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Chapter 661: Bullying Her

Although they had already decided to reject this marriage, after hearing about the Fang family's situation, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu couldn't suppress their anger.

At this moment, the couple finally understood how wise their youngest daughter's words were.

The girl they doted on couldn't be sent to someone else's house to be a maid.

Their family could earn money with their own abilities now and didn't have to worry about food and clothes. Why did they have to marry their daughter off and let her suffer the abuse of her in-laws?

"Xiao Qing saw through their true colors right from the beginning! The Fang family is really wicked. They clearly can't make ends meet and have a huge debt, but they're pretending to be well-off to lure us into marrying off our daughter! If we didn't know the true situation of the Fang family and agreed to this marriage, we would have pushed our daughter into a living hell!" Li Shun was so angry that his chest hurt.

Zhao Xiu's eyes turned red.

"That matchmaker is really immoral. No wonder people often say that matchmakers can't be trusted. Now, I've seen so for myself! We can't agree to this marriage no matter what! We can dote on our daughter ourselves. Let a man marry into the family in the future! Even if we don't find a good candidate to marry into the family, as long as Xiaoran is around, Xiao Qing will live a comfortable life in her later years! "

Seeing that her parents had thought it through, Li Xiaoqing smiled.

"Father, Mother, it's great that you think that way! It's better to rely on yourself than on others! I can earn money to support myself, so why should I suffer?"

Luo Ziyang agreed and said, "That's right. Xiao Qing, you're right!"

After Luo Ziyang finished talking about a few things, everyone went about their own business.

Li Shun made a lot of furniture.

Some were ordered by others, and some were randomly made by Li Shun due to bursts of inspiration.

There were many rooms at home, so he could place them anywhere he wanted.

However, over time, they had accumulated a lot of furniture.

He really had to tidy things up now.

Zhao Xiu was the opposite of Li Shun.

The jewelry she made was stored in a wooden box, so she only needed to count them one by one!

After Li Xiaoqing resolved this incident, she was in a good mood and even hummed when making sliced noodles in the shop!

Zhao Sisi tickled Li Xiaoqing and teased, ‘What happened? Why are you so happy?’

Li Xiaoqing said, ‘‘After settling things, I’m naturally in a good mood!’’

Zhao Sisi thought of something and said, ‘‘Sigh, I haven’t seen that strange person in the past few days!’’

Li Xiaoqing said, ‘‘He probably won’t come again!’’

A few days later, when the matchmaker came again, Zhao Xiu and Li Shun rejected this marriage on the grounds that their family was going to let Li Xiaoqing’s future husband marry into the family in the future.

However, the day after the marriage was rejected, Young Master Fang actually came again.

This time, Mr. Fang ordered a bowl of noodles as usual and sat down to eat slowly.

Seeing this, Zhao Sisi came to Li Xiaoqing’s side.

‘‘Xiao Qing, didn’t you say that this matter has been resolved? Why is this person here again?!’’

Li Xiaoqing glanced at the other party and then looked away.

‘‘Ignore him. Just do our own thing!’’

Unexpectedly, it didn’t happen.

After Young Master Fang ate the sliced noodles, he paid for the noodles and came to Li Xiaoqing.

‘‘Miss Li, I have a question I want to ask you. Are you free now?’’

At this moment, the customers of the shop had already eaten their sliced noodles. There were no new customers, so Young Master Fang took this opportunity to ask.

Li Xiaoqing thought for a moment and felt that the shop wasn’t a good place to talk, so she nodded.

‘‘Alright, please come to the backyard! Others might misunderstand if a man and woman talk together alone. With my Granny Jin and my brother in the backyard as witnesses, you’ll reputation won’t be ruined!’’

Fang Jun nodded and followed Li Xiaoran to the backyard.

At this moment, Old Madam Jin was checking Changsheng’s homework.

Changsheng was originally following Luo Ziyang, but Luo Ziyang had been very busy recently, so he came to the shop to study.

Old Madam Jin would come to the shop every day when she was free. Seeing that Changsheng was obedient and sensible, she would give him pointers from time to time.

The two of them got along surprisingly well.

Seeing Li Xiaoqing bring in an unfamiliar man, Old Madam Jin immediately became vigilant and stared at the unfamiliar man.

Li Xiaoqing explained when she saw Granny Jin, “Granny Jin, this person is looking for me for something. In order to avoid suspicion, I brought him here to talk for a while!”

Old Madam Jin nodded. She understood what Li Xiaoqing meant.

“Alright! The stone table here is empty. Sit down and talk!”

Li Xiaoqing nodded and led Fang Jun to sit down.

“If you have anything to ask, feel free to ask!” Li Xiaoqing went straight to the point.

Fang Jun stared at Li Xiaoqing. At this moment, he was already certain that this girl really had no feelings for him.

“Miss Li, perhaps you don’t understand me that well yet! I like you. It’s indeed inappropriate for me to propose marriage rashly, but Miss Li, there’s no need to use such an excuse to brush me off.”

When Li Xiaoqing heard this, she immediately laughed.

“Young Master Fang, I’m not using an excuse to brush you off. What you’ve done is enough to make me refuse this marriage. If you really respect me, how can you not investigate my family’s situation? Previously, when someone came to propose marriage to me, my family released the news that my future husband has to marry into the family. As the saying goes, marriage is about establishing ties. Which family doesn’t ask around when looking for a wife? How could your family not know about such news?”

“You knew, so you deliberately came to our shop to eat sliced noodles every day. After eating for a month, you even asked the matchmaker to propose marriage. The meaning behind the matchmaker’s words is also intriguing. She made it sound as if I already like you! It’s not difficult to see through your schemes! To be honest, I don’t want to have such a person as my husband!” When Fang Jun heard Li Xiaoqing’s words, his expression turned ugly.

“Miss Li, you might have some misunderstanding about me! Can you listen to my explanation?”

However, Li Xiaoqing lost her patience already.

She knew the Fang family’s situation very well. They fancied her because she was young and appeared to be gullible!

Unfortunately, they had misjudged her!

“There’s no need. I have nothing to say to you! Young Master Fang, if you come to eat noodles in the future, we welcome you. If you still have other intentions, I’m sorry, but we don’t welcome you anymore! I still have something on in the shop, so please see yourself out!” With that, Li Xiaoqing stood up and left.

Fang Jun was a little displeased by Li Xiaoqing’s cold treatment.

Fang Jun stared at Li Xiaoqing’s departing figure with a dark expression.

Unfortunately, Old Madam Jin, who had been paying attention, saw his change in expression.

Fang Jun realized that there were still people in the courtyard, so without saying anything, he quickly left.

Changsheng suddenly said, “Granny Jin, that person isn’t a good person!”

Old Madam Jin said, “You’re right. Not only isn’t this person a good person, but he’s also a ruthless person! It seems that I have to remind Xiao Qing!”

However, before Old Madam Jin could find time to tell Li Xiao Qing about this, some rumors were spread around outside.

It was said that Li Xiaoqing was spotted on a secret rendezvous with a man. Someone saw the two of them standing together and talking intimately.

Soon, many people knew about this.

Many people who had a good relationship with the Li family came to ask. Only then did Li Shun and Zhao Xiu find out about the rumors outside.

Zhao Xiu said angrily, “How despicable! It must be Young Master Fang. Only he has such a motive! What is he trying to do? Does he want to use others to force us to agree to this marriage?”

