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Chapter 621: The Aftermath

Xu Wenjing said with shining eyes, "I really didn't expect to see so much gold, silver, jewelry, and jewelry in my lifetime. No wonder everyone wants to be corrupt officials. Wealth is indeed tempting! Now that I see so much wealth, I'm so excited that my heart is trembling. Just this money is enough to feed our soldiers for many years!"

He was a dignified general, but he was actually so poor. It was simply unreasonable!

Luo Cheng couldn't help but laugh when he saw Xu Wenjing like this.

"Look at you. You look like a corrupt official. If Elder Xu sees this, he'll scold you!"

When Xu Wenjing heard this, he said disdainfully, "Mr. Luo, let me tell you, if my grandfather came over and saw so much money, he would feel greedier than me. All these years, because of the soldiers' lack of food and clothing, my grandfather's hair has turned white from worry. I heard that not long ago, he even stuffed some disabled soldiers into your place. My grandfather had no choice but to send them over! All these years, my grandfather wished he could split a copper coin into two to spend!"

Speaking of these things, Xu Wenjing revealed a worried look!

When he was young, he couldn't understand why his family was so poor and frugal when they were clearly high-ranking officials in the government. Their lives were worse than that of ordinary officials.

Later, after he went to the battlefield, he understood the painstaking efforts of his family.

Over the years, Xu Wenjing had also begun to worry about money!

The military salary hadn't been distributed from the imperial court, but the soldiers needed to eat their fill and wear warm clothes!

Luo Cheng immediately felt a little puzzled when he heard this.

"That's not right. Logically speaking, the military salary shouldn't have been delayed! All these years, the government's taxes have been quite good and the country's treasury has been well furnished, so it's impossible for them to default on the military salary, right?"

"The treasury is well furnished?" Xu Wenjing smiled bitterly when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

"The national treasury isn't full of silver. After all, money has to be spent everywhere. The Minister of Revenue's hair and beard have turned white because of this."

Speaking of this, Xu Wenjing looked around to make sure that he, Luo Cheng, and Luo Han were the only ones in the room. Then, he lowered his voice and said, "To be honest, all these years, the national treasury has been empty."

There's money on the books, but there's actually none at all. It's difficult to get money."

Luo Cheng was stunned!

All these years, he had lived incognito in Sichuan. Although he had been paying attention to the imperial court, he didn't care much about the national treasury.

If there was silver in the treasury's accounts, but there was actually no silver, no matter how he looked at it, this was fishy!

Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, "Who took the silver from the treasury?"

Xu Wenjing shook his head and didn't answer.

"We don't know who sent them away. I'm afraid only the Minister of Revenue knows about this. Whether the emperor knows or not, I'm not sure!" Luo Cheng sighed when he heard this.

Forget it. He didn't want to interfere in this matter anymore.

What he could do now was to let the commoners live and work in peace.

Luo Cheng changed the topic and said, "Alright, come and take an inventory of these things. Then, split them according to our previous discussion! Luo Han, I already have an idea for how to spend the money on the people. I'll discuss it with you after the money is divided."

Xu Wenjing and Luo Han also knew that Luo Cheng didn't want to talk about this anymore, so they nodded.

With so much money, it wasn't easy to calculate them either.

Therefore, Luo Cheng didn't return to Nanping Town until nighttime.

Li Xiaoran had already thought of what to say to the public, so that even if Luo Cheng didn't return, it wouldn't arouse anyone's suspicion.

On the other hand, Li Xiaoran had made some progress in finding someone who knew how to grill fish and roast meat.

After many people found out about this news, many people started pondering over it.

When the three of them went out on the streets the next day, they were quickly surrounded by many people.

After confirming that they were indeed looking for someone who knew how to make roasted meat and grilled fish, many people immediately came forward to recommend themselves.

Yu Peng simply rented an empty space and some chairs. Then, he began to register them one by one.

The rules of the competition were very simple. These people would take a piece of meat and roast it over the fire.

They had condiments and could use anything they wanted.

To be honest, roasting meat was the easiest.

If they couldn't even roast a piece of meat, they naturally wouldn't be able to enter the next round.

Just like that, many people came, but after the three people screened them, only ten people were left.

These ten people didn't roast the meat until it was mushy, nor did they make it too salty or half-cooked.

Therefore, these ten people advanced and entered the next round.

Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue happened to stroll here. After hearing the news, they came over to take a look.

The second round was very simple.

They had to grill fish.

There were many carp in the market, and the carp weren't big, so they were easy to deal with.

Therefore, after Jiao Hang assigned each of the ten people a fish, he let them do whatever they wanted.

After Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue brought two stools over, the two of them each picked up half a watermelon and started eating while watching.

Li Xiaoran praised as she ate, "Sigh, these watermelons are so sweet. They're the best watermelons I've ever eaten! I didn't expect the watermelons planted in a small place like Nanping Town to be so delicious!"

When a man who was watching heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately laughed.

"It's not that we're praising ourselves, but many fruits in Nanping Town taste good! The crispy plums that came out during this period of time are delicious. Madam, if you like them, why don't you buy some later? I guarantee you'll want to eat them again!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the man's words, she immediately nodded. "Thank you for your reminder. I'll buy it after I eat the watermelon later!"

At this moment, a man carrying a burden passed by. When he heard the words inside, he immediately stood outside and shouted, "Don't wait. I'll sell them here! Madam, do you want to try them?!"

Li Xiaoran looked over and said with a smile, "Please make way for the person selling plums outside. I'll see if his plums are delicious. If they're delicious, I'll buy all your plums."

When everyone heard Li Xiaoran's words, they immediately made way.

When the man carrying the things heard Li Xiaoran's words, he realized that there was big business today and immediately walked over happily..

Chapter 622: Follower

“Madam, don’t worry. My crispy plums are definitely delicious! If you don’t believe me, try two first! If you think they’re delicious, buy my plums!” The man was an honest person. After putting down the two baskets, he chose a few of the freshest crispy plums and handed them over.

Li Xiaoran didn’t mind. After she took the crispy plums, she asked someone to fetch water. Then, she washed them and placed them in her mouth to eat.

She took a bite. It was indeed crispy.

Soon, juice flowed out as she chewed.

This crispy plum was 70% sweet and 30% sour. The taste was just right and suited Li Xiaoran’s preferences.

In the modern era, many fruits were overly sweet.

Li Xiaoran didn’t like to buy such fruits.

They were really too sweet. A sour and sweet taste was her favorite.

After eating a few in a row, Li Xiaoran smiled at the man in front of her.

“Uncle, your crispy plums are indeed delicious. They taste very good. I mean what I say. I want all these plums! Please bring pick the crispy plums to where we live! Don’t worry, I’ll pay you first. I’ll get someone to bring you over later!”

When the man heard Li Xiaoran say that she wanted everything, he immediately nodded happily.

“It’s fine, it’s fine. It’s the same if you give me the money afterwards!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and called Jiao Hang over.

“Jiao Hang, lead him to where we live!”

