Qin as soon as possible, Li Zhan took out eight copper coins from his pocket.

Just as he was about to count them, Li Qin grabbed the eight copper coins and ran away.

Seeing this, Li Zhan quickly slipped away as well.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she didn’t speak. No one knew what she was thinking.

“Xiaoran, what are you thinking about?” Luo Cheng asked when he saw that Li Xiaoran didn’t speak.

Disturbed by Luo Cheng’s voice, Li Xiaoran snapped back to reality.

“Nothing? I just find it strange. Li Qin, who was quite spoiled in the past, seems to have changed!”

“Of course it’s different! After all, there are no more people like Father-in-law and Mother-in-law, who worked tirelessly to support them. Now, the Li family’s life is getting worse and worse. Actually, I don’t understand either. There are clearly a few capable men in the family, but they’re getting more and more lazy now. In the past,

they would find some work to do, but now, they don't want to do anything!" When Luo Cheng thought of the Li family's current situation, he was puzzled.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately frowned.

To be honest, in the past, Li Xiaoran wouldn't have interfered in the Li family's matters at all.

But ever since Luo Cheng recovered his identity as the Seventh Prince, she had begun to notice these things.

Previously, she was busy and didn't have the time to think about the Li family. Now that she had encountered it, she remembered.

Li Xiaoran said her thoughts, "Husband, we can't ignore the Li family. Otherwise, they will bring us a lot of trouble in the future. This family is too lazy, so I think it's time to make them work harder!"

Luo Cheng immediately laughed when he heard this.

"It seems that you and I have the same idea! What's the greatest punishment for a person? It's to let him do things he doesn't want to do! The Li family is so poor that they're just waiting for death, so why don't we be more magnanimous and supervise these people so that they can't slack off?! I believe that such punishment will definitely make the Li family miserable!"

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and asked, "Husband, do you have any good ideas?"

Luo Cheng voiced his thoughts, "That's simple. I'll arrange for your eldest uncle and second uncle to work in a place. The monthly salary is quite good. However, don't worry, I'll only give them half of the salary. The remaining half will be handed over to your grandparents. As for your eldest aunt and second aunt, they'll do laundry, cook, raise chickens and ducks. They'll also plant crops in the fields!"

Li Xiaoran asked in disbelief, "Will my eldest uncle and second uncle be willing to do it?"

Luo Cheng said with a smile, "If I interfere, they'll naturally have no choice but to do it! I'll arrange for someone to supervise them. If they don't perform well, they'll starve. I'll find professionals to deal with your eldest aunt and second aunt! Don't forget that those grannies in the royal family are very good at disciplining people. It just so happens that I know a granny who's going to leave the palace to retire! I'll bring her over to retire here!"

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she said, "In that case, why don't we hire a teacher?! On the one hand, we can build a school in the village to repay the village. It'll make it easier for the children in the village to learn to read and write. On the other hand, we can also discipline the children of the Li family and prevent them from going astray!"

Luo Cheng asked, "What about your eldest cousin, Li Zhan?"

Li Xiaoran said coldly, "Doesn't he like to gamble? Let him lose everything! Then, let him do the most tiring and dirty work in the casino! A person who likes to gamble so much should stay in the casino for the rest of his life!"

She wasn't a saint who still cared about the Li family after the Li family abused her family.

What she wanted was to not drag Luo Cheng down.

After all, the Li family was still her maiden family.

If she really abandoned the Li family, it would be used as an excuse for people to condemn Luo Cheng in the future.

Since she had already thought of this, she might as well plug this hole right from the beginning.

Yes, in Li Xiaoran's eyes, the Li family was a hole. Now, she had to fill this hole.

Luo Cheng said, "Alright, let's do as we discussed just now! When the time comes, I'll talk to the village chief and see where the school is built. It just so happens that I know a scholar who hasn't become an official all these years. Now that he's old, it's not a bad idea for him to come back and teach!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and asked Zi Zheng to drive the carriage back to the house in town.

On Li Qin's side, after receiving a few copper coins, she went to the wonton stall she wanted to go to the most and ordered a bowl of wontons to eat.

After eating a bowl of wontons, Li Qin finally felt energized.

At home, she was so hungry that she couldn't take it anymore.

