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Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, "How's the matter about planting mushrooms and fungus you mentioned last time? I wonder how your cousin is doing!"

"I'll go take a look tomorrow! This can indeed be done, but this alone won't do. It's too simple. We have to think of other ways," Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, "Where are the ducks? Do you think Aunt Hui's ducks can be advertised?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, her eyes lit up and she immediately laughed.

"Speaking of ducks, their entire body is a treasure! The duck's fur can be made into clothes that are very warm to wear. The duck's internal organs can be used to make some special dishes and braised food. For example, the side dishes in wine shop's can be made from duck skulls, duck necks, duck claws, and duck gizzards. The remaining parts of the duck can be made into roasted duck!"

Luo Cheng laughed when he heard this.

"Since ducks are so useful, nurture it!"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, 'We can't nurture too many. Let's nurture some first! After all, if we nurture too many ducks, they will ruin the water quality. We can't forget to protect Hele Village's environment just because we want to develop it. When the time comes, let's take a look at the design of some places before deciding what to do! We can let Aunt Hui and Uncle Guan help us come up with ideas.'

"How could we have forgotten that there's a very powerful person beside us?!" Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and looked at Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had a tacit understanding, so when Luo Cheng heard this, Luo Cheng understood what Li Xiaoran was talking about.

“Are you talking about Guan Kang? He should indeed put his ability to use. I think he’ll probably be willing to contribute his own strength to the construction of his hometown!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, “But we still have to clarify this matter with Guan Kang! If he’s unwilling, let’s not force him!”

“Don’t worry! If he’s unwilling, I won’t force him,” Luo Cheng said with a nod.

Li Xiaoran said happily, “Then it’s decided! Actually, not only can we nurture ducks, but we can also nurture chickens, rabbits, and sheep on the mountain. I

suddenly feel enlightened. I have many ideas in mind!”

“Don’t worry! These ideas of yours can be used. Write them out first and then we’ll discuss them together. It’s definitely impossible to rely on just Hele Village alone. We have to gather the strength of the surrounding villages to do it together. When the time comes, we’ll find someone to see which village is suitable for what and then plan things out. We still have to build several workshops! After we have the workshops, we’ll hire people to work. This can also help the surrounding villagers increase their income!” The more Luo Cheng thought about it, the more excited he became.

“Memorize it. Take advantage of the fact that we have many thoughts in our minds right now to note them all!” Li Xiaoran quickly went to get a pen and paper to record everything the two of them thought of.

When the two of them could think of nothing else, they went to bed.

That night, because they were mentally exhausted, the couple fell asleep as soon as they lay in bed.

Li Xiaoran slept until the sun rose the next morning.

As soon as she woke up, Li Xiaoran realized that Luo Cheng was still lying beside her.

For some reason, seeing that Luo Cheng was still around, Li Xiaoran was filled with a sense of satisfaction.

However, when Li Xiaoran woke up, Luo Cheng also woke up.

When he opened his eyes and saw Li Xiaoran standing up, Luo Cheng said with a smile, “Morning, wifey!”

Li Xiaoran teased with a smile, “Look, the sun is already so high in the sky. We slept in today!”

After Luo Cheng glanced outside, he sat up with a smile and put on his clothes.

"I was wondering why I slept so well. It turns out that I woke up late. I've been waking up early to practice martial arts all these years, but today, I didn't! However, it feels good to sleep until I wake up naturally!"

Li Xiaoran said as she washed her face, "The reason we slept until now is because we overworked our brains yesterday and our bodies spontaneously formed a protective mechanism that forced us to sleep until this time. It's better not to do this in the future. It's better to sleep early and wake up early!" After the two of them got up, breakfast was delivered from the kitchen.

Today's breakfast was soy milk and deep-fried dough sticks. There was also some fresh-made meatloaf.

These were all things Li Xiaoran liked, so Li Xiaoran ate a lot of food in one go.

As Luo Cheng watched Li Xiaoran eat with relish, he ate a lot as well.

After breakfast, they got busy.

There were two things they had to do today. One was to invite He Hui and Guan Dongshan's family to their house to ask about raising ducks. At the same time, they wanted to ask Guan Kang if he was willing to use his abilities to contribute to the development of Hele Village.

The other thing was to confirm the mushroom planting situation on Zhao Yan's side.

If Zhao Yan hadn't planted mushrooms yet, Li Xiaoran would have to teach him how to plant mushrooms.

Therefore, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran decided to split up.

Li Xiaoran went to look for Zhao Yan to see the situation over there and teach him how to plant mushrooms.

Luo Cheng was in charge of inviting the Guan family home to talk about raising ducks and Guan Kang's special ability.

After the matter was settled, Li Xiaoran went out to look for Zhao Yan.

When Li Xiaoran went out, someone naturally had to protect her. Zi Cheng happened to be free today, so Luo Cheng let him follow Li Xiaoran out.

Zhao Yan spent most of his time in the col where the mushrooms were planted, so Li Xiaoran didn't go to the Zhao family's house. Instead, she went straight to the col to look for him.

After entering the col, Li Xiaoran shouted. Then, she heard Zhao Yan's answer.

"Cousin, wait outside for a while. I'll be out soon! Don't come in. There are many rats, insects, snakes, and ants in this forest. They might bite you!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she also felt that her cousin was right, so she stood on a big rock outside and waited for Zhao Yan to come out.

While waiting, Li Xiaoran sized up the situation in the col.

Looking at the shed not far away, Li Xiaoran shook her head.

"My cousin is quite tough. There are so many mosquitoes here, but he actually stayed here all night!"

At this moment, Zhao Yan walked out. When he heard his cousin's words, he said with a smile, "Actually, it's no big deal.. I lit some grass tonight and smoked it, so the mosquitoes didn't bite me!"

Chapter 602: Listen to Me

Li Xiaoran looked at her cousin and said, "If there were fewer red dots on your arm, I would have believed you!"

Seeing that his cousin had discovered it, Zhao Yan touched his head in embarrassment.

"Xiaoran, why are you here?"

Li Xiaoran explained her intentions, "I came to see how your mushrooms are growing."

Zhao Yan was a little troubled.

"I don't know if I planted the mushrooms successfully or not!"

Zhao Yan couldn't explain it clearly, so he simply let Li Xiaoran see for herself.

Li Xiaoran was about to enter when Zi Cheng thought of something and took out a bottle.

"Madam, Young Master asked me to bring this. If you're afraid of being bitten by mosquitoes, apply this medicine on you. It's harmless!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Zi Cheng's words, she took the small bottle.

"This is a mosquito repellent?"

Zi Zheng nodded. "That's right. It's a mosquito repellent!"

With that, Zi Zheng took out another bottle and handed it to Zhao Yan. "Young Master Luo said that this bottle is for Young Master Zhao!"

When Zhao Yan heard that it was from Luo Cheng, he immediately took it happily.

"Then I won't stand on ceremony!" With that, Zhao Yan poured some out and wiped it on his hands, neck, and face.

Although it was summer and they were dressed in cool clothing, everyone was used to long-sleeved clothes, so they weren't afraid of being bitten by mosquitoes.