When Jiao Hang saw that the consort had instructed him to do something, he immediately stood up.

“By the way, after you reach the house, store the plums and let Zi Zheng give you the silver!” At this point, Li Xiaoran lowered her voice and reminded him in a low voice, “Remember, after giving this man the silver, let him leave through the back door. Then, let Zi Cheng secretly send someone to follow him. On the one hand, it’s to protect this person’s safety, and on the other hand, it’s to see where this person lives. In the future, if we want to eat crispy plums, we can buy them directly!”

Jiao Hang remembered what Li Xiaoran had said and smiled at the man.

“Sir, come with me!”

The man nodded and left with Jiao Hang.

After Li Xiaoran watched the two of them leave, she continued to watch the ten people in front of her make grilled fish.

When some people in the crowd saw that Li Xiaoran didn't notice them, a few people quietly retreated from the crowd and chased after Jiao Hang and the man.

Li Xiaoran sensed that those people with ill intentions had left and sneered.

The reason Li Xiaoran let Jiao Hang leave with that man was that she knew that Jiao Hang had the ability to protect himself.

When Jiao Hang came to seek refuge with Luo Cheng, he said that he was born with extraordinary strength and was very strong.

Ordinary people weren't his match.

Not long after Jiao Hang left, he sensed that someone was following him.

Jiao Hang glanced at the man and lowered his voice as he said, "Someone is following us. I'm afraid what happened just now caught the eye of some people and they want to rob us! But your plums aren't worth much, so why are they after it?"

The man glanced at Jiao Hang when he heard his words.

"Those who covet my money are most likely petty thieves. If they aren't petty thieves, these people are probably targeting your Madam!" When He Hui heard this, she was immediately amused.

"You understand it too?!"

The man couldn't help but roll his eyes when he heard Jiao Hang's words.

"I have to carry my things and walk around every day to sell them, so I naturally understand what's going on! You recruited people to make roasted meat and grilled fish, and you're wearing good clothes, so you naturally attracted the attention of people with ulterior motives. I guess these people want to find out where you live and see if it's worth it for them to scheme against you!"

When Jiao Hang heard the man's words, he was impressed.

"I really didn't expect a person like you, who sells crisp plums, to see all of this so clearly. As expected, you can't judge a book by its cover. Don't worry, no matter who they're after, I'll protect you!"

The man nodded when he heard Jiao Hang's words.

However, the man was also thinking that he had to pay more attention after he left safely.

He had indeed been a little rash today. He had sold crispy plums in public, which made some people have ulterior motives.

Suddenly, Jiao Hang sped up with the man and turned into an alley.

Seeing this, the people behind quickly chased after them.

As soon as they reached the entrance of the alley, they were hit by a pole.

After that, the fight quickly came to an end.

Jiao Hang, who was born with great strength, didn't have to spend much effort to deal with these people. He quickly knocked them all down. Then, he tapped their acupoints and threw them by the roadside before leaving with the man selling crisp plums.

Without anyone following, Jiao Hang led the man to their place of residence quickly.

After entering and explaining the matter to Zi Cheng, Jiao Hang rushed towards the place where the people had been screened.

After Zi Cheng paid for the crisp plums, he asked,

“Can you leave your home address? Madam likes these delicious fruits very much. After she buys them today, she might come to buy them every year in the future. When the time comes, we'll send someone to buy them directly from your house. I wonder if it's convenient?”

The man could tell that Zi Cheng and the others were good people, so he nodded and left his address.

After Zi Cheng noted it down, he brought the man to the back door.

“Leave from here! There might be someone watching. After you leave this place, hurry up and go home. Although this money is nothing to us, others might covet it! Be careful on the way back!”

The man nodded and said gratefully, “Thank you! My name is Fan Xian. The fruits I planted taste quite delicious. If you have the chance in the future, come straight to our house to try them!”

Zi Cheng nodded and watched Fan Xian leave.

Not long after Fan Xian left, a guard secretly followed Fan Xian to protect him.

Li Xiaoran nodded when she saw that Jiao Hang had returned safely.

Jiao Hang didn't tell Li Xiaoran what had happened previously. After all, there were many people here. It was better to wait until they returned.

On the other side, the ten of them had already roasted the carp. It wouldn't be long before they were done.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran kept staring at the ten people, as if she wanted to see through them.

At that moment, a man at the side said, “My fish is roasted!”

Chapter 623: Differential Treatment

Everyone perked up and looked at the man who spoke.

Soon, the fish was served and placed in front of Jiao Hang and the others.

When Yu Peng saw this fish, he looked at Li Xiaoran, who was sitting at the side.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “Don’t look at me. Since it’s a method you came up with, help me check! I believe you!”

With Li Xiaoran’s assurance, Yu Peng and the others knew what to do.

The three of them took out the chopsticks they had prepared in advance and each picked up a piece of grilled fish to eat.

To be honest, with Ye Shengnan’s example, the three of them already knew how the grilled fish should taste.

The fish roasted by the man in front of them could only be said to be average.

It was edible and tasty, but very ordinary.

After the three of them ate, they looked at each other. In the end, all three of them decided to postpone the decision.

Therefore, the man was brought to the resting area at the side to rest while waiting for the final outcome.

After that, several people served their grilled fish one after another.

Yu Peng and the other two also decided to postpone the decision.

A thin young man finished roasting a carp.

Because he was the youngest, he got the knife in the end and carefully washed the carp.

After processing it, the thin young man mashed the onions, ginger, and garlic and marinated the fish with them.

Therefore, a while after the others were done, his grilled fish was just finished being roasted.

Fortunately, he was not the last person to finish grilling the fish. At this moment, he sent his plate of fish up confidently.

Li Xiaoran said, “Wait! Let me try it first!”

Everyone’s gaze landed on Li Xiaoran, and the thin young man was also stunned.

When Jiao Hang heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he quickly brought over a new pair of bamboo chopsticks and handed them to her.

After Li Xiaoran took the chopsticks, she picked up a piece of the fish and ate it.

The fresh and tender fish flesh in her mouth had no fishy taste at all.

After that, Li Xiaoran picked up another piece and tasted the thickest part of the flesh under the fish’s back.

After eating it in two bites, Li Xiaoran carefully took out the fish bones and smiled.

“Congratulations, you’ve been accepted! When we’re done here, let’s talk about your salary somewhere else, okay?”

When the thin young man heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his eyes lit up.

The thin young man knew that Li Xiaoran was the one who called the shots. After all, the three of them had to listen to her.

“Thank you, Madam. Don’t worry, I’ll definitely do my job well!” The thin young man knelt down and kowtowed to Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran said to the young man in front of her with a smile, “Alright, there’s no need to bow. Go get a stool to sit beside me and wait!”

The young man nodded and moved a small stool before sitting down not far behind Li Xiaoran.

This made many people envious.

It made those waiting for the results even more apprehensive.

At this moment, the remaining people were all done roasting.

This time, Li Xiaoran did not stop them.

However, the last person placed the grilled fish in front of Li Xiaoran.

