

The Hunter 691

Chapter 691: Portrait

For the next few days, Liu Mingkun appeared in the shop to eat noodles everyday.

However, although there was a smile on his face everyday, he was feeling more and more heavyhearted day by day.

He could naturally see the change in Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang's relationship.

He was very indignant at this moment.

He was just a little short of time. As long as he interacted with Li Xiao Qing some more, she definitely wouldn't be able to escape from him.

However, he didn't expect someone else to appear before that and ruin his plans.

Not only did this person called Luo Ziyang follow Li Xiaoqing around all day long, but from the looks of it, they had already developed feelings for each other.

This realization made Liu Mingkun feel frustrated.

To be honest, he was really indignant.

He usually dealt with those women with ease, but why was Li Xiaoqing such a tough nut to crack?

He had to find a way to sabotage their relationship.

When Yu Peng and Jiao Hang arrived in town, they bought a pile of things they needed for drawing before continuing on their way.

When the two of them arrived at Huang'an Town, which wasn't far from Huaiqi Village, they rented a small house and stayed there. They didn't immediately set off for Huaiqi Village.

After a good sleep, Yu Peng felt energetic again.

Yu Peng asked Jiao Hang to buy some food. After filling their stomachs, they started drawing.

After about two hours, Yu Peng finally stopped drawing.

Jiao Hang, who was already dozing off at the side, opened his eyes when he heard this.

Jiao Hang was shocked.

"Oh my god, Yu Peng, you're really impressive! I didn't expect you to be such a good drawer!"

Liu Mingkun's image appeared on the white paper.

From afar, the drawing looked like a living person!

"Why did you draw Liu Mingkun?" Jiao Hang asked in confusion.

“Because it’ll be useful! If you’re sleepy, go in and rest. I still want to draw another painting!” Yu Peng placed the painting on a chair at the side and carefully moved something to press it down so that it would air-dry.

Yu Peng moved his sore limbs and rubbed his neck and wrists. Then, he picked up his teacup and took a few sips of tea.

After walking around the courtyard twice and stretching his muscles, Yu Peng went to the bathroom. Then, he returned to the table and continued drawing.

Jiao Hang originally wanted to accompany him, but when he saw these drawings, he couldn’t help but feel sleepy.

He had no choice but to stay in his chair and continue to doze off.

After the second painting was finished, another two hours had passed.

At this moment, the weather outside was extremely hot.

“Jiao Hang, get up! After the painting is dry, we’ll rest. In the afternoon, let’s go to Huang’an Town to ask about this person called Liu Mingkun,” Yu Peng said after shaking Jiao Hang awake.

“Aren’t we here to help Liu Mingkun resolve the conflict between Huaiqi Village and Daxing Village? Why do we have to use Liu Mingkun’s portrait to ask about him?” Jiao Hang asked in confusion.

“Don’t ask too many questions. Just do as I say. If anyone asks why you’re looking for Liu Mingkun, just say that he toyed with your sister’s feelings and took advantage of her. Say that he impregnated her, but in the end, he left. Fortunately, we have his portrait, so we tracked him all the way there!” Yu Peng explained in detail.

When Jiao Hang heard this, he immediately laughed.

“Yu Peng, you’re full of evil tricks! Aren’t you afraid that Liu Mingkun will come looking for you to settle scores?”

When Yu Peng heard Jiao Hang’s words, he looked at him and said with an exasperated expression, “How do you know that I’m slandering him? Believe it or not, when we find out everything about Liu Mingkun, you’ll realize that everything I said is true!”

Jiao Hang didn’t believe Yu Peng at all.

“Yu Peng, although you’re very smart, I don’t believe you’re that smart!”

“Whatever, but don’t mess up my plans and do what I told you. Find out more about Liu Mingkun. Remember, when you ask around, you must pretend to be very angry. You must look like you want to find Liu Mingkun and avenge your sister!” Yu Peng reminded.

Jiao Hang nodded and replied, "Don't worry, I definitely won't make any mistakes! I'm not as smart as you, so I'll do whatever you say!"

Yu Peng nodded, then the two of them put away the painting and went into the house to rest.

After the weather cooled down a little in the afternoon, Yu Peng and Jiao Hang split up and went to inquire about Liu Mingkun.

With an angry expression, Jiao Hang held the portrait and asked everyone he saw about Liu Mingkun.

As for Yu Peng, he went to the best teahouse in town and ordered a pot of tea. Then, he began to listen to the storyteller.

Not long after, Yu Peng called the waiter over.

"There's something I need your help with! We want to find someone. I wonder where we can get news of him the fastest?"

The waiter laughed when he heard that.

"Sir, you've found the right person! There's a person with the nickname 'Inquirer' and he's the most well-informed person in our town. If you want to find someone, he's the most suitable person to ask!"

When Yu Peng heard the waiter's words, he took out a tael of silver.

"Then can I trouble you to tell me where I can find the 'Inquirer'?"

The waiter understood and quickly took the silver.

"What a coincidence. The 'Inquirer' is drinking tea in the teahouse today! Wait a moment. I'll help you invite him over!"

"Thank you!" Yu Peng cupped his hands and thanked him.

The waiter took the money happily and went to look for the 'Inquirer'. Yu Peng picked up the teapot and drank his tea.

The tea in this small place wasn't bad, so he decided to buy some for Mr. Luo and the consort to try.

Before Yu Peng could think it through, footsteps sounded. The waiter who had just gone out walked in with a man with a smile on his face.

The man was dressed casually and chatted with many people along the way.

Seeing this, Yu Peng finally understood why this person was so inquisitive. With his ability to get along with anyone, it would be a pity not to be an inquirer.

The waiter walked in and said, "Sir, I've already invited the person over!" "Thank you! Please sit down and chat!" Yu Peng smiled and gestured for him to

sit down..

Chapter 692: Inquiring

After Ding Mao sat down, Yu Peng ordered some more refreshments and tea. Then, the two of them began to talk.

Yu Peng took out the portrait beside him and placed it in front of Ding Mao.

“How much do you know about this person?”

Seeing this, Ding Mao took the painting and unrolled it.

When Liu Mingkun’s portrait appeared in front of Ding Mao, he smiled. “So you wanted to ask about this guy!”

“Tell me, how much does this information cost?” Yu Peng asked.

“Pardon me for asking, but why are you asking about this person?” Ding Mao asked another question.

Yu Peng smiled and said, “This guy provoked someone he shouldn’t have!” When Ding Mao heard this, he was immediately amused.

“You’re not lying to me. You’re telling the truth. In that case, I’ll only charge you ten taels of silver. I hope that you and I can both achieve our goals. I hope that you can deal with Liu Mingkun. I also hope that Liu Mingkun will get punished.”

Yu Peng was very surprised to hear Ding Mao’s words.

Could it be that even the heavens wanted Liu Mingkun to get punished?

Otherwise, how could there be such a coincidence?!

“Since we have the same goal, tell me everything about Liu Mingkun!” Yu Peng said.

Ding Mao nodded before telling him about Liu Mingkun.

Because there was too much information, Yu Peng wrote them down with a pen as he listened.

This went on for the entire afternoon. It wasn’t until the moon appeared that Ding Mao finished telling him everything he knew.

