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Chapter 61 How Is Your Family?

It was rare to see Luo Cheng with a friend, so Li Xiaoran was naturally happy for him.

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People should have a few friends.

Speaking of this, Li Xiaoran remembered herself.

To be honest, the Host didn't talk much in the past, so she naturally didn't have many friends.

Now that she had transmigrated here, she had never interacted with anyone outside. Until now, she didn't have a single friend!

Come to think of it, she was the pitiful one!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran felt that she should go and get some delicious food to comfort herself.

Hence, after the group of people packed up and went back, Li Xiaoran looked around the kitchen to see if there was anything delicious to eat.

Yesterday, a group of people had gone up the mountain to hunt some hares and pheasants.

In addition, there was an additional piece of pork belly in the kitchen. She wondered when Luo Cheng had gone to town to buy it.

"Sister, what are we cooking today?" Li Xiaoqing was also quite childish. When she heard that she was going to cook tasty food to reward everyone today, she couldn't wait to take a look.

"What do you want to eat?" Li Xiaoran looked at her sister and asked.

"I want to eat crispy meat!" Li Xiaoqing immediately replied, "Sis, I used to see other people eating crispy meat during the new year, but our family has never eaten it before! Every time I smell the fragrance of someone cooking crispy meat, I drool!"

Not to mention Li Xiaoqing, even Li Xiaoran's mouth watered when she heard the mention of crispy meat.

“Yes! Then I'll make crispy meat. Then, I'll grill three wild chickens. As for these two rabbits, I'll roast them!” Li Xiaoran quickly decided on what to eat.

“It's all meat?” Li Xiaoqing couldn't help but swallow when she heard what her sister said. She confirmed again, “Isn't it too much?”

“I'm happy today, so I'll cook this much! After eating it, I'll have the strength to earn money tomorrow!” Li Xiaoran decided. “Call Mom over. The three of us will get busy!”

“Okay, I'll go find Mom!” Li Xiaoqing ran out happily.

“Father, Mother, Brother-in-law, Sister said that she wants to make crispy meat today. She wants to make braised chicken and roasted rabbit!”

As soon as he heard that she was going to roast a rabbit, Luo Han immediately nudged Luo Cheng with his elbow.

“Hey, don't let Sister-in-law be busy alone! We haven't lost our rabbit roasting skills! Why don't we try it today!”

Luo Cheng heard Luo Han's words and nodded.

“Alright, let's roast the rabbit! Xiao Qing, just get your sister to prepare other food!”

“Yes, Brother-in-law!” Li Xiaoqing nodded and dragged her mother to the kitchen.

“Then let's do something too!” Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao felt too embarrassed to sit here and do nothing, so they immediately asked.

“Don't be too reserved. Just treat this as your home! Look, isn't there still so much firewood over there? Go chop wood!” Luo Han wasn't shy. When he saw that Luo Cheng had called the two of them back, he immediately instructed them.

Although Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao were usually idle, they were from farming families. They naturally knew how to chop wood.

The two men nodded at Luo Han, went to Li Shun for the axe, and went to chop wood.

Li Shun didn't refuse. He brought the two of them to chop wood and told them how to do it more easily.

This time, Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao had learned something.

"I really didn't expect there to be so much to learn about chopping wood!" Mao Dao couldn't help but sigh.

"Practice makes perfect! After chopping wood a lot, I gradually gained some experience!" Li Shun replied with a smile.

Seeing that the three of them were chatting, Luo Cheng brought Luo Han along to marinate the rabbit.

If they wanted the roasted rabbit to taste good, it had to be marinated in advance.

While the rabbit was marinating, the two of them found some more stones and built a simple oven. After that, they put firewood in it and burned it into charcoal.

After that, Luo Cheng and Luo Han talked as they roasted.

"I can't believe that when I'm roasting a rabbit again after all these years, I actually did it here!"

Something occurred to him, and his expression softened.

"The days I miss the most were when I went hunting in the mountains with you all! It was also then that I learned quite a bit of hunting skills from your grandfather. At that time, I never thought that one day, I would actually survive on these hunting skills your grandfather taught me!"

"If Grandfather found out about your current choice, he might jump out of the coffin to point at your nose and curse!" Luo Han said with red eyes as he thought of something.

Luo Cheng knew what Luo Han was upset about. He reached out and patted his shoulder while comforting him. "If he were still alive, he might be happy to enjoy this stable and peaceful life, like me!"

“Cut it out! I don’t believe you!” Luo Han shook off Luo Cheng’s hand, then said with a look of disgust, “Grandfather will scold you for sure!”

“I wish he could stand in front of me and scold me! It’s better than now, where no one really cares about me!” Luo Cheng said dejectedly.

“My grandmother’s birthday is coming up. She’s eighty. Are you coming?” The subject was too heavy for him to continue, so he changed it.

“I’d love to, but you know I can’t!” He shook his head in refusal.

“I knew you’d say that! No wonder my grandmother called you heartless every time she mentioned you!” Luo Han snorted.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately imagined a silver-haired old lady holding a walking stick and pointing at him while cursing.

“Is she in good spirits?”

“Yes, she can eat and walk. She even scolds people when she has nothing to do. She’s in better spirits than a young man like me!” Luo Han thought of something and said with a smile, “Let me tell you, it’s a good thing I came here to be a county magistrate. Otherwise, I would have been scolded too! What’s even more terrifying is that my grandmother is also arranging marriages for my elder brother and the others. It scared my elder brother so much that he’s planning to become an official!”

Luo Cheng’s mood improved when he heard Luo Han talk about his family.

In the kitchen, Li Xiaoran first cut the pheasant into pieces and braised it.

After that, she cut the pork belly into strips and prepared to fry the crispy meat.

“Eh, Sister, I saw that other people’s crispy meat are all in lumps. How did you make them into strips?” Li Xiaoqing, who was picking vegetables at the fire, asked curiously.

“You’ll know when I’m done!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile, “There’s a secret to this!”

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Soon, Li Xiaoran began to fry the meat.

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When a long strip of crispy meat was fried and out of the pot, Li Xiaoran quickly picked up a piece with her chopsticks and stuffed it into her sister's mouth.

After that, Li Xiaoran fed Zhao Xiu another piece.

It had to be said that these strips of meat tasted tasty and crispy. They were much better than the crispy meat made by other restaurants.

After she ate it, Zhao Xiu's eyes lit up and she praised, "Sigh, There won't be that situation when there is sweet potato powder that hasn't been fried in the crispy meat. It's crispier and more convenient to eat!"

"Now, do you know why I cut it into strips?" Li Xiaoran asked with a smile.

Li Xiaoqing was so focused on eating that she couldn't answer. She could only nod as she ate, indicating that Li Xiaoran was right.

Li Xiaoran also picked up a piece of crispy meat and ate it with a smile.

Soon, the crispy meat was fried!

Thinking that everyone was probably hungry, Li Xiaoran filled a basket and went out before calling out to everyone.

"Everyone, stop for a moment. Wash your hands and try the crispy meat I made! Eat some crispy meat to fill your stomachs first. The food will be ready soon!"

Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao, who originally wanted to refuse, couldn't help but surround her when they smelled the aroma of the crispy meat.