Luo Ziyang’s expression darkened when he learned of this.

They really didn’t expect the Fang family to be so shameless.

After Old Madam Jin learned of this, she went straight to look for Li Shun and Zhao Xiu.

At this moment, Luo Ziyang rushed over. Then, the group walked towards the living room.

Old Madam Jin said, “This matter is probably just the beginning. Many things will happen in the future. The most important thing now is to protect Xiao Qing and prevent her from being plotted against. Think about it, it’s just a rumor now, but if they make the rumors seem like the truth, Xiao Qing won’t be able to clear her name! Don’t underestimate the evilness of human nature. Some people will do anything to achieve their goals!”

When Li Shun and Zhao Xiu heard Old Madam Jin’s words, they were shocked.

Zhao Xiu said angrily, “Then what should we do now? Aren’t we going to clarify things? Are we going to let others spread the rumors?”

Old Madam Jin asked, “How will you guys clarify it? Explain it to everyone you

Luo Ziyang didn't have a good idea. He could arrange for someone to teach the Fang family a lesson and cause the Fang family to go bankrupt, but he couldn't clear Xiao Qing's name.

Old Madam Jin was very familiar with such methods. After all, how could she not be familiar with the methods used by concubines and mistresses?

"Rumors are just rumors. As they spread, they will naturally dissipate! We don't have to befriend those who believe the rumors. If they hear the rumors and are still willing to believe in Xiao Qing's innocence, they will be trustworthy. Therefore, this matter is also a good thing. At the very least, it can let you see clearly what the attitudes of the people around you are! Just remember what I said just now. First, protect Xiao Qing's safety and don't let her be schemed against!"

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu planned to stop Li Xiaoqing from selling sliced noodles in the shop for the time being.

Li Xiaoqing shook her head when she heard her parents' words.

"Father, Mother, why don't we do this? The more I hide now, the more others will think that the rumors are the truth. I'll just continue doing what I have to do! Don't forget that I'm not an ordinary little girl now. I've also learned a lot from my mentor!"

Only then did Li Shun and Zhao Xiu remember that the news of Li Xiaoqing practicing martial arts hadn't spread, so very few people knew about this.

Luo Ziyang said, "I also think you're right. Continue doing what you have to do.

I'll arrange for a few secret guards to secretly protect Xiao Qing!"

Old Madam Jin thought of something and reminded her, "Just be prepared. There's really no need to avoid him. However, if Young Master Fang comes again, avoid him. Don't talk to him anymore. Don't say a word to him!" Li Xiaoqing nodded and remembered Old Madam Jin's words.

After that, Luo Ziyang sent Old Madam Jin home.

On the way back, Old Madam Jin reminded her.

"Ziyang, you should also know that with your brother and his wife's identities, they are destined to implicate everyone around them. Now, these people's schemes seem to be targeting Xiao Qing, but in fact, they're targeting your brother and Madam. You should inform them as soon as possible!"

Luo Ziyang nodded and took Old Madam Jin's words to heart.

As soon as Li Xiaoran finished recuperating in Nanping Town, she received a message from Luo Ziyang.

Her good mood was instantly ruined.

"These people are really scheming." Li Xiaoran said angrily, "They're actually targeting my sister, Xiao Qing!"

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was furious, Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "I'm afraid there will be more such things in the future! When our assets and strength are revealed, there will probably be more people eyeing us!"

"Then what should I do? I have to go back! If I don't settle Xiao Qing's matter, I won't be able to work in peace!" Li Xiaoran was extremely anxious.

"Whenever your family is involved, you start to panic! The Fang family might not have done this. I think there must be someone else behind this. If you don't believe me, let's make a bet. If we go back now, the other party won't attack! Let's wait and see!" Luo Cheng seemed to have thought of something and sneered.

Li Xiaoran said angrily, "No, I can't risk my sister's future happiness! Nothing is more important than Xiao Qing's happiness!"

"Don't worry! Xiao Qing is also my sister, so how can I sacrifice her happiness? Zi Yan will protect Xiao Qing. Xiao Qing herself is skilled in martial arts, so there won't be any major problem! Xiaoran, think about it seriously. If we rush back now, that might be exactly what those people want!" Luo Cheng reminded.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she immediately calmed down.

"Husband, do you mean that someone doesn't want us to come out and walk around but wants us to return to Hele Village and tie us down?"

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Luo Cheng said firmly, "That's very likely. Perhaps we're approaching something that made those people panic, so they thought of a diversion to divert our attention. After all, we've done two big things recently!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately became vigilant.

"Husband, do you think the gold mine is nearby? After all, there are mountains around here and minerals are abundant, so there might really be gold and silver mines! If someone knew that there were gold and silver mines here and was about to mine them, they would definitely be unhappy when they were designated as your fief. Now that you've come out to walk around, you've ruined their plans, so they interfered!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's guess, he waved the fan in his hand and said, "That's right. Li Xiaoran and I thought of the same thing!"

"Then what should we do next?" Li Xiaoran felt a headache just thinking about it. Why did everything happen at the same time?

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "It's obvious that we have to leave, but we still have to have a trump card up our sleeve as well! It just so happens that the people you recruited in Nanping Town are enough to open our grilled fish shop. Why don't we go back and open the shop first before resolving Xiao Qing's troublesome matter? As for the rest, we'll just deal with it secretly!" Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and nodded.

"It just so happens that I want to go home too! It's too tiring outside, so let's go back and coop up at home!"

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

"I really didn't expect you, who has always been energetic, to be tired one day and coop up at home!"

"Heh, I have an outstanding husband. That's why I can be at ease!" Li Xiaoran walked over and wrapped her arms around Luo Cheng's neck. "Husband, you will take care of me, right?"

Luo Cheng replied with a smile, "I'll take care of you until you become chubby. Then, I'll eat you!"

Li Xiaoran reached out to touch Luo Cheng's cheek and whispered in his ear, "How will you eat me?"

Luo Cheng turned around and stared at Li Xiaoran as he said, "I'll eat you up!"

This time, Li Xiaoran's heart skipped a beat. She quickly let go and ran away after flirting with him.

"We're going home now. Let's pack our things quickly! Let Li Liming send a few boxes of fruits back for our parents to try!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Li Xiaoran disappeared from the study. Luo Cheng stared at Li Xiaoran's back with red eyes and said softly, "She's still not ready yet! When she is, I'll definitely devour her!"

After Li Xiaoran ran back to her room, her heart was still racing.

She couldn't provoke Luo Cheng so easily, or she might regret it.

She was only 17 years old now. Although she would be 18 soon, she was still underage.

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran patted her chest in lingering fear. Then, she quickly composed herself and went to pack her things.

Actually, there wasn't much to pack. It was just some change of clothes.

Li Xiaoran had always brought gifts for her family when she went out. After packing her things, she planned to go to Nanping Town to see what specialties she could bring back for her family.

However, before Li Xiaoran could walk out of the door, Luo Cheng stopped her. "Don't go out. I'll get someone to buy you anything you want!"

Luo Cheng knew about Li Xiaoran's habit of bringing gifts to her family when she went out.

Therefore, while Li Xiaoran was resting, Luo Cheng had already sent someone to prepare.