“Madam, please try it!”

Li Xiaoran looked up and stared at the young man in front of her.

When the young man heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his face became filled with panic.

He did not expect this young woman, who looked very amiable, to hit the nail on the head.

Just as he was about to say something, Jiao Hang pulled him away.

Jiao Hang quickly admitted their mistake, “I’m sorry, Madam. We were negligent!”

Li Xiaoran waved her hand and said indifferently, “It’s fine. Continue!”

Just like that, the indignant young man was brought to the other side by Jiao Hang.

After the three of them tasted the young man’s grilled fish, they felt that it was not bad.

After tasting a few mouthfuls, the three of them looked at each other without knowing what to say.

Seeing this, the young man immediately said proudly, “How is it? My grilled fish isn’t bad, right?! You can’t go against your conscience and say that my grilled fish isn’t tasty! If you say that, I’ll share the grilled fish with the crowd and let them judge!”

When Yu Peng heard the man’s words, he immediately frowned and looked at the young man with scrutiny.

To be honest, just based on what the man had just said, they would not hire such a person.

Yu Peng thought about it more comprehensively.

The person in front of them made good grilled fish, but he gave off a very bad impression. If such a person opposed them, things would be troublesome.

Li Liming was the most straightforward person. When he heard the young man’s threatening words, he became even angrier.

“What do you mean? Why? Can’t we make our own decisions when we’re hiring?”

When the young man heard this, he raised his chin and said loudly, “Since you’re hiring the people best at grilling fish, you can’t lie and say the fish I roasted isn’t tasty, or else how can everyone believe you? The fish I roasted is delicious, but you don’t dare to tell the truth. Who dares to work for such a boss? Who knows if they’ll deduct our salary with the excuse that the grilled fish we roasted doesn’t taste good?”

As soon as he said this, not only did the onlookers think that his words made sense, but even the people who had roasted the fish just now began to hesitate.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she immediately smiled. “No matter how delicious the fish you roast is, I won’t hire you!”

As soon as he said this, the crowd was in an uproar.

No one expected her to say such arrogant words under such circumstances.

“It seems that you didn’t have good intentions to begin with!” The young man clenched his fists and stared at Li Xiaoran angrily.

As if she did not see the man’s anger, Li Xiaoran stood up.

“No, no, no. I think you’ve misunderstood! The fish you roasted is indeed delicious, but the grilled fish you made is delicious not because of your good skills, but because you tampered with the grilled fish!”

With that, Li Xiaoran arrived at the oven the man had just used and quickly placed the remaining juice on the plate into a porcelain bottle.

Seeing that the situation was not right, the young man’s expression changed drastically and he immediately tried to snatch the porcelain bottle..

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Unfortunately, Shu Ruyue was already prepared. She pulled out a sword and pressed it against the man’s throat.

“Guess if you’re tougher or if my sword is sharper.”

This time, the young man did not dare to move anymore.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran looked at the spectator behind her and said with a serious expression, “I wonder which doctor in your land has the best medical skills. Please help me invite him over. Don’t worry, I’ll pay a hundred copper coins. ”

As soon as she said this, someone immediately ran out.

Li Xiaoran glanced at the surrounding people and said, “I know that everyone is very puzzled and feels that I’m being unreasonable! However, there’s something else going on, so please be patient. When the doctor arrives, I’ll explain it to everyone. At that time, everyone will know why I refuse to hire this person!”

With Li Xiaoran's explanation, the surrounding people could only suppress their doubts and wait for the follow-up.

Not long after, an old man was carried over by a young man.

The young man shouted, "Make way, make way! Everyone, make way. I've invited Dr. Qiao over!"

Soon, everyone made way for this young man.

"Isn't this Doctor Qiao's grandson, Qiao Ziming?" Someone in the crowd recognized the person.

Someone teased with a smile, "It's that kid! This kid likes joining in the fun! I really didn't expect him to carry his grandfather here on his back today!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood what kind of person Qiao Ziming was.

Dr. Qiao, who had just been put down by his grandson, said angrily, "Hey,

Ziming, you brat, why are you running so fast? I almost lost my balance!"

"Sigh, Grandpa, there's really something important here that needs your help with! Besides, I can earn a hundred copper coins from this trip. How worth it!

You can even earn some consultation fees and medicine fees later. Don't thank me too much!" As Qiao Ziming spoke, he looked at Li Xiaoran happily.

"Madam, can I pay for my errands?"

Li Xiaoran took out a hundred copper coins from her pocket and placed them in the kid's hand!

"Here, this is 100 copper coins. Of course I'll fulfill my promise!"

With that, Li Xiaoran looked at Dr. Qiao.

"Doctor, how should I address you?" As Li Xiaoran spoke, she moved a chair for Dr. Qiao to sit down and rest.

"I'm Qiao Meng, the best doctor in Nanping Town. Madam, is there anyone you need me to treat?" Dr. Qiao asked.

"I want to ask you to see if there are poppies in the liquid in my porcelain bottle!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile, "Don't worry, I won't let you come here for nothing. We'll pay the consultation fees!"

When Dr. Qiao heard Li Xiaoran's words, he nodded with a smile. "So that's how it is! That's simple. Let me identify this liquid!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and handed the porcelain bottle to Dr. Qiao.

Dr. Qiao sniffed the contents of the porcelain bottle first, then poured out a little and took a closer look.

In the end, Dr. Qiao dipped his finger in some liquid and tasted it.

“Where did you find this?” Dr. Qiao asked.

After Li Xiaoran pointed at the plate that had been marinated before, Dr. Qiao stood up and went to the plate to take a closer look.

The plate was white porcelain with no patterns at all, so some of the marinated liquid was still left on the plate.

After looking at it, Dr. Qiao nodded and said, “There’s indeed poppy in it, and the concentration is quite heavy.”

Li Xiaoran was waiting for this sentence, so she looked at the young man.

At this moment, Shu Ruyue’s sword was pressed against his throat, so he didn’t dare to move at all, but he was already extremely anxious deep down. Li Xiaoran asked, “Dr. Qiao, you know the use and effects of opium poppy?!”

“Of course I know. Poppy has the effect of stopping coughing, moistening the lungs, hypnosis, and pain-relief. It’s analgesic, so boiling water with poppy can be used to treat chronic coughs, diarrhea, dysentery, pain, and so on. It’s just that this thing can’t be taken in large quantities, let alone for a long time. If taken in large quantities, it will cause the patient to hyperventilate and even die. If taken over a long time, one will become addicted to it!” Dr. Qiao revealed the effects of poppy.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at the surrounding commoners before finally looking at the young man.

“Everyone heard what Dr. Qiao said! Using poppy in large quantities will make people struggle for breath. Taking it for a long time will make people addicted. Tell me, if I open a restaurant one day and put poppy shells in the things I sell, will you guys still dare to eat it?”

As soon as she said this, everyone understood.

At this moment, everyone looked at the young man differently.