Today, she had originally run out to sell herself as a maid.

She had no other choice. She was too hungry!

If she continued to stay at home, only death awaited her.

Li Qin couldn't count on her parents, so she could only think of this method.

At least as a maid, she could eat her fill.

However, after meeting her brother Li Zhan just now, Li Qin dispelled this thought.

What was so good about being a maid? She would have to be scolded all day long and had to do many things.

She might as well look for her sister, Li Yan!

She heard that her brother-in-law had scored third place. Now, her sister had already become an official's wife.

Her brother-in-law was so impressive, so it shouldn't be a problem for him to take care of his sister-in-law!

When her sister and brother-in-law went to the capital to become officials, she could also follow them and enjoy life. At that time, she could even choose a marriage partner in the capital.

This path was much better than being someone's maid!

Thinking of this, Li Qin paid for the wontons and walked towards the place her sister had mentioned previously.

Li Yan didn't expect her biological sister, Li Qin, to come looking for her again.

Looking at her sister's dirty clothes, Li Yan frowned again.

Li Qin sensed that her sister didn't welcome her, so she quickly said, "Sister, I know you've been very busy recently. I told Father and Mother to come over and help you!"

When Li Yan heard that Li Qin wanted to help her, she nodded.

"Yes, I have a lot of things to do now.. Sister, you can help me! Come in first! I'll boil water for you to take a shower, then change your clothes!"

Chapter 596: Indecisive

Li Yan's identity was different now, so there were many things that she didn't need to do herself.

She had always wanted to hire a servant to clean the house every day, wash clothes, and cook.

Unfortunately, she couldn't use her money openly, so she could only hope that Pei Xuanxin would hire a servant.

Pei Xuanxin didn't have much money to begin with. Although he had already been appointed an official, the salary wouldn't be paid until he took office.

He had some silver in his hand now, but it was a congratulatory gift from some rich businessmen.

Pei Xuanxin had a tight grip on this money.

Therefore, when Li Yan suggested hiring servants, Pei Xuanxin rejected her.

When Li Yan saw her sister, she naturally wanted to order her around.

In order to eat her fill and follow her sister and brother-in-law to the capital, Li Qin naturally did her job obediently.

Ever since Li Xiaoran and her family left the Li family, Li Qin had been forced to learn to do many things.

Now, Li Qin could wash clothes, wash dishes, and even cook.

The food didn't taste as good as those chefs', but it was still better than Li Yan's own cooking.

Therefore, Li Qin moved into Pei Xuanxin's house.

When Pei Xuanxin saw Li Qin appear at his house, he only asked briefly and didn't say anything else.

Li Yan was originally a little worried that Pei Xuanxin wanted her to send her sister away.

Fortunately, Pei Xuanxin wasn't focused on this matter at all, so he didn't say anything and let Li Qin stay.

Although Pei Xuanxin wanted to divorce his wife, he had concerns, so he didn't dare to do so.

He had no choice but to make plans and wait for the right time.

Luo Cheng naturally knew what was going on with Pei Xuanxin.

Seeing that Pei Xuanxin wasn't making any moves, Luo Cheng only smiled without saying anything.

Previously, Luo Cheng really treated Pei Xuanxin as his love rival.

After all, according to Li Yan, Li Xiaoran was originally going to marry Pei Xuanxin.

From the looks of it, Pei Xuanxin wasn't that impressive. Li Xiaoran definitely wouldn't fancy someone like him.

Why didn't he deal with this matter quickly?

If not now, when would he deal with it?

When Li Yan had more and more evidence against him?

Or would he wait until Li Yan caused him more trouble?

To be honest, Luo Cheng really looked down on Pei Xuanxin.

If it were him, he wouldn't be so indecisive.

Of course, if it had been him, he wouldn't have gotten to where he was today and been led by the nose by a woman.

After putting Pei Xuanxin's matter aside, Luo Cheng instructed Luo Ziyang to pick up a few people.

Three days later, a nanny, a scholar with talent, and Fan Dechang, who had been abandoned by Luo Cheng in the capital to train chefs, came to Hele Village.

When he saw Luo Cheng again, Fan Dechang's eyes turned red!