Luo Cheng and Luo Han looked and were also attracted by the fragrance.

Li Shun had only eaten crispy meat twice at his mother-in-law's house, so he was craving it when he smelled it.

The group went to fetch water and wash their hands. Then they picked up their chopsticks and started eating.

It had to be said that Li Xiaoran's crispy meat tasted really good.

The peppercorns tasted a little numb because they were fried crisp.

“To be honest, I’ve eaten a lot of crispy meat since I came here, but this is the first time I’ve eaten such tasty crispy meat!” Luo Han praised as he ate.

“That’s right. In any case, this is the first time I’ve eaten such long, crispy, and tasty meat! Your culinary skills are too good! I dare say that if you sell crispy meat, you will definitely earn a lot of money!” Mao Tao agreed as he ate.

Li Shun nodded as he ate the crispy meat in his mouth.

To be honest, Li Shun was filled with regret.

If he had known that his daughter’s culinary skills were so good, he would have brought his family away from the Li family. This way, he could have eaten such tasty crispy meat earlier!

Now that he looked back, he realized what kind of miserable life he had lived in the Li family in the past!

At that time, he was so ignorant. He actually only knew how to be filial to his parents.

Now that he thought about it, he really wanted to punch himself twice to wake his past self up.

Luo Cheng ate the crispy meat, but didn’t feel as deeply emotional as the others.

After all, he had always been alone since he came here. He had never eaten food like crispy meat before.

Today was the first time he had eaten crispy meat. It tasted really good.

At this moment, Luo Cheng had already decided that he would buy more meat in the future and let Li Xiaoran make them into crispy meat. This food could be eaten as dry rations. It was better than dry and hard rations.

The crispy meat was almost finished, and the food was ready.

The rabbit was roasted just right, so everyone worked together to place the food on the table.

There were exactly eight people today.

Therefore, everyone simply sat together, regardless of gender.

In the middle of the table, there was a small stove that looked like a small crock. The freshly cooked braised chicken was served in a casserole and left to warm on the small stove.

They were surrounded by shredded meat and vegetables and a large bowl of egg and cabbage soup.

Finally, Luo Cheng and Luo Han divided their roasted rabbit into pieces and placed them on the table.

Counting carefully, there were four meat dishes and four vegetables today.

“It’s all thanks to everyone’s help today. Otherwise, our family might have been too busy to handle everything, do son’t stand on ceremony. Eat well!” Li Xiaoran looked at the people sitting around and greeted them.

“Don’t worry, we won’t stand on ceremony! These dishes look too tasty! I can’t help but drool!” Yuan Cheng couldn’t wait.

They all laughed at that.

At this moment, no one moved their chopsticks. Instead, they looked at Luo Cheng.

“Why are you looking at me? Aren’t you hungry? Why aren’t you eating?” Luo Cheng asked in surprise.

“You’re the head of the family, the host. If you don’t move your chopsticks, we can’t either!” Luo Han explained.

This was the first time in Luo Cheng’s life that so many people were sitting around eating, so he didn’t know that there was such a rule.

He froze, then smiled.

“Good. Then let’s get moving!”

As he spoke, Luo Cheng picked up a piece of roasted rabbit.

When the others saw Luo Cheng start eating, they cheered and started eating.

Li Xiaoran was thinking about what to eat when he saw Luo Cheng putting the roasted rabbit he had picked up into Li Xiaoran’s bowl.

“Try it. This is the rabbit I roasted. Try my cooking too!”

Seeing Luo Cheng looking at him expectantly, Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded. Then, he picked up the roasted rabbit and ate it.

It had to be said that Luo Cheng’s roasted rabbit meat tasted especially good. It was even better than the roasted rabbits she used to eat in the modern world.

After being stunned by the taste, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise and gave him a thumbs up as she ate.

“What does it mean?”

“It means that it’s awesome! It means very tasty! This is the best roasted rabbit I’ve ever eaten!” Li Xiaoran said after swallowing the meat in her mouth.

“I’m glad you like it!” Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran’s praise.

When Luo Han saw Luo Cheng’s smile, he was so shocked that his eyeballs almost popped out.

“Are you the Luo Cheng who doesn’t mince words with women? My God! I’m horrified to see you smiling like that!”

“Eat! Even food can’t shut you up!” Luo Cheng glanced at Luo Han angrily, then picked up another piece of roasted rabbit meat and placed it in Li Xiaoran’s bowl. “Eat more if you like it!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and continued to eat happily.

To be honest, she really liked this roasted rabbit meat!

While Li Xiaoran and the others were eating happily, the Li family wasn’t in a good situation.

It was originally dinner time, but the Li family’s kitchen was deserted.

Chapter 63 My Son Ran Away?

“Eldest daughter-in-law, second daughter-in-law, what’s wrong? Are you all dead or in a coffin? You haven’t cooked yet. Are you waiting for me to cook for you?” Aunt Li berated loudly.

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However, what Aunt Li didn't expect was that her eldest daughter-in-law and second daughter-in-law still hadn't come out yet.

This time, Aunt Li was furious. She rushed towards her eldest son's room with a broom.

However, the door was locked and there was no one inside.

This time, Aunt Li could only bring the broom to the second son's room.

The room where the second son lived wasn't locked, but there was no one in it either.

Aunt Li held her breath and her expression turned ugly.

Sr. Li, who felt much better after applying the Tiger Bone Ointment, opened his eyes when he heard the commotion outside.

"What happened?"

When Aunt Li heard her man's words, she came back to her senses from her anger and recalled carefully.

She hadn't seen anyone at home since this afternoon.

Usually, her grandsons and granddaughter would come back when it was time for dinner, but no one had returned yet.

Other than that, her two sons had gone to work in the fields. But the sun had set, there was no sign of them.

At this moment, Aunt Li felt flustered.

Hearing her man call her, Aunt Li quickly returned to her room.

"What's going on today? Why is the house so quiet? Are our eldest son and second son not back yet?"

Aunt Li looked at her husband, who was getting older by the day, and then thought of the calm courtyard outside. Suddenly, her eyes stung and tears streamed down her face.

“We’re the only ones left in the family! There’s no one left!”

As soon as she said that, Sr. Li was stunned. Then, he looked at his wife.

“That’s impossible! They might just have been delayed by something, so they haven’t returned yet!”

Aunt Li opened her mouth to say something, but in the end, she felt as if there was a lump in her throat.

“Perhaps it is! Lie down and rest, old man, while I cook for you!”

When Sr. Li heard his wife’s words, he nodded and said nothing more.

After that, Aunt Li went to the kitchen to cook.

She opened the cabinet and saw that there wasn’t much rice or noodles left in the house. It was probably only enough for two meals.

Thinking of this, Aunt Li took out the rice and placed it in the pot.

After that, Aunt Li planned to take out some money and go to the village to buy some food.

However, when she took out the box that she usually kept money in, she realized that the lock of the box had been pried open.

A bad feeling welled up. Aunt Li quickly opened the money box.

The wooden box in Aunt Li’s hand fell to the ground with a loud bang.

Aunt Li’s face was filled with disbelief. She lost all her strength and slowly leaned against the cabinet at the side.