Li Xiaoran said, “We’re looking for people good at grilling fish, since we want to open a restaurant. However, if the chef who cooks for us has evil intentions, he can add something harmful to the food. Would you dare to hire such a person? In any case, I won’t dare to hire such a person!”

This time, everyone understood why Li Xiaoran had said that previously.

Li Xiaoran had probably seen what this young man did, so she was unwilling to taste the grilled fish made by this man.

When the young man saw this, he ignored the sword at his throat and took a

step back to shout, “You’re slandering me! You must have framed me! That porcelain bottle of yours might have contained poppies, so when you poured the juice of the fish I marinated into it, it contained a large number of poppies as well! You unscrupulous merchants really use all kinds of shady methods to achieve your goals!”

“No, she didn’t frame you! There was a large amount of poppies on that plate just now, and you were stained with a lot of poppy powder juice!” At this moment, Dr. Qiao said, “Why don’t you look at your clothes and see what that brownish-yellow thing is!”

As soon as he said this, everyone looked in the direction Dr. Qiao pointed.

As expected, a part of the young man’s clothes was stained with brownish -yellow juice.

This time, the young man’s face paled..

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Dr. Qiao asked bluntly, “Do you want me to get a basin of clear water and wash off this stain on your clothes? Then, I’ll check if there’s poppy powder inside!”

At this moment, the young man completely lost all hope. He could only lower his head and say in a low voice, “There’s no need. I admit that I did add opium poppy powder!”

At this point, the young man looked up at Li Xiaoran angrily.

“Why? Why are all of you the same?! I clearly have the best culinary skills, but none of you need me! My master was like this, my Eldest Senior Brother was like this, and now, you’re all the same! Can’t you guys see my strength?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this man’s words and felt his indignation, she sighed.

“There’s a saying that goes, be a kind person before you do anything! You don’t even have morals as a person, so what right do you have to ask us to look at your merits? Could it be that since you have the talent to govern the country, we have to ignore your cruelty and support you as the emperor? If people don’t even have morals, what’s the difference between them and a beast? As a person, you have to be kind!”

The young man shouted loudly, “What’s the use of being kind? Kind people are cowards who deserve to be bullied and trampled on. I was kind too, but what did I get? I received my mentor’s bias, my senior brothers’ bullying, and the unfairness of life!”

Li Xiaoran scolded angrily when she saw that this man was still being stubborn, “There has never been absolute fairness in this world! However, this isn’t an excuse for you to do evil. Some people are born to live a luxurious life, while others are born poor. According to your idea, shouldn’t those people who were born unlucky be indignant all day long and insist that those people who live a luxurious life give you half of their assets? Is this fair?”

“In life, most things won’t go your way. Even the people who are lucky in your eyes have their own difficulties and troubles. In that case, who should these people ask for justice? You only see unfairness and evil, but I see the good side of things!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran pointed at a vendor not far away and said, “Look at him. One of his hands is already disabled, but he didn’t idle around and wait for death. Instead, he worked hard to create a better tomorrow for himself!”

With that, Li Xiaoran pointed at the blacksmith in the smithy not far away.

“Look at that young man who forged the iron. With his thin and weak body, he can’t support his heavy hammer at all. However, he gritted his teeth and tried again and again without giving up!”

“Look at the old people who set up stalls on the streets to sell groceries. They’ve already reached the age of retirement. However, in order to improve their family’s lives and for their grandson to have more delicious food to eat, they didn’t give up. Instead, they personally cooked in exchange for money to supplement the family’s expenses.”

“Yes, you encountered something unfair, but why didn’t you pull yourself together? You also said that you have good culinary skills. Even if you leave your mentor and your eldest senior brother, you will still have a chance to make a comeback. If your mentor is biased and won’t teach you culinary skills, you can figure it out yourself. Your talent isn’t bad. If you had used it on the right path, you would have long surpassed your mentor and senior brother.

You won’t need them to teach you anything!”

“If you leave your mentor and senior brother, you can go to a new place and use your culinary skills and research. First, find a chef to work for and accumulate money bit by bit. Then, you can buy a shop and start a small business yourself!

But what about you? What did you do instead?”

“Let’s not talk about anything else. Just take today’s matter as an example. If you had made grilled fish without playing tricks, I wouldn’t have made things difficult for you. I even would have hired you because of your barbecue skills and given you a high salary. Unfortunately, you were filled with evil intentions, making you forget how to do things in an upright manner!”

After saying so much in one go, Li Xiaoran finally felt much better.

When the surrounding commoners heard Li Xiaoran’s words, they understood.

“Little Peng, at this point, don’t you know how to repent? Do you still think that your mentor is biased and your senior brothers are bullying you?” At this moment, an old voice came from outside the crowd. When Zhou Peng heard this voice, his eyes widened.

“Mentor, you’re not dead?”

At this moment, a path opened up in the crowd. Five men pushed an old man in a wheelchair in.

As he looked at the person in front of him, tears of regret fell from Zhou Peng's eyes.

"I'm sorry, mentor! I'm sorry! I didn't intend to hurt you!"

As Fu Jinhua looked at his little disciple who was kowtowing hard in front of him, he sighed.

"Little Peng! Go back! Go back and start afresh. Become a down-to-earth person. Are you willing to?"

When Zhou Peng heard his mentor's words, he asked in disbelief, "Mentor, can I still return?"

"Can you? As long as you want to turn back, it'll never be too late! You have to atone for the sins you committed yourself. My legs are handicapped, but there are many things that you have to make up for regarding Eldest Senior Brother, who was killed by you," Fu Jinhua said.

Zhou Peng finally nodded when he heard this.

"Mentor, get someone to tie me up and send me to the government office! I'm willing to accept the punishment of the law. If there's a chance, I'd like make up for my mistake back then!"

Fu Jinhua nodded.

"It's a good thing that you can think it through! After accepting the punishment of the law, become a good person!"

With that, Fu Jinhua shouted, "Constable Wang, please go ahead!"

From behind the crowd, a few people who looked like constables walked out. Constable Wang, who was at the front, said, "Mr. Fu, don't worry. No one will make things difficult for your little disciple. Everything will be carried out impartially!"

Soon, Zhou Peng was brought away by Constable Wang. When he passed by Li Xiaoran, Zhou Peng suddenly stopped.

"Have you ever been bullied?"

Li Xiaoran nodded at Zhou Peng and said, "I've been bullied before, and by my closest relative.. She squeezed our family dry and didn't even let us have any full meals!"

Chapter 626: The Disciples' Doubts

As soon as she said this, the surrounding people revealed looks of disbelief.

Even Zhou Peng could not believe what he was hearing.

Zhou Peng muttered, "Don't you feel resentment?"

Li Xiaoran looked at Zhou Peng and said, "How can I not feel resentment? But compared to hate, I'm more willing to love people! Because if I'm getting better and better, to the people who bullied me back then, that'll be the best punishment! Therefore, why punish myself with other people's mistakes? If you still have the chance to turn over a new leaf, work hard to make up for your sufferings so that you won't let yourself down!"

Zhou Peng didn't say anything else and was taken away by Constable Wang.