They were wearing shoes, socks, and shoes, so they weren't afraid of mosquitoes.

Only their hands, neck, and face were exposed.

After Li Xiaoran applied some on herself, Zi Zheng also took out a bottle and applied it on himself.

Then, the few of them walked into the forest.

They looked at the logs in the forest. Some had mushrooms growing on them, and some had fungus on them, but most were empty.

Zhao Yan said gloomily, "I moved all the firewood that grew mushrooms here and took good care of them. However, most of them didn't grow mushrooms, only a small portion did!"

He had taken it for granted! He had thought of planting mushrooms too simply. Therefore, he failed to achieve anything even now.

When Li Xiaoran saw what Zhao Yan had done, she thought for a moment and said, "Zhao Yan, your planting method is wrong. You're completely relying on luck! Didn't I tell you before? If you don't know how to plant them, come and find me. I'll tell you how to plant them!"

Zhao Yan didn't take Li Xiaoran's words to heart previously.

He felt that since he had grown up in the mountains and often picked mushrooms, he must be more experienced in planting mushrooms. Although Xiaoran was very smart, she might not know everything!

With this thought in mind, Zhao Yan didn't think of asking Li Xiaoran for help at all.

After Li Xiaoran sensed Zhao Yan's thoughts, she was amused.

It seemed that if she didn't show her skills, her cousin wouldn't know about her abilities.

"Last time, I told you to tell me to come with when you pick mushrooms. Why didn't you call me? If you had called me earlier, these mushrooms would have been planted long ago!" Li Xiaoran shook her head and said, "How about this? Let's get someone to tidy this place up first and build two rooms in a cool and damp place. Then, let's get someone to make wooden shelves and place them here. In addition, I'll list some things for you. Prepare everything according to the list! When we go up the mountain to pick mushrooms next time, I'll go with you to choose some fungi and bring them back to cultivate." Zhao Yan was stunned when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"Xiaoran, do you really know how to plant mushrooms?"

Li Xiaoran said angrily and amusedly, "Why would I lie to you?! If you don't believe me, after I plant mushrooms, you'll know that I didn't lie to you!"

At this point, her cousin still didn't believe that she knew how to plant mushrooms.

Zi Cheng couldn't stand it anymore and looked at Zhao Yan.

"Young Master Zhao, listen to Madam! Listen to her!"

Zhao Yan nodded when he heard their words.

He had no other choice, so he might as well listen to his cousin's opinion. Perhaps she could really plant mushrooms.

"Alright, I'll listen to you!"

Li Xiaoran really didn't know what to say when she saw her cousin acting like this.

"Since you've decided to listen to me, get someone to build the house quickly! Remember, it has to be in a cool and damp place, but the ground has to be paved with stones. You're not allowed to slack off and use this kind of soil ground!"

Zhao Yan nodded and noted what Li Xiaoran had said.

After Li Xiaoran returned, she wrote something and asked Zi Cheng to send it to Zhao Yan.

The things Li Xiaoran wanted were all commonplace things.

For example, wood shavings, straw, bran, rice chaff, lime, and so on.

After Li Xiaoran was done, He Hui and her family happened to arrive at the Luo family's house. After Li Xiaoran washed her face and tidied up, she went to the hall.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was here, Luo Cheng asked in surprise, "Has the matter with your cousin been resolved?"

Li Xiaoran replied, "No, there's no progress at all. I asked him to prepare some things and call me along the next time he goes up the mountain to pick mushrooms!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he understood what was going on!

"That's good. Let's talk to Aunt Hui about raising ducks together!"

He Hui and Guan Dongshan were confused when they heard their words.

He Hui asked in confusion, "Raise ducks? What ducks? Xiaoran, you want to raise ducks too?"

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng exchanged looks, Li Xiaoran spoke.

"Aunt Hui, Uncle Guan, it's like this!"

With that, Li Xiaoran told He Hui about their plan to open a workshop in the village, raise ducks, and open a duck workshop.

He Hui didn't expect Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng to look for them today to talk about this.

To be honest, they hadn't raised many ducks over the years and they had even reduced the quantity of ducks.

In the past, they raised a bunch of ducks because they wanted to earn more money so that they could treat their child's illness.

Now that the child had recovered and everything at home had returned to normal, there was naturally no need to work so hard.

When they heard that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were going to raise ducks, the two of them were a little surprised.

"In the past, we only raised ducks and spent a lot of effort to sell them. Are you sure the ducks can be sold? I know you guys are just being kind and want to help the people in the village live a better life, but these things aren't as simple as you think! If the ducks are raised but can't be sold, they will lose a lot of money. When the time comes, the

people in the village will definitely blame you guys!” He Hui was sincerely thinking for Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng’s sake..

Chapter 603: Appropriate Contribution

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng naturally knew He Hui’s good intentions, so they smiled and explained, “Aunt Hui, since I’ve brought it up, I’ve naturally thought about these possible problems already! The reason I invited you over today is because I have some questions about raising ducks! If we raise ducks in the village, what is the most suitable quantity? Will the river water in our village contaminate the water source if we raise too many ducks?!”

Hearing Li Xiaoran’s words, He Hui and Guan Dongshan immediately understood.

He Hui had raised ducks at home for a long time, so when she heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she pondered for a moment.

“When our family raised the most ducks, we raised 160 ducks. But at that time, the smell was very strong, and the water in the stream was filled with duck fur and feces, especially in summer, making the entire village smell. Many people came to me to talk about these things, so I sold some and reduced the quantity to 100 ducks!”

When Li Xiaoran heard He Hui’s words, she calculated it.

In other words, with the village’s breeding ability, it would be fine to raise a hundred?

He Hui thought of something and suggested, “I suggest that we raise a hundred of them. Ducks are easy to feed, and they won’t fall sick often. If we nurture too many of them, they’ll become very contagious when they fall sick!”

Li Xiaoran asked, “Then what if we join forces with the surrounding villages to raise ducks?”

He Hui and Guan Dongshan were a little surprised, since they didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to want to make the scale so big.

He Hui couldn’t help but ask, “Xiaoran, are you really sure you want every village to nurture so many?”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “Aunt Hui, don’t worry that I won’t be able to sell them. We won’t have to worry about the sales!”

He Hui thought about Li Xiaoran’s words carefully.

"If you have a way to sell them, it won't be a problem to raise so many!

However, I want to ask, who will own the workshop you'll build?"

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard He Hui's words, they pondered over it seriously.

"We just have a plan to make the people in the village rich. We haven't thought about so many things yet," Luo Cheng explained.

He Hui heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Since you've asked for our opinion, I'll tell you my opinion. You want to raise ducks in the surrounding villages? That's a good idea, but I don't suggest you guys participate. Actually, there's no need for you guys to raise ducks yourself. You just need to build a workshop and buy ducks. As long as you buy them over the long term, there will definitely be many people willing to raise them for you guys."

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she didn't understand.

"Aunt Hui, why do you say that?"