The noise disturbed Sr. Li. Seeing his wife squatting on the ground with a pale face, Sr. Li also had a bad feeling.

“What happened?”

“Old man, the money we saved are all gone!” Aunt Li finally found her voice and said.

“What? Didn’t you lock the money box and hide it? Who would know where you hid the money?” Sr. Li sat up anxiously and complained.

“That’s right, I did hide this money box. No one knows!” Aunt Li said anxiously.

Suddenly, Aunt Li thought of something and her expression changed.

“No, there’s someone else who knows! Zhan’er knows. Zhan’er knew since he was very young!”

When Sr. Li heard this, his expression changed.

If Li Zhan had really taken the money, it was very likely that he had stolen it to gamble.

Thinking of this possibility, Sr. Li was extremely anxious.

This time, their family didn’t have any extra tiger bones to pay off Li Zhan’s gambling debts!

At that moment, a man’s voice came from outside.

“Sr. Li, dot you think your family has too many hoes? You threw the hoe into the ground and didn’t turn the soil over. There’s no one around. Aren’t you afraid that others will take it away? Fortunately, I was kind enough to help you get it back!”

When Aunt Li and Sr. Li heard this, they couldn’t sit still.

Aunt Li rushed out first. After Sr. Li put on his clothes and pants, he also walked out.

“Didn’t you see my eldest son and second son in the fields?” Aunt Li took the hoe and examined it carefully. After confirming that it was her family’s hoe, she couldn’t help but ask.

“I haven’t seen your eldest and second eldest since I left to farm,” Wan Laoliu said with certainty.

“How is that impossible?! They clearly told me that they were going to overturn the largest piece of land in the east today!” Aunt Li asked in disbelief.

“Turning the soil? Not to mention turning the soil, even the weeds have already grown very tall. I didn’t even see your two sons tidy them up! Anyway, I only saw

two hoes in your field. I didn't even see anyone." After Wan Laoliu handed over the hoes, he left after saying these words.

This time, Aunt Li and Sr. Li panicked even more!

At this moment, a woman returned with a wooden basin filled with washed clothes. Aunt Li quickly stopped her.

"Madam Liang, you went out to wash clothes with my eldest wife. Did you see her come back?"

When Madam Liang saw Aunt Li asking her, she immediately said in surprise, "No! I didn't see her wash clothes today!"

This time, Aunt Li couldn't stand it anymore.

After that, Aunt Li and Sr. Li returned to the kitchen in silence. The old couple cooked food for themselves.

Even by the time the moon rose, no one had returned home.

At this moment, Sr. Li and Aunt Li's hearts turned cold.

The money was gone. The food was almost gone. Only the two of them were left here!

The next day, when Li Xiaoran and the others went out of the stall in high spirits, they saw two familiar people.

These two people were none other than Li Xiaoran's grandfather and grandmother.

The appearance of these two people made Li Xiaoran wary.

When Li Shun and Zhao Xiu saw these two people, their expressions also changed.

Li Shun hesitated for a moment before finally walking forward and asking, "Father, Mother, why are you two here?"

"Your father and I haven't eaten yet!" Aunt Li sized up the noodle stall and said.

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However, before Li Shun could step forward, Luo Cheng stopped him.

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“So Sr. Li and Aunt Li are here! No matter what, you’re still guests! I’ll treat you to two bowls of noodles today. As for the rest, there’s no need to say anything.”

When Sr. Li and Aunt Li heard Luo Cheng’s words, their hearts sank.

“We really have no choice! You don’t know, but your eldest brother and second brother disappeared yesterday! We don’t have any money left at home. Your father and I can’t even eat now! You can’t abandon us!” Aunt Li recalled what happened yesterday, and her eyes turned red as she said pitifully.

“Since the house was robbed, this matter naturally has to be handed over to the authorities to investigate! If you didn’t report it, on account of our past relationship, I can help you report it! As for the two of you not being able to eat, I think you should send someone to find your sons, Li Qiang and Li Wei! After all, they haven’t left your family yet,” Luo Cheng said aloofly.

“If you find your sons, I’m willing to help you bring your two unfilial sons back on account of our past relationship!”

As soon as he said this, Sr. Li and Aunt Li’s expressions changed completely.

“There’s no need for that!” Aunt Li said.

On the other side, Li Xiaoran had just lit the fire. When she heard Luo Cheng’s words, she immediately understood and walked over.

“Grandpa, Grandma, it’s rare for you two to come here. Why don’t you try the noodles I made today? You’re not in good health, so you can’t starve! As for Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle, don’t worry! My husband is very compassionate. He will definitely help you find Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle and bring them back to support you in your old age! Don’t worry, the two of you have raised so many children. Even without my parents, there will be sons who will be filial to you!”

With that, Li Xiaoran summoned her parents again.

“Dad, Mom, hurry up and boil the bone soup. Give Grandpa and Grandma a bowl to try later. Even if Grandpa and Grandma used to give us black paste every day that was difficult to swallow, they still raised us. They cut ties with us

over a tiger bone, but we still have to be grateful! Therefore, it's only right to serve them a bowl of noodles and bone soup! There's a saying that goes, we have to learn to repay evil with kindness!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was expressionless, but he couldn't help but feel amused.

Sure enough, Li Xiaoran and him had a tacit understanding.

He had only started it, but Li Xiaoran understood and followed up with her response, making the old couple speechless.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu also understood now, so they nodded and quickly did as Li Xiaoran said.

Soon, the bone soup arrived, as did the sliced noodles.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran could be said to have done her part. She scooped a large spoonful of minced meat and put it in.

Then, she and Luo Cheng brought the two bowls of sliced noodles to Sr. Li and Aunt Li.

"Grandpa, Grandma, look, your granddaughter, who was kicked out to be a substitute, is quite good to you two! I've cooked a big bowl of this minced meat knife noodles," Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Aunt Li and Sr. Li looked at the bowl of noodles in front of them. There was indeed a lot.

This big spoonful of minced meat was real meat!

The old couple looked at each other, then picked up their chopsticks and ate first.

They were indeed hungry now, so no matter what, they had to fill their stomachs first!

Just like that, Sr. Li and Aunt Li sat down at the table and started eating the noodles.

At this moment, Li Shun called his daughter and Luo Cheng over. He looked at the two elders who were eating noodles and lowered his voice. "Daughter, son-in-law! Can we really find them?"

Luo Cheng laughed.

"Father-in-law, don't worry. Those two will definitely come back obediently before noon today!"

Li Shun was puzzled when he heard this.

Why did he find his son-in-law's words a little strange?

Come back on their own? Would that happen?

"Father, don't worry about it. You and Mother should do what you have to do later. Don't worry about anything here! As for Grandpa and Grandma, Luo Cheng and I are here!" Li Xiaoran instructed.

After saying that, Li Xiaoran was still a little worried. She turned around and called her sister, Li Xiaoqing, over.

"Xiao Qing, keep an eye on Father and Mother. Don't let them get involved in this matter! Don't come over either. Your brother-in-law and I can settle it!"

Li Xiaoqing nodded and agreed. "Sister, don't worry. I'll definitely keep an eye on Father and Mother. I won't let them mess around and ruin your arrangements!"