Seeing that the danger had been resolved, Shu Ruyue came to Li Xiaoran's side.

"Why do I feel that you already knew that person was not a good person?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she smiled.

"Maybe it's a woman's sixth sense!"

Shu Ruyue asked, "Xiaoran, why did you say so much to a murderer?" When Li Xiaoran heard Shu Ruyue's words, she pondered over it.

"If I say more, I can make him repent and let go of the darkness in his heart. From now on, he can work hard to make up for the harm he has caused others, so why not?"

"Thank you for your help today! It's Little Peng's blessing to have met you!" At this moment, Mr. Fu walked forward and thanked her sincerely.

Li Xiaoran waved her hand dismissively and said, "Old man, you don't have to thank me. It's fate that we met! Since we met, I might as well help him! If he doesn't have any good intentions, it's useless for me to say anything. Goodness and evil are often determined by a single thought!"

Mr. Fu asked directly, "Pardon me for asking, but why do you want hire someone who's good at roasting meat or grilling fish?"

Li Xiaoran stared at Mr. Fu as she guessed his intentions.

Because the other party was very calm, Li Xiaoran could not hear his thoughts, but Li Xiaoran could sense that the other party did not have any ill intentions towards her.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran immediately realized something.

Mr. Fu had been addressing her very respectfully since the beginning. Could it be that he knew her identity?

Li Xiaoran said, "Actually, it's nothing important. It's just that my restaurant needs such talents!"

When Mr. Fu heard Li Xiaoran's words, he nodded.

"I see. I wonder where you're going to open your shop? When will it open? To be honest, I'm already so old, but I only care about eating delicious food! If I don't enjoy delicious food properly while I'm still alive, it'll be a pity when I can't enjoy it anymore!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Mr. Fu's words, she could sense his regret and immediately smiled.

Li Xiaoran invited, "If you really want to eat delicacies, why don't you go to Golden Sun Town under Anhua County in White Foothill City?! The opening day is in a month. If you're free, why don't you come and try it? It'll definitely be worth the trip!"

When Mr. Fu heard Li Xiaoran's words, he smiled.

"Alright! Thank you for your invitation. I'll definitely go try it! I won't disturb you anymore today. Goodbye!"

After Li Xiaoran bowed to the old man, she watched Mr. Fu and the other five men leave.

After they left, Li Xiaoran's screening still had to continue.

Other than the thin young man Li Xiaoran had called on previously, a total of four people stayed.

It had to be said that their gains were quite good this time.

Although these four people's fish grilling skills could not compare to that of the skinny youth's, they weren't that bad.

If they focused on training in the future, it would definitely be enough!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran smiled happily.

With these five people, at least the shops in Golden Sun Town could open first.

If she met a suitable chef in the future, she could also prepare branches in other places.

Mr. Fu did not go far after leaving with his men. Instead, he stayed in an inn in Nanping Town.

At this moment, the man who had been pushing Mr. Fu's wheelchair couldn't help but ask, "Mentor, why do you keep addressing that Madam so respectfully?"

Mr. Fu replied with a smile, "She looked very noble and appeared in Nanping Town. Who else could she be but the consort? Didn't the address of the shop that the consort gave prove this? You have to know that Mr. Luo and the consort lives in Hele Village in White Foothill City! "

A man in black asked in confusion, "Mentor, don't you hate interacting with the royal family the most? Why did you make an exception for the consort?"

Mr. Fu glanced at him, then at his five disciples and said, "But Mr. Luo is different from the consort! Firstly, the consort is from a farming family. You've met her today. What kind of person do you think the consort is?"

The person pushing Mr. Fu forward was called Ge Kai and was Mr. Fu's second disciple.

Upon hearing Mr. Fu's words, Ge Kai recalled carefully.

"The consort gave me the feeling that she was very confident. It seemed that she had already noticed that something was wrong with Little Junior Brother from the beginning. However, she didn't say anything or make any arrangements. She just waited. When Little Junior Brother made things difficult for her, she didn't panic. She first gave him a warning and then counterattacked calmly when she saw him cause trouble. Such a person doesn't seem like a woman from a farmer's family!"

Mr. Fu smiled when he heard this.

“Don’t judge a book by its cover! Just because she’s a woman, you already look down on her! Why don’t you think about it? Since ancient times, how many of those heroes have come from noble backgrounds?”

When Ge Kai heard his mentor’s words, he was instantly speechless.

After all, many of the heroes from the past and present were from ordinary backgrounds.

At this moment, Zhang Luo, the third disciple, asked, “Mentor, are you trying to find a way out for us by interacting with the consort?” Mr. Fu glanced at his third disciple and sighed.

“I knew I couldn’t hide it from you!”

After saying this, Mr. Fu picked up his teacup and took a sip of water. Then, he said, “Among the seven of you, the eldest son was killed by the youngest, Little Peng. Little Peng was also personally sent to prison by me.. Now, there are only the five of you left! I know very well that I won’t be able to much longer, so I want to help you guys find a backer so that you won’t be persecuted after I’m gone!”

Chapter 627: Exhortation to Zhuo Lian

Upon hearing Mr. Fu’s words, the few of them fell silent.

Feng Huan asked, “Mentor, how can you be sure that we will be protected if we submit to Mr. Luo? Moreover, can Mr. Luo really protect us?”

Mr. Fu said, “I’m not sure, but Huan’er, you’re the most impatient and insecure one. You always like to think of the worst. This is your strength and your weakness. How can you be very sure about anything in this world? Many things are risky. Mr. Luo and the consort have a good reputation, and I talked to the consort just now. From her expression when she talked about delicious food, I can tell that she likes delicious food! As chefs, we won’t make the wrong choice by following her!”

Feng Huan’s younger brother, Feng Le, said unwillingly, “Mentor, we rely on our skills to make a living, so we can go anywhere with our skills. Why do we have to follow other people’s orders? I still prefer to be free and unrestrained. I

don’t want to be just another chef!”

Mr. Fu asked bluntly, “Then between you and your seventh fellow disciple, who do you think is better at cooking?”

“Of course his culinary skills are better!” Although Feng Le was unwilling to admit it, he had to acknowledge Zhou Peng’s culinary skills.

Mr. Fu asked, “Doesn’t Zhou Peng also have good culinary skills? But what happened in the end?”

This time, the five disciples remained silent.

Mr. Fu lamented, “If we were born in a prosperous era, I wouldn’t have spent so much effort to make you guys join anyone. I would have let you guys develop on your own! However, chaotic

times are coming. If you guys don't find a faction to protect you, it'll be very difficult for you to gain a foothold!"

Fu Jinhua's fourth disciple, Zhuo Lian, asked, "Mentor, do you think that there'll be chaos in Sichuan?"

Mr. Fu said, "That's right. Due to the terrain, the natural barrier in Sichuan prevents many disasters. Most importantly, Sichuan's White Foothill City is already Mr. Luo's fief. With Mr. Luo around, we can live a stable life!"

This time, the disciples dispelled their doubts.