He Hui voiced her thoughts, "Your intention is to lead the people in the surrounding villages to live a good life, but if you interfere in everything, will the commoners be able to earn money in the end? Why don't you give up raising ducks? Whoever is capable will raise them. You'll only be in charge of buying ducks! This way, you won't have to work so hard and things will be easier."

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard He Hui's words, they immediately understood.

"As for the workshop you're talking about, you guys can do it! When the time comes, you can provide some work opportunities for the people in the village. This is for the best!" Guan Dongshan, who had been silent all this while, also suggested, "You have to remember that even if you have good intentions, you can't be too selfless. Otherwise, what you get in return won't be gratitude, but resentment!"

Guan Dongshan reminded, "Mr. Luo, Xiaoran, I understand that you guys want to help the people in the village become rich. Your intentions are good, but you can't interfere in too many things. If they want to become rich, they have to work hard themselves. You've already given them an opportunity. If they can't catch it, they can only blame themselves! Don't interfere in anything else. It's enough for you to build a school for the village. Going overboard is as bad as not doing enough!"

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard Guan Dongshan's words, they immediately came to a realization.

They had taken things for granted and lost their caution.

Although they had designated White Foothill City as Luo Cheng's fief, if they wanted the commoners in the fief to live a better life, the commoners had to work hard themselves!

If they gave too much, it would have the opposite effect.

Luo Cheng understood and looked at Guan Dongshan and He Hui gratefully.

"Thank you for your reminder, Uncle Guan and Aunt Hui. Otherwise, we really would have made the wrong choice!"

When Guan Dongshan saw that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran understood what they meant, he smiled.

"It's good that you understand what we mean. Don't blame us for being nosy!"

The reason Guan Dongshan and He Hui told the two of them about their life experiences was because they knew their personalities.

If it were anyone else, they wouldn't have been willing to say it.

Because when people who weren't familiar with these things heard these words, they wouldn't think that they were doing this for their own good. Instead, they would think that they were jealous of them, so they were unwilling to let them get ahead.

"How can that be?! What you taught us is a very valuable experience! We couldn't ask for more!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "After we're done talking about this, we have something else to ask Guan Kang!"

When He Hui and Guan Dongshan heard Li Xiaoran's words, their gazes landed on their son, Guan Kang.

In fact, when they heard Luo Cheng send someone to invite their family over today, He Hui and Guan Dongshan guessed that it had something to do with their son, so when they heard Li Xiaoran's words, they weren't surprised.

Guan Kang had been listening to everyone and didn't express any opinions.

Seeing that everyone was talking about him, he asked, "Sister Ran, Brother Luo

Cheng, do you guys want to use my ability to benefit the people?"

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran nodded with a smile when they heard Guan Kang's words.

Luo Cheng said, "We have this idea, but we have to ask for your opinion first! If you're unwilling, we won't force you!"

Seeing that Luo Cheng was speaking frankly, Guan Kang didn't beat around the bush either.

"Brother Luo Cheng, during the time you guys were in the capital, I've been trying to figure out what my abilities are like. I've made detailed records and summaries and done many experiments. Take a look at what my abilities are before we continue!"

As Guan Kang spoke, he took out a booklet from the bag he carried.

Guan Kang said, "These things might take an entire day to look over. We won't disturb you guys today.. I'll come back to look for you guys tomorrow, okay?"

Chapter 604: Thinking It Through

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran nodded and sent the Guan family off together.

After the Guan family left, the couple sat together and looked through Guan Kang's records.

It had to be said that Guan Kang's record was very detailed.

He recorded it daily.

Moreover, Guan Kang was very meticulous. He would do different tests every day. Then, he would use ten days as a test cycle to test how his ability affected his surroundings.

For example, for ten days, he would stay near a vegetable garden and go to the vegetable garden every day to pluck grass.

He would plant the same vegetable seeds or vegetable seedlings at the same time for comparison.

The same vegetable seed was split into two.

Half was planted in the vegetable garden he often went to, and the other half was planted in the ground.

As such, he recorded the changes in the vegetable garden he often went to every day and asked his parents to record the growth of the vegetables in the other vegetable garden.

In addition, Guan Kang would also ask his parents to compare the growth of plants at different distances from him to determine the effect of his ability on the surrounding plants.

Just like that, the two of them flipped through them one by one. At the same time, they listed the data according to the form Li Xiaoran had made previously and compared them.

After the plant impact test, Guan Kang began to test his effect on each animal.

After the animal impact test, he began testing his effect on the people around him.

The thick book contained a lot of data.

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng worked together to list these comparisons and put them in a form, they finally came to a conclusion.

Firstly, Guan Kang's abilities were only effective on plants and had very little effect on animals or humans.

Secondly, the closer they were to Guan Kang, the faster the growth of those plants would be compared to that of ordinary plants. As for how fast it would be, it would vary according to the different plants. For example, cabbage plants grew very quickly, but fruit trees grew slightly slower. Some plants grew at the same speed, but the probability of bearing fruits was higher.

Thirdly, all plants within 500 meters of Guan Kang would be affected by him and the quality of these plants would improve substantially. For example, the taste of vegetables had improved, and fruits would taste much better. Things that were originally difficult to cultivate had become easier to cultivate.

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng came to this conclusion, they looked at each other but didn't know what to say.

After a while, Li Xiaoran said, "I think we won't lack food in the future! We can let Guan Kang go to the fields more often and nurture his knowledge of farming. In the future, we can let him go to White Foothill City to manage farming! He just has to go out to the countryside every day and walk around. On the one hand, he can help everyone plant better things, and on the other hand, he can also gather information!"

Luo Cheng thought about Li Xiaoran's words.

"We have to do another test. Take our village as an example. Let Guan Kang walk around and see how the crops in those places will change after he passes

Li Xiaoran understood what Luo Cheng meant. He wanted to see if Guan Kang would affect the surrounding plants if he stayed in one place for a long time, or if he could affect the plants wherever he went!

Luo Cheng nodded and put away the book.

The two of them had been exhausted over the past two days, so they lay on the bed in the lounge beside the study without even wanting to move a finger.

Luo Cheng suddenly said, "Today, Uncle Guan and Aunt Hui's words made me realize that I had made a mistake previously. I'm a human, not a god, so I can't help everyone. I can only take it one step at a time and do my best to gradually improve things. As for what the outcome will be in the end, it's not something I can control!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she sensed his mental fatigue, so she comforted him, "Eat as much as you can. If you want to improve your fief, it's not something that can be done overnight. Husband, you don't have to give yourself too much pressure. The fief is yours, but the commoners have their own lives. Help them when you can, but they still have to rely on themselves! So, don't worry too much. Just try your best. That way, you'll have a clear conscience!"

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

"Things won't happen overnight anyway. After talking to Guan Kang tomorrow, let's bring people to the surrounding mountains to take a look! What we should do now is to open the grilled fish shop. After all, I'm still counting on the grilled fish shop to help me feed those soldiers who retreated from the battlefield!" Luo Cheng had things all planned out now.

Li Xiaoran asked, "Aren't you going to interfere in White Foothill City's matters?"