Li Xiaoran followed Luo Cheng to the main hall skeptically. When she saw the thing on the table, she immediately smiled.

There was food, clothes, and fun activities. They were all specialties of Nanping Town.

“Hubby, thank you!”

Luo Cheng said, “It’s fine as long as your heart is with me!”

Since everything was ready, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng called everyone to pack their things and prepare to set off home.

Of course, Li Liming and Zi Cheng wouldn’t leave.

After all, the fruit business here had already started. This was the critical period. They couldn’t abandon it.

Speaking of this, Li Liming had to be mentioned.

This person was very business-minded. Even without Li Xiaoran’s reminder, he thought of a brilliant way to sell fruits.

There were not many fruits now, and the quality of the fruits was divided into several grades.

Li Liming hired a few people with good knife skills. Then, they made exquisite and delicious fruit plates.

They were directly supplied to the high-end restaurants in town. They were sold at a high price and were very popular with the rich people.

The originally worthless fruits had their value multiplied by several times after being packaged like this and business boomed.

Recently, Li Liming had looked for Luo Cheng again, in hopes that he could hire more people with good knife skills. In the future, he could sell fruits like this elsewhere.

Li Xiaoran was impressed by Li Liming’s business acumen and felt that this person was very useful!

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran’s praise for Li Liming.

“Then let’s use him for now. He can do whatever he wants with the fruit business! As long as he’s really capable and doesn’t backstab us, we can give him a chance to show off!”

Everyone loved money!

Li Liming had the ability to earn money, so he was naturally willing to give him a chance.

Whether he could catch the opportunity or not would depend on himself.

Jiao Hang knew that he was going to leave Nanping Town with Luo Cheng, so he took the opportunity to find Li Liming.

“I’m very happy to see you achieve results and prove your abilities! Mr. Luo is a tolerant person. As long as you do your best and don’t let him down, your life will definitely get better and better in the future! As your buddy, before I leave, I have to remind you that no matter how much money you earn for Mr. Luo in the future, don’t get carried away and forget his kindness. You’re not indispensable to Mr. Luo!”

Li Liming nodded at Jiao Hang.

“Jiao Hang, don’t worry. I’ll remember your warning! I’m really happy that I can finally show off my abilities and do what I’m good at. I’m not the kind of person who doesn’t know how to be grateful! On the other hand, you have to work hard by Mr. Luo’s side in the future! Try to let him put you in an important position!”

Jiao Hang nodded, then the buddies bade farewell..

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On the way back, Yu Peng and Jiao Hang sat in a carriage.

As Jiao Hang sat in front of the window, he lifted the curtain to look at the scenery outside.

Yu Peng looked at Jiao Hang and asked, “Don’t you feel a little upset that Li Liming has been placed in an important position?”

When Jiao Hang heard this, he immediately laughed.

“I’m very envious, but I don’t feel upset. I only wish you well. Everyone’s timing is different. Li Liming’s opportunity came at this time. As for me, as long as I can work for Mr. Luo, I’ll eventually be placed in an important position one day!”

Yu Peng smiled when he heard Jiao Hang’s words.

“You have a good mentality! If you can maintain such a good mentality, your future will be promising!”

When Jiao Hang heard Yu Peng’s words, he nodded with a smile.

“Thank you for your blessings!”

“You?” Jiao Hang looked at Yu Peng curiously and said, “I keep feeling that among us, you’re the one I can’t see through the most. But my gut feeling tells me that you don’t have any ill intentions!”

Yu Peng didn’t expect to hear Jiao Hang say this. He was stunned for a moment before he smiled.

“There are many people who say that I’m scheming, but you’re the first person who believes that I don’t have any ill intentions! Aren’t you afraid that you’ve misjudged me?”

Jiao Hang said, “What’s there to be afraid of?! If I’m really wrong about you, I’ll stay away from you in the future! Besides, with Mr. Luo and the consort around, if you’re really unreliable, you won’t be able to stay in the future!” Yu Peng laughed when he heard Jiao Hang’s words.

“You’re an observant person. Although you don’t say anything on the surface, you know everything deep down.”

When Jiao Hang heard Yu Peng’s words, he touched his head in embarrassment.

“Thank you for the compliment!”

On the other side, Xue Shanhui pestered Wu Qinghe to divine where his brother was.

Wu Qinghe was annoyed, so he said, “Xue Shanhui, you have to know that there are many things in this world that are predestined by the heavens. Perhaps you shouldn’t find out about this now! This is a good thing for you and your brother! When it’s time for you to know, you’ll naturally know! You don’t have to keep pestering me. I helped you divine once, but the heavens didn’t tell me.

Now is not the time!”

Xue Shanhui fell silent when he heard Wu Qinghe’s words.

Wu Qinghe looked at Xue Shanhui and thought for a moment before comforting him.

“Xue Shanhui, you’re too anxious! You’ve survived all these years, so why can’t you endure it now?!”

When Xue Shanhui heard Wu Qinghe’s words, he immediately came back to his senses.

That’s right! What was wrong with him? Previously, things were so difficult, but he survived it. Now that he had news of his brother, why was he so anxious?

Take your time. Don’t be anxious. Everything will get better!

“Thank you, buddies!” Xue Shanhui said gratefully after thinking it through.

Seeing that Xue Shanhui had figured it out, Wu Qinghe smiled and patted his shoulder.

“It’s time. It’ll pass! When the time is right, I’ll definitely accompany you and find your brother!”

Xue Shanhui nodded at Wu Qinghe.

Because it wasn’t far and they had rushed back, Li Xiaoran only took a day to return to Hele Village.

As soon as she arrived home, Li Xiaoran saw the anxious Luo Ziyang.

“Brother, Madam, you’re back at the right time! This time, there’s really something troublesome!”

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other and then at Luo Ziyang.

“Ziyang, you’ve always been capable and thoughtful. Since it’s something that made you feel troubled, something big must have happened!” Li Xiaoran said, “Tell me! What exactly happened?!”

When Luo Ziyang heard Li Xiaoran’s voice, he immediately calmed down.

After sorting out his emotions, Luo Ziyang told them what had happened in the past two days.

With Old Madam Jin’s reminder, everyone expected someone to find trouble with Li Xiaoqing, but unexpectedly, those people actually captured Zhao Sisi as bait.

After Zhao Sisi disappeared, everyone went out to look for her.

While Li Xiaoqing was anxious, she received a note from a dart. The note asked Li Xiaoqing to meet up in the forest at the foot of the mountain not far away.

The other party said that Li Xiaoqing could only go alone. If they discovered another person, they would immediately kill Zhao Sisi.

Li Xiaoqing was very worried, so she had no choice but to go alone.

In the end, as Old Madam Jin had expected, the other party wanted to kidnap Li Xiaoqing as well.

This time, the other party had come prepared. Not only were they all experts, but they even had poison.

Li Xiaoqing had taken the antidote so the poison had no effect on her, but she couldn’t defeat seven or eight people all alone!

The secret guard sent by Luo Ziyang to protect Li Xiaoqing immediately appeared to protect her.

Unexpectedly, the other party also had a backup plan. Seven or eight more people appeared and surrounded the secret guards.

Seeing that the situation was getting more and more dangerous, a man appeared and saved Li Xiaoqing.

Seeing this, the secret guards quickly escaped and saved Zhao Sisi.

Just like that, Li Xiaoqing returned safely.