Li Xiaoran gave her sister an affirmative look and then looked at Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng smiled and nodded at Li Xiaoran. The two of them looked at each other and smiled.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu said, "We've interfered with our daughter and son-in-law's arrangements!"

Li Xiaoqing said, "Mom, Dad, you finally understand! You're really insensitive!"

Even if there was a lot of noodles in a bowl, they would eventually finish it.

When the old couple had their fill and were about to talk about what happened before, Li Xiaoran spoke first.

“Grandpa, Grandma, aren’t my noodles very tasty?! I’m not bragging! Grandpa, Grandma, you have of so many granddaughters and grandsons, but me and Xiao Qing, your two granddaughters, are the only ones who benefited you two! After all, one of us was married out in exchange for Grandpa’s tiger bone, and the other became a dowry to help Grandpa successfully obtain the tiger bone. Look, your other grandchildren didn’t show you any filial piety. One of them even made Grandpa lose a lot of money!”

These words exposed them.

At this moment, no matter how thick-skinned Sr. Li and Aunt Li were, they couldn’t stand their granddaughter’s insult.

“Actually, when I brought my parents and sister with me to get married, when Grandpa and Grandma split up the family and didn’t give anything to my parents, I already expected this day to come! Grandpa and Grandma, don’t worry. No matter what, we’re still related by blood. How can I see you two living such a miserable life in your old age?! Uncle and Second Uncle are your children. How can they abandon their parents while they enjoy life?!”

“Look at how righteous the man I married is. He said that he would definitely bring Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle back. Don’t worry! Go back and wait. Your sons will come back at noon!” Li Xiaoran said happily with an assuring expression.

“Yes, don’t worry. We’ll find them by noon today!” Luo Cheng added.

This time, it was Sr. Li and Aunt Li’s turn to be dumbfounded!

After a long moment, Sr. Li sighed out and finally nodded.

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After the two of them had their fill, Luo Cheng personally sent them back to the Li family’s house.

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Before leaving, Luo Cheng glanced at the two of them and went straight to the point. “Old Master Li, if you need any help in the future, feel free to look for me! You also know that I’m the head of this family after all. It’s not easy for you to find someone else, right?”

When Sr. Li heard Luo Cheng's words and noticed the mocking smile on Luo Cheng's face, he felt bitter.

When Aunt Li heard this, she immediately had an opinion.

“Why? Even if we've split up, we're still considered relatives! Which child in the world doesn't acknowledge their grandparents?!”

Luo Cheng chuckled when he heard this.

“Aunt Li, are you sure you want Li Xiaoran, your granddaughter, to acknowledge you?”

Aunt Li wanted to say something, but when she saw Luo Cheng's strange expression, she became vigilant.

“Shouldn't she acknowledge us? We married our granddaughter to you, but we didn't sell our granddaughter to you.” Aunt Li changed her words.

When Luo Cheng heard Aunt Li's words, he mocked her.

“This is the first time I've seen anyone try to distort the truth.”

At this point, Luo Cheng turned to look at Sr. Li.

“Old Master, are you sure you want Li Xiaoran to acknowledge you?”

When Sr. Li heard Luo Cheng's words, he hesitated and finally waved his hand.

“It seems that Old Master Li is still a sensible person! To be honest, Xiaoran and I can acknowledge you, and we can even be filial to you. However, once some relationships change, I can't guarantee what will happen in this family! After all, I have a bad temper and like to hit people. It's hard to say who I will accidentally bump into!”

As soon as she said this, Aunt Li felt a chill run down her spine and could not help but say more.

How could she have forgotten that Luo Cheng wasn't a kind person?

Sr. Li's expression darkened. He pursed his lips but said nothing.

“Don’t worry, I’m serious about what I said at the noodle stall! Your two sons will definitely come back today to support you. If they’re unfilial to you, feel free to look for me. I can help them become filial!” With that, Luo Chen turned around and left.

Ever since Luo Cheng sent Li Xiaoran’s grandpa and grandma back, Li Xiaoran kept looking towards the village while cooking noodles.

She had obtained the Host’s memories and naturally knew how difficult it was to deal with her grandfather and grandmother. Therefore, she was worried that Luo Cheng would be schemed against by the old couple.

Fortunately, Luo Cheng appeared not long after.

“How did it go? Did you send them back?”

Luo Cheng glanced at Li Xiaoran and laughed.

“Don’t worry! I’ve already sent them home safely! I even entrusted the surrounding neighbors to help take care of them. I definitely won’t let Aunt Li and Sr. Li run around!”

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

“That’s good! I really didn’t expect my oldest uncle and second uncle to run away not long after my parents left! It, it’s quite ridiculous!”

“Don’t worry, they won’t run away! I’ll go to town and bring them back later!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

As soon as he finished speaking, Luo Cheng had a thought.

Ever since Li Xiaoran married him, he had never brought her out to stroll around.

He might as well take her for a stroll around town this time. Didn’t she say yesterday that there were some things they needed to buy for the home?

“Xiaoran, come to town with me!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran had just finished cooking the sliced noodles of a guest and was stunned when she heard Luo Cheng’s words.

To town?

That sounded very tempting!

To be honest, ever since she transmigrated here, the furthest place Li Xiaoran had been to was the mountain in the village. She hadn't been to town.

But if she left, what would happen to the stall?

While she was hesitating, Li Xiaoqing ran over.

“Sister, follow Brother-in-law to town! I'll be at the noodle stall. I can do it!”

Looking at her sister in surprise, Li Xiaoran asked uncertainly, “Can you really do it?”

“I can do it, Sis! I've already learned it. If you don't believe me, I'll cook a small bowl of noodles for you to try!” Li Xiaoqing said confidently.

Li Xiaoran nodded and let Li Xiaoqing try.

Previously, Li Xiaoran had taught Li Xiaoqing and her mother, Zhao Xiu.

However, the knife-cut noodles cooked by the two of them were still a little inferior to Li Xiaoqing's.

Today, Li Xiaoqing took the initiative to volunteer. Li Xiaoran also wanted to see if her sister's skills had improved.

Before long, a small bowl of sliced noodles was ready.

Li Xiaoqing prepared the seasoning, peeled the noodles, and cooked the noodles.

Li Xiaoran took the noodles and tasted them with his chopsticks.

Not bad. With this taste, she already had about seventy to eighty percent of her skills.

To be honest, as long as it wasn't someone with good senses, there was basically no difference.

“How is it? Sis, do I do okay?” Li Xiaoqing asked expectantly.

Li Xiaoran put down his bowl and chopsticks and nodded with a smile.

“Not bad, you’ve improved a lot. Your culinary skills are already comparable to mine! Then I’ll hand over the noodle stall to you!”

With her sister’s affirmation, Li Xiaoqing jumped up and cheered. “Great! I knew I could do it!”

With that, Li Xiaoqing rushed over to hug Li Xiaoran and said happily, “Thank you, Sister!”

Li Xiaoran also hugged Li Xiaoqing and continued to encourage her. “What are you thanking me for? You can only learn it if you’re willing to learn and study it. Besides, if you learn it, I’ll be much more relaxed in the future!”

When Li Xiaoqing heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she let go of Li Xiaoran and smiled awkwardly.