Luo Cheng said, "Forget it. That's Luo Han's business! If he encounters any problems and needs my help, I'll take action. Otherwise, why would I need a mayor like him? If I do everything that a mayor does, then I might as well be the mayor of White Foothill City!"

Li Xiaoran said, "That's right! We should know how to use people well. We just need to manage things and dictate the direction. If we did everything ourselves, we would be exhausted." Then, Li Xiaoran thought of something and suggested, "By the way, husband, let's bring those people who came to follow you this time! We can take this opportunity to test their abilities!"

After Luo Cheng thought about it, he felt that it made sense.

Since he had accepted the people, he naturally had to make the best use of them.

If these people wanted to rely on him, they had to have something to offer.

Luo Cheng said, "Then let's leave it at that! We'll set off the day after tomorrow. I'll inform the few people in the farmstead tomorrow. At the same time, we'll make preparations. We can't trust everyone too much. We still have to take precautions!"

Li Xiaoran also felt that Luo Cheng's arrangements were more thorough. After all, not everyone in this world was a good person, and not all commoners were kind.

Once they encountered those with ill intentions, they had to have the ability to protect themselves.

Li Xiaoran reminded, "By the way, we should bring more of those self-defense powder!"

Luo Cheng said, "Don't worry, I'll prepare these things! By the way, tell Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue about this later! With Miss Shu protecting you, I'll feel a little more at ease!"

Chapter 605: Please Continue

Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe were very excited to hear that they could go out again.

Although life in Hele Village was very peaceful, it wasn't very vibrant.

When they heard that they were going out with Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, the two of them were very excited.

"That's great. I can go out and fight to uphold justice again!" Shu Ruyue took out her sword and started waving it.

Wu Qinghe said excitedly, "I can go out and study fengshui now! For some reason, I keep feeling that Hele Village is too peaceful, so much so that I can't feel anything! It feels like a safe haven! I have to go out for a walk in order to get some inspiration!"

It didn't take long for them to pack their bags.

They weren't traveling far this time and they were going to the mountains, so they didn't have to bring a lot of things.

Of course, some things had to be brought, like seasoning, pots, and buckets.

In the mountains, there was no lack of wild animals, so they didn't have to bring meat. They could just bring some rice and noodles.

In addition to these people, the people who had joined Luo Cheng previously also began to pack their things.

After the group gathered, Li Xiaoran also learned the names of the other three.

The man with the round face was called Jiao Hang, the arrogant man was called Li Liming, and the white-robed man who realized that she was a woman was called Yu Peng.

When Yu Peng came out with his luggage, he immediately saw Li Xiaoran standing beside Luo Cheng.

Anger flashed across Yu Peng's eyes. Just as he was about to say something, he heard Shu Ruyue running over.

"Your Highness, look, I brought something good!"

With that, Shu Ruyue handed something to Li Xiaoran.

After Li Xiaoran saw it, she asked in surprise, "This is such a good thing. Where did you get it? Also, why did you suddenly call me Your Highness? Didn't you call me Xiaoran in the past?"

Shu Ruyue put away the secret weapon she had brought and hugged Li Xiaoran.

"I want to experience how it feels to call you consort! This way, I can show off that I have a friend who's a consort in the future!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she was amused. "Since when did you start to care about things like this?!" At this moment, Luo Cheng turned to look at Li Xiaoran.

"Xiaoran, come here!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng call her, she patted Shu Ruyue's hand.

"I'll go over and take a look first! Hurry up and load the things into the carriage!"

Shu Ruyue nodded, then let go of Li Xiaoran and went to do her own thing.

Li Xiaoran walked towards Luo Cheng and smiled.

"Come, let me introduce you to my wife, Li Xiaoran!" Luo Cheng held Li Xiaoran's hand as he introduced her to the other four people. "In the future, meeting the consort will be equivalent to meeting me!"

When the four of them heard Luo Cheng's words, they immediately cupped their hands and bowed.

"Greetings, Your Highness!"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "There's no need to be so polite. You're all capable people. Now that you're here with Mr. Luo, feel free to use whatever skills you have! Mr. Luo will use your abilities well!"

After saying this, Li Xiaoran's gaze landed on Yu Peng. "Now, do you believe that I'm not here for Mr. Luo?" Yu Peng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"I was overthinking things previously!"

Luo Cheng also learned from Li Xiaoran that Yu Peng had warned Li Xiaoran not to have designs on him. When he heard Li Xiaoran mention it, he immediately laughed.

"You've done very well. You have to keep up the good work in the future! I don't like those women with ulterior motives approaching me. It's fine as long as I have Xiaoran in my life! Therefore, Yu Peng, you have to work harder in the future to prevent those women from approaching me!"

When Yu Peng heard Luo Cheng's words, he looked up at him in surprise.

From this glance, Yu Peng could tell that Li Xiaoran was special to Luo Cheng.

"I'll do as you say, Mr. Luo!" Yu Peng accepted the order.

When Li Xiaoran heard their conversation, she immediately laughed. "I'm afraid this would be a waste of his talent!"

Luo Cheng teased, "Don't worry, Xiaoran. As long as it's a talent, I won't let their talent go to waste!"

The others were also gratified to see that Mr. Luo and the consort had a good relationship.

After all, it was a good thing that their relationship was stable.

Since ancient times, there had been many examples of internal conflicts implicating the commoners.

A ruler with a harmonious relationship was even more worthy of their devotion.

After everything was packed, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng set off again.

Because they were going to a mountain village near White Foothill City this time, the trip would take three days at most, so no one at home was worried.

On the day Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, and the others left, Zhao Xiu and Li Shun were in a jewelry shop in White Foothill City.

As for Li Yan, she brought Pei Xuanxin to the village to show off to the villagers.

Originally, Li Yan wanted to hold a few banquets in Hele Village, but unfortunately, Pei Xuanxin insisted on holding them in his village.

Pei Xuanxin said that there was no reason for him to go to his in-law's house instead of hosting a banquet in his own hometown.

Li Yan had no choice but to ask someone to send an invitation and invite the people from Hele Village.

A few people from Hele Village went because of Pei Xuanxin.

On the Li family's side, Li Qiang and Li Wei also got a leave of absence and brought their wives and children to Pei Xuanxin's banquet.

It had only been a while since they last met, but Li Yan felt that her family seemed to have changed.

Compared to before, the previously malnourished family was ruddy and seemed to have gained some weight.

Li Qin, who was working at Li Yan's house, was also very puzzled when she saw that her parents had changed so drastically.

After she asked around, she found out about the changes at home.

"Father, Mother, are things really going well at home now?"

Li Qiang looked at his youngest daughter and nodded. "That's right! Now that I've gone out to do work, I get a tael of silver a month. Your mother and your aunt are managing everything at home, like farming and feeding the chickens! Daughter, you've been staying at your sister's place for a while, but you should come home with me after the banquet today!"

During this period of time under Granny Huang's supervision, Wang Ying had changed and seemed much calmer.