"Your Highness, you can't abandon me in the capital! After you left, I wasn't able to continue my training class in the capital!"

Luo Cheng frowned when he heard Fan Dechang's words.

"What exactly is going on? Your culinary training class didn't get in anyone else's way. Why couldn't you continue?"

Fan Dechang sighed and told him what had happened in the capital recently.

In the past, many people came to learn culinary skills, but ever since Luo Cheng left, fewer and fewer people came to learn culinary skills.

The people who had originally signed the agreement had somehow obtained a large sum of money. They would rather compensate for the breach of contract than continue learning.

At first, Fan Dechang didn't care. Later, as more and more people left, Fan Dechang realized that something was wrong.

Later on, I asked a child I had a good relationship with. The other party secretly told me that someone had given everyone money and forced them to quit.

If they didn't quit, their families would be beaten up and harmed.

They had no other choice. In order to survive, they could only quit.

After Fan Dechang found out about this, he didn't sleep for the entire night. After pondering for a long time, he found Luo Cheng's person in charge in the capital and expressed that he wanted to come to Sichuan.

The other party happened to have something to send to Sichuan, so he arranged for Fan Dechang to come to Hele Village with two other people.

Although Luo Cheng knew that Fan Dechang was coming, he didn't know that Fan Dechang had come to Sichuan for this reason.

Fan Dechang voiced his thoughts, "Your Highness, I don't think it's appropriate to open any more classes in the capital. The losses outweigh the gains. It's better to come to Sichuan to teach to give more children a chance to change their lives!"

Luo Cheng thought of the food festival that was going to be held and the culinary competition, so he simply said to Fan Dechang, "Then why don't you teach in the village?! Teach the children in the village how to cook and see if there are any talented seedlings. I'll arrange for you to do other things later! Don't worry, I won't let you be idle. You'll become busy later on!" Fan Dechang nodded when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

As long as he wasn't left in the capital, any arrangement was fine.

After settling things here, Luo Cheng called Li Xiaoran and brought the nanny to the Li family's house.

When the villagers saw this, they immediately realized that there was something to watch, so they followed.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran didn't mind the villagers following them. There was nothing shady they couldn't let others see anyway.

After arriving at the Li family's house, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran frowned when they smelled the stench in the courtyard.

Luo Cheng glanced at Zi Zheng, who immediately knocked on the door and called out the Li family.

After not seeing them for a while, Sr. Li and Madam Li looked much older.

Seeing that it was Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, Sr. Li and Madam Li were shocked. They didn't know if it was a good or bad thing that these two people had come looking for them.

When Li Xiaoran saw the two of them, she sighed.

Luo Cheng glanced at the two elders and asked, "Where did Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle go?"

Sr. Li looked at Luo Cheng with a complicated expression.

To be honest, after knowing that Luo Cheng was the Seventh Prince, Sr. Li regretted it.

Back then, if he hadn't been greedy for that tiger bone, would everything have been different today?

Sr. Li said after a while, "I don't know where they went!"

Luo Cheng smiled and said, "Looks like they didn't do what I asked back then.."

Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle didn't take good care of you two!"

Chapter 597: For Your Good

When Luo Cheng smiled, the Li family felt their scalps tingle.

At this moment, Li Qiang and Li Wei received the news and quickly ran back. The two of them were panting from running. When they saw that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were both there, they had a bad feeling.

Luo Cheng sized up Li Qiang and Li Wei with a smile.

“I think Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle’s bodies are getting weaker and weaker! This isn’t good. After all, Grandpa and Grandma are waiting for Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle to support them. Now, I have a job here that’s very suitable for Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle. They’ll earn a tael of silver a month. It’ll be enough to cover the family’s expenses! So, Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle, pack your things and follow me later!”

When Li Qiang and Li Wei heard Luo Cheng’s words, their eyelids twitched and they wanted to refuse.

“No need. We can find work ourselves. How can we trouble you, Your Highness?!”

Luo Cheng said, “It’s no trouble at all. No matter what, we’re relatives, so we should help each other! Now, our lives have improved, but Grandpa and Grandma are so miserable. As their grandson-in-law, I really didn’t do a good job! Now that I’ve found a job with a monthly salary for Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle, I can help everyone!”

When Li Qiang and Li Wei heard Luo Cheng’s words, they were shocked!