“It’s fine as long as I can help you!”

On the other side, Zhao Xiu saw the happy sisters and said, “Xiao Qing is quite impressive. You’re much better than me!”

With that, Zhao Xiu looked at Li Xiaoran with a gratified smile.

“You should relax and go out to take a look! Since our son-in-law is willing to bring you there, go take a look! Coincidentally, there are still some things missing at home. Buy some!”

“Yes, I think so too!” Li Xiaoran nodded and looked at Luo Cheng.

After Luo Cheng gave his previous suggestion, he stood aside and waited.

When he saw Li Xiaoran looking at him, he couldn’t help but smile.

“Then I’ll have to trouble you to take care of the stall! If you need any manpower, look for Yuan Cheng and Mao Dao to help!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and instructed.

“Got it! Hurry up and go to town with him!” Zhao Xiu urged.

Chapter 66 Is He a Good Official?

In the end, after arranging the matters of the noodle stall, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran went back to change their clothes and went to town.

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Because there were no more ox carts at this hour, the two of them had to walk.

This was the first time she walked on this official road that was filled with the smell of wilderness. Li Xiaoran felt that her entire body had become relaxed.

She closed her eyes and inhaled. The oxygen in the air was so fresh!

Luo Cheng walked beside Li Xiaoran and couldn't help but laugh when he saw her close her eyes and take a deep breath.

"I thought you'd be very unhappy without an ox cart! After all, it's an hour's walk from the village to town!"

Li Xiaoran opened her eyes and looked at Luo Cheng.

"No! I think it's quite good to walk around! This landscape painting can improve people's mood. All their fatigue will dissipate when they see this beautiful scenery!"

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and looked at Li Xiaoran.

"You always seem to think differently! Everything you see is different from everything we see!"

"Of course! Everyone's mental state is different. When they look at the same thing, their perception will be different!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and walked to Luo Cheng's side. "There's always something in your heart that will affect your subconscious mind!"

Luo Cheng didn't expect Li Xiaoran to suddenly say this, but his expression didn't change. Instead, he looked at Li Xiaoran with interest.

"Oh really? Could it be that you can transform into a parasite in my stomach and find out what I'm thinking?"

When Li Xiaoran saw Luo Cheng like this, she looked at him carefully for a while before walking forward.

"I don't want to be a parasite in your stomach!" Li Xiaoran said and paddled towards the fields at the side. "Luo Cheng, look at how golden these fields are.

The farmers will be very happy to see this because this is what they earned after a year of hard work!”

Luo Cheng looked around and said directly, “That’s not the case. Look carefully at the people working in the fields. Although there’s a smile on their faces, there’s also a frown on their faces. Although the harvest is good, it’s a pity that they have to pay a lot of taxes. The food left in their hands won’t even be enough to feed their families for a year!”

The smile on Li Xiaoran’s face froze because she had not thought of this at all.

“And your noodle stall is by the official road now, so no one came to collect taxes. When the market on the official road is formed, the officials will definitely come to collect taxes!” Luo Cheng poured cold water on Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran’s footsteps suddenly became heavy, and then she fell into deep thought.

Seeing Li Xiaoran like this, Luo Cheng didn’t continue.

After a while, Li Xiaoran spoke.

“Is our county magistrate a good official?”

Luo Cheng didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to suddenly ask this, so he thought about it.

Was Luo Han a good official?

This was really worth pondering.

After all, although he lived under Luo Han’s jurisdiction, he rarely asked about the matters in Luo Han’s office.

“What’s a good official to you?” Luo Cheng couldn’t decide if Luo Han was a good official, so he asked.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Someone who cares about the common people, does things in the interest of the common people. That’s the definition of a good official!”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and then said, “In that case, he can barely be considered a good official!”

If Luo Han had heard Luo Cheng's words, he definitely would have stomped his feet on the spot.

Ever since he became a county magistrate, he had done a lot of things for the commoners. Why was he barely a good official in Luo Cheng's eyes?

"If that's the case, the taxes will be taken from the people and used for the people. However, it's indeed difficult to rely on farming to survive, so we have to do business and improve the economy!" Li Xiaoran thought about something and said, "People's livelihood is a big problem. If we want to solve it, we have to have a good imperial court and good officials."

"The imperial court is too far away from us to care about us, so it depends on whether the county magistrate is a good official or not. If the county magistrate is a good official, then the people will have to use their own brains if they want to become rich. If the timing, place, and people are right, when the three are combined, people will get rich. The matter of paying taxes isn't something we commoners can change. What we can change is our way of earning money and using our brains to come up with novel ideas!"

"So, if we want to solve the problem in the end, we have to rely on our own brains!" Li Xiaoran seemed to have sorted out everything and came to a conclusion. "If our business is successful, it's only right to pay taxes. As long as they don't collect taxes unjustly!"

"What if the officials want to collect taxes unjustly?" Luo Cheng continued to pour cold water on Li Xiaoran.

"Let's talk about it when we encounter it! There will always be a way! There are always more solutions than difficulties! When they don't collect taxes unjustly, there's a way to live without paying taxes unjustly. When someone collects taxes unjustly, we'll change to another way to deal with it!" Li Xiaoran suddenly said firmly, "You have to be flexible!"

As soon as she said this, Luo Cheng laughed.

Li Xiaoran was really likable and he couldn't help but want to get close to her.

He could always sense vitality in her.

It was as if nothing could crush her.

Perhaps he should learn from her.

“You’re right! People should be flexible!” Luo Cheng said, suppressing his laughter.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she suddenly reacted and laughed loudly.

Her laughter resounded throughout the land, causing many people who heard it to laugh as well.

After that, the two of them continued walking toward town.

An hour later, the two of them finally arrived at the town gate.

Seeing the words Golden Sun Town appear in front of her, Li Xiaoran felt an ancient aura.

At this moment, many people were queuing up to enter the town. Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng also queued up.

“Sigh, I usually don’t see anyone lining up to enter town!” An old man standing in front of Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but mutter, “I wonder what happened!”

When the person beside him heard the old man’s words, he lowered his voice and said, “Something big happened in Golden Sun Town. Now, not only will those who come in be interrogated, but those who go out will also be interrogated.”

When Li Xiaoran heard their conversation, she immediately pricked up her ears.

“Huh, what happened? Tell me.” The old man asked curiously.

Chapter 67 Snatching Silver

“The third young master of the Wu family has gone missing. Minister Wu has reported it, and the officials have also come out to look for him. It’s just that they haven’t found him for the entire day, so the investigation is very strict now!” Someone who knew some inside information said.

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When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood the situation at the town gate, so she obediently waited in line.

Luo Cheng wasn't impatient at all from the beginning to the end. He queued according to the rules.

In fact, it didn't take long for the two of them to enter town successfully.

Just as Li Xiaoran was looking around and didn't know where to go, Luo Cheng walked forward and grabbed her hand.

"There are many people in town. It's easy to get lost! Hold on to me!"

Li Xiaoran felt the warmth from her hand and looked at Luo Cheng. She wanted to say something, but Luo Cheng pulled her to the right.

The more they walked to the right, the fewer people there were. Finally, they turned into an alley.