"That's right! Xiao Qin, come back with us today! Our family is living a good life now. We're able to eat our fill and wear warm clothes. Come back! Let's work hard for a few

years and save some money.. After you grow up, we can also provide your dowry! When the time comes, we'll find you a good family to marry into! “

Chapter 606: Subtle Influence

Upon hearing her parents' words, Li Qin also began to hesitate.

In the beginning, she came to Li Yan's house because she barely had enough to eat at home. If she came to her sister and brother-in-law's house, she could at least eat her fill.

But now that the family had enough to eat, did she need to stay here?

Previously, Li Qin had planned to follow her brother-in-law to the capital and find a good marriage partner for herself.

However, during this period of time, she realized that her brother-in-law's family wasn't as good as she had imagined.

Although they could eat their fill, they didn't eat delicacies like those officials did.

Although her sister didn't say anything, Li Qin also realized that her brother-in-law's family actually wasn't that rich and they had to plan their meals well.

If she followed her sister and brother-in-law to the capital, could she really get what she wanted?

Thinking back on the past few days, her sister didn't do anything and let her do everything.

Exhausted, Li Qin couldn't help but ask herself what exactly she was doing here.

Was she here to work for her sister?

Thinking of this, Li Qin looked at her sister, Li Yan.

At this moment, Li Yan was still socializing in the crowd and bragging about Pei Xuanxin, as if she was already the wife of an official.

However, Li Qin saw Li Yan's fatigue under her glamorous appearance. She didn't seem truly happy.

What did happiness feel like?

After Li Qin thought about it carefully, she suddenly remembered her cousin, Li Xiaoran, and her brother-in-law, Luo Cheng.

Li Qin had secretly gone to see Li Xiaoran once and saw Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng walking hand in hand while talking.

It was at that time that Li Qin had a clear understanding of happiness for the first time.

She wanted to live a good life, but she also wanted to be happy.

She wanted to be happy like her cousin, Li Xiaoran, instead of pretending to be happy like her sister.

At this moment, Li Qin made a decision and nodded at her parents.

“Father, Mother, I’ll follow you guys back! I want to go home!”

When Li Qiang and Wang Ying heard that their daughter had made this choice, they nodded with a smile.

Li Qiang said, “Sure, follow us home today!”

It had to be said that Luo Cheng’s arrangements for the Li family were very successful.

After Li Qiang and Li Wei had been forced to work diligently during this period of time, they had actually changed.

Now, the two of them followed a routine every day. Although it was a little tiring, their health was getting better and better.

Wang Ying and Zhang Hong were the same. Granny Huang forced them to do many things every day, but after the house was tidied up, they felt more comfortable living there!

The vegetables in the garden grew every day. Now, they could eat several types of vegetables.

The hens at home lay eggs every day and nourished the family.

In addition, when they walked out of the house, others no longer looked at them with disdain.

When everyone saw them, they greeted them kindly and didn’t deliberately make things difficult for them.

Wang Ying and Zhang Hong understood that they had to thank Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran for this change.

In addition to supervising the Li family, Granny Huang also told them what she had seen and heard about other people's families.

The Li family gradually understood something.

A person's thoughts, perceptions, and ideas would change over time. Granny Huang, who had lived in the palace, naturally knew this very well. Therefore, at this moment, she also used this discreet method to change the Li family's mentality bit by bit.

Granny Huang's method was quite effective.

Of course, Granny Huang did this to repay Luo Cheng.

Since ancient times, very few women from the deep palace had a good ending.

Granny Huang was very grateful that Luo Cheng was willing to bring her out of the palace and take care of her in her old age.

These days, although Granny Huang was at the Li family's house during the day, she slept at Luo Cheng's house at night.

Granny Huang lived a comfortable life every day and was taken care of when she was sick. Granny Huang felt that she must have spent all the fortune she had accumulated in her previous life in this life.

It was precisely because Luo Cheng treated Granny Huang so well that Granny Huang did her job seriously and responsibly. She planned to change the Li family's mentality gradually. She didn't plan to make them Luo Cheng's helpers, but at least they couldn't become a burden to Luo Cheng.

Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, and the others were riding in a carriage.

Since they were here to look for talents and observe the situation, the group naturally didn't have to rush things.

They enjoyed the scenery along the way, as if they were out on a trip.

Li Xiaoran didn't stay in the carriage the entire time. When she saw beautiful scenery, she would come down to stroll around.

It had to be said that strolling around amidst beautiful scenery relaxed her body and mind.

At noon, Li Xiaoran and the others passed by a waterfall. They felt that it was cool and beautiful, and the terrain was very flat, so they decided to stay here for the night and set off tomorrow.

There were many fish in the clear mountain. After the group set up camp here, they began to play around happily.

While Luo Cheng and the others were fishing, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue led a few people to the shallow water area of the river below to move stones and catch crabs.

At the same time, they could go to a place with families nearby and buy some vegetables to eat.

This place was relatively flat, but there were also terraces around it.

There weren't many families living here, only ten families in total.

Fortunately, the mountains here weren't high, and there was a road that allowed people to enter and leave. Therefore, the ten families were living here quite comfortably.

When Li Xiaoran and the others went down the river to catch crabs, they happened to encounter a few other children who were also there to catch crabs.

The oldest child looked to be seven or eight years old. When he saw Li Xiaoran and the others appear, he asked warily, "Who are you guys? Why haven't we

seen you guys Derorec '

Li Xiaoran smiled when she saw this group of children.

"We were passing by and saw that the waterfall here was very beautiful, so we planned to stop here! Little guy, who are you? Do you live nearby? It just so happens that we want to buy some vegetables. Can you take us to your house to buy them?"

The boy still hadn't let down his guard. After he thought about it carefully, he asked, "How can I trust you guys? What if you're bad people?" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately smiled.

"How about this? If you're afraid of us bad people, why don't you call your parents to look for us?! We need to buy some vegetables and fruits under the waterfall over there. We don't need too many.. If you have them at home, ask your parents to send them to us! Don't worry, we'll buy them at the market price!"

Chapter 607: Is It True?

After the little boy thought for a moment, his gaze landed on the crab basket Li Xiaoran and the others had caught. He thought for a moment and asked, "Do you want crabs? I have a lot here!"

Li Xiaoran could tell what the little boy was thinking at a glance, so she said with a smile, "Yes! How much will you sell it to us for?"

The little boy thought for a moment and said, "We have little crabs here. Give us ten copper coins!"

After Li Xiaoran saw the quantity of crabs in the little boy's bucket, she nodded.

"Alright! Zi Zheng, give them money!"

When Zi Zheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he quickly took out money from his pocket.

When the little boy saw that he could really get ten copper coins, he immediately poured the crabs in the wooden bucket over.

Li Xiaoran thought of something and added, "Hey, little guy, we still need some eggs. Go back and ask your parents if they have eggs. If they do, send some to us! "

The boy nodded, then led the group of children back in the direction they had come from.

After watching the children leave, Li Xiaoran brought everyone back to the waterfall.

Luo Cheng was stunned when he saw that their basket was filled with crabs. He couldn't believe it.

"You caught so many crabs in such a short period of time?"