After that, the few of them got busy.

There were so many people, so they naturally could not stay in the same guest room.

Zhuo Lian was in charge of taking care of their mentor and staying in the same room with him today.

As for the other four people, every two people shared a guest room.

Now that Zhou Peng had been captured, they could finally rest.

Since it was not time to eat yet, the few of them asked the waiter to bring water up.

Then, Zhuo Lian helped Mr. Fu into the bathtub.

After that, Zhuo Lian retreated outside and started making tea.

Fu Jinhua had always had the habit of drinking tea. Moreover, he only brewed a few tea leaves every time.

Zhuo Lian was very familiar with his habits.

After Mr. Fu finished showering, Zhuo Lian changed the water and went to shower himself.

When they were done washing up, the waiter brought the food over. Zhuo Lian asked, "Mentor, are we not going down to eat?"

Mr. Fu shook his head and said, "I don't have the energy to rund around anymore. I'll just eat something in the room, so I'll be able to rest after eating!"

When Zhuo Lian heard this, he did not say anything else. Instead, he placed the bowls and chopsticks on the table and ate with Mr. Fu.

Mr. Fu didn't have a good appetite, so he was full after eating some rice and trying a few side dishes.

Zhuo Lian ate the rest of the food.

Mr. Fu couldn't help but laugh when he saw Zhuo Lian eating with relish.

"Is there anything else you haven't asked?"

When Zhuo Lian heard his mentor's words, he hesitated for a moment before nodding.

"Mentor, did you come to Sichuan because of what Master Fu Yuan said?" When Mr. Fu heard Zhuo Lian's words, he stroked his beard.

“I really can’t hide anything from you, kid! You’re the least talkative, but I know that you’re the most clear-headed one! Zhuo Lian, if one day, I pass away and your fellow disciples are unwilling to follow Mr. Luo, don’t force them. Stay by Mr. Luo’s side yourself! I believe that you won’t regret this choice!” Zhuo Lian nodded when he heard his mentor’s words.

“Mentor, actually, just like you, I think highly of Mr. Luo and the consort. I haven’t seen Mr. Luo yet, but after seeing the consort, I’ve decided to stay in Sichuan! Mentor, I have a feeling that this consort will bring us a huge surprise, so you have to live well. Otherwise, if you miss this big surprise, you won’t be able to rest in peace!”

When Mr. Fu heard his disciple’s words, he couldn’t help but laugh.

“Alright, alright, alright. I’ll try my best to live a little longer and see what kind of surprise the consort will bring us!”

After Li Xiaoran brought the five selected people back to their courtyard, she handed the people to Zi Cheng to settle down.

Coupled with Yin Qing and Ye Shengnan, who they had brought back previously, all the rooms in the courtyard were filled now.

Fortunately, everyone did things themselves, so it was not very troublesome.

That night, Luo Cheng did not return.

However, Li Xiaoran received a note from Zi Cheng that Luo Cheng had asked the messenger pigeon to send back.

The note was addressed to Li Xiaoran, but there were only a few words.

“I’m fine. I’ll be back at night tomorrow! Don’t miss me too much, but I miss you!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran smiled.

“He told me not to miss him, but he added that he missed me at the end! How silly!”

After putting away the note, she placed it in her wallet and pressed it against the pillow. Then, Li Xiaoran fell asleep against the pillow with Luo Cheng’s note.

Perhaps because she knew that Luo Cheng would be back tomorrow night, Li Xiaoran slept very well that night.

When Li Xiaoran woke up the next morning, she realized that it was raining outside.

“Xiaoran, you’re awake? Get up quickly. Ye Shengnan made rice cake today. It’s very delicious!” Shu Ruyue ran over to look for Li Xiaoran after she washed up.

When she heard that there were rice cakes to eat, Li Xiaoran felt a little hungry. “Speaking of which, I haven’t eaten rice cake in a long time! Let’s go and try it!” It had to be said that Ye Shengnan’s rice cakes tasted really delicious.

After Li Xiaoran took a bite, she fell in love with the taste of this rice cake.

“Sigh, this rice cake tastes amazing. It’s much better than the rice cakes I’ve eaten in the past!”

When Ye Shengnan heard Li Xiaoran’s praise, she smiled.

“This is my first time making rice cakes. For some reason, I suddenly wanted to make some today, so I made an entire pot!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately remembered something..

Chapter 628: Two Inheritances

“This rice cake won’t last long, right? It might get spoiled in the summer weather, right? I suddenly remembered that rice can also be made into crust!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and immediately said excitedly, “Let’s make more crusts today and fry them before storing them. When the time comes, we won’t have to worry about not having anything to eat on the way!”

“Crusts? You want to eat crusts?” Ye Shengnan was a little dumbfounded. “Why eat crust when there’s white rice to eat?! I’d rather eat white rice

Li Xiaoran’s excited expression froze for a moment before she started pondering over it.

Li Xiaoran said after a while, “No, we have to make crust in case of emergencies!”

Since Li Xiaoran had said so, the others cooperated.

The few people who were good at roasting meat and grilling fish were also brought over. Then, everyone got busy.

Li Xiaoran explained the main points of making crust and personally demonstrated them to everyone.

Then, the group split tasks, so everyone had their own things to do.

Soon, pieces of golden crust were fried and placed in the basket to cool.

Li Xiaoran took a piece of crust and ate it.

Sure enough, it was crispy to the bite.

Li Xiaoran called out as she ate, “Yes, this is the taste. Not bad, not bad!

Everyone, come and try a piece! See what kind of food we’ve made!”

After Li Xiaoran said this, the group of people who were already craving it all picked up a piece of crust with their chopsticks and ate it. It had to be said that this crunchy taste was very delicious.

After Zi Cheng ate this crust, he pondered over it.

This crust could be eaten as snacks or dry rations.

When it was inconvenient to cook, this food could fill their stomachs.

In winter, they could boil a pot of hot water and put these crusts in to cook. Then, they could cook a pot of porridge.

Eating such a bowl of porridge in the middle of winter would be very satisfying.

Li Xiaoran watched as everyone ate with relish. Then, she thought of more food made of rice, such as rice candies and rice cakes!

The group made a lot of crusts in one go.

In addition, Zi Cheng bought some flour and made some instant noodles with it.

Everyone had a busy day.

At night, Li Xiaoran asked Zi Cheng to buy some pork to reward everyone.

Of course, it was also because Luo Cheng was coming back that Li Xiaoran prepared a sumptuous dinner.

Luo Cheng returned as promised.

Although she was very tired, the moment she saw Li Xiaoran, all her fatigue was swept away.

“Husband, you’re back. Hurry up and take a hot shower! I personally cooked a table of good dishes for you. After you’re done showering, try them!”

Luo Cheng also felt that he was covered in sweat, so he suppressed his longing and went to take a hot shower.

When Luo Cheng came out again, it was raining.

Li Xiaoran handed her chopsticks to Luo Cheng and teased with a smile, “Look, the heavens are really on your side! As soon as you came back, it started raining heavily! If you had come back later, you would have been drenched!”