Li Xiaoran looked around at the unfamiliar environment and couldn't help but ask, "Luo Cheng, why did you bring me here?"

Luo Cheng seemed to sense Li Xiaoran's uneasiness and stopped in his tracks.

"What? Are you afraid that I'll sell you to traffickers?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she couldn't help but laugh.

"You won't!"

Hearing Li Xiaoran's certainty, Luo Cheng couldn't help but retort, "Why are you so sure? I'm not familiar with you. If I really wanted to sell you or harm you, you wouldn't be able to escape! How can you trust others so easily and not be on guard at all?"

Seeing Luo Cheng frowning at her, Li Xiaoran stopped and stood facing him.

"I don't trust everyone easily. I just trust you! Besides, it's not that I'm defenseless, but I'm very sure you don't have any ill intentions towards me! Luo Cheng, I don't know what you've experienced in the past, but it has always made you very wary and you never let anyone walk into your heart easily. But I'm not you. I'm willing to give you trust you! There's a saying that goes, 'Time will tell!' Don't resist what's happening now. Time will prove everything!"

Luo Cheng looked into Li Xiaoran's clear eyes and felt her trust and sincerity.

For some reason, he felt a little flustered in the face of Li Xiaoran's complete trust.

At this moment, he didn't know if he was worthy of Li Xiaoran's trust and sincerity.

Even he didn't know what his future would be like!

What choice would he make when danger descended, or when disaster struck?

"You shouldn't trust me so much! I'm not necessarily reliable!" Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran could sense Luo Cheng's strong self-doubt and uncertainty at this moment and smiled confidently.

"Luo Cheng, it's my business whether I believe you or not! I believe in my own judgment!"

Luo Cheng opened his mouth to speak, but nothing came out.

At this moment, Luo Cheng noticed two people walking out of a courtyard not far away.

Luo Cheng gave Li Xiaoran a look and walked towards the two people.

These two people were none other than Li Xiaoran's eldest uncle, Li Qiang, and her eldest cousin, Li Zhan.

The father and son ran out of the courtyard sneakily. It was obvious that they were up to something shady.

Because the father and son were too focused on talking, they didn't notice who was walking towards them.

"Father, it's useless even if you drag me out! I really didn't gamble! Look, don't I go to school obediently every day? You really don't have to send me there!" Li Zhan said gloomily.

"Alright, brat, do you think I don't know you?! Where did you get the silver in your hand? Didn't you already gamble a few times behind our backs?!" Li Qiang glared at his son and said angrily, "I know you were lucky these few times. Give me some of the silver! Otherwise, I'll tell your mother to punish you!"

Li Zhan didn't expect his father to discover that he had gone to the casino. In order to live a better life in the future, Li Zhan could only take out some silver from his pocket.

“Father, this is two taels of silver. Take it first! Don't spend it recklessly. This is all I have!”

“Cut it out!” Li Qiang said as he reached for the silver in Li Zhan's hand.

Unfortunately, before he could reach out, someone took the two taels of silver faster than him.

“Who is it? How dare you snatch my silver? Why don't you ask around to see what my job is?” Li Qiang was furious and cursed.

“Oh, I wonder what you do, Uncle?” Li Xiaoran's crisp voice sounded, scaring Li Qiang and Li Zhan.

The father and son looked over and realized that the people walking over were Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

“Hehe! It's Luo Cheng and Xiaoran! Why are you here?” Li Qiang forced a smile and then looked at Luo Cheng's hand. “Nephew-in-law, we're relatives after all! If you snatch my silver, that would be too unacceptable!”

“Rob? Uncle, you seem to have misunderstood! This silver is your way of showing filial piety to Grandpa and Grandma! We're just passing the silver to Grandpa and Grandma as intermediaries!” Li Xiaoran widened her eyes in surprise and explained.

“What? You're spouting nonsense. When did I say that this silver is for them?” Li Qiang immediately roared anxiously.

“What? You don't want to be filial to Grandpa and Grandma?! No wonder! No wonder you and Second Uncle disappeared at the same time. It turns out that you don't want to support your parents!” Li Xiaoran shouted.

These words attracted the attention of many people around.

Seeing that the situation wasn't right, Li Qiang quickly changed his words.

“You little girl, what nonsense are you talking about?! You're so young, but your hearing isn't good! Am I saying that? I'm saying that you can bring money back

to your grandfather and grandmother. We have to work to earn money now, so we might have to go back some time later to show filial piety to the two elders! By the way, aren't your parents still at home? Let your parents take care of the two elders first! I really can't leave!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Li Qiang's words, she immediately had a new understanding of the fact that Li Qiang was thick-skinned.

"Uncle, what are you saying? Although my parents were kicked out by Grandpa and Grandma, they still want to take care of them. It's just that the old man said that since they've already left the family and become dowry, there's no reason for my parents to take care of them. The two elders are actually still thinking about their sons, who haven't been separated from the family, to go back to take care of them!"

Chapter 68 Threat

When the surrounding people heard this, they immediately looked at Li Qiang and Li Zhan and pointed at them.

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"I've lived for so long, but this is the first time I've heard that the eldest son and second son of a family didn't take care of their parents. Instead, they let their son and daughter-in-law, who were married off, take care of them! Tsk, tsk, tsk. How shameless must they be to say such a thing?!" An old woman looked at Li Qiang in disdain and said.

"How heartless and ungrateful. Let me think. If I had raised such an ingrate's son, I'd be furious!" On the other side, a middle-aged man also stared at Li Qiang and his son and scolded them.

Hearing the discussions around them, Li Qiang and Li Zhan couldn't bear it no matter how thick-skinned they were.

"Father!" Li Zhan couldn't help but tug at his father's sleeve. "Let Cousin and Cousin-in-law enter the house to talk!"

"There's no need to go in! We came here specifically to bring Eldest Uncle and Second Uncle back!" Li Xiaoran shook her head and refused. "I wonder if Eldest Uncle knows where Second Uncle is?"

When Li Qiang heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately thought of something.

It seemed like he couldn't escape. Then he had to drag Second Brother down with him. He couldn't go back alone to suffer!

"I know where your second uncle is. I can take you there!"

With that, Li Qiang looked at Li Zhan and reminded him.

"Son, don't go to those places again. Quit now! Otherwise, we won't be able to clean up after you next time!"

With that, Li Qiang looked at Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

"Come with me!"

With that, Li Qiang walked out of the alley.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other and followed.

After they left the alley, Li Qiang tried to curry favor with them as he walked.

"Xiaoran! Don't keep an eye on me! After you find your second uncle, just bring him back!"

Li Xiaoran glanced at Li Qiang and ignored him.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran didn't want to talk to Li Qiang, Luo Cheng walked forward and came to Li Xiaoran's side. Then, he glared at Li Qiang.

Li Qiang didn't dare to say anything else after being glared at by Luo Cheng. He could only obediently bring Li Xiaoran and the others to find his second brother, Li Wei.

No matter how shameless Li Qiang was, he didn't dare to attack Luo Cheng!

Others might not know what Luo Cheng was like, but he knew.

He had personally seen Luo Cheng fight with a group of people and walk out unscathed.

From then on, Li Qiang knew that Luo Cheng wasn't to be trifled with.