"Half of it was caught by us, and the other half was bought from the children in the village for ten copper coins!" Li Xiaoran smiled and said, "These crabs don't have much meat. Let's wash them clean and remove the dirty things inside. After we cut the crabs in half, we can make fried crabs to eat! Fried crabs are delicious!"

When Shu Ruyue and the others heard Li Xiaoran's words, they all ran over to help.

The basket of crabs was quickly cleaned and placed in a large basin.

Li Xiaoran teased with a smile, "Leave it there for now! Let's pick up some firewood and cook fried crabs! When the villagers send the vegetables over later, we can even cook some egg and vegetable soup! Whether we can eat fish tonight depends on whether you and your men!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately said, "Your man can definitely do it!"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Then we'll wait for your fish to enter the pot!"

Luo Cheng quickly cheered on the people around him. "Brothers, you heard it. My pride depends on everyone's hard work!"

Everyone laughed at that.

Soon, the fragrance of fried crabs wafted out. Li Xiaoran even added some chili noodles.

After a large basin of fried crabs was out of the pot, even those who originally didn't feel hungry were a little hungry now.

At this moment, three villagers came over with some things and found Li Xiaoran and the others by the waterfall.

The little boy who had seen Li Xiaoran and the others previously said in a low voice, "Father, look, it's them!"

Li Xiaoran happened to sense that someone was coming, so she looked up. "Are you here to give us something? Come trade with us!"

A tanned middle-aged man and a woman carried baskets containing some vegetables and eggs.

The man and woman sensed that Li Xiaoran and the others weren't bad people, so they calmed down and walked forward.

After Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue walked forward to take a look, they realized that there were many things in the two baskets.

Tomatoes, peas, green beans, eggplants, cabbage, and spinach!

In addition, two of them had brought some cured meat and sausages, as well as eggs.

When Li Xiaoran saw that these vegetables were all very fresh, she waved her hand and accepted all of them.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Name a price for these things!"

The other party didn't expect Li Xiaoran and the others to accept all of them, so he asked in surprise, "You want all of them?"

“That’s right! As you can see, we have a lot of people! These things are only enough for two or three meals. Coincidentally, we’ll be traveling tomorrow. The things you gave us are what we need! ” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

The man and woman exchanged looks and calculated the price of these dishes according to the price in the town market.

It cost a total of 800 copper coins. Li Xiaoran asked Zi Zheng to pay for it.

While Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng were taking these things out of the basket and putting them away, Li Xiaoran asked aloofly, “Aunt, let me ask you something.

Is there anyone in your village who is good at roasting meat and grilling fish? If White Foothill City recruits such people again, as long as they pass the test, they can work directly. The salary isn’t low, and the job is stable!” When the woman heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her eyes lit up.

“Is this true? Are you hiring women?”

Li Xiaoran immediately said, “Of course! As long as the roasted meat is good and the grilled fish is delicious, women can also work!”

The woman’s eyes were filled with anticipation. Just as she was about to say something, the man suddenly said,

“We’ll tell the people in the village! I believe those with the ability will definitely go to White Foothill City to try out after knowing about this!”

As soon as the man said this, the woman’s eyes dimmed. Then, she pursed her lips and said nothing else.

Li Xiaoran looked at the woman and then at the man not far away, her eyes filled with scrutiny.

Perhaps Li Xiaoran’s gaze was too sharp, after putting away the money, he took the basket and called her wife and child to leave.

The little boy glanced at Li Xiaoran, then pulled his mother and left.

Li Xiaoran watched the three of them leave with a solemn expression.

Luo Cheng sensed something and walked over as he asked, “What’s wrong?

Why do you suddenly look so displeased?”

Li Xiaoran said, “They’re hiding something!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he thought for a moment and said, "We can't help them! If that woman had just spoken, we could have interfered! If one wants to change many things, one has to have the intention to change first. If one doesn't take a step forward and extend one's hand to ask for help, others will never be able to save you!"

Li Xiaoran also understood this, but she still felt a little uncomfortable after encountering such a thing.

After experiencing such a thing, Li Xiaoran's mood became gloomy.

Although there was delicious food in front of her, Li Xiaoran lost her appetite and stopped eating.

That night, when the fire crackled, a voice sounded in the quiet night.

"Is what you said during the day true?"

Chapter 608: Unexpected Discovery

Li Xiaoran looked in the direction of the voice and saw the little boy she had seen during the day walking out of the darkness.

"Of course I'm telling the truth. Do you know how to grill fish?"

The little boy didn't answer. He just walked over and sat beside Li Xiaoran.

Luo Cheng and the others sensed that someone was approaching, but they felt that the other party had no ill intentions, so they didn't stop him.

However, they didn't expect that it would be the little boy they had seen during the day.

Li Xiaoran looked at the little boy and asked, "Do you have any concerns?"

The little boy looked up at Li Xiaoran.

The little boy didn't answer Li Xiaoran's question. Instead, he asked, "Why do you want to find someone who knows how to make grilled fish and roasted meat? There are many chefs in White Foothill City, right?"

Li Xiaoran explained, "That's right. There are many chefs around White Foothill City, but it's not easy to roast meat and grill fish. The fire temperature of stir-fried dishes is very different from that of roasted meat and grilled fish! It's very difficult for those who are

used to cooking with pots to correct their habits. They can't control the fire temperature of the roasted meat well!" The little boy nodded when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"You're not lying to me. You're really looking for someone who makes roasted meat or grilled fish! I want to ask, if a woman works at your place, will she be bullied?"

The little boy stared at Li Xiaoran intently.

When Li Xiaoran looked into the little boy's eyes, she realized that they were very bright in the night.

Li Xiaoran replied, "No, I naturally have to protect my people. Capable people will obtain other people's respect, and it's the same for women. Of course, if this person isn't willing to, there's nothing I can do!"

The boy asked again, "How can I believe you're telling the truth?"

Hearing this, Li Xiaoran laughed.

"Believe it or not! I have a clear conscience anyway! If you don't believe me, there's no need for us to work together!"

When the little boy heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was silent for a while.

"I believe you!"

With that, the little boy looked at Li Xiaoran.

"When are you leaving tomorrow?"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Maybe tomorrow afternoon!"

When the little boy heard this, he said firmly, "If you want to leave, leave early in the morning!"

Wanting to figure out what he was thinking, Li Xiaoran stared at the little boy, but she sensed calmness.

In other words, the little boy in front of her was emotionless at this moment. He was calm and determined.

"Why?" This time, it was Li Xiaoran who asked.

"This place is called Eastwater Village. The people here aren't as good as you think! It's better to leave as soon as possible!" Then, the little boy's eyes dimmed and he fell silent.

As Li Xiaoran looked at him, she suddenly said, "Is this the reason you've been pretending to be a boy? Is that why you asked us to leave quickly?" When the little boy heard Li Xiaoran's words, he looked at her in surprise.

"When did you figure it out?"

Li Xiaoran said, "Don't be surprised. Your disguise is very good, so ordinary people can't tell! The reason I can tell is that I have different abilities!" Li Xiaoran asked, "If I'm not mistaken, are you planning to follow us secretly after we leave?! Have you really decided? If you leave, what will happen to your parents?"