After sorting out the information he had recorded, Yu Peng bid farewell to Ding Mao and left.

When he returned to the house, Jiao Hang was already waiting in the hall. “What took you so long? I was so anxious! Have you had dinner yet?” “I didn’t eat dinner, but I drank a lot of tea!” Yu Peng waved his hand and said,

“Have you eaten yet?”

Jiao Hang shook his head and said, “No, I was waiting for you to come back.”

Yu Peng said, “How about this? There’s a noodle shop at the entrance of the alley. Go order two bowls of noodles. I’ll talk about my gains today as we eat!” Jiao Hang nodded and turned to walk out of the noodle shop.

After Yu Peng washed his face and his hands, he sat in a chair in the hall.

However, Yu Peng's mind was racing.

The news he'd received had exceeded his expectations. It even surprised him.

As expected, his gut feeling was right. There was a problem with Liu Mingkun.

As he thought about it, the fragrance of noodles wafted in from outside.

Jiao Hang had already returned with a food box.

"Come, come, eat the noodles quickly. I ordered two bowls of braised meat noodles. They smell delicious!"

Yu Peng opened his eyes and sat up straight. Then, he took a bowl of noodles.

Yu Peng asked after taking a bite of the noodles, "How is it? What did you find out?"

"You're right. Many people know Liu Mingkun, but they are many emotional entanglements involving him!" Jiao Hang replied as he ate, "There are five people having an affair with him today. There are all kinds of people among these five people. There are widows, little girls, and married women!"

When Yu Peng heard Jiao Hang's words, he nodded. "I know about these things!

Did you find out what kind of feelings Liu Mingkun has for Huaiqi Village?"

Jiao Hang didn't understand, so he asked, "What do you mean?"

"Have you heard anyone say that Liu Mingkun likes the village he was born in very much or is very protective of the people in the village?" Yu Peng asked. Jiao Hang shook his head. "No! There's no news about this at all!"

Yu Peng asked again, "Then did you find out about the relationship between him and the village chief's daughter?"

"No, everything I found out is about the matters in town. The people in town might not know about what happened in the village!" Jiao Hang said.

"That's not necessarily the case. I found out much more than you did!" With that, Yu Peng handed the information he had recorded to Jiao Hang.

Jiao Hang was also literate, so he took the stack of papers and read them one by one.

As he ate, he read them. In the end, he couldn't eat the noodles anymore.

"Damn, Liu Mingkun is quite a talent!" Jiao Hang said.

"Return it to me after you're done reading it!" Yu Peng said when he saw that Jiao Hang had put away the things he had recorded.

Jiao Hang wanted to say something, but he finished the noodles and the soup first.

“This news surprises me too much, so I have to finish the noodles first in order to calm down!”

Yu Peng laughed when he heard Jiao Hang’s words. “Then wait for me to finish the bowl of noodles too!”

With that, Yu Peng focused on eating his noodles.

After eating and drinking his fill, Jiao Hang washed the bowls and sent them back to the noodle shop in the alley.

At this moment, the two of them moved two chairs out and sat under the starry sky.

“Sigh, I wonder what Mr. Luo and the consort will think when they find out about this!” Jiao Hang said.

When Yu Peng heard Jiao Hang’s words, he immediately thought of something.

“That’s right! Why didn’t I think of that?! I have to tell Mr. Luo and his wife about this!”

With that, Yu Peng returned to his room and started writing.

Yu Peng sorted out the things he had recorded and divided them into a few parts. Then, he attached them to the letter.

Early the next morning, Yu Peng entered a shop and sent the letter back through a special channel.

After handing over the letter, Yu Peng left the residence with Jiao Hang and rushed straight to Daxing Village.

At noon, the two of them arrived at Daxing Village.

After asking where the village chief lived, the two of them drove the carriage towards the village chief’s house.

The village chief of Daxing Village was called Qi Changliang. He had just returned from the field with a hoe on his shoulder when he saw a carriage parked in front of his house.

Qi Changliang quickened his pace and came to Yu Peng and Jiao Hang. Then, he asked, “Who are you guys looking for?”

Yu Peng looked at the man in front of him and asked politely, “Hello, we’re here to look for the village chief, Qi Changliang!”

Qi Changliang asked, “I’m Qi Changliang. Who are you guys? Why are you guys looking for me?”

Yu Peng said, “Village Chief, this isn’t a good place to talk! Why don’t we come into your house to talk?!”

Chapter 693: Completely Different

When Qi Changliang heard Yu Peng’s words, he nodded.

“Then come in with me!”

With that, Qi Changliang pushed open his door and invited the two of them in to sit down.

When Qi Changliang’s wife, Yu Ya, saw that two strangers had arrived, she came over to ask Qi Changliang.

“Hubby, who are they?”

“Don’t worry about it. Go pour two cups of water first!” Qi Changliang said.

Yu Ya nodded and turned to get water.

There was a large tree in the courtyard. A wooden table and chairs were placed under it.

Qi Changliang brought her to sit under the big tree.

Yu Ya took out the kettle and poured three cups of water.

There was still rice cooking in the pot, so she couldn’t be away for long.

“Now, can the two of you explain why you’re here?!” Qi Changliang asked.

Yu Peng nodded and took out the portrait before unrolling it in front of Qi Changliang.

“Village Chief, do you know this person?”

After Qi Changliang saw Liu Mingkun’s portrait, his anger surged and he stood up.

“What have you got to do with this bastard? If you have anything to do with this bastard, leave immediately. You’re not welcome!”

“Village Chief, don’t be anxious. We have nothing to do with this person, but this person provoked us!” Jiao Hang quickly explained.

When Qi Changliang heard this, he sized up the two people opposite him and sat down skeptically.

“Are you serious? If that’s the case, why didn’t you go to Huaiqi Village to look for him? Instead, you came to Daxing Village?”

When Yu Peng heard this, he said, “I heard that Huaiqi Village and Daxing Village had many conflicts over the use of water for generations. I wonder if there’s such a thing?”

When Qi Changliang heard Yu Peng ask about this, he became vigilant. “Who exactly are you people? Why are you asking about this?”

Seeing that Qi Changliang didn’t trust them, Yu Peng thought for a moment and said, Mr. Qi, I want to ask you something. Putting aside the hatred accumulated in the past, do you want to resolve the problem of water use with Huaiqi Village?”

When Qi Changliang heard this, he immediately raised his voice.

“Of course I do! But how can I resolve this matter so easily? There’s only one river.

When it’s time to use water, everyone will be waiting to use it. We’ve also tried to find

other water sources, but there's none, so we can only rely on this river to water the crops!"

"Can the water in this river resolve the needs of two villages?" Yu Peng asked.

Qi Changliang sighed and said, "It's barely enough! But there are still some places that it isn't enough for, so there are conflicts!"

To be honest, everyone in both villages wanted to resolve this matter.

They had thought of many ways, but it was useless. They could only continue fight for it. Then Qi Changliang said, "Then are you unwilling to marry your daughter to Liu Mingkun because two villages are fighting over water usage?" Yu Peng suddenly asked.

"What? That brat said that?" Qi Changliang gritted his teeth when he heard this.