“It’s a good thing that Xiao Qing came back safely! Ziyang, why are you so anxious?”

“The bad news is this man who saved Xiao Qing is too outstanding. I think Xiao Qing might have a good impression of this man!” Luo Ziyang hesitated for a moment before finally saying what he was worried about.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately sensed that something was wrong and looked at Luo Ziyang meaningfully.

To be honest, Luo Ziyang was a good person.

He had no other family members. He was quite capable, and most importantly, they knew him.

If her sister married him, there was no need for him to marry into the family.

After all, she knew Luo Ziyang very well. If he really became her brother-in-law, he would definitely be filial to her parents.

Of course, all of this depended on whether Luo Ziyang and her sister, Li Xiaoqing, had feelings for each other.

After Luo Ziyang received Li Xiaoran's scrutinizing gaze, he calmed down.

"Madam, I don't know when my feelings for Xiao Qing started to change, but I want to protect her and make her happy for the rest of her life! I want to protect her and let her do whatever she wants! I originally didn't want to show my feelings now. After all, Xiao Qing is only 15 years old. She's still young. I wanted to slowly protect her until she started to understand love! But now, I'm afraid!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Ziyang's words, she understood his anxiety. "Ziyang, don't be anxious.. Wait for me to see what's going on!"

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When Luo Ziyang heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was immediately relieved.

Li Xiaoqing listened to her sister the most. With Xiaoran around, there would definitely be no problem.

Li Xiaoqing, who had just returned home, carried those gifts to the Li family's home with Luo Cheng.

At this moment, Zhao Xiu and Li Shun were cooking. Because they wanted to thank the benefactor who had saved their daughter today, they had prepared a lot of ingredients.

As soon as the pork belly was cooked and scooped up from the pot, they heard their daughter's voice outside.

Luo Cheng and Zhao Xiu threw down the things in their hands and went out to welcome their daughter and son-in-law!

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Father, Mother, we're back! I saw a lot of delicious fruits in Nanping Town and brought some back for you. I guarantee you'll like them!"

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu quickly took the things while Luo Cheng carried the final box of fruits in.

After putting the things away, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu asked about the situation when the two of them went out.

"How is it? Have you found the person you're looking for?"

Li Xiaoran replied, "I found them all! In addition, there were some unexpected surprises!"

She wouldn't tell her parents what had happened outside, in case they became worried.

It was all in the past, so there was no need to mention it now.

Li Shun asked, "Then are you guys still going out after you come back this time?"

Li Xiaoran glanced at Luo Cheng and said, "No, I won't go out unless there's something serious!"

This was the excuse Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng had discussed on the way back.

On the surface, they said that they wouldn't go out anymore, but it was just to let the enemy's guard down and they would secretly send people to take a look.

One had to know that the two people Luo Cheng had brought this time were still in Nanping Town.

Because these two people had almost never traveled with Luo Cheng and the others, very few people knew about their relationship with him.

Therefore, Luo Cheng left the two of them behind and asked them to secretly look for gold and silver mines.

Zhao Xiu thought of something and said, "It's good that you're not going out.

It's going to be autumn soon, so it's better to stay at home in such hot weather. The weather outside is simply too torturous!"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Got it. Father, Mother, don't worry! We're not stupid. We came back to avoid the heat!"

"I was so happy to see you guys that I forgot that we still have to cook in the kitchen! Xiaoran, you came back at the right time. Hurry up and help me make some delicious dishes to thank the benefactor who saved your sister!" Zhao Xiu suddenly thought of something and pulled Li Xiaoran towards the kitchen. When Li Shun and Luo Cheng saw this, they quickly followed and got busy in the kitchen.

After Li Xiaoran took a closer look, she saw that there was really a lot of food prepared!

"Father, Mother, you prepared so many dishes? Isn't it just one person? Are you going to invite an entire table of people?"

"What nonsense are you talking about? Didn't he save your sister, Xiao Qing? Since we're thanking him, we naturally have to make the meal more sumptuous!" Zhao Xiu said, "This is how we should treat guests. Do you understand?!"

"Yes, yes, yes. My mother is right!" Li Xiaoran pursed her lips and smiled. After she washed her hands, she picked up the pork belly that she had cooked previously and cut it.

It had to be said that Li Xiaoran's cooking skills were amazing.

The pork belly was clearly the most difficult part to cut, but in Li Xiaoran's hands, every piece cut very thinly and evenly.

Coincidentally, the green peppers picked from the vegetable garden had also been washed. Zhao Xiu cut the green peppers into pieces and made green pepper pork later.

Li Xiaoran asked as she cut the veggies, "Father, Mother, have you seen Xiao Qing's benefactor? What does he look like?"

Zhao Xiu said, "Of course I've seen her before. It's all thanks to him, who came to send your sister back safely! I can't say what he looks like, but he was very friendly and polite. Originally, we wanted to thank him, but that person said that it was no big deal. Later on, your father and I spent much effort persuading him to come to our house for a meal today!"

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's description, she immediately understood where Luo Ziyang's worry came from.

It seemed that her savior was very capable!

Firstly, he left a good impression on her mother!

To be honest, her mother really didn't have good judgment.

If she had good judgment, why would she have taken a fancy to her father back then?

During so many years they had been married, she suffered so much.

If Li Xiaoran hadn't transmigrated, this family would have been tortured by the Li family until they died.

Of course, Li Xiaoran didn't dare to say this and could only think about it.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran was skeptical of her mother's description.

Luo Cheng, who was in charge of washing the dishes, turned around and asked

Li Shun, "Father, what do you think of the other party?"

After Li Shun added two more sticks of firewood to the stove, he came over to wash the dishes with his son-in-law.

"I can't say for sure. He looked very decent. It's just that you can't judge a book by its cover. Whether he's a good person or not is still unknown!"

"You're just afraid that he's here to snatch your daughter, right? Ever since he sent your daughter back, you've been acting displeased. Let me tell you, you can't show him attitude today. After all, he's your daughter's savior!" Zhao Xiu was immediately furious when she heard her husband's words and began to scold Li Shun.

Li Shun pursed his lips and said nothing, but there was still an indignant expression on his face.

While Zhao Xiu was talking to Li Xiaoran, Li Shun lowered his voice and said, "Son-in-law, let me tell you, I think that man isn't a good person. Your mother isn't knowledgeable. If I didn't interact with him, he would have beguiled her already. I think that kid isn't a good person!"

When Luo Cheng heard his father-in-law's words, he became alarmed.

As the saying went, men were the most accurate when it came to men.

His father-in-law was honest and hardworking.

It was also because of this that his intuition was the best.

If even his father-in-law felt that this person wasn't a good person, he really had to take a good look.

Thinking of this, Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran, who was cutting meat on the stove.

Li Xiaoran also looked up at Luo Cheng. The couple immediately understood what he meant.

"Hey, Mother, where's Xiao Qing? Did she go to the shop to work?"

"Of course. Sisi was frightened and has been nurturing at home for the past few days. We can't have no one working in the shop," Zhao Xiu said..

Chapter 666: Why Are You Here?

Zhao Sisi was only an ordinary girl. After this incident, she fell sick.

Ziyang went to take a look. After he prescribed medicine, he went to get medicine for her.

Li Xiaoqing wasn't affected and went to the shop every day to continue the knife-cut noodles business.