The "little boy" smiled at that.

"If I don't leave now, they'll sell me to a family as a child bride!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was stunned.

It wasn't that Li Xiaoran had not heard of the term 'child bride' before.

However, this was the first time she met someone really willing to give their child away as a child bride. Li Xiaoran was shocked and heartbroken.

Li Xiaoran asked suspiciously, "Your family isn't in such a dire situation that they have to send you to be a child bride, right?"

Although the man and woman who came today were dressed very simply, they didn't look like they were from a poor family.

"Because someone has taken a fancy to me! If my parents had resisted and protected me, I wouldn't be so sad. Unfortunately, from the beginning to the end, my parents seemed to have resigned themselves to fate! Yes, the Song family is indeed well-off and own a coal mine. After I marry into the family, I won't have to worry about food and clothes. But I'm going to suffer. My so-called future husband is still a one-year-old child. I'm already 16 years old now. When my man grows up, I'll be in my thirties! I'm going to suffer my entire life!" The little boy told her what had happened.

For some reason, she had a gut feeling.

If she didn't tell them about her predicament today, she would probably never have a chance to escape in the future.

The little boy finally looked at Li Xiaoran expectantly and said, "Don't worry, the roasted meat and grilled fish I make taste very good! I just need salt and some onions, ginger, and garlic to make very delicious grilled fish. If you really want to find such a person, bring me along. You definitely won't regret it!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the little boy's words, she was thinking about something else.

This matter was easy to resolve, since it would be easy for them to take her away.

Now, there was something more serious to deal with.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran and the little boy's conversation, his expression became more and more serious.

One had to know that Luo Cheng didn't know that there was actually a coal mine in his fief.

He had just gone to take over White Foothill City with Luo Han some time ago, but no one had told him that there was a coal mine in White Foothill City.

One had to know that opening a coal mine to mine coal wasn't a simple matter.

The taxes on coal mines were also different.

However, from the tax records of the past few years, there was no tax reported by the coal mine at all.

In that case, the coal mine was privately mined.

How bold!

Did they think that they could do whatever they wanted just because no one knew?

Luo Cheng promised, "I can save you and protect you. Moreover, if you really have the ability to grill fish, I'll give you a very high salary. But there's something you need to tell me honestly. Tell me as much as you know about the coal mine.. Don't hide anything!"

Chapter 609: Proving Identity

Zi Yang hesitated when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

"You'll only suffer if you go against the Song family! It's not that I don't want to tell you, but there's no need!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the little boy's words, she realized something.

"What's your name?"

The little boy replied, "My name is Ye Shengnan!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the little boy's answer, she smiled.

“Did you choose this name yourself?”

Ye Shengnan asked in surprise, “How did you know?”

“The little boy you were holding hands with in the river today is your brother, right? You two look very similar. If your parents doted on you, they wouldn’t have let you be someone else’s child bride. Therefore, your parents definitely wouldn’t have named you Shengnan!” Li Xiaoran said, “If I’m not mistaken, your parents named you Shengnan! You were indignant and felt that you were more capable than a man, so you changed your name!”

Ye Shengnan was impressed by Li Xiaoran.

If not for the fact that she had really never seen Li Xiaoran before, Ye

Shengnan would have thought that this group of people was here for her and had found out everything about her.

However, Ye Shengnan knew very well that she hadn’t told anyone about her change of name. Only she herself knew.

Therefore, it was impossible for Li Xiaoran to find out about this.

Ye Shengnan said worriedly, “Are you really going to interfere with the coal mine? This matter involves too many things. Even if you know people in the imperial court, you might not be able to interfere in this matter. You might even lose your lives!”

Li Xiaoran asked with a smile, “Then what kind of person do you think can interfere in this matter?”

Ye Shengnan voiced her opinion, “At least it has to be the mayor of White Foothill City or Mr. Luo! I heard that a Mr. Luo came to Sichuan. If they interfere, this matter will definitely be easy to handle!” Li Xiaoran was impressed by the girl in front of her.

She was probably only a year younger than her!

However, her sharp judgment was something many girls couldn’t compare to.

Li Xiaoran teased, “How do you know so much?”

Ye Shengnan said, “What’s so impressive with that? I like to listen to other people’s stories. Not long ago, a storyteller came to live with us for a period of time. I listened to him every day. After a while, I naturally started to understand some things!”

Luo Cheng really wanted to know about the coal mine. Seeing that Li Xiaoran didn’t get the point after asking for a long time, he was a little anxious.

Li Xiaoran sensed her man's anxiety, so she changed her tone and said, "Since you think Mr. Luo can interfere, tell him everything you know now!" Ye Shengnan was dumbfounded.

Ye Shengnan was very smart, so when she heard Li Xiaoran's words, she immediately understood.

"You're Mr. Luo's person?"

Li Xiaoran introduced with a smile, "That's right. I'm Mr. Luo's wife. This is the Mr. Luo you mentioned!"

Ye Shengnan was shocked and quickly got up to kowtow to Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

"Greetings, Mr. Luo and Consort!"

Seeing that Ye Shengnan was so polite, Li Xiaoran smiled and helped her up. "Get up! There's no need to be so polite! Are you willing to tell me now?"

Ye Shengnan was still a little hesitant because she didn't know if what Li Xiaoran said was true. What if they were pretending to be Mr. Luo and the consort?

When Li Xiaoran saw the expression on Ye Shengnan's face, she knew what she was thinking.

After thinking for a moment, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng also realized something and simply asked Zi Cheng to take out his imperial decree.

"I believe you still don't believe our identities. You might not be able to understand anything else, so let me show you my imperial decree!"

Zi Cheng took out the imperial edict and unfolded it in front of Ye Shengnan.

Although Ye Shengnan couldn't read, after seeing the imperial seal at the end of the imperial decree, she immediately confirmed Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng's identities.

Ye Shengnan said excitedly, "It's indeed the emperor's imperial edict. There's a piece missing from this jade seal. It's a real imperial edict!"

Luo Cheng was stunned when he heard this.

"How did you know that there's a piece missing from this jade seal?" When Ye Shengnan heard Luo Cheng's question, she didn't hide it.

"I heard from Mr. Shu! Seeing that I was smart, that gentleman told me a lot about the royal family. That gentleman also drew the seal for me! I can't read, but I'm familiar with the jade seal!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately thought of someone. If Ye Shengnan had met this person, everything would be clear.

"Is the gentleman you're talking about surnamed Qian?"

Ye Shengnan nodded and said affirmatively, "That's right. His surname is Qian! He only told me his surname. No one else in the village knows!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he understood.

"If his surname is Qian, that makes sense!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she knew that there must be something unknown to her.

She wanted to ask, but she was afraid that it couldn't be revealed.

Luo Cheng seemed to have guessed Li Xiaoran's thoughts and looked over.

"Xiaoran, I'll tell you about this in the future!"

Li Xiaoran nodded to show that she understood.

On the other side, after Ye Shengnan confirmed Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's identities, she didn't hide anything and told them what she knew about the coal mine.