"That's right. Liu Mingkun told us that he and your daughter are in love. Because of the water problem, hatred has accumulated over the generations in the two villages, so he wants us to resolve the conflict between the two villages so that his marriage with your daughter can proceed smoothly!" Yu Peng said.

When Qi Changliang heard Yu Peng's words, not only didn't he heave a sigh of relief, but he became even more vigilant.

"Who exactly are you? Why are you looking for me today?"

Before Yu Peng and the others could answer, Qi Changliang suddenly thought of something and said, "I don't care what your goal is. You can give up! My daughter will never marry that bastard Liu Mingkun!"

"Father!" Before Yu Peng could say anything, a woman's voice sounded from afar.

When Yu Peng and Jiao Hang looked over, they saw a weak and pale girl leaning against a door while looking over.

When Qi Changliang saw this girl appear, he quickly stood up and ran over.

"Daughter, I already said that you have to recuperate. Why are you out here again?! Tell me, what should we do if you fall sick again?!"

The girl said softly, "Father, I'm fine. I know you don't want me to hear about Liu Mingkun's matters, but now that someone has brought news of him, I should come out and hear it. Father, let me talk to the guests!"

Although Qi Changliang didn't agree with his daughter, he could only sigh when he saw the pleading look in his daughter's eyes. "Then I'll get you a shirt. Put it on and come out!"

"Okay!" The girl replied in a soft voice.

Qi Changliang entered the room and gave his daughter a shirt. Then, he helped the girl to the wooden table.

This girl was undoubtedly a girl with a good upbringing.

After she sat down, she looked at her father gratefully, then at Yu Peng and Jiao Hang.

“My name is Qi Juan. I’m the girl you said is in love with Liu Mingkun! It’s just that you seem to have been deceived by Liu Mingkun. He and I indeed used to be in love, but I’m definitely not the reason he wants to resolve the conflict between the two villages, because he’s the reason I became so weak!”

Yu Peng and Jiao Hang were shocked when they heard Qi Juan’s words.

The two of them had thought of many possibilities, but they didn’t expect things to develop like this.

“It seems that this is the first time the two of you have heard of it! I don’t know what Liu Mingkun told you, but you just have to remember one thing. If you have a girl in your family, you must send someone to protect her well and not let Liu Mingkun get close to her.”

“As long as Liu Mingkun wants to get close to a woman, he can easily make a woman fall in love with him and satisfy everything he wants. The most terrifying thing is that these women lose themselves and get carried away by his lies. I was like this back then!”

When Yu Peng heard this, he looked at the girl in front of him and asked, “Did Liu Mingkun cause you to become like this?”

Qi Juan nodded and suddenly smiled.

“Actually, I asked for it.. Because I didn’t agree to his requests, he poisoned me!”

Chapter 694: Capture Him

When Yu Peng heard this, he had already guessed something.

“I don’t understand. If what you said is true, why did Liu Mingkun use the hatred between your village and Huaiqi Village as a condition? Why did he do this?” Jiao Hang couldn’t understand.

This matter was too fishy.

At the same time, the letters and information that Yu Peng had sent back through special channels were in Luo Cheng’s hand.

Luo Cheng frowned when he read Yu Peng’s letter and his expression turned ugly.

As Li Xiaoran walked in with a plate of washed grapes, she immediately felt the killing intent emanating from Luo Cheng.

“What’s wrong? Did something happen?”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s voice, he restrained his killing intent and handed the thing in his hand to her.

“Liu Mingkun is even more despicable than we thought!”

Li Xiaoran took the information in her hand and read them one by one.

After reading all the papers, Li Xiaoran fell silent.

This silence baffled Luo Cheng and he looked at Li Xiaoran.

Luo Cheng thought that with Li Xiaoran’s personality, she would be so angry that she would scold Liu Mingkun, but he didn’t hear her say a single word. On a closer look, the crumpled papers in Li Xiaoran’s hand revealed her anger.

“Xiaoran, what are you thinking about?”

Li Xiaoran said, “Husband, there’s no need to wait anymore. Capture Liu Mingkun! If we let him roam around outside, he’ll definitely harm more people!”

Luo Cheng thought of something and asked, “Arrest him? Are you sure? After all, he’s Xiao Qing’s savior! If we fail to capture him and let him escape, he’ll spread rumors in the future. It’ll be very detrimental to Xiao Qing!”

“This sinner has harmed countless girls. Not to mention saving my sister’s life, even if he saved my life, I would arrest him. We can repay him for saving my sister’s life, but we shouldn’t let such a sinner get away with his crimes!” Li Xiaoran said calmly.

“I’m angry, but even if I’m angry, I can’t change the past! We just have to capture this person and stop him from continuing to harm others. That’s the right thing to do!” Li Xiaoran tried her best not to be swayed by her emotions and dealt with this matter in the most rational way.

Luo Cheng nodded and stood up as he said, “You’re right. I’ll make the arrangements now and get someone to capture Liu Mingkun!”

At the same time, Luo Ziyang also had to send some news over and ask him to be vigilant. He couldn’t let Liu Mingkun get close to Li Xiaoqing.

However, when Luo Cheng brought people to the village to capture Liu Mingkun, Liu Mingkun had already disappeared.

They asked many people, but no one could explain his whereabouts clearly.

The last time Liu Mingkun appeared in front of them was in the sliced noodles shop.

Luo Cheng quickly walked towards the shop by the pipe.

At this moment, Luo Ziyang had already received the news. When he saw Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran rushing over, he said, “I’ve already asked the people setting up the stall nearby. Someone said that they saw Liu Mingkun walking straight in the direction of Hele Village after leaving our shop!”

Li Xiaoqing also followed.

“Sister, brother-in-law, what happened?”

“Liu Mingkun is not a good person. He has harmed many girls. Your brother-in-law and I wanted to capture him when we received the news, but he disappeared!” Li Xiaoran briefly explained the current situation. “Xiao Qing, remember, if you see Liu Mingkun again, you have to stay far away from him.

Don’t say anything to him or listen to him!”

Li Xiaoqing also knew the seriousness of the matter, so she nodded.

“Oh no, I should tell Father and Mother! I wonder if it’s too late. After all,

Father and Mother are in town now! With Mother’s good impression of Liu Mingkun, could Liu Mingkun have gone to look for our parents?”

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard this, their expressions immediately changed.

“Oh no!” the two of them said at the same time, then drove the carriage towards town.

When Li Xiaoqing saw her sister and brother-in-law’s expressions, she understood something.

Therefore, she entrusted the shop to Mao Dao and the others while she quickly followed them with Luo Ziyang.

The group rushed towards town at the fastest speed, but when they arrived at Li Xiaoran’s house, they didn’t see Li Shun and Zhao Xiu.

After they asked Uncle He, he said that Li Shun and Zhao Xiu had bought a new house yesterday and moved into it.

Only Uncle He knew where the new house was. After all, he had asked someone to follow Li Shun to tidy up the house.

“Uncle He, bring us to the house my parents bought. If we delay things, it might be too late!” Luo Cheng said.

When Uncle He heard this, he quickly put down what he was doing and got into the carriage. Then, he brought Luo Cheng and the others to the new house that Li Shun had bought.

The new house wasn’t far from the wine shop. It looked like it was only a street away.