Li Xiaoran said, "My cousin is sick? Then I'll go over to take a look later. I happened to bring some fruits back to send to Grandpa and Grandma. I'll also send some to Sisi!"

Zhao Xiu said when she heard Li Xiaoran's words, "Then wash your hands and go over to take a look. Your father and I will wash and cut these veggies first. We'll cook them after you come back from your grandfather and grandmother's place. Anyway, there's still an hour and a half until dinnertime. There's still time!"

Li Xiaoran nodded at Luo Cheng. Then, the couple washed their hands together and went back to get their things.

When they arrived at the Zhao family's house, Mao Dao was pacing around outside.

"Mao Dao, why are you here?" Li Xiaoran called out to him.

Mao Dao was originally lost in his own thoughts, so when his name was suddenly called, he was startled.

When he looked up and saw that it was Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng, he quickly welcomed them.

Mao Dao said with a bitter expression, "Brother Luo Cheng and Madam are back? I just wanted to see Miss Sisi, but I was afraid I would be chased out!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Mao Dao's words, she understood why he was so worried.

Zhao Sisi had just been captured in order to threaten Li Xiaoran. After being frightened, she naturally didn't want to see a man at this moment.

Moreover, once such a thing happened, the rumors would definitely be very unpleasant. If Mao Dao came to visit alone at this time, who knew what would happen if word got out?

“Come with us! Bring the things in Luo Cheng’s hand and say that you’re here to help us send things!” Li Xiaoran said, “We’re also here to visit Sisi!”

When Mao Dao heard this, he immediately nodded gratefully and ran to Luo Cheng’s side to help carry a lot of things.

As soon as Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng entered the Zhao family’s house, they went straight to Zhao Huaishan and Xu Xiufang’s room.

After not seeing them for a while, Zhao Huaishan and Xu Xiufang had changed.

Li Xiaoran sized up the two elders in surprise and asked happily, “Grandpa, Grandma, why do I feel that you two look very energetic recently?”

Xu Xiufang said with a smile, “It’s all thanks to you. After taking the medicine you brought back from the capital, we became more energetic every day!”

“That’s a good thing? Have you finished all the medicine? Tell me when you’re done. I’ll get you some more!” Li Xiaoran immediately smiled happily when she heard her grandmother’s words.

Zhao Huaishan said, “There’s still a lot left. It’s enough to last us a long time, so don’t waste money! Let’s talk after eating!”

“Yes, yes, yes. I’ll listen to you!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile, then she thought of something.

“Grandpa, Grandma, I brought back some fruits. These grapes taste very good, and there are also very soft peaches and plums. They’re perfect for old people with bad teeth like you two! These fruits will spoil if you just leave them there. If you don’t eat them, they’ll go to waste!” Li Xiaoran reminded them.

On the other side, Luo Cheng and Mao Dao opened the fruits they had brought and introduced what was inside.

Luo Cheng took out a few of these fruits. After washing them, he let the two elders try them.

“Sigh, these fruits are indeed better than the ones we ate previously!” Zhao Huaishan liked them very much.

Xu Xiufang said with a smile, “I like these soft plums! I liked to eat plums when I was young, but unfortunately, my teeth are bad now! This kind of soft plum suits me!”

After talking to her grandparents for a while, Li Xiaoran said that she wanted to see Zhao Sisi.

The two elders also knew that something had happened to Zhao Sisi, so they nodded.

Xu Xiufang said, “You can go and take a look, but if your second uncle and aunt make any requests, you can’t agree!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she nodded and brought her things to her second uncle’s place.

With a smile on her face, Li Xiaoran thought about what her grandmother’s words had meant.

Could it be that because the other party had captured Zhao Sisi to threaten her sister, Li Xiaoqing, her second uncle and second aunt blamed their family? They even wanted to take the opportunity to obtain benefits from them?

If her second uncle and aunt really planned this, she wouldn't let them have their way.

She differentiated between Zhao Sisi and her second uncle very clearly.

After making up her mind, Li Xiaoran smiled and went straight to see her second uncle, Zhao Long.

Li Xiaoran shouted as soon as she entered, "Second Uncle, Second Aunt, I'm here to see Sisi!"

When Zhao Long and Jin Xiaoqing heard Li Xiaoran's voice, they quickly abandoned their work and walked out.

Jin Xiaoqing said with a smile, "It's Xiaoran and Mr. Luo! Come, come, come. Please come in! Why are you carrying so many things? Aren't you being too polite?"

"It's not anything expensive. It's just some specialties, fruits, and so on. I heard that Sisi was traumatized, so I came to see her!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile, "Husband, wash some grapes and send them over later."

At this point, Li Xiaoran looked at Mao Dao.

"After you help Luo Cheng put his things away, rest for a while. I still have something for you to do later!"

Mao Dao nodded. Although he couldn't see Zhao Sisi's situation with his own eyes, he was satisfied to be so close to her.

At this moment, it wasn't appropriate for even Luo Cheng to visit, let alone him.

Therefore, he should wait outside!

Mao Dao replied, "Madam, I understand! I'll wait for you here! In addition, help me ask Miss Zhao how she is and let her recuperate well. We'll take care of the shop!"

Zhao Sisi, who had already stood up and was waiting for Li Xiaoran to come in, was stunned when she heard Mao Dao's voice.

She never expected Mao Dao to come to her house with her cousin.

Recalling what Mao Dao had said to her previously, Zhao Sisi felt touched and smiled.

It felt good to be missed.

When Li Xiaoran came in and saw Zhao Sisi's shy expression, she immediately understood..

Chapter 667: Clear-headed

Li Xiaoran found it a little funny, so she closed the door and teased, "Looks like Sisi is very tough! She adjusted so quickly after being frightened! Look at you, you look glowing and radiant!"

“Xiaoran, how can you make fun of me?!” Zhao Sisi blushed even more when she heard Li Xiaoran’s teasing.

Li Xiaoran said, “Sigh, it seems that you have feelings for Mao Dao!”

When Zhao Sisi heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her expression changed and she made a shushing gesture.

At this moment, footsteps came from outside. Jin Xiaojing brought fruits over.

“Sisi! This is the fruit Xiaoran brought back for you. It tastes very good. Come, you two can eat it together!”

Li Xiaoran thanked her with a smile. Jin Xiaojing didn’t stay any longer.

After all, Mr. Luo was at home.

They had to entertain Mr. Luo well.

After Jin Xiaojing left, Zhao Sisi heaved a sigh of relief.

“Why? You don’t want your parents to know?” Li Xiaoran saw through Zhao Sisi’s thoughts at a glance.

Zhao Sisi sighed with a bitter look.

“Ever since the Hu family’s incident last time, my parents have been paying more and more attention to my future marriage. With the Mao family’s conditions, my parents don’t think highly of them at all! Actually, I know what kind of conditions our family has. Weren’t we country bumpkins in the past? Now, our family seems to be doing better, but if we really compare, we’re not much better off than Mao Dao’s family!”

“My parents have always wanted me to climb up the social ladder and marry a better man! Take this incident as an example! Although I was a little frightened, it’s not a big deal. However, my parents hired a doctor with great fanfare and made it sound like I’ve suffered a lot! I know that my parents want to use this matter to ask you to help me find a rich person!”