Luo Cheng asked, “Why? Could it be that Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle think that this salary is low?”

Li Qiang couldn’t say anything to retort him!

How could they dare to turn down money?!

Logically speaking, most people would be desperate for a job that earned them one tael of silver a month.

But Luo Cheng had given them this job!

Therefore, they would have to consider it carefully!

One had to know that Luo Cheng wasn’t a charitable person.

Whenever he wanted to teach someone a lesson, he was very ruthless.

He introduced them to a high-salary job, but it probably wouldn’t be easy to

Li Qiang and Li Wei weren’t stupid, so they naturally realized how fishy it was.

Li Wei was amused.

He didn't know how they had offended Luo Cheng again that he wanted to go through so much trouble to teach them a lesson.

However, Li Wei saw things clearer than his brother, Li Qiang.

Luo Cheng's appearance here today meant that they had to do this job even if they didn't want to. They didn't have a chance to choose at all.

At this moment, a loafer in the village mocked Luo Cheng, "Your Highness, you're so rich. Just one tael of silver a month from you is enough for the Li family to live a good life!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he looked at the person who spoke, but he wasn't angry.

"How can it be the same? I can give them some money every month, but doing so will harm Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle! As the saying goes, it's better to teach people how to fish than to teach them how to fish. If I really do this, I'll be harming the Li family. After all, it's better to rely on oneself than anyone else! If one can earn money oneself, one doesn't have to listen to others! Am I right? Eldest Uncle, Second Uncle?!"

How could Li Qiang and Li Wei not understand? They could only nod in agreement.

Wang Ying and Zhang Hong, who had returned with Li Qiang and Li Wei, didn't dare to go forward and say anything, but their faces were filled with joy.

If their husbands really earned one tael of silver a month, their family would definitely live a much better life than now.

Luo Cheng saw their joy and said,

"Eldest Aunt, Second Aunt, Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle will be out working to earn money, so they'll have to rely on you guys to take care of the family, especially Grandpa and Grandma. I'll have to trouble you guys to do more work! It's just that I think you don't even know how to tidy up the house, wash

clothes, and cook well, so I specifically went to the royal family to hire a nanny to teach you guys how to do these things! Don't thank me. As a junior, it's only right for me to help you guys!"

As soon as he said this, Wang Ying and Zhang Hong were terrified.

As expected, their joy turned to sorrow!

She didn't expect them to be involved this time.

Wang Ying recalled Luo Cheng's methods and immediately shivered.

"No need! Thank you for your kindness, Your Highness. We'll do all these things ourselves!"

Zhang Hong quickly declined. "We were wrong previously. We didn't manage the home well, so the courtyard and house were in such a mess! But don't worry, Your Highness, it definitely won't be like this in the future!" Zhang Hong was smart, so she knew why Luo Cheng did this.

That was why she said such a thing.

Unfortunately, Luo Cheng didn't fall for it at all.

Now she knew how to repent, why didn't she do so earlier?

Luo Cheng had long figured out everyone's personalities.

He didn't believe a word of them.

Without his interference, these people wouldn't be able to change at all.

Therefore, Luo Cheng didn't speak at all and only stared at the two of them.

Zhang Hong, who was feeling a little apprehensive from being stared at, suddenly looked at Li Xiaoran.

Ever since she entered the Li family, Li Xiaoran hadn't said a single word.

"Xiaoran, help me plead for mercy! We really know we were wrong. Why don't you give us another chance?!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Zhang Hong's words, she laughed.

"Opportunity? We've given you many opportunities, but unfortunately, you didn't seize them! But speaking of this, I want to ask! When our family lived here back then, why didn't our family give us a chance to rest and eat something?"

When Zhang Hong heard Li Xiaoran's words, she didn't say anything else.

Now that the matter was laid out in the open, they could only accept it.

Li Xiaoran said, "Since you really know how to repent, why don't you learn how to behave and do chores? If you do your job well, you will naturally have a chance to do anything you want!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he looked at Granny Huang.

"I'll have to trouble you to teach them! I'll come and check their learning progress every month!"

Granny Huang bowed to Luo Cheng respectfully and replied, "As you say, Your Highness. I'll definitely do my best to teach them!"