When the group reached the door of the house and knocked, there was no response.

Luo Ziyang climbed over the wall and entered. After opening the door, he quickly went in to look for them.

From the mess in the house, the worst-case scenario probably happened.

From the traces of fighting on the ground, it could be seen that Li Shun and Zhao Xiu had been taken away!

Needless to say, the culprit was definitely Liu Mingkun.

Zi Zheng went to ask around and quickly received the news.

“This morning, a young man came here. At that time, Mrs. Li was probably the one who opened the door. When Mrs. Li saw that young man, she welcomed him in warmly. No one knows what happened in the house after that!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately furious.

As expected, she had been too careless!

“Don’t be anxious. The other party must have a motive for kidnapping Father and Mother. His purpose for kidnapping Father and Mother is nothing more than to threaten us! So let’s not panic first. In order to successfully save them, let’s calm down and think about what the other party wants to do!” When Luo Cheng saw that Li Xiaoran was furious, he quickly walked over to comfort her.

“There are two reasons why he captured my parents. Firstly, my mother isn’t wary of him. Although my father doesn’t like him, with his identity as Xiao Qing’s savior, my father can’t make things difficult for him. Secondly, the other party must have captured my parents to threaten us.. It’s just that I don’t know what he wants from us!”

Chapter 695: Panic

There were only two kinds of people who were after Luo Cheng.

One wanted benefits, and the other was Luo Cheng’s enemy.

They didn’t know what type Liu Mingkun was.

In the beginning, he said that he was here for his village.

However, he refused to let go of Li Xiaoqing.

But now, he had captured Li Xiaoran and Li Xiao Qing’s parents. Could it be that he was trying to obtain benefits?

Luo Ziyang guessed, “Do you think Liu Mingkun guessed that his matters had been exposed and was afraid that Luo Cheng would capture him, so he took Father and Mother away?”

“Logically speaking, this shouldn’t be the case! Liu Mingkun doesn’t seem to be such a reckless person! Even if the things he did were hidden flawlessly, there are definitely loopholes. Moreover, from the news sent back by Yu Peng, the other party didn’t attempt to hide what he did in the past at all!” Zi Zheng had a different idea.

Li Xiaoran found a quieted down place and sat down.

She had to sit alone for a while and figure out what was going on.

From the information Yu Peng had gathered, Liu Mingkun was a womanizer.

Such men had one obvious characteristic. They were conceited.

When women were toyed around by him, he would feel very smug.

Why had such a man suddenly appeared in front of them?

If he was looking for money and fame, his target was probably her sister, Li Xiaoqing, right from the beginning. This was because as long as her sister was loyal to him and agreed to his requests, he would definitely be able to have a comfortable life in the future!

This was very likely the case.

However, they couldn't rule out the possibility that someone wanted to deal with Luo Cheng, so they secretly planted such a person around him.

Originally, these people planned to use Liu Mingkun's womanizing skills to take down Li Xiaoqing.

However, things had changed, forcing Liu Mingkun to change his plan and kidnap Li Xiaoran's parents.

After thinking about it, Li Xiaoran felt that every scenario was possible.

At this moment, she was very flustered.

Just as Li Xiaoran felt that she was about to lose her mind, Luo Cheng's cold voice sounded.

"Liu Mingkun's purpose behind taking Father and Mother away is probably to force Father and Mother to write a marriage contract for him and Xiao Qing! No matter what his goal is, as long as he becomes Xiao Qing's husband, even if he obtained it through coercion, as long as he obtains the identity of Xiao

Qing's husband, it will be beneficial to him!"

These words struck Li Xiaoran like a bolt of lightning.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran's mind suddenly became clear. Then, she understood many things.

No wonder Yu Peng found out about Liu Mingkun so easily. No wonder Liu Mingkun said that he was in love with someone else from the beginning and even said that there had been hatred between Huaiqi Village and Daxing Village for generations. His goal was to dispel their vigilance and buy him time to approach Li Xiaoqing.

No wonder he wasn't anxious at all. He even went to the shop every day to eat sliced noodles and spread rumors.

After Luo Ziyang appeared beside Xiao Qing, he knew that the situation wasn't right and he couldn't use his usual tricks on Xiao Qing, so he targeted Xiao Qing's parents.

No, that wasn't right. He didn't target their parents. More specifically, he targeted their mother.

Therefore, as long as he used his own abilities to win over his future mother-in-law, this marriage would be possible.

“In that case, Father and Mother’s lives are not in danger for the time being!” Li Xiaoqing could only come to this conclusion.

Li Xiaoran said coldly, “Their lives aren’t in danger, but they will suffer a little.

As long as Father and Mother are unwilling to agree to Xiao Qing and Liu Mingkun’s marriage, Liu Mingkun will definitely think of a way to force Father and Mother to agree!”

When Li Xiaoqing heard her sister’s words, she recalled some scenes and was immediately anxious.

“Sister, what should we do now? Don’t let me see Liu Mingkun again, or I’ll definitely teach him a lesson!”

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and her expression changed.

“Husband, send someone out to look for them! I believe Liu Mingkun won’t be able to get far with Father and Mother. Let’s quickly arrange for people to look for them!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he was stunned for a moment. Then, he saw Li Xiaoran wink at him and immediately understood.

“Alright, don’t worry. I’ll definitely send more people to find Father and Mother!” Luo Cheng said loudly, “Ziyang, Zi Zheng, send all our buddies out to search everywhere. We must find them!”

With that, Luo Cheng gestured to Zi Yan and Zi Zheng.

After seeing Luo Cheng’s gesture, Luo Ziyang and Zi Zheng understood and immediately replied loudly,

“Yes, Young Master. We’ll arrange for people to look for them now!”

With that, the two of them sprinted outside.

“Xiaoran, let’s go back first! Don’t worry too much about Father and Mother. With me around, we’ll definitely find them safely!” Luo Cheng comforted as he pulled Li Xiaoran to her feet.

Li Xiaoran nodded and pulled Li Xiaoqing away from the house.

On the way back, Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and asked, “Xiaoran, did you find anything?”

“Have you heard of the saying ‘darkness under the light?’” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiao Qing were stunned when they heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

Li Xiaoqing thought of something and asked, “You mean that Liu Mingkun and Father and Mother are still in that house?”

Li Xiaoran said, “I’m not sure yet, but probably. Even if Liu Mingkun isn’t hiding in that house with Father and Mother, he’s nearby. Otherwise, he’s in the house over at the wine shop. The house over there is usually guarded. If Liu Mingkun is hiding alone, he might be able to hide without

alerting anyone, but if he brings Father and Mother in, it won't be easy! Therefore, I think that if he isn't hiding in the wine shop, he's definitely be hiding near our house!"

"If he's not there, it's very likely that he'll be near the house just now. Perhaps once we leave, he'll bring Father and Mother back to the house.. As the saying goes, the most dangerous place might also be the safest place!"

Chapter 696: A Letter

Li Xiaoqing thought of something and asked, "Then should we arrange for someone to come over and catch him?"

"No, we can't arrange for anyone to come over. We can't alert the enemy. At night, your brother-in-law and I will wander around to confirm things!" Li Xiaoran said, "Xiao Qing, after you rest a little later, go out with Ziyang to look for Father and Mother. Remember, you must pretend to be very anxious. At the same time, don't go alone. You must be with Ziyang!" Li Xiaoqing immediately understood what her sister meant.