“If my parents really make such a request, don’t agree to them. I’m unwilling to climb up the social ladder. I know myself. It’s already good for me to be able to marry Mao Dao. Besides, with you and my brother-in-law, my in-laws won’t dare to mistreat me even if I marry into the Mao family. As long as Mao Dao and I live our lives harmoniously, our lives will definitely get better and better!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Zhao Sisi’s words, she smiled in relief.

This girl hadn’t gone down the wrong path, and she had always had her own Ideas.

Actually, Zhao Sisi was right to think that way.

She had to live her own life. If she only cared about marrying into a rich family, she would suffer.

It wasn't that easy to be the wife of a rich family.

Even if one's life seemed glamorous on the outside, only oneself knew what things were truly like.

After her second uncle and second aunt moved out of the village, they were carried away by everything outside. After experiencing the Hu family's incident, their mentality and thoughts had completely changed. They were too anxious to succeed and wanted to take a shortcut.

However, were shortcuts really that easy to take?

As the saying went, great benefits meant high risk. In their current situation, they couldn't withstand high risk.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked, "Have you thought it through? Are you sure you want to marry Mao Dao?"

"Yes! I've thought about it for a long, long time. I think Mao Dao is very suitable! He's smart, flexible, and diligent. Most importantly, he listens to what my sister and brother-in-law say! If I marry him and we work hard together, our lives won't be bad. I even secretly went to Mao Dao's village to ask around and saw the Mao family with my own eyes. I think I can accept his family!" Zhao Sisi voiced all her thoughts.

When Li Xiaoran heard that Zhao Sisi had taken the initiative to interact with the Mao family, she immediately looked at her in a new light.

Many women didn't try to learn more about their in-laws' situation before they got married. As a result, after they got married, they were bullied by their in-laws.

According to Li Xiaoran, the first thing one should do before getting married was to see what kind of person the man's mother was.

Secondly, it depended on what the man's sister was like.

Thirdly, it depended on what the man's Madam and Sister-in-law were like.

In the end, one had to see what the man's father was like!

Zhao Sisi had considered all of this.

From this, it could be seen that this girl was serious about marrying Mao Dao.

Li Xiaoran said, "Then what are you planning to do with your parents? Do you need my help?"

Zhao Sisi said firmly, "I'll think of a way to resolve my parents' matter myself! Cousin, I can't let you interfere in this matter. Otherwise, my parents will blame you for being nosy. As long as you don't promise my parents to find me any rich people, I can use this matter to persuade my parents!"

"Do you want to use your current jeopardized reputation to let Mao Dao propose marriage and let your parents see how sincere he is?" Li Xiaoran immediately guessed Zhao Sisi's intentions.

Zhao Sisi nodded. That was what she thought.

“If that’s what you think, you have to be prepared to fail! If your father and mother haven’t changed their mentality, this matter wouldn’t be difficult. If Mao Dao came to propose marriage, they would definitely agree. But now, they’ll probably break up the couple. Sisi, don’t you understand? Your parents have already changed. They won’t agree to anything others say. They will only do what they want!” Li Xiaoran retorted Zhao Sisi’s naive thoughts and revealed the harsh reality to her.

Zhao Sisi actually had some fantasies about it previously, but now, her fantasies were shattered by Li Xiaoran.

Zhao Sisi asked anxiously, “Then what should I do? Xiaoran, tell me!”

“It’s impossible for me not to get involved in this matter! We met Mao Dao first and he has been working in our shop for a long time. Everyone knows that Mao Dao has a deep relationship with us. Even if I don’t interfere, your parents will treat Mao Dao as someone related to me!” Li Xiaoran analyzed, “So, as long as the person you want to marry is Mao Dao, it will have something to do with me!”

When Zhao Sisi heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she immediately smiled bitterly.

“Sometimes, I really understand why my parents seem to have become different people after leaving Eagle Village!”

Li Xiaoran sneered and said, “What else can it be? Isn’t it because people are greedy? They think that I’m lucky enough to marry a good man and become successful! But why don’t they think about it? If I wasn’t sincere, I would probably have been divorced by the time your brother-in-law recovered his identity as a prince!”

Chapter 668: Agree

Most people said that she was lucky, but no one thought about it carefully. If she really didn’t have any capabilities, how could she defeat the emperor, the empress dowager, and the others?

Those were all masters of scheming!

Even if Luo Cheng was unwilling to divorce his wife, he had a thousand ways to make her disappear.

For example, although she and Luo Cheng seemed to be doing well on the surface, they had secretly experienced many dangers and difficulties.

Before they returned to the capital, they had experienced assassination attempts countless times and Luo Cheng had experienced many difficulties after regaining his status as a prince.

That was why she had just said that the greater the benefits, the greater the risk.

Her second uncle and aunt were bewitched by wealth. They only saw the benefits and not the risks.

Li Xiaoran said, “Don’t do anything yet. I’ll also remind Mao Dao not to come and propose marriage first. It’s not appropriate to propose marriage now. We have to let your parents experience

some setbacks before coming back to their senses. Don't they want you to climb up the social ladder? Then let them climb up first! If the whip doesn't land on them, they'll never know pain. Don't resist when the time comes. Just cooperate and put on an act!"

Zhao Sisi admired her cousin, Li Xiaoran, so when she heard that Li Xiaoran wanted to help her, she nodded.

"Alright, Cousin, I'll do whatever you say!"

Li Xiaoran patted Zhao Sisi's hand and said, "Alright, I won't talk to you anymore. I still have to go home and cook dishes for my parents later! Remember my words. Don't worry and just focus on recuperating. Don't go against your parents. Just listen to them. I will take care of everything for you!" Zhao Sisi nodded and said, "Alright, I believe you, so I'll leave it to you!" After this matter was settled, Li Xiaoran left.

Luo Cheng and Zhao Long had been talking in the living room for a while.

Jin Xiaojing had been very anxious. Seeing that her husband couldn't get to the point, she decided to take action herself.

Jin Xiaojing said, 'Mr. Luo, after experiencing such a thing, Sisi's reputation has been ruined. Now, she's at the age of marriage, but there are such unpleasant rumors about her. How did this poor child encounter such a thing? Mr. Luo, you know many people and they believe in you. Why don't you help

Sisi take a look and see if there's a suitable candidate?!"

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and was about to refuse when he saw his wife, Li Xiaoran, coming.

"Aunt, you should look for me about this! Mr. Luo knows all kinds of men, but I know many high-ranking officials and nobles! Not to mention anything else, as long as I send a post, I can invite them over! Xiao Qing implicated Sisi this time, so don't worry, I'll definitely find a good husband for her. Otherwise, I'll feel guilty!" Li Xiaoran took responsibility for this matter.

Although Luo Cheng didn't understand why Li Xiaoran would take responsibility for this, he remained silent and let Li Xiaoran do whatever she wanted.

When Jin Xiaojing heard this, she was overjoyed and quickly said her request.

"Sigh, Xiaoran is so kind-hearted and cares so much about Sisi. Actually, we don't have high requirements. It's fine as long as Sisi can live a good life and their conditions are better than the Hu family! The Hu family underestimated us last time. We have to fight for our pride this time!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Jin Xiaojing's words, the smile on her face widened.

"Don't worry, Aunt. I'll definitely find Sisi a husband who's countless times better than the Hu family's boy!"