Luo Cheng nodded in satisfaction and said to the Li family, "Granny Huang will come every day in the future, so you have to treat her well! Grandpa, Grandma, enjoy yourselves. We'll visit you guys every month in the future!"

Sr. Li and Madam Li's faces stiffened, but they could only nod blankly.

To be honest, the old couple was very grateful that Luo Cheng taught their sons and daughter-in-laws a lesson.

They believed that with Luo Cheng's punishment, their lives would be much better in the future!

Chapter 598: Changing the Li Family

The old couple had mixed feelings about Luo Cheng.

They had hatred and resentment towards him, but they had to admit that the other party had done something that benefited them.

Without Luo Cheng, no one would have known even if they had starved to death at home.

“By the way, there’s one more thing. Since everyone is here, let’s share it! In order to thank the villagers for taking care of us all these years, I plan to build a school in the village. Duan Cheng will be the teacher of the school in the village in the future. When Mr. Duan took the scientific examination, he was the top scholar! Now that I’ve invited him back, the children of the surrounding villages can be sent to the school to study!” Luo Cheng thought of something and told them about the school.

The villagers of Hele Village immediately cheered.

One had to know that if such a teacher started a school in the village, the children in the village would be very lucky.

Someone in the crowd asked, “Your Highness, where will you open the school? Do you need our help?”

“The location of the school hasn’t been decided yet. As for the construction of the school, if we need everyone’s help, we will definitely inform you guys!” Luo Cheng said, “We have to discuss this with the village chief, so please wait patiently!”

As soon as Luo Cheng finished speaking, he glanced at Duan Cheng, who walked forward to greet everyone.

“Hello, everyone! I’m Duan Cheng. I’ll be living in Hele Village in the future.

Please be of guidance in the future!”

A quick-witted person quickly replied, “Mr. Duan, don’t worry. The villagers of Hele Village are enthusiastic and friendly. We’ll leave our children to you in the future!”

“That’s right! Our children are all mischievous, so please help discipline them in the future, Mr. Duan!” The others also chimed in.

Mr. Duan replied with a smile, “How can children not be naughty? It’s in their nature! But don’t worry, I’ll definitely discipline them strictly. When the time comes, please don’t feel sorry for the children who are being disciplined too strictly! After all, I hope that they can become successful in the future!”

The villagers nodded in agreement, indicating that Mr. Duan could discipline them however he saw fit.

After exchanging pleasantries, Luo Cheng left with his men.

Granny Huang stayed behind and urged Wang Ying and Zhang Hong to tidy up the courtyard.

As for Li Qiang and Li Wei, they were taken away by the people Luo Cheng had left behind after packing two sets of clothes.

At noon, Luo Cheng asked someone to send some rice, noodles, lard, and vegetables over.

The Li family had been living a poor life recently and weren't in good health, so they had to eat their fill first.

Of course, Luo Cheng didn't give them these things for free.

The cost of these things would be deducted from Li Qiang and Li Wei's salary.

Wang Ying and Zhang Hong, who had finally cleaned up the courtyard after four hours, were brought into the kitchen by Granny Huang to cook.

Because the kitchen was too dirty, Granny Huang didn't teach the two of them how to cook. Instead, she let Wang Ying and the others cook according to how they used to cook.

After eating and drinking their fill, they were given another hour to rest. Then, she came to the Li family's house in the afternoon and made the two of them tidy up the kitchen.

Although Wang Ying and Zhang Hong were tired, they felt more energetic after eating and resting for an hour.

At night, Granny Huang began to teach them how to cook.

A decent dinner was cooked by Wang Ying and Zhang Hong.

After Sr. Li and Madam Li ate it, they felt that it tasted very good.

Granny Huang glanced at the Li family.

"Your bodies will definitely be sore after working all day. Take a warm bath, or else your arms and legs will be sore tomorrow! In the future, you have to shower every day and wash your hair every two days. I'll come and check. Not only you, but the two elders and the children at home are the same!"

Granny Huang paused at this point.