"I understand! You and Brother-in-law have to be careful too!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and said softly, "Don't worry! We're not the people Liu Mingkun wants to capture, but you definitely are. That's why I reminded you to follow Ziyang. Even if you have to go to the bathroom, you have to let Zi Yan follow you!"

Li Xiaoqing nodded and remembered her sister's words.

The carriage quickly arrived at the house beside the wine shop and the group walked in.

After resting for a while and eating some watermelons, the group split up and went out to look for people.

Only Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were left in the house.

Li Xiaoran looked outside and then at Luo Cheng.

"Husband, show me the news Yu Peng sent back again. Perhaps I can find out about Liu Mingkun's methods or thoughts from this news!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately took out the previous letter and information files.

Next, the two of them began to read them in silence.

Li Xiaoran read it very carefully. Every time she read a message, she would stop and think about it carefully.

To be honest, in the modern era, she had seen many such affairs on the news, so Li Xiaoran could understand these people's thoughts clearly.

After Li Xiaoran carefully analyzed the news sent back by Yu Peng, Li Xiaoran already had a preliminary understanding of Liu Mingkun.

“Liu Mingkun is quite conceited. When he was young, he was bullied. Five years ago, he suddenly disappeared for two years. Two years later, he returned. Not long after, he made many women fall head over heels for him. All these years, none of the women he took a fancy to escaped from him and this inflated his ego. Therefore, it’s impossible for him to accept defeat at this moment.”

“As for Xiao Qing, in his eyes, failing to win her over is his failure. Therefore, this is definitely a humiliation to Liu Mingkun. He’s definitely determined to get Xiao Qing. Be it in terms of mission or psychological needs, he’ll be eyeing Xiao Qing covetously.”

“Husband, let’s suppose that if you were Liu Mingkun, just as you were about to use your methods to charm a little girl, the little girl refused to take the bait. What makes you even more dejected is that another man who’s not inferior to you appeared beside your target. This man gets along very intimately with your target. Won’t you feel indignant?”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he pondered.

“He’ll definitely feel furious. He has never failed before, but now, he has failed again and again. He definitely won’t admit that there’s a problem with his methods. He’ll only find fault with others. Perhaps he’ll feel that the reason Li Xiaoqing didn’t fall for him is because she doesn’t feel his charm. Therefore, he has to take Li Xiaoqing away from that man and interact with Li Xiaoqing alone. This way, he can use his charm!”

Li Xiaoran said firmly, “That’s right. That’s definitely what Liu Mingkun thinks.

If he wants to be alone with Xiao Qing, the most convenient way is to use my parents. Therefore, I previously reminded her not to be alone and not to let Liu

Mingkun threaten her!”

As it turned out, Li Xiaoran was right.

At this moment, in an inconspicuous corner, a beggar sent a letter to Li Xiaoqing.

“Sister, a man asked me to give this to you!”

Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang looked at each other. Then, Luo Ziyang squatted down and said to the beggar in a gentle tone, “Did the man who gave you the letter say anything else?”

The beggar shook his head and said only one thing.

“That man gave me food and told me to give this letter to her. He didn’t say anything else!”

Li Xiaoqing squatted down and asked patiently, “Then can you tell me what that man looks like?”

“He was wearing a bamboo hat, so I couldn’t see his face clearly!” the little beggar replied.

When Li Xiaoqing heard this, she took out a handful of candies from her pocket and placed them in the little beggar’s hand.

“You can leave now! Thank you for coming!”

When the beggar saw the candies, he immediately took them and ran away.

“I’ll get someone to follow him!” Luo Ziyang said.

“There’s no need. Since the other party sent a child over, he won’t leave any clues for us to find. Let’s take a look at what this letter says first!” Li Xiaoqing picked up the letter and prepared to open it.

“Wait!” Luo Ziyang thought of something and took the envelope. “Xiao Qing, let me check it first. I’m afraid this letter has been tampered with!”

With that, Luo Ziyang asked Li Xiaoqing to stand further away and took out a pair of leather gloves.

After that, Luo Ziyang took out a pill and put it in Li Xiaoqing’s mouth. Then, he took one for himself.

After making these preparations, Luo Ziyang opened the letter and read it from afar.

There was only one sentence in the letter: If you want to save your parents, come out alone at night.

There was no time or place. That was all there was in the letter.

After Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang saw this line of words, they immediately frowned.

Suddenly, Luo Ziyang felt a little dizzy and he quickly chewed the pill in his mouth.

As a bitter taste spread on his taste buds, Luo Ziyang immediately felt much more energetic.

“Xiao Qing, hurry up and take the pill!” Luo Ziyang quickly shouted when he saw that Li Xiaoqing’s eyes had become blurry.

When Li Xiaoqing heard Luo Ziyang’s words, she chewed twice. Soon, she perked up from the extremely bitter taste.

“That was close. If not for Brother Ziyang, I would have fallen into his trap!” Li Xiaoqing said with lingering fear.

Fortunately, her sister reminded her to stick with Brother Ziyang!

Fortunately, Brother Ziyang was careful and prepared.. Otherwise, she might have been taken away by Liu Mingkun!

“Let’s go back first!” Luo Ziyang looked around warily and quickly brought Li Xiaoqing back to the house at the wine shop.

Not long after the two of them left, a figure appeared on a big tree not far away.

“Hmph, you guys are lucky!”

With that, the person left.

This person was none other than Liu Mingkun, whom Luo Cheng and the others had been looking for.

Afraid that someone was following him, Liu Mingkun circled the town a few times before returning to an abandoned courtyard.

It had been many years since anyone had lived here and it was a famous haunted house.

However, this was only Liu Mingkun’s temporary residence.

Since Luo Cheng had sent people to look for him, it was inappropriate to stay here for long. Sooner or later, the other party would find this place.

Liu Mingkun decided to move immediately.

Looking at the unconscious Li Shun and Zhao Xiu in the grass not far away, Liu Mingkun thought for a moment and lay in the grass as well.

It was still early. If he ran out now, he would definitely expose his whereabouts, so he had to wait patiently.

On the other side, when Luo Ziyang and Li Xiao Qing returned with the letter, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng happened to figure out Liu Mingkun’s personality and mentality.

After the two of them heard Luo Ziyang talk about his previous encounter, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other.

“As expected, he attacked directly! However, he’s more cautious than we thought and actually thought of a way to send a letter!” Luo Cheng said,

“Ziyang, show me that letter!”

Luo Ziyang nodded and handed over the letter.

Luo Cheng made sufficient preparations. He went to a room alone first and began to examine the letter.

Half an hour, Luo Cheng walked out with the letter.

“There’s nothing wrong with the envelope. The pen and ink on the letter have been tampered with. The two things will fuse with the ink on the letter before producing a very strong drug that can make you follow the creator obediently without resisting at all!”

Although she had already guessed it, Li Xiaoqing still felt a little afraid.

“Fortunately, you guys were vigilant!” Li Xiaoran walked over and hugged her sister’s shoulder as she comforted her softly.