Luo Cheng laughed when he heard the sound of rain outside. “That’s right- It seems that the heavens are on my side!”

Li Xiaoran told him about the situation during the day, “It was raining in the morning, but it stopped not long after. After that, the sky was covered in dark clouds, but it didn’t rain! All this time, the rain was waiting for you!” At this moment, lively voices came from the room.

“I feel that the house has become much livelier after I left for a few days!”

“Of course it’s livelier. After all, there are six more people here!” Li Xiaoran smiled and said, “Zi Cheng should have told you what happened on our side!”

Luo Cheng said with a smile, “I was told that you saved a smelly person. In addition, Yu Peng and the others came up with an idea and found five chefs who are good at roasting meat and grilling fish!”

“That’s right! I didn’t expect myself to do such a thing either! The smelly person you mentioned is called Yin Qing. For some reason, when I saw him being despised, I felt

like helping him!" Li Xiaoran smiled and said, "Husband, I don't know why, but there was a voice in my mind telling me that I should help! "

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he reached out and patted her head.

"If you want to help, help! Do whatever you want! Don't worry, I'll have your back!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her husband's words, she laughed.

"Come, try the dishes I made for you! I'll give you special treatment tonight! I left the others behind and specifically accompanied you!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words and the commotion not far away, he instantly understood something.

"Are the others eating over there?"

Li Xiaoran said as she picked up the food she had made and placed them in Luo

Cheng's bowl, "Yes! I made a lot of crusts and fried noodles today, so I asked Zi Cheng to buy some meat and use them to make a delicious meal to nourish their bodies!"

Luo Cheng thought of something as he ate.

"I heard you saw Old Master Fu today?"

Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked, "Mr. Fu is very influential?" Luo Cheng nodded and explained Mr. Fu's identity to Li Xiaoran.

"Since ancient times, chefs have either entered the royal family to become imperial chefs or are commoners. Other than learning by chance, recipes are also passed down in the family. Mr. Fu is the latter case! The Fu family is one of the top chef families among the commoners. For generations, people from the Fu family have entered the palace to become imperial chefs. At the same time, many members of the Fu family stayed commoners and passed down their skills among the commoners!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she suddenly understood. "So, Mr. Fu is from the faction that supports folk inheritance?"

Luo Cheng said, "That's right. Later on, the Fu family split into two factions, the family inheritance faction and the folk inheritance faction. The folk inheritance faction became a thorn in the side of the family inheritance faction, so they wanted to get rid of the folk inheritance faction countless times, but in the end, they didn't succeed. Now, Mr. Fu can be considered the last member of the folk inheritance faction. Once Mr. Fu dies, the family inheritance faction will eliminate the folk inheritance faction!"

Chapter 629: How to Deal with It?

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was shocked.

This kind of family inheritance had sentimental attachments.

Cooking skills were something that could only be improved through more exchanges.

This kind of family inheritance faction wasn't bad, but there was no need to be so inflexible!

For the Fu family to kill another faction of the same family was a little too much.

“In the past, because Mr. Fu was around, they thought of it as the Fu family's inheritance. Now, Mr. Fu has no children and his disciples all have different surnames, so the other faction of the Fu family wants to kill them and completely eliminate this faction?” Li Xiaoran asked.

“That's right. The family inheritance faction has always regarded the folk inheritance faction as the Fu family's shame and had wanted to resolve this matter since a long time ago. The reason they didn't succeed previously was that the folk inheritance faction had several disciples with good culinary skills and many powerful connections, so the Fu family didn't have the ability to do anything to them even if they wanted to!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked, “Are things different now?”

Luo Cheng explained, “That's right! From Mr. Fu's generation onwards, the folk inheritance faction began to decline. Mr. Fu's senior brother even offended a very influential figure in the government and was suppressed by many factions. If not for Mr. Fu's connections, he probably wouldn't have lasted until now. However, Mr. Fu hasn't been in good health recently. I'm afraid after he passes away, Mr. Fu's folk inheritance faction will be destroyed!”

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

“In that case, Mr. Fu has the intention to let his disciples follow us?”

Luo Cheng replied as he ate the dishes, “Pretty much!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she pondered over it carefully.

Zhou Peng's fish grilling skills were actually very good, but unfortunately, he had ill intentions.

She wondered how good Mr. Fu's other disciples' culinary skills were.

She wanted to help!

After all, talent was rare!

But would helping these people cause trouble for her husband?

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng.

“Husband, if Mr. Fu really has that intention, what do you plan to do?”

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

“Why? Do you want to use them?”

Li Xiaoran said, "If possible, I'm willing to help! However, I have to see how much trouble this matter will cause you, husband!"

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

"If you think they're useful, we might as well take them in! Although it will affect you a little, it won't affect you that much. The person Mr. Fu offended is a big problem for others, but for me, it's just a small problem! However, in the end, I'll have to trouble you to think of some delicious food to make that person happy. Then, this matter will be resolved! As for the Fu family, they won't dare to go against me!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she said confidently, "It's easy to make delicious food! I'm best at this!"

"That's why I said that this matter is a small matter to us!" With that, Luo Cheng laughed.

Then, Luo Cheng started talking about the coal mine.

"Xiaoran, you have many ideas, so help me come up with ideas! How should we deal with this coal mine?"

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

"Husband, according to the law, who does this coal mine belong to? Does it belong to you or the imperial court?"

Luo Cheng thought about Li Xiaoran's words carefully.

There were no laws regarding fiefs. There were only conventions.

Whoever set up the fief would get the output.

After Li Xiaoran learned of this situation, she pondered for a moment and said, "Husband, let's report this to the Old Master! Let's see how the Old Master want to deal with it! No matter what, we can't get the coal mine, but the taxes have to be given to us! Besides, after we report it, we might get more benefits!" With that, Li Xiaoran carefully explained the reason to Luo Cheng.

After reporting it, it would be impossible for others to use this matter to make a fuss in the future.

After all, Luo Cheng and the others had discovered the coal mine. Originally, there was no need to report it, but they had reported it to the imperial court.

Secondly, after the emperor received this news, he would definitely take this matter seriously. At that time, it was very likely that the Ministry of Labor would send people to mine the coal mine. After the emperor did this, he would definitely feel a little guilty towards his son, Luo Cheng. Perhaps he would give Luo Cheng some profits from the mining of the coal mine. Even if it was only ten or twenty percent, it was free money. It would be a waste not to take it!

Even if the emperor didn't let Luo Cheng have the profits, he would definitely find other ways to compensate Luo Cheng by sending people to mine the coal mine.

After all, this coal mine was on Luo Cheng's land.

As a father, it was a little unreasonable for the emperor to take his son's things for nothing.

At that time, Luo Cheng and the others would also benefit.

Therefore, although they seemed to have lost a lot of profit after reporting it to the imperial court, they secretly obtained more.

Also, even if the Ministry of Labor sent someone over to take over the coal mine, wouldn't they still have to deal with Luo Cheng?