"To be honest, His Highness is really kind to you guys. He could have given you guys money and let you guys live an indulgent life every day. When His Highness wants to abandon you guys, you guys won't be able to survive. However, His Highness didn't do so. Not only did he spend a lot of effort to invite me from the royal family, but he also hired a capable teacher for your village. Perhaps you won't understand his good intentions, but you have to understand that as long as you behave and do as I say, your good days will naturally come!"

With that, Granny Huang turned around and left, disregarding what the Li family thought.

After returning, Granny Huang reported what she had done today to Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng nodded in satisfaction.

“Granny Huang, I’ll leave the Li family’s matters to you! I don’t ask the Li family to be more ambitious. I just want them to live a good life and not drag me down! In the future, you don’t have to report every day. Just do whatever you want with them!”

After hearing Luo Cheng’s words, Granny Huang knew what to do. Then, she began to plan how to discipline the Li family.

Li Qiang and Li Wei were brought to a workshop by Luo Cheng’s men.

Speaking of which, this job actually wasn’t that bad.

They ate their fill on time every day and would be given a few sets of work clothes to wear, but they didn’t have much time to rest.

Other than resting at night and noon, they worked non-stop in the workshop.

It wasn’t tiring, but it wasn’t relaxing either. After a busy day, they didn’t have the energy to do anything else.

Just like that, the two of them were forced to live a routined life. They had to work every day to earn money, and their lives became busy and fulfilling.

Of course, Luo Cheng wasn’t an unreasonable person. The brothers could take a day off after working nine days.

They could come home three days a month.

When the brothers rushed home, they could barely recognize their house. The courtyard, which originally looked dilapidated, had already become clean and tidy.

The vegetable garden had also been tidied up, and the vegetables and fruits were growing well.

What surprised the brothers even more was that their wives looked much more energetic and rosier than before..

Chapter 599: Encountering a Problem

When Li Xiaoran learned of the changes in the Li family, she felt relieved.

As long as the Li family was diligent and had enough food, they would cause less trouble.

She would leave Li Yan to Pei Xuanxin!

Li Qin was hard to say.

Who knew if she would be led astray by Li Yan?

Or perhaps, the sisters were deviants by nature.

The biggest troublemaker was Li Zhan.

Luo Cheng naturally didn’t let Li Zhan off.

With Luo Cheng's help, Li Zhan, who had gone to the casino as soon as he received the silver, now owed a gambling debt that he would never be able to repay in his life. Then, he was forced by the people in the casino to work in the casino to pay off the money.

Of course, Li Zhan was unwilling and kept saying that he would find his family to get the money.

Unfortunately, the casino, which had long received Luo Cheng's instructions, was naturally unwilling to offend Luo Cheng for Li Zhan's sake, so Li Zhan could only stay in the casino and do the most tiring and dirty work.

After that, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran began to get busy.

The fief had been settled and the construction of the mansion had begun. At the same time, Luo Han began to take over White Foothill City.

At this moment, Luo Cheng felt even more burdened.

Luo Cheng had his own considerations about using White Foothill City as his fief.

In the past, when Luo Han was the county magistrate, there were many things that he couldn't do.

Now that White Foothill City had become Luo Cheng's fief, Luo Han started implementing what he couldn't do previously and began to do things that benefited the country and the people.

Luo Cheng left the construction of the mansion and the management of the farmstead to Luo Ziyang, while he focused on the training of secret guards and the construction of the entire White Foothill City.

The business of the grilled fish shop and wine shop was left to Li Xiaoran.

In addition, the people who had come to Luo Cheng previously were also handed over to Li Xiaoran to deal with.

Therefore, the couple got busy and saw less of each other.

During this period of time, Li Xiaoran had been living in the house in town.

Luo Cheng tried his best to rush back at night to accompany Li Xiaoran. If he really couldn't come back, he would get someone to send Li Xiaoran a message.

Li Xiaoran wasn't the kind of person who insisted on her man accompanying her every day.

When Luo Cheng wasn't around, she could focus more on what she wanted to do.

The waiter for the grilled fish shop was well-trained. After training for a while longer, he would be able to start working officially.

They were still missing a chef.

Grilling fish was a very simple task for Li Xiaoran, but when it was her turn to teach it to others, she couldn't find many suitable people.

For some reason, people who knew how to cook couldn't cook grilled fish no matter what.

The grilled fish they made tasted very strange.