Li Xiaoqing thought of something and asked, “Then what should I do? Do I really have to go out alone tonight?”

After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng exchanged looks, they thought of something.

“No!” the couple said in unison.

“No?” Li Xiaoqing looked at her sister in shock. “Are you sure?”

Li Xiaoran said, “I’m very sure! Why do we have to follow his plan? We have to ruin his plan and make Liu Mingkun lose control. Only then can we find him!”

Li Xiaoqing couldn’t help but ask, “Are you sure this won’t harm Father and Mother?”

Li Xiaoran promised her sister, “Don’t worry! Xiao Qing, I don’t want anything to happen to Father and Mother, so we have to find them as soon as possible! Trust me, and don’t act on your own. You can’t leave this house tonight. Leave the rest to me and your brother-in-law! We guarantee that when you open your eyes tomorrow morning, Father and Mother will have returned safely!”

Li Xiaoqing nodded and said, “Sister, feel free to tell me what I can do! I’ll listen to you tonight. I won’t leave this house!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and said, “Xiao Qing, after I save Father and Mother, if I don’t capture Liu Mingkun, you’ll be in the most danger in the future!”

“Sister, don’t worry. It’s fine as long as Father and Mother come back safely! We’ll settle the rest ourselves!” Li Xiaoqing said firmly.

The current her was no longer the little girl who only knew how to be angry but couldn’t protect her family.

Now that she had learned some skills from her mentor, she could protect herself and her family!

Hearing her sister’s words, Li Xiaoran was suddenly moved. “In that case, follow us tonight!”

Hearing Li Xiaoran’s words, Li Xiaoqing was in disbelief.

“Is this true?”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “It’s true. Since you’ve already grown up, you should take some responsibility!”

Li Xiaoqing’s heart warmed and she perked up.

“Sister, I won’t let you down! I’ll protect myself and my family!”

Li Xiaoran patted her sister’s head and said, “Alright, go and rest now! After dinner, we still have a tough battle to fight!”

Li Xiaoqing nodded and returned to her room to rest.

The others also returned to their rooms to rest.

Soon, night fell and the chef in the house prepared dinner for everyone.

After Li Xiaoran washed her face, she came to the table.

Li Xiaoran looked at the surrounding people and called out, "It seems that dinner is very sumptuous! Everyone, don't just stand there. Let's eat together!" Since they were all family, everyone quickly scooped the rice and started eating.

Perhaps it was because they had a big task that night, but everyone enjoyed the meal.

After eating and drinking their fill, all that was left was to rest.

Although it was dark, it wasn't time to go out yet, so the group sat in the courtyard on standby.

Liu Mingkun was also waiting in a very hidden place. However, he didn't see Li Xiaoqing.

"Li Xiaoqing, are you afraid something happening to you, so you're ignoring the danger your parents are in? I really didn't expect you to be such a person!" While waiting impatiently, Liu Mingkun muttered softly, "I'll give you another hour. If you don't appear, I'll go back and settle scores with your parents!" Time flew by. It was already midnight, but Li Xiaoqing still didn't come out.

This time, Liu Mingkun was furious and left.

Not long after Liu Mingkun left, Li Xiaoran left the house with a group of people.

For the sake of convenience, the group wore camouflage clothing.

Li Xiaoran said in a low voice and pointed in a direction, "Let's go this way!" Then, the group followed quietly.

The group moved at a moderate speed. No one knew where they were going.

Whenever Li Xiaoran asked them to stop, they would.

If Li Xiaoran asked them to start moving again, they would. Just like that, two hours later, Li Xiaoran brought everyone to a house.

"Where is this place?" Li Xiaoran asked..

Chapter 698: Help

Luo Cheng looked at the house and thought for a moment before saying, "This is Minister Wu's house in town. Very few people live here, so a few servants were left here to guard the house!"

Minister Wu? Li Xiaoran thought of something. They had seen Minister Wu before.

As if he could read Li Xiaoran's mind, Luo Cheng said,

"It's the Minister Wu you've seen before!"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "In that case, things will be easy!"

"Huh?" No one expected Li Xiaoran to say that.

"Do we need to knock on the door?" Luo Cheng confirmed again.

"That's right. Let's use the excuse that we were looking for Wang Mingjiang to enter!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately understood and nodded. "Ziyang, go and knock on the door. Tell them that I brought my wife,

Li Xiaoran, to visit Wang Mingjiang!"

Luo Ziyang nodded and quickly walked forward to knock on the door.

Soon, the guard opened the door. When he learned that they were here to visit Wang Mingjiang, he was stunned.

Not many people knew that their young master's name was Wang Mingjiang, and even the guard happened to find out about this by chance.

Therefore, the guard asked everyone to wait for a moment. Then, he closed the door and went in to report.

When Wang Mingjiang heard that Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had come to look for him, he immediately laughed.

"Hurry up and invite them in! They're my great benefactors!" As soon as he finished speaking, Wang Mingjiang stood up.

"No, no, no. It's better for me to welcome them personally!"

Before long, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng saw Wang Mingjiang, who had appeared in front of the door.

"It's really the two of you? But why are you two dressed like this?" Wang Mingjiang was shocked when he saw Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng in camouflage clothes.

"My parents are missing and I'm looking for them! I wonder if your family can let me go in and look for them? I'm only going to the southwest corner!" Li Xiaoran went straight to the point.

When Wang Mingjiang heard that it was a serious matter, he quickly nodded.

"How can it be inconvenient? This concerns the two elders' safety, so I'll bring you guys there now! Speaking of which, this courtyard in the southwest corner has always been abandoned. In the past, I heard that someone died in this courtyard and it became haunted, so I sealed it. Are you guys sure you want to go to this courtyard?"

As Wang Mingjiang spoke, he led Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, and the others towards the courtyard in the southwest corner.

“Haunted? Since it’s haunted, why are you still living here? Aren’t you afraid that something will happen?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

“Afraid? What’s there to be afraid of? After experiencing those things, I’m not afraid of anything! Besides, people are more terrifying than ghosts! What’s so scary about ghosts?!” Wang Mingjiang said.

“Then why are you living here?” Luo Cheng asked curiously.

Wang Mingjiang said, “I don’t want to live in the Wu family’s home, since it’s full of drama. I like to live with my family. My father couldn’t change my mind, so he gave me this house! By the way, my foster parents and my sister have also been sent to a very safe place so that they can start a new life without being implicated by me!”

Li Xiaoran frowned and asked, “Your family’s matter hasn’t been resolved yet?”

Wang Mingjiang said, “Resolve it? How? In a big family, there are many dirty secrets! I don’t want to interfere. Anyway, now that I’ve already separated from them, the Wu family has nothing to do with me. I’m only responsible for supporting my parents!” Wang Mingjiang said, “It’s not that I don’t want to investigate, but there are too many things involved. Moreover, what does it matter if we investigate or not? I don’t want those benefits anymore, so I naturally won’t become a thorn in those people’s side!”

Luo Cheng glanced at Wang Mingjiang. He knew that he wasn’t telling the truth.

Every family had their own difficulties. Other people’s lives were in their own hands, so they couldn’t interfere.

As they sooke. they arrived at the courtyard in the southwest corner.