Even his daughter, Li Yan, had repeatedly warned him not to provoke Luo Cheng no matter what. He should stay as far away as possible.

Li Qiang agreed with his daughter's words.

Therefore, when he saw that Luo Cheng had come looking for him, Li Qiang obediently accepted his fate.

If it were anyone else, Li Qiang wouldn't be so cooperative.

Things went smoothly after that!

With Li Qiang leading the way, Li Wei was quickly caught.

Therefore, the brothers stood together dejectedly while thinking about something.

Luo Cheng ignored their schemes and tapped their acupoints. Then, he called someone over from somewhere and rented an ox cart to send the brothers back to the village.

Before the ox cart left, Luo Cheng came to Li Qiang and Li Wei and said something softly.

“You'd better not play any tricks. Go back and discuss how to take care of your parents! If you disappear next time, I don't mind teaching you two a lesson! If you don't believe me, you can try! I don't have the patience to interfere in these matters. If this matter affects me again, don't blame me for being ruthless!”

With that, Luo Cheng nodded at the coachman, who waved his whip and left with Li Qiang and Li Wei.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she was a little puzzled.

“Why did you let the ox cart go? What about us?”

Luo Cheng turned around and glanced at Li Xiaoran. “Didn't you want to buy something?”

“But we also need an ox cart to buy things! We have a lot of things to buy this time! The weather is about to turn cold, so we have to buy thick coats. We also have to buy cotton pads and quilts, as well as cotton shoes. By the way, it's almost the new year. Shouldn't we prepare some things for the new year?” Li Xiaoran began to plan.

“Stop, stop, stop! I have a headache when I hear you talking about this! Let’s go buy it now! Don’t worry, I’ll rent another ox cart to transport the things back later!” Luo Cheng immediately felt his head hurt and quickly stopped her.

“Then why don’t we let the ox cart wait and go back together?! This way, we can save some money!” Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

“Firstly, I don’t lack this money! Secondly, I don’t want to see Li Qiang and Li Wei’s faces. They’re too ugly and will affect my mood!” As Luo Cheng spoke, he held Li Xiaoran’s hand and walked towards the most prosperous street in town.

They went on a shopping spree.

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng bought what they needed at home, the two of them couldn’t carry everything.

In the end, Luo Cheng had no choice but to bring Li Xiaoran to a small courtyard. He placed the things in a room and continued to shop on the street.

“Are you sure that residence isn’t yours?” Li Xiaoran asked for the third time on the street.

“I’m sure it’s not mine! It’s Luo Han’s! He likes to buy houses. He buys houses everywhere and only lives in them occasionally. He said that I’m not far from Golden Sun Town, so he gave me a key and left a room for me. He said that I can’t go to town without a place to stay! Look, I haven’t used it before. This time, it’s really thanks to you that I can use this room for the first time!” Seeing that Li Xiaoran had been nagging him with this question, Luo Cheng could only explain.

When Li Xiaoran heard that, she suddenly had more guesses.

“Speaking of which, how did you meet Luo Han? Aren’t you a hunter? Why do I feel that you’re not an ordinary person?! Tell me, do you have some secret identity? For example, something like the son of a high-ranking official being kidnapped and living among the commoners? I saw those sorts of stories in comics!”

For the first time, Luo Cheng realized that the wife he married seemed to be very curious, and her thoughts were always different from those of ordinary people.

However, although she had guessed something, he wouldn’t tell her!

He would let her continue to imagine!

Chapter 69 Why Can't It Be Me?

After Li Xiaoran saw that Luo Cheng wasn't revealing anything about himself, she didn't ask anymore.

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After all, she was just curious, not here to cause trouble.

After another hour, they finally bought everything they needed.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran felt hungry.

Her stomach actually rumbled.

Li Xiaoran didn't feel embarrassed. Instead, she looked at Luo Cheng.

"Luo Cheng, I'm hungry. I want to eat!"

Luo Cheng naturally heard Li Xiaoran's stomach growl and nodded.

"Sure! Let's come out for a meal after we take our things back! There happens to be a restaurant near that house. I'll bring you there to try it!"

"A restaurant? Is the food there tasty?" Li Xiaoran immediately perked up when she heard that there was food.

"Yes, it tastes good! In the entire town, perhaps only the chef of this restaurant can compare to you in terms of cooking!" Luo Cheng praised.

"So my culinary skills are so highly praised by you?" She was naturally glad to be praised, so Li Xiaoran asked happily.

"Do you not have a clear understanding of your culinary skills? I can say that your culinary skills are comparable to those of many famous chefs!" Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and said firmly.

He was someone who had eaten gourmet food, so he had a clear understanding of Li Xiaoran's culinary skills.

To be honest, Luo Cheng was actually very curious.

After all, he had investigated Li Xiaoran and still couldn't figure out where she had obtained her good culinary skills.

In the end, after investigating for a long time, he only came to a conclusion: Li Xiaoran was very talented in terms of cooking and was a self-taught genius!

He didn't know if others believed this reason, but he believed it!

“Thank you! I'll work harder in the future and strive to become a famous chef!” Li Xiaoran said happily.

“There's no need to become a famous chef! I don't expect you to earn a lot of money for me! Just make more tasty food to reward me in the future!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

“Sure! I'll definitely make you a lot of tasty food! After all, you're my husband!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

When he heard Li Xiaoran say that he was her husband, Luo Cheng smirked slightly.

It didn't take long for the two of them to put their things away and go to the restaurant called Spring Love.

“The reason this restaurant is called Spring Love is actually because of its background!” Luo Cheng sat at an empty table in the lobby. As he waited for the waiter to come, he introduced to Li Xiaoran, “You know about vegetarian food, right? The vegetarian food here is very good. No matter what kind of ingredient it is, as long as it falls into the hands of this restaurant's chef, he can turn it into very tasty food! Therefore, it's called Spring Love!”

“Is this place filled with vegetarian food?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

“Most of them are, but there are also meat dishes! After all, it's just a restaurant called Spring Love, and it's not a temple that can't be tainted with meat!” Luo Cheng replied.

“Looks like you're a regular customer. Otherwise, you wouldn't be so familiar with the specialties of our restaurant! Come, come, come. This is our restaurant's menu. Please order!” A round-faced waiter walked over and greeted them warmly.

“Come and see what you want to eat!” Luo Cheng placed the menu in front of Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran was stunned for a moment and was thinking that she wouldn't be able to read it, but the main menu was actually filled with some exquisite pictures of dishes.

Although it didn't look as exquisite as the modern world's food photos, it was already very good in this world.

Li Xiaoran smiled and ordered according to the menu.

“This, this, and this! That will do!”

When the waiter saw this, he quickly memorized the number of the dishes Li Xiaoran had ordered and quickly handed them over.

When Li Xiaoran was about to say something, a strong emotion suddenly overcame her, causing Li Xiaoran to look in a direction.

At this moment, a frail-looking scholar walked in.

“What are you looking at?” At this moment, Luo Cheng's voice sounded in Li Xiaoran's ear.

Li Xiaoran came back to her senses and shook her head with a smile. She poured herself a cup of tea.