Li Xiaoran observed a few times, but in the end, she could only give up on nurturing people.

After Li Xiaoran thought about it, he finally decided to recruit people in town.

Many people wanted to learn carpentry skills, but unfortunately, very few people had the talent for it.

At this moment, Fan Dechang, who had nothing to do, was learning how to make grilled fish from Li Xiaoran before teaching others how to grill them.

In less than two days, Fan Dechang also lost his patience.

“Consort, we can’t keep doing this! Who are these incompetent people? They’re wasting our ingredients!”

Li Xiaoran happened to be brewing a pot of tea. When she saw Fan Dechang stomping his feet, she couldn’t help but laugh.

“Don’t be anxious. Drink a cup of tea first and talk things out slowly! There’s nothing that can’t be resolved!”

After Fan Dechang lost his temper, he poured himself a cup of tea and drank it in one gulp.

Fan Dechang said in surprise, “Eh, this herbal tea isn’t bad!”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “Drink more if you like it. This helps people calm down. Drink a few more glasses to calm down before we discuss this matter!” Fan Dechang didn’t stand on ceremony and drank several cups of herbal tea.

After calming down, Fan Dechang sighed.

“Consort, is grilling fish really that difficult? It’s clearly a very simple task. Why can’t they master it?!”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “There weren’t many people who ate fish in the past in Sichuan. Moreover, most people ate stewed fish. Very few people grilled fish, therefore, it’s not easy for us to find people who are good at making grilled fish. Think about it, talent is rare! Therefore, we have to be patient! If there’s really no other way, let’s look for hunters! Generally speaking, people who are good at hunting are good at grilling food, so they might be very good at making grilled fish!”

When Fan Dechang heard this, he pondered over it seriously.

“Then don’t we have to go deep into the mountains to look for them? You have to know that people who live in the mountains are usually uninformed, so they probably haven’t heard that we’re looking for a chef! Besides, ordinary hunters in the mountains probably don’t want to work as chefs!”

Li Xiaoran also knew this, so she thought for a moment and said, “I have an idea. Let’s bring some people to the mountains! We might be able to obtain unexpected gains. Moreover, White Foothill City is already His Highness’s fief, so the commoners in the fief are all His Highness’s citizens. Helping them escape poverty and become rich is important!”

Fan Dechang was stunned for a moment, since he didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say such a thing.

“I’ve thought about it carefully. If we want the commoners to live a good life, we shouldn’t only focus on the villages near the town. We have to broaden our horizons. Compared to the villages near the town, the villages far in the mountains need our help more!” Li Xiaoran said, “We can take this opportunity to find people good at making grilled fish. On the other hand, we can also investigate how the commoners in the mountains are doing and what they need!”

Fan Dechang said, “Consort, there’s no need to say anything else. I’ll go! Even at my age, I feel my blood boil whenever I hear what you say. I have to say that it’s the blessing of the commoners that White Foothill City became Mr. Luo’s fief! ”

Li Xiaoran said, “Don’t say that. Let’s help if we can! Prepare first. When Mr. Luo comes back, I’ll discuss it with him and make arrangements. Then, we’ll set off!”

Fan Dechang nodded and secretly wondered what preparations he had to make.

It was already a day later when Luo Cheng returned from White Foothill City.

Seeing that her husband had returned, Li Xiaoran was naturally overjoyed.

After cooking a table of delicious food, Li Xiaoran told him that she wanted to go to the mountain area..

Chapter 600: Sorting Things Out

Luo Cheng said, “I was talking to Luo Han about the fief’s construction previously! If you don’t manage the household, you won’t know how expensive money and rice are! After I obtained the fief, I realized that it was very difficult to do anything. Previously, I thought that we were already rich, but when I looked at the taxes and finances of White Foothill City, I realized that we need money everyvvwhere!”

“I’m at my wit’s end here. Xiaoran, you’re talking about the situation in the mountains again. I think that many things have to be sorted by priority, but there are many things that we urgently need to do. It’s really worrying!”

After Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words , she thought about it carefully.

“It’s useless for you to be so worried! Why don’t you take a piece of paper and list out what to do one by one? It’ll indicate the urgency of everything, what’s urgent, and what’s missing. After listing them out, we can compare them one by one and it’ll be obvious what we need to do first!”