The torch illuminated a piece of land. The words “Chenxin Garden” were hanging in the courtyard.

After pushing open the door, they saw a pile of lush weeds. At a glance, it looked quite desolate.

Wang Mingjiang looked at the courtyard and said, “Are you sure your parents are hidden here? This courtyard doesn’t look big, but it’s actually quite big. It’ll probably take a lot of effort to find two people!”

“No need!” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and looked around while secretly sensing everything inside.

Soon, Li Xiaoran sensed two emotions, so she smiled. Li Xiaoran pointed in a direction and said, “Let’s go this way!”

Soon, the group arrived at a place that looked like a kitchen.

However, other than weeds and a broken stove, there was nothing else around.

“Could it be that your parents are hiding in this broken kitchen?” Wang Mingjiang guessed.

After Li Xiaoran walked around, her gaze finally landed on a place.

“Where is this place?” Li Xiaoran asked.

Wang Mingjiang shook his head and said, "I don't know! I've never been here before!"

"Clean this place up so we can take a look!" Li Xiaoran pointed at the place covered in weeds in front of her.

When the others heard this, they immediately came over to clean up.

Wang Mingjiang even asked someone to send a machete and hoe to clean up this place.

Before long, a dry well came into view.

"I remember now. It's said that someone died in this dry well in the past, so this well was filled up later!" The butler Mr. Wu thought of something and said. Li Xiaoran looked at the dry well in front of her and said, "Open the stone slab!" Everyone moved the stone slab together.

As soon as the stone slab moved away, the scene in front of them stunned everyone. Even Li Xiaoqing couldn't help but tear up.

At this moment, the injured Li Shun was lying in the dry well.

A pit had been dug in the dry well and Li Shun was lying in the middle of the pit.

Luo Ziyang quickly jumped down before jumping out of the dry well with Li Shun.

Luo Cheng quickly went forward to take Li Shun's pulse, then he looked at Li Xiaoran.

"He's fine. He just suffered some superficial wounds. He'll be fine after he recuperates!"

Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing nodded, but then they became worried again. Her father had been found, but what about her mother, Zhao Xiu?

"We underestimated Liu Mingkun!" Luo Cheng said..

Chapter 699: Obsessed

Li Xiaoran didn't speak, but she was thinking about what Liu Mingkun would do.

At the same time, under a quiet bridge, Liu Mingkun had started a fire and was sitting hv it with 7.hao Xin-

At this moment, the weather was very hot. After the fire was lit, it became even hotter.

Liu Mingkun drank water in big mouthfuls and looked at Zhao Xiu, who was already sweating profusely.

"Mother-in-law, why are you so stubborn?! Agree to my request and settle my engagement with Li Xiaoqing. You don't have to suffer anymore. I'll even send you home respectfully and let you reunite with Father-in-law. Originally, I wanted to

torture Father-in-law to see if your daughter, Xiao Qing, is more important, or your man is more important. Unfortunately, your eldest daughter is too smart. She actually tracked me to the Wu family's home!" Liu Mingkun said in a gentle voice.

"Although your eldest daughter is smart, I'm not stupid either! At least I understand that I can't place all my eggs in the same basket. From my observation of your family, your two daughters seem to care more about you, so I'll have to trouble you to be more tolerant. Don't worry, as long as I become your son-in-law, I'll definitely serve you well!"

With that, Liu Mingkun picked up the water in the glass and placed it in front of Zhao Xiu.

"Mother-in-law, why do you have to be so stubborn?! As long as you agree, this water is yours!"

Zhao Xiu's lips were parched. However, she didn't look at the glass of water in front of her at all, but at the darkness not far away.

At this moment, her mind was filled with thoughts on her family's previous evaluation of Liu Mingkun.

At that time, her man said that Liu Mingkun wasn't a good person, but she was very satisfied with him.

At first, Zhao Xiu really wanted Liu Mingkun to be her son-in-law. Fortunately, her daughter, Xiao Qing, didn't like Liu Mingkun.

Zhao Xiu said in a low voice, "I never had good taste in men. Otherwise, I wouldn't have suffered so much! Now, I still don't have good taste in men. Otherwise, how could I have led a wolf into my house and caused myself to suffer here?! Liu Mingkun, don't waste your effort. Don't even think about getting anything from me. I won't agree to your marriage with my daughter,

Xiao Qing. Stop dreaming!"

Despite her overwhelming thirst, she knew she couldn't agree.

Once she agreed, it would ruin her youngest daughter, Xiao Qing's lifelong happiness.

She was already halfway through her life, but her daughter, Xiao Qing, had just begun her life.

Therefore, she definitely wouldn't ruin her daughter's life!

When Liu Mingkun heard Zhao Xiu's words, he could no longer maintain the smile on his face.

"You old woman, it seems like you want to do this the hard way! Didn't you like me very much previously? Didn't you want me to become your son-in-law immediately? Why? Now that I've let you have your wish, you're unhappy? A woman like you deserves to be taught a lesson today!"

With that, Liu Mingkun threw the glass of water in his hand into the soil at the side. Then, he picked up a branch not far away and whipped it at Zhao Xiu.

Just as the branch landed on Zhao Xiu, Li Xiaoran, who was thinking about something in the Wu family's house, suddenly felt a wave of pain and immediately exclaimed.

Then, Li Xiaoran saw a scene in her mind.

In a bridge cave, Zhao Xiu, who was tied up by a rope, fell to the ground and endured the beating in pain. Liu Mingkun, who was by the fire, was whipping Li Xiaoran's mother with a branch.

After seeing this scene clearly, Li Xiaoran gritted her teeth and shouted, "Liu Mingkun, how dare you?!"

With that, Li Xiaoran's lips bled from her bite.

"Husband, there's a very hidden bridge under the stone bridge nearby. Even if there's a fire inside, outsiders won't be able to see the stone bridge when they pass by!"

When Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran like this, his heart ached and he quickly took out a handkerchief to wipe the blood off her lips.

When Wang Mingjiang suddenly heard Li Xiaoran's words, he thought of something.

"I know. There's a stone bridge near the stream at the back of my house. I once saw it by accident when I was hiding from my family, so I went in! Come, I'll bring you guys there!"

"Quick, let's follow them!" Li Xiaoran couldn't be bothered to explain anymore. She grabbed Luo Cheng's hand and was about to leave. Seeing this, Luo Ziyang looked at Zi Zheng.

"Zi Zheng, send Father back first!"

Zi Zheng nodded and led his two buddies to carry Li Shun to the house near the wine shop.

On the other side, Wang Mingjiang brought Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng, and the others towards the stone bridge.

After Liu Mingkun whipped Zhao Xiu a few times, Zhao Xiu fainted from the pain.

Liu Mingkun was still angry, so he hit her a few more times before putting down the branch. Then, he picked up the wine by the fire and drank it.

"Hmph, all of you are so troublesome."

Qi Juan was like this previously, and the girl from the Li family was also like this.

Why couldn't they all be obedient?

Why did they have to go against him?

Women should be taught a lesson. If they weren't, they wouldn't know how to be obedient.

Thinking of this, Liu Mingkun revealed a ferocious expression.

Back then, he had clearly made Qi Juan fall head over heels for him.

But how did that woman escape his control?