When the time came, that person might even be his source of news.

They would be able to obtain more benefits if they reported the coal mine to the imperial court.

After hearing Li Xiaoran's analysis, Luo Cheng immediately nodded.

"You're so smart and thoughtful! No wonder people say that if one marries a smart wife, one will be blessed for three generations. I'm indeed lucky to have married a good wife!"

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

"Is that so? Aren't you afraid that your wife will be too powerful and you won't be able to control me in the future?"

Luo Cheng laughed.

"How can that be? You treat me very well. You're also smart, virtuous, and beautiful. I can't even find such a good wife elsewhere. Why would I be afraid?"

"Why are you such a sweet talker?" Li Xiaoran rolled her eyes when she heard Luo Cheng praise her.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he wiped his mouth with a handkerchief. When Li Xiaoran wasn't paying attention, he pulled her over and kissed her.

"Li Xiaoran, try it. Is my mouth sweet?!"

Li Xiaoran was a little stunned at this moment. When she came back to her senses and saw the sly look in her husband's eyes, she smiled.

Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng over and kissed him.

"Yep, it's very sweet!"

Chapter 630: Upholding Justice

After eating and drinking his fill, Luo Cheng was tired.

After talking for a while, the couple fell asleep.

Compared to the loneliness of the previous few nights, the temperature of the room was a little higher tonight because there was one more person.

Although it was a little hot, Li Xiaoran was satisfied.

Smelling the soapy scent on the man beside her, Li Xiaoran fell asleep with a smile.

As Luo Cheng felt the warmth in his arms, he felt at ease and all his fatigue was swept away.

After that, he fell asleep.

As expected, home was where one's family was!

The next morning, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran woke up late.

After the two of them washed up, they asked Zi Cheng and found out that everyone had gone out to look for Ma San.

The people they had brought back yesterday had also left today.

After all, this group of people would be going to Golden Sun Town to work later, so they had to give them some time to settle down.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran had already made it clear yesterday that she would give them six days to go back and settle the matters at home.

Six days later, when everyone came here again, someone would bring them to Golden Sun Town to settle down.

For the past few days, Yin Qing had been eating plain porridge and mild side dishes every day. Then, he had to endure the torture of soaking in medicine for an hour every day.

Although it really hurt when he soaked in medicine, the effect was obvious.

It had only been a few days, but the pus on Yin Qing's body had already crusted.

After the first day of soaking, the pus-filled area on his body had already begun to heal. The subsequent days of soaking sped up the healing and it began to scab over.

After soaking for a few more days and after these scabs fell off, his body would be healed.

Although he had been eating plain porridge and side dishes for the past few days, Yin Qing felt more energetic every day.

When Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were about to go out to eat, Li Xiaoran came out and immediately saw Yin Qing sweeping the leaves in the courtyard with a bamboo broom.

Li Xiaoran asked curiously when she saw Yin Qing, "Yin Qing, you feel much better now?"

One had to know that Li Xiaoran hadn't seen Yin Qing for the past few days. At this moment, she recognized him from his back figure, but when she saw his face, she saw a handsome guy.

Yin Qing said gratefully, "That's right! Madam, thank you for helping me. That's why I had a chance to treat my illness! In the future, my life will be yours. I won't hesitate to go through hell for you!"

Li Xiaoran said, "There's no need to go through hell for me. Recuperate well and learn more skills in the future. It's fine as long as you can help me!" When he heard that Li Xiaoran wanted to use him, Yin Qing was overjoyed. "Madam, are you serious? Can I work for you?"

Li Xiaoran encouraged, "Why not? As long as you're willing to learn and work harder, you can work for me! You haven't completely recovered from your illness yet, so there's no hurry to clean this courtyard. You should go back quickly and rest! After you recuperate, come to work early!"

Yin Qing said happily, "Don't worry, Madam. I'll finish sweeping quickly. After that, I'll go rest!"

After Li Xiaoran nodded, she saw Luo Cheng walking out of the house.

"Husband, I'm here!"

When Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran, he walked out.

Seeing an unfamiliar face standing in front of Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng asked,

"Who is he?"

Li Xiaoran explained with a smile, "His name is Yin Qing. He's the one I brought back from the streets to let Zi Cheng treat his illness!"

Luo Cheng knew who he was now.

After sizing up Yin Qing, Luo Cheng confirmed that this kid was upright and nodded.

Yin Qing had heard a lot of things yesterday. Now that he knew who the person in front of him was, he quickly bowed.

"Greetings, Young Master!"

Luo Cheng nodded and said, "Since Madam saved you, stay here in peace! Rest well and work hard in the future! As long as you work diligently and don't betray us, we won't mistreat you in the future!"

Yin Qing nodded and went to sweep the courtyard.

Luo Cheng brought Li Xiaoran outside for breakfast.

Wu Qinghe and Shu Ruyue had also come out to eat today. Originally, he and Xue Shanhui planned to continue searching today, but Shu Ruyue came over to ask him for a walk together, so he changed his mind.

Shu Ruyue looked around and muttered, "Do you think Ma San has left town since he hasn't appeared?"

"That's impossible. Even if he left, he'll be back soon! My divination is very accurate!"

Wu Qinghe was very confident in his abilities.

Shu Ruyue said as she looked around, "Yes, yes, yes. Your divination is indeed very accurate, but it can't be accurate every time! Look, we've been looking for a few days. Yu Peng and the others have spread the news that we recruited people to roast meat or grilled fish. Ma San should have appeared long ago!"

"Don't be anxious. He will definitely appear when it's time!"

At this moment, someone was thrown out of a nearby restaurant.

A waiter pointed at the person curled up on the ground and scolded loudly as he kicked him hard, "Get lost. You don't have money, but you came to our restaurant to eat and drink? Beating you up is considered light punishment. If you come again, we'll beat you to death!"

The person who was beaten up didn't say a single word and just endured the beating.

Shu Ruyue couldn't stand it anymore, so she walked over and said, "I'll pay for the bill he owes you!"

Seeing that someone was willing to pay, the waiter was immediately overjoyed.

"Alright, if you're willing to be a good person, it's a total of five taels of silver!"

Although Shu Ruyue was chivalrous, she wasn't stupid.

"Five taels of silver? Are you sure? Are you stupid or do you think I'm stupid?"

"Why don't you bring me in to see what he ate?"

When the waiter heard Shu Ruyue's words, he said, "He drank good wine that's worth five taels of silver. That wine has entered this person's stomach long ago, so how can I prove it to you?"

Seeing that this person was determined to extort her, Shu Ruyue sneered and reached for her sword.

At this moment, Wu Qinghe ran over, grabbed Shu Ruyue's hand, and shook his head at her.

"Leave this to me!"

As Wu Qinghe spoke, he stared at the waiter who had spoken.

The waiter was frightened by Wu Qinghe's stare and said fiercely, "What are you looking at? Do you think I can put in a good word for you just because you're staring at me? If you can't take out five taels of silver, don't pretend to

be the good guy here!"