“The most important thing is that we can’t count on the existing taxes to generate income! There’s a saying that goes, if you want to be rich, you have to build the road first. The terrain here in Sichuan is inconvenient for transportation. If possible, I think we should focus on building the road! Once the road is constructed, commerce can

be developed. When commerce is developed, taxes will rise, and we can do more things!"

Li Xiaoran's words immediately gave Luo Cheng a clear plan.

"That's right. Xiaoran, you're right. You're really my lucky star! I'll go and list what I have to do now!"

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and smiled. "Come, I'll draw you a form so you can list it!" "What's a form?" Luo Cheng found it novel.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "You'll know in a while!"

After that, Li Xiaoran took a large piece of paper and started making a form for Luo Cheng.

Because it was a form, Li Xiaoran used a charcoal pen.

Of course, the words written with charcoal were much smaller.

Therefore, after Luo Cheng filled in the forms one by one, he didn't use up a single piece of paper.

The piece of paper condensed the contents.

After comparing the advantages and disadvantages, the urgency, and what they lacked, he immediately knew his priorities.

Luo Cheng said in surprise, "Is this the form you mentioned? This form is so convenient! Previously, I felt confused previously, but now, I've figured it out!"

"That's right. The purpose of forms is to calculate and plan. Many things will become more simple after being filled in a form." Li Xiaoran explained with a smile, "Husband, look, these are the most urgent things in the entire White Foothill City!"

With that, Li Xiaoran pointed at the two things on the form.

"The first thing is to build a road between the mountains and towns! The terrain of Sichuan makes it very difficult to enter and exit. If we build the road in a straight line, it will save a lot of time and facilitate the delivery of things from the mountains to sell! You have to know that there are also many treasures in the mountains. Many plants on the high mountains and farmed chickens, ducks, pigs, or sheep are much better quality than that of other places!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he also realized the importance of building a road.

"Xiaoran, you're right. It's just that building roads in these places isn't easy!"

With that, Luo Cheng took out a map of White Foothill City and pointed at the places near the mountains.

"Look, these places are almost entirely cliffs. It's too difficult to build a road out from here! If not for this reason, Sichuan wouldn't have been unable to be developed!"

After Li Xiaoran looked at these places, she immediately sighed.

No wonder transportation in Sichuan only developed at a high speed in the modern era.

Sichuan Province had to rely on advanced road construction technology. Opening caves and overpasses were all highly technical projects. With the current conditions, it was impossible to complete them.

Although she thought so, Li Xiaoran wasn't someone who was willing to admit defeat.

She didn't have modern road construction technology. After all, she couldn't find reinforced concrete at the moment.

But even without reinforced concrete, she could borrow the technology of other mechanical engineering to build roads!

For example, transporting goods from high mountains could be done with rolls and chains.

If the technology was mature, it could be made into a mechanist's cable car.

Besides, the wind energy in the mountains could also be used. Water energy could also be converted into other power through mechanical structures and transport goods.

They could use the zipline method they had used in the capital's farmstead to cross the river.

Therefore, there were always more solutions than difficulties. As long as they were willing to use their brains, there was no problem that couldn't be resolved.

Li Xiaoran suggested going to these places to take a look again.

"Husband, in order to resolve the difficulties in the local area, we have to go there and take a closer look. Only then can we know what the commoners need the most! If you want to know about it, you have to see for yourself." Luo Cheng also felt that he should go take a look, so he agreed.

"It's fine to take a look, but let's talk about the development of Hele Village first! "

Luo Cheng said, "We have to build our residence first. Besides, now that the market on the official road has been formed, we have to use this good opportunity to develop Hele Village and the nearby villages! It's not easy to renovate White Foothill City, but helping one or two villages become rich first should be simpler!"

Li Xiaoran felt that her husband was right. It was indeed necessary to build several villages first. Hele Village and the nearby villages relied on the existence of the official road to obtain such an opportunity, so they should make use of it!

Li Xiaoran said, "We don't know much about the other villages, but we know about Hele Village! Therefore, let's think about how to develop Hele Village first! "

Li Xiaoran asked, "We definitely have to build a school.. Other than that, what else can bring about economic benefits to our village?"