With Li Xiaoran's assurance, Jin Xiaojing and Zhao Long were relieved.

Mao Dao, who was waiting, was extremely anxious. Every time he wanted to come forward and express his feelings, he would be glared at by Li Xiaoran.

Mao Dao had no choice but to suppress his anxiety and continue standing.

After that, Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing asked Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran to stay for dinner at home, but they were rejected by Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

On the way back, before Luo Cheng could speak, Mao Dao lost his patience.

“Madam, you clearly know what I’m thinking, but you said those words just now and even promised to choose a husband for Sisi. What exactly is going on?! Hurry up and tell me! If you don’t tell me, I’ll die of anxiety!” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but laugh when she saw Mao Dao’s anxious look. “Alright, don’t be anxious. Don’t worry! This is just a temporary measure!” With that, Li Xiaoran analyzed what she had said to Zhao Sisi to Mao Dao.

Li Xiaoran said, “So, you can’t be anxious about this matter. You can’t go straight to the Zhao family to propose marriage during this period of time. If you really want to marry my cousin, behave yourself. When I inform you, you can propose marriage!”

When Mao Dao heard this, he immediately revealed a silly smile.

“Madam, thank you so much! Otherwise, I wouldn’t know what to do!”

“Don’t be in a hurry to thank me. Mao Dao, I have something to say first. You should know my cousin’s personality very well. If my cousin marries into your family and your family makes her suffer, I have plenty of ways to deal with you! You’d better not let that happen.” Li Xiaoran gave Mao Dao a warning.

“Madam, don’t worry. After I marry Sisi, I’ll treat her well for the rest of my life! As for my family, I’ll protect her from them! I’ve thought it through. Whether my wife is doing well in her in-laws’ house depends on my attitude as a man. If I protect her, my family won’t go overboard. Of course, if my family doesn’t understand and makes things difficult for Sisi, I’ll take the initiative to stand up for Sisi,” Mao Dao said with a serious expression.

Li Xiaoran said ruthlessly, “Mao Dao, remember what you said! You should know that if I find out that you didn’t keep your promise, you and your family will suffer!”

Mao Dao nodded again and said,

“Madam, just watch my actions!”

Li Xiaoran said, “Alright, I’ll wait and see!” After separating from Mao Dao, Luo Cheng said,

“Do you think that highly of Mao Dao?”

“It’s not that I think highly of him.. It’s just that my cousin likes Mao Dao!” Li Xiaoran said, “As for my second uncle and second aunt, after they experience a setback, they’ll come to their senses!”

Chapter 669: Liu Mingkun

Luo Cheng asked with a smile, “Then who do you plan to find to give your second uncle and aunt a lesson?”

Li Xiaoran smiled at Luo Cheng.

Li Xiaoran held Luo Cheng’s hand and wheedled, “Then help me choose one!” Luo Cheng was amused.

“Alright, alright, I’ll choose one for you! Speaking of which, I really know a very suitable candidate! This person’s family background isn’t bad and he’s a third-rate official. However, his family isn’t easy to deal with. He has high standards and feels that no one’s daughter is worthy of him. He has to choose the best one. It just so happens that he’s going to be transferred to White Foothill City. His family background isn’t bad and his official position is better than the Hu family’s. Isn’t he the perfect candidate?”

Li Xiaoran asked, “Will he be willing to cooperate with you?”

Luo Cheng said, “If I ask, he’ll definitely cooperate. His family is perfect for causing trouble for your second uncle and second aunt! You’ll know when the time comes!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she felt that this person was really the perfect candidate.

Li Xiaoran asked worriedly, “Sigh, what if his family takes a fancy to Sisi?”

Luo Cheng said, “Don’t worry! If she’s my sister, the other party will definitely take a fancy to her! As for your cousin, the relationship is quite distant, so they won’t fancy her!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her mouth immediately dropped agape in shock.

“There’s actually such a person? How shocking!”

“That’s right, so don’t worry, the other party won’t like Zhao Sisi!” “That’s good!” Li Xiaoran relaxed.

As they spoke, the two of them returned to the Li family’s house.

At this moment, the rice had already been cooked and the veggies had been cut. After Li Xiaoran returned, she began to cook.

They were all home-cooked dishes, so Li Xiaoran cooked them with ease. Soon, she quickly made a large table of dishes.

After the bowls and chopsticks were set up, Li Xiaoran went to wash her face and change her clothes.

At this moment, there was still a quarter of an hour before dinner. Everyone sat in the main hall as they waited.

Before long, Li Xiaoqing walked in with a man.

It was no wonder that Luo Ziyang felt a sense of crisis. Seeing Li Xiaoqing talking and laughing with this man, even Li Xiaoran suspected that her sister was in love.

“Mr. Li, Madam Li, I’m sorry to have kept you waiting!” Seeing that everyone was waiting for him, Liu Mingkun quickly came forward to apologize.

Zhao Xiu greeted warmly, “We didn’t wait long. We’ve just finished preparing. Hurry up and wash your hands before eating at the table!”

Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows. When she saw her father’s expression, she finally understood.

No wonder her father didn’t like the person in front of her.

“Sister, Brother-in-law, you’re here too! You made these dishes yourself, right? I haven’t eaten your cooking in a long time!” When Li Xiaoqing saw Li Xiaoran appear, she quickly came to her side and held her sister’s arm affectionately.

Zhao Xiu introduced them to Liu Mingkun.

“Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, this is your sister’s savior, Liu Mingkun. Mingkun, this is Xiao Qing’s sister, Li Xiaoran, and brother-in-law, Luo Cheng. You guys should

“Greetings, Mr. Luo and the consort!” When Liu Mingkun heard Zhao Xiu’s words and confirmed their identities, he quickly bowed respectfully.

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows at him.

“You know who we are?”

“That’s right! Actually, the reason I came to Hele Village this time is because I have something to ask Mr. Luo and the consort for help with!” Liu Mingkun didn’t hide anything and told them why he was here.

“Huh? What a coincidence!” Zhao Xiu was dumbfounded when she heard this. Liu Mingkun said, “That’s right! I didn’t expect to save the consort’s sister by chance!”

At this moment, Li Xiaoran looked at Liu Mingkun with a smile on her face, but she was on guard.

Luo Cheng glanced at Liu Mingkun and said, “Let’s not talk about this now. Father and Mother have already prepared the food. Let’s eat first!”

“Yes, yes, yes. The dishes will get cold if we don’t eat now. They won’t taste as delicious!” Zhao Xiu quickly gestured for everyone to take a seat.

There were a total of six people. Zhao Xiu sat beside Liu Mingkun, while Li Shun sat on Liu Mingkun's other side.

Li Xiaoqing sat down next to Li Xiaoran, while Li Xiaoran sat next to her mother, Zhao Xiu. Luo Cheng sat next to his father-in-law.

Even though it was a table full of seemingly ordinary home-cooked dishes, Li Xiaoran's cooking still had a special flavor.

With Zhao Xiu taking care of them, they enjoyed the meal.

Even if Li Shun didn't like Liu Mingkun, he was still respectful. After all, the other party had saved his daughter.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng didn't speak much during the meal, but they didn't feel awkward because Liu Mingkun was at the dining table.

After the meal, Liu Mingkun was also very satisfied.