She was the first woman who disobeyed him. In a fit of anger, he poisoned her and waited for her to beg him.

He had waited so long, but she refused to beg him despite knowing that he had the antidote in his hand.

Qi Juan made Liu Mingkun feel very frustrated, and he was filled with hatred and disgust for those women who were out of his control. Initially, he thought that Qi Juan was the only one!

Unexpectedly, Li Xiaoqing also disobeyed him.

It was fine if it was just Li Xiaoqing!

Even the consort treated him coldly.

He was clearly a handsome man that all women should like and be infatuated with.

Why were the Li family's sisters an exception?

It had to be said that Liu Mingkun was already mentally deranged.

Ever since he learned how to deal with women, things had been smooth- sailing for him.

The frustration from suddenly encountering two disobedient people made him very unhappy.

In a daze, Liu Mingkun seemed to see the two Li family sisters who made him very unhappy.

“You two came at the right time. I'm going to teach you guys a lesson today and make you guys submit to me!”

As soon as he finished speaking, there was the sound of a crisp slap..

Chapter 700: Who Is Your Mentor?

Before Liu Mingkun could react, Li Xiaoran whipped him.

After Li Xiaoran whipped him, Li Xiaoqing also picked up a long bamboo pole and hit Liu Mingkun.

At this moment, Liu Mingkun was dizzy from the pain, but he still didn't understand what was going on.

Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing didn't speak at this moment, but the sisters were furious.

When they quietly went down the bridge cave, they saw their mother lying on the ground covered in blood, while Liu Mingkun seemed to have gone crazy.

Li Xiaoqing was a martial artist, so she was the first to rush forward and slap Liu Mingkun.

Li Xiaoran followed closely behind and swung her whip over.

Although she wasn't a martial artist, she attacked angrily and used all her strength.

It wasn't until Li Xiaoran had vented all her anger that Luo Cheng came over and grabbed Li Xiaoran's hand.

“Xiaoran, Mom has superficial wounds. We have to send her back quickly to treat her wounds. If we delay things, she’ll suffer! Hand this person to me. I’ll definitely give you a satisfactory explanation!”

After Li Xiaoran panted a few times, she calmed down. Then, she nodded.

“Alright, let’s send Mother back quickly! Xiao Qing, stop hitting him. Saving Mother is more important!”

Li Xiaoqing also beat Liu Mingkun up with a bamboo pole.

When she heard her sister’s voice, she threw down the bamboo pole and went over to carry her mother, Zhao Xiu.

Soon, Liu Mingkun was captured.

Not only were his acupoints tapped, but he was also drugged and tied up with ropes.

Luo Cheng didn’t have time to thank Wang Mingjiang for his help tonight.

“Brother Wang, thank you for your help tonight. We’ll visit you another day to thank you! We have to go back today!”

Wang Mingjiang also knew that Li Xiaoran and the others must have a lot of things to do, so he nodded and brought his men home.

Zhao Xiu felt pain all over her body and her body temperature alternated between hot and cold.

In a daze, she thought she heard her eldest daughter and youngest daughter crying.

She wanted to force herself to perk up and comfort her two daughters, but she couldn’t open her eyes no matter what.

After that, she fainted and could no longer feel anything.

When Zhao Xiu opened her eyes again, she saw a familiar place.

Just as she was feeling a little groggy, memories of everything that had happened yesterday suddenly surfaced to mind.

Recalling her previous encounter, Zhao Xiu shivered.

“Mother, you’re awake?” At this moment, Li Xiaoqing’s surprised voice sounded.

Zhao Xiu turned around and saw Li Xiaoqing shouting out the door. “Sister, Brother-in-law, Brother Ziyang, my mother woke up!”

Soon, a group of people ran in. Li Xiaoran looked much more haggard.

Zhao Xiu said with some heartache, “Daughter, I’m fine!”

“Mother, you really frightened us yesterday!” Li Xiaoran said with red eyes when she saw how weak her mother was.

“That’s right! Mom, when my sister and I arrived yesterday, we were frightened to death when we saw you lying on the ground covered in blood!” Li Xiaoqing walked over and grabbed Zhao Xiu’s hand.

Zhao Xiu said with a smile, “I’m fine. I’ll be fine after recuperating for a few days! I was blind previously and misjudged Liu Mingkun. Don’t worry, Liu Mingkun asked me to write the marriage contract between Xiao Qing and him, but I didn’t!”

“Mother, thank you! ” When Li Xiaoqing heard this, her eyes turned red. Then, she squatted by the bed and snuggled her head against Zhao Xiu “But I hope you’re fine!”

Zhao Xiu looked at her daughter and said proudly, “Silly girl, don’t be sad. I’m very happy that I could finally protect you this time!”

“Then you have to get better quickly. We’re all waiting for you to protect us!” Li Xiaoqing said.

“Alright!” Zhao Xiu nodded.

After that, Li Xiaoqing and Li Xiaoran fed Zhao Xiu food and medicine before watching her fall asleep.

Luo Cheng felt a little sorry for Li Xiaoran, so he walked over and said, “You’ve been guarding her for the entire night. Hurry up and go back to rest! Ziyang and I are here, so you two should go and rest! Father hasn’t woken up yet. If he sees you two like this later, he’ll feel very upset!”

When Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing looked at each other and saw each other’s haggard appearance, they nodded and went to rest.

After Li Xiaoran lay on the bed, she quickly fell asleep. Her mind had been racing for more than a day. Now, she finally had time to rest.

Therefore, she slept through the entire night.

Luo Cheng visited several times during the night. After confirming that Li Xiaoran was just too tired, he was no longer that worried.

At noon, Li Shun woke up.

He had been drugged by Liu Mingkun, so he had been unconscious until now.

Fortunately, Zhao Xiu woke up at this moment, so the couple sat together and chatted. Li Xiaoqing also woke up at noon. Her health was better than Li Xiaoran’s, so she woke up quickly.

After that, Li Xiaoqing guarded her parents while Luo Cheng guarded Li Xiaoran.

As for interrogating Liu Mingkun, it was left to Luo Ziyang.

Luo Ziyang drugged Liu Mingkun immediately!

Liu Mingkun, who had been drugged, became very obedient!

He would answer whatever Luo Ziyang asked.

He told Luo Ziyang everything he had done all these years.

However, there was something that gave him a headache whenever Luo Ziyang asked him.

According to Liu Mingkun, the reason he approached Li Xiaoqing was because his mentor had told him to.

Because time was tight and the mission was urgent, he rushed over.

As for how his mentor contacted him, Liu Mingkun didn't know.

Every time his mentor wanted to look for him, he would put a letter by his bed.

This time, his mentor had instructed him to win Li Xiaoqing over and become Luo Cheng and the consort's brother-in-law. Then, he would wait for the next mission.

Liu Mingkun thought that he would be able to complete this mission easily, but something unexpected happened.

In the end, he could only capture Li Shun and Zhao Xiu to force them to agree to his marriage with Li Xiaoqing.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he made a move, the matter was exposed. Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran brought people to capture him.

When Luo Cheng saw Liu Mingkun's confession, he began to ponder over it.

Luo Cheng finally said, "Lock Liu Mingkun up.. We definitely can't let him get rescued by anyone!"