Coincidentally, the scholar who had just entered sat at the table beside Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

What surprised Li Xiaoran even more was that when the waiter saw this scholar, he immediately brought out a few things.

He brought two pots of wine, a plate of peanuts, a vegetable dish, and then a bowl of rice.

After the scholar took out the money, he first picked up the pot of wine and filled his cup.

After drinking the wine, the scholar couldn't withstand the strong flavor and coughed violently.

Li Xiaoran's attention had been on this scholar. At this moment, she frowned when she saw how he was ruining his health.

Luo Cheng also noticed Li Xiaoran's abnormality and felt unhappy.

Just as he was about to remind Li Xiaoran to be mindful, the scholar choked on another glass of strong alcohol.

This time, Li Xiaoran could no longer sit still. She stood up and walked over to snatch the scholar's wine glass.

"If you can't drink, why force yourself to drink? Your body is your own. Why do you have to ruin your health like this?! What is making you do this to yourself? If you hurt yourself like this, it will only make those who look down on you look down on you even more. It will make those who care about you even sadder!" Li Xiaoran scolded the scholar.

Not to mention that scholar, even Luo Cheng didn't expect Li Xiaoran to suddenly do this.

Just as everyone thought that the frail-looking scholar would be furious and criticize the young lady for being nosy, the frail-looking scholar suddenly burst into tears when he saw the angry Li Xiaoran.

"Sister, you came back to see me! I know I'm a good-for-nothing. That's why I disappointed you! That's why you didn't wait for me to save you and went to see Hades first!"

As soon as he said this, the surrounding people were in an uproar. Li Xiaoran also looked at the scholar in front of her with red eyes.

"Sister, why is this the case? I've already worked so hard, but I'm still so unlucky. I clearly know everything, and I can do better than others, but I just don't have that little bit of luck and opportunity. Every time, I thought I was about to succeed, but in the end, I still failed! Sister, there are so many lucky people, so why can't I be one of them?" The scholar covered his face and cried!

Chapter 70 Extorting People?

After Luo Cheng heard the scholar's words, his initial impatience dissipated.

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Of all the lucky people, why couldn't he be one of them?

He had asked similar questions before.

He even asked herself a thousand times in his heart, but he never got an answer.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her heart ached.

Because everyone would have such an experience.

Li Xiaoran had experienced this before and had shouted countless times.

People's circumstances were really depressing sometimes.

Some people were born lucky and could succeed in anything.

Some people tried their best, but in the end, they were still hapless.

What made it worse was that sometimes, no matter how hard you tried, you couldn't obtain success or enjoy it.

The frustration would make one doubt oneself and lose confidence.

No wonder this weak scholar looked like he had nothing to live for the moment he entered.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran felt that she should do something to save this fragile man.

There were many things that others couldn't empathize with.

Therefore, any words of comfort seemed feeble and wouldn't make anyone in pain feel better.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran didn't want to say anything to comfort him. Instead, she looked at Luo Cheng.

"Do you have anything on you that you can break? Something that's worth a little money!"

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment, not understanding what Li Xiaoran meant.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and took out a jade pendant.

“This is worth a little money and is fragile!”

Li Xiaoran looked at the jade and thought for a moment before saying, “I owe you!”

With that, Li Xiaoran took the jade pendant and stuffed it into the weak scholar’s hand.

The weak scholar subconsciously wanted to hold it, but he didn’t.

Just like that, a jade pendant fell to the ground and shattered into a few pieces.

This scene immediately stunned the surrounding onlookers, especially the weak scholar. At this moment, he looked at the broken jade pendant on the ground and then at Li Xiaoran with tears on his face.

“Look, you broke my very valuable jade pendant! So please don’t be in a hurry to mope or commit suicide. Pay for my jade first! My husband said that this jade pendant is very valuable and is worth 2,000 taels of silver. In addition, this jade pendant has some special meaning. It’s not an exaggeration to say that it’s worth 1,000 taels of silver. I don’t think you look like a rich person. Why don’t you sign a contract with us?! Work for me for a year. As long as you compensate us with 2,000 taels of silver a year later, we’ll let you go!” Li Xiaoran said matter-of-factly.

The weak scholar looked at Li Xiaoran in disbelief and his mouth fell open.

“How, how, how can you do this? Aren’t you blackmailing me?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

“So what if I blackmailed you? Didn’t you break the jade pendant?”

As soon as she said this, the weak scholar actually didn’t know how to refute.

“Since you broke it, you have to compensate me! Do you want to shirk responsibility? My husband is a famous hunter. You’d better think about whether or not you’re a match against him. Let me advise you, don’t even think about escaping from here. You won’t be able to outrun my husband! Therefore, you’d better follow us back obediently and repay your debt!”

Luo Cheng didn't expect his wife to extort money from others!

What surprised him even more was that he had passively helped his wife blackmail a very pitiful scholar.

Looking at Li Xiaoran's smug expression, Luo Cheng suddenly laughed.

Li Xiaoran looked like an evil person, but in Luo Cheng's eyes, she was so lively and cute.

It turned out that one could be such a scoundrel when they wanted to help someone.

As expected of his wife!

The people around them gradually understood and looked amused.

However, everyone tacitly didn't mention this matter and excitedly waited for the subsequent development.

"No, I-I didn't want to shirk! I just didn't expect to meet someone like you when I was in such a difficult position! The heavens are really unfair to me!" The weak scholar looked extremely upset.

"No, no, no, you're wrong! Look, it's obvious that there's something wrong with your brain! The heavens are clearly telling you that what you encountered, your sadness, and your troubles, are actually nothing! Because in the future, you'll encounter something worse than this! Look, weren't you already very sad previously? In the end? Didn't the heavens immediately make you feel even worse?" Li Xiaoran sounded like she was doing a tongue twister, but unexpectedly, the surrounding people understood.

The weak scholar was stunned for a moment before looking at Li Xiaoran dazedly.

Seeing him like this, Li Xiaoran reached out and patted his shoulder.

"Kid, listen to my advice! Don't think about anything else. Just think about how you're going to pay me back the two thousand taels of silver! When you return the two thousand taels of silver one day, everything will be fine!"

With that, Li Xiaoran turned to look at Luo Cheng.

“Do you know how to write, husband?”

Luo Cheng nodded.

“Alright, waiter, please help me get some paper, ink, and brush. We want to write the contract here.”

The waiter hesitated. He glanced at the weak scholar and then at Luo Cheng, unsure if he should do as he was told.

At this moment, the manager of the restaurant walked over and said, “Xiao Liang, do as the customer says!”

Seeing that the shopkeeper had spoken, Xiao Liang could only hurry up and prepare the things.

Soon, the things were brought over. Li Xiaoran looked at the weak scholar and asked.

“Hey, what’s your name?”

“My name is Wang Mingjiang!”

“Oh, Wang Mingjiang? How do you spell it?” Li Xiaoran asked again.

“M-i-n-g-j-i-a-n-g!” Wang Mingjiang replied.

At this moment, he had already been led astray by Li Xiaoran and was only thinking about what to do to pay back the 2,000 taels of silver.

Li Xiaoran was very satisfied with Wang Mingjiang’s answer. Then, she looked at Luo Cheng.

“Husband, help me record it!”