It turned out that this coal mine had only been mined in the past three years.

In the beginning, no one in the village knew about this. A rich businessman suddenly came over and bought some mountains and wasteland. Then, he built a huge house.

In the first year, this rich businessman was as secretive as his place of residence. He didn't let anyone get close to him.

A year later, there was a sudden bang one day, and then the entire village felt the tremor.

At this point, things couldn't be hidden anymore.

Only then did the rich businessman appear. He said that he had discovered a coal mine and was mining it.

If there were able-bodied men in the village, they could go to this rich businessman's coal mine to dig coal to earn money.

Ye Shengnan's father actually wanted to go, but he had always been sick and tired.

Although the salary for digging coal was high, it was also very dangerous.

Actually, the Ye family had let Ye Shengnan dress up as a boy all these years because they wanted her to dig coal in the coal mine to earn money.

However, Ye Shengnan was petite and didn't have much strength, so the people in the coal mine didn't accept her.

It was also because of this that Ye Shengnan avoided being sent to dig coal.

However, after avoiding a calamity, another incident happened.

That rich businessman found out from somewhere that Ye Shengnan was actually a girl and said that he wanted Ye Shengnan to be his son's child bride..

Chapter 610: The Performance of the Staff

Luo Cheng asked, "What do you know about the Song family?"

Ye Shengnan thought for a moment and said, "Actually, the Song family has always been very mysterious. Not to mention me, even the village chief doesn't know the other party's background. It's just that when the rich businessman came to buy land, he followed a county deputy of White Foothill City. By the way, that county deputy's surname is Hu. I overheard the Song family call that county deputy Hu Weiyuan."

Luo Cheng found this name familiar, so he began to think about where he had heard this name before.

On the other hand, Li Xiaoran looked surprised when she heard this name.

"The girl who wanted to marry my eldest cousin but changed her mind and said that she liked Zhao Yan instead seemed to be the Hu family's girl. If I remember correctly, her father is called Hu Weiyuan. He's the county deputy of White Foothill City, Hu Weiyuan!"

Li Xiaoran's words reminded Luo Cheng of this person.

At this moment, Luo Cheng finally understood.

Why was the county deputy called Hu Weiyuan so anxious to marry his daughter to the Zhao family?

They were afraid that what they had done would be exposed, so they wanted to find a powerful backup!

No wonder when the Hu family heard that Zhao Lijun had fallen out with Zhao Xiu over this matter, they immediately changed their minds and said that they wanted her to marry Zhao Yan instead.

So that was what this was all about!

Not only did Luo Cheng figure it out, but even Li Xiaoran figured out the Hu family's scheme.

"The Hu family is really bold!" Li Xiaoran sneered.

Seeing that Mr. Luo and the consort knew County Deputy Hu, Ye Shengnan tensed up.

After hearing Li Xiaoran's sneer and her words, Ye Shengnan heaved a sigh of relief.

It seemed that Mr. Luo and the consort didn't have a good relationship with Hu Weiyuan.

That was good!

Ye Shengnan had said everything she needed to say, so she said, "I'm going back now. I've been out for too long! Leave quickly tomorrow morning! I'll find an excuse to leave with you guys!"

Luo Cheng thought about Ye Shengnan's words.

"We shouldn't stay here. Since we're leaving, let's leave at dawn! As for you, go back first! We'll wait for you at the three-way junction on the official road tomorrow."

Ye Shengnan nodded and stood up to leave.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng looked at Zi Zheng and nodded at him.

Zi Zheng understood and immediately arranged for someone to secretly escort Ye Shengnan back and protect her.

After Ye Shengnan left, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran weren't sleepy at all.

Luo Cheng asked the four people he had left behind, "What do you guys think of this?"

"We have to interfere in this matter! However, we still have to discuss how to interfere!" Jiao Hang said, "I can pretend to be a villager and sneak into this coal mine to investigate the situation. I'm not good at anything else, but I'm very good at making friends and have a good memory. It won't be long before I get information out of people."

Li Liming immediately retorted, "You're going? How are you going to go? Didn't you hear? That rich businessman surnamed Song has always been very mysterious. The people in the village know very little about his family. There aren't many families in this village. Once an unfamiliar face like you appears, others will be on guard. At that time, we'll alert the enemy!"

Yu Peng and Xue Shanhui were still deep in thought and didn't speak.

Jiao Hang asked indignantly, "Then tell me, what good idea do you have?"

This time, Li Liming was also speechless.

Because he really didn't have any good ideas.

"I'm good at doing business and earning money, but I can't do anything about this situation. Could it be that Mr. Luo is willing to give me some banknotes and let me pretend to be a buyer to buy coal?" As Li Liming spoke, he suddenly thought of a solution.

Yu Peng objected, "This is a bad idea! They're mining in secret. If you rashly come looking for them now, you'll alert the enemy. If I'm not wrong, there must be a specific way out of this coal mine. They don't sell it on the market at all, so how can you get the news? You're clearly telling them that someone is targeting them. The other party will definitely make countermeasures immediately! "

Li Liming said, "Then think of a way!"

After Yu Peng thought for a moment, he looked at Luo Cheng.

"Mr. Luo, let me ask you first. How do you plan to deal with this coal mine? Do you plan to hand it over to White Foothill City and let it pay taxes according to the procedures set by the imperial court, or do you plan to take over this coal mine and integrate it into your business?"

When Luo Cheng heard this, he expressed his attitude.

“Since it’s a coal mine, it should be managed by the government. No matter who takes over the coal mine, it has nothing to do with me, but the taxes for the coal mine have to be paid on time.”

When Yu Peng heard Luo Cheng’s words, he knew what to do.

“If that’s the case, you shouldn’t deal with this matter all alone. It’s better to ask the mayor of White Foothill City, Luo Han, to come along! Of course, I suggest that you call the local Sichuan army along as well. If you want to resolve the problem of the coal mine quickly, you have to have powerful military strength. Since you don’t plan to get involved, it’s best to let the Sichuan army participate. It’s best to get someone to mobilize the troops tonight and catch the other party off guard!”

Xue Shanhui reminded, “I agree with Yu peng! I also agree with Mr. Luo’s actions. We can’t get involved in this coal mine! We have to be careful, since I’m afraid this matter isn’t that simple. The county magistrate of White Foothill City is directly involved with this rich businessman surnamed Song. In that case, how many people in White Foothill City have ties with him? Perhaps the people in the Sichuan army also know about this. Therefore, Mr. Luo needs to choose someone trustworthy to do it! ”

After Luo Cheng thought about it carefully, he nodded.

“This is indeed worth paying attention to! ” Luo Cheng asked someone to prepare a pen and paper. Then, he wrote two letters and took out a messenger pigeon.

In the night, no one noticed that in an inconspicuous place, two carrier pigeons were flying in two directions with important news.

Luo Han was about to go to bed when he suddenly heard a familiar splashing sound.

Luo Han quickly opened the window and saw the pigeon he had always been familiar with.

He quickly took out the note from the messenger pigeon and went to pull out a book.

After translating the contents of the note in order, Luo Han was immediately dumbfounded!