"I really didn't expect the consort to be so good at cooking. I'm really lucky to be able to taste it!"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "You saved my sister, so it's only right for me to cook to express my gratitude! I only have one sister, so I can't bear to let her get injured!"

Luo Cheng could tell that Li Xiaoran's smile was fake.

Luo Cheng had seen this fake smile before, but it was rare for Li Xiaoran to smile like this.

When she faced Liu Mingkun at this moment, she actually revealed a fake smile, so it could be seen that Liu Mingkun wasn't a kind person.

"That's right! Young Master Liu is Xiao Qing's savior. If there's anything you need our help with, just tell us. As long as it's possible, we'll definitely do it!" Luo Cheng took over the responsibility.

Luo Cheng's words were exactly what Liu Mingkun wanted to hear.

"Then I won't stand on ceremony with Mr. Luo and the consort! I wonder if the two of you can talk with me in private!"

Luo Cheng nodded and said, "Then why don't we invite Young Master Liu to our house?! Our house is quiet and more suitable for talking!"

Liu Mingkun nodded, then the three of them stood up together.

Li Xiaoran said, "Husband, bring Young Master Liu over first! I'll catch up with you after saying a few words to Father and Mother!"

Luo Cheng nodded, then gestured at Liu Mingkun.

After the two of them left, Li Xiaoran looked at her parents and sister.

"My husband and I will repay him for saving Xiao Qing's life! Don't worry about how we repay him! Xiao Qing, remember to keep a distance from Liu Mingkun!"

I'll tell you about this after we settle this matter!"

Chapter 670: Explaining Her Purpose

With that, Li Xiaoran left in a hurry.

Zhao Xiu, Li Shun, and Li Xiaoqing were at a loss.

The three of them looked at each other in confusion.

Li Xiaoqing said, "Didn't my sister say so just now? She'll come back and explain to us. In that case, let's wait! I believe in my sister. My sister told me to stay away from him, so I'll stay away from him!"

Zhao Xiu thought for a moment and said regretfully, "That's not appropriate!

After all, he's your savior."

To be honest, Zhao Xiu really liked Liu Mingkun.

It would be good if this young man could be her son-in-law.

However, from her eldest daughter's attitude, this wish probably wouldn't come true!

On the other side, Li Xiaoran had already caught up to Luo Cheng. Then, the three of them went to the Luo family's house.

This time, Luo Cheng didn't lead the way to the main hall. Instead, he sat down in the pavilion outside the courtyard.

"Mr. Luo's house is quite elegant. There is even mosquito-repellent grass planted outside this pavilion. No wonder we didn't see a single mosquito when we walked in," Liu Mingkun said.

"I planted it because I didn't want the mosquitoes to bite my wife! Young Master Liu, there are only the three of us now, so let's get straight to the point!" Luo Cheng didn't like to beat around the bush, so he asked directly. Li Xiao'an asked someone to send tea and fruits over. Then, she sat at the side to eat them.

When Liu Mingkun heard Luo Cheng's words, his expression became serious. "I'm here to ask Mr. Luo to save the Liu family!"

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and asked calmly, "Save the Liu family? What do you mean?"

Liu Mingkun also knew that he had to make things clear now. Otherwise, he might not be able to find a second chance to beg Luo Cheng.

"The Liu family lives in Huaiqi Village, Dingjiu Town, White Foothill City. Huaiqi Village is also a village by the mountain and is irrigated by a stream on the mountain. Unfortunately, this stream is at the border of Huaiqi Village and Daxing Village. Every year, because of the drought, the two villages fight fiercely. This year, the weather is

hotter than usual. I think the water shortage will become even more serious later on. In order to fight for the usage of the stream, no one from the two villages is willing to give in, so the two villages will definitely fight. It's even possible that people will be injured!" Liu Mingkun said.

Li Xiaoran suddenly asked, "For you to save Xiao Qing from so many people, your martial arts skills must be extraordinary, right? You're so powerful, but you're still worried about not being able to snatch water? As long as you're around, your village will definitely win! Why are you asking us for help?"

Liu Mingkun said, "Consort, I don't want to fight. I just want to resolve this matter peacefully! Over the years, the more the two villages fight, the deeper the enmity. If this continues, we will become enemies. As neighbors, must we fight to the death?"

Li Xiaoran looked at Liu Mingkun and suddenly asked another question.

"Your village has a lot of people with the surname Liu, right? Daxing Village's people have another surname, right?"

Liu Mingkun nodded and replied, "That's right. Daxing Village mostly has people with the surname Chen!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she put down the fruit in her hand and her voice turned cold.

"Liu Mingkun, you're my sister's savior. Since you want our help, don't hide anything! If you hide things, we might not be able to help you!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he looked at Liu Mingkun in a different light.

When Liu Mingkun heard Li Xiaoran's words, he smiled bitterly.

"Consort, you're indeed quite impressive. You sensed that I was hiding something just from a few words! To be honest, I really want to resolve the hatred between our two villages and I want the two villages to get along well. In addition, I have my own selfish motives. The granddaughter of the village chief and I have feelings for each other and have already decided to marry each other. It's just that the possibility of us being together is too small. The parents of both sides will definitely disagree. The two of us discussed it. We felt that if we came to find Mr. Luo to resolve the conflict between the two villages, we might have a chance of being together!"

Luo Cheng thought of something when he heard Liu Mingkun's words. "You saving Xiao Qing wasn't a coincidence, right?"

Liu Mingkun looked embarrassed when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

"I knew I couldn't hide it from Mr. Luo. It was indeed not a coincidence. I didn't know where to find Mr. Luo and the princess, so I could only try my luck in Hele Village. Coincidentally, when I came, I heard the rumors about Miss Li and felt that this

matter wasn't simple. Since the other party spread such rumors, they definitely had a backup plan, so I secretly observed in order to get a chance to see Mr. Luo and the princess!"

"Unexpectedly, I really obtained a chance! At that time, I noticed that Miss Li seemed to have received some news when she was looking for someone. Then, when I saw her leave alone, I knew that things weren't simple, so I quietly followed her. Later on, when I saw that Miss Li was in a dire situation, I saved her!

When Luo Cheng heard Liu Mingkun's words, he nodded. "I was wondering why someone happened to come to save Xiao Qing from that place. So that's what happened! I understand what you want, but I can't just listen to your one-sided words. I'll send people to your village and Daxing Village to verify things. If there's really such a thing, I'll naturally resolve it. After all, White Foothill City is my territory now. I can't just watch my people fight and kill each other!"

When Liu Mingkun heard this, he was overjoyed and bowed to Luo Cheng.

"Thank you, Mr. Luo and Consort!"

"Don't be in a hurry to thank me. You can't leave Hele Village for the time being. After my men investigate, they might look for you at any time," Luo Cheng said.

Liu Mingkun nodded and said, "I'm already living in a house in the village. If Mr. Luo wants to look for me, I'll be there at anytime!"

Luo Cheng nodded and let Zi Zheng send Liu Mingkun off.

After Liu Mingkun left, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were silent.

"What do you think about this, Xiaoran?" Luo Cheng asked after a while.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Liu Mingkun's emotions tell me that he's not lying, but my intuition tells me that there's something wrong with him! I can't see through this person! I can't tell if he's good or evil!"

Luo Cheng said, "It seems that we have the same thought! I have the same feeling. He seems to be honest and direct, but he's hiding something.. I can't see through him either!"