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Chapter 741: Father-in-law Comes Knocking

Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing had a good plan, but Mao Dao was a little confused.

In the morning, he was about to go to the shop to work when he bumped into his future father-in-law.

Initially, Mao Dao was listening to his future father-in-law's words with trepidation, but as he listened, he felt a little baffled.

His father-in-law wanted to do business?

He even asked him to give them ideas on what to do to earn more money?

This stunned Mao Dao.

Before Mao Dao could say anything, Zhao Long said that he would look for him in three days, then he left.

Just like that, Mao Dao arrived at the shop in a daze.

When Yuan Cheng saw Mao Dao's absent-minded expression, he quickly urged,

"Mao Dao, don't be distracted! Hurry up and make buns!"

Mao Dao came back to his senses and nodded. Then, he sped up.

"What were you thinking about? You were actually daydreaming just now?" Yuan Cheng asked.

Mao Dao had a good relationship with Yuan Cheng, so he didn't hide it from him and told him that Zhao Long had come to look for him today.

Yuan Cheng frowned when he heard this.

"I'm afraid this matter isn't that simple! If your father-in-law's family really wanted to do business, why would you, the future son-in-law, be the one to come up with the idea?! Does Miss Zhao know about this?" "She probably doesn't know!" Mao Dao said.

Actually, he was very sure that Zhao Sisi didn't know about this.

If she knew about this, she would definitely stop her father.

It was precisely because he knew this that Mao Dao was a little vexed.

He really didn't know what to do about this.

Firstly, he didn't have a good way to earn money.

If he had, he would have done it already. He wouldn't have waited until now!

Secondly, Mao Dao knew another point very well.

If they wanted to do a profitable business, why didn't they look for Li Xiaoran?

One had to know that Li Xiaoran's mind was filled with money-making ideas. Any one of them was enough for his future father-in-law and his family to earn a lot of money.

However, his future father-in-law didn't look for Li Xiaoran. Instead, he looked for him.

He had to think about it carefully.

"I don't think your future father-in-law expects you to give them any ideas.

They clearly want you to look for Madam and get her to come up with ideas! They don't have to appear and don't have to owe Madam any favors, but they'll be able to earn money. How good is that?!" Yuan Cheng saw through Zhao Long's plan.

When Mao Dao heard Yuan Cheng's words, he immediately came to a realization.

"I knew there was something fishy about this. I didn't expect it to be this!"

"Hehe, I don't think your parents-in-law are easy to get along with! Don't hide this from Miss Zhao. Miss Zhao is a clear-headed person, so she'll know what to do! Don't be afraid of offending your parents-in-law and don't take responsibility for this matter, or else you'll end up in a dire situation! Think about it, it's fine if your parents-in-law earn money, but once they don't earn money, all the blame will be on you! It's not like their family doesn't have a

son. You're a son-in-law, so why are you taking the initiative?!" Yuan Cheng was sincerely thinking for Mao Dao's sake, so he said this. When Mao Dao heard Yuan Cheng's words, he felt upset.

"What's going on?!"

"You're the one who wanted to marry Miss Zhao?! I wonder if you're lucky or unlucky to have such in-laws. Fortunately, Miss Zhao is a sensible person. Otherwise, your life will definitely be full of trouble!" Yuan Cheng said with schadenfreude.

"Are you still my buddy? Is there a buddy like you?" Mao Dao rolled his eyes at Yuan Cheng and said, "You still don't have a girl you like. Have you ever thought of getting married at all?"

Yuan Cheng fell silent.

When Mao Dao saw Yuan Cheng's impassive expression, he immediately knew that he had guessed correctly.

"Bro, is that really what you think?"

Yuan Cheng said coldly, "Why should I marry a wife? It's not like you don't know. I haven't even dealt with my family's matters yet! If it weren't for Luo Cheng and Madam protecting me, I would probably be even more miserable than you. With Luo Cheng and Madam around, even if my uncle and aunt have designs on me, they don't have a way to do so! If I marry a wife, my uncle and aunt will definitely pester my wife all day long! If I can't protect her, why should I let her suffer?!"

When Mao Dao thought of Yuan Cheng's family, he sighed.

As expected, every family had its own difficulties.

“What are you two talking about?” Li Xiaoqing walked over and asked curiously as she looked at the two of them.

Seeing that Li Xiaoqing was here, Mao Dao and Yuan Cheng looked at each other. Then, the brothers reached a consensus.

“Sister Xiao Qing, you came at the right time. I encountered something difficult. Help me come up with an idea!” Mao Dao quickly welcomed Li

Xiaoqing in. While there were no customers in the shop, he wanted to ask Li Xiaoqing for help.

Li Xiaoqing looked at the two of them in confusion. Then, under Mao Dao’s guidance, she sat on a chair at the side.

“What do you two need my help with?” Li Xiaoqing asked in confusion.

Mao Dao quickly poured a glass of water for Li Xiaoqing and told her about his future father-in-law looking for him.

Li Xiaoqing fell silent.

The current Li Xiaoqing was no longer the ignorant little girl from back then!

After experiencing what happened when she was young and what happened to Liu Mingkun, Li Xiaoran matured.

Therefore, as soon as Mao Dao said this, Li Xiaoqing saw through her second uncle’s intentions.

To be honest, Li Xiaoqing’s impression of her second uncle was getting worse and worse.

When they were in Eagle Village in the past, they might have been far away, so they didn’t feel anything.

Now that they had moved out, she felt that they were like completely different people.

Li Xiaoqing said, “I can’t help you much with this matter! However, I suggest that you go straight to my sister! If my sister is willing to help, this matter will naturally be easy to handle! Actually, in the end, you have to look for my sister! ”

Li Xiaoqing recalled something else.

“Sisi doesn’t know about this, right?”

Mao Dao nodded and said, “Yes, she probably doesn’t know. Otherwise, my future father-in-law wouldn’t have come to my shop so early!”

Li Xiaoqing reminded, “Sigh, don’t hide this matter. Tell Sisi directly! Let her know! You’re about to get married, so you’ll be a family in the future. The most terrifying thing is when both sides hide things from each other.. Even if you hide it for her own good, trouble might arise! It’s better to say it directly than

to hide it!”

Chapter 742: Business

After Mao Dao thought for a moment, he nodded.

Mao Dao's greatest strength was that he listened to other people's advice. Therefore, after Zhao Sisi arrived, Mao Dao pulled her aside to tell her what had happened today.

Zhao Sisi was shocked when she heard Mao Dao's words.

Because she didn't know about this at all.

But on second thought, it made sense. She had already moved in with her grandpa and grandma, so she didn't know much about her family's matters. Her parents wouldn't come to her, so no wonder she didn't know anything.

Thinking of this, Zhao Sisi heaved a sigh of relief.

"Don't worry about this. Leave it to me! Actually, my parents want to use you to ask Xiaoran how to earn money! Instead of letting you be used by my parents, why don't I ask her myself?!"

When Mao Dao heard Zhao Sisi's words, he said self-reproachfully, "Why don't I ask?! After all, your father asked me to do this!"

"No need!" Zhao Sisi shook her head and said, "Mao Dao, I know you want to make things less difficult for me, but have you ever thought about it? It's very likely that the more you do, the more mistakes you make. In the future, you won't receive my parents' gratitude. Instead, you'll cause them to complain. Besides, this time, they looked for you behind my back. If you do it, they'll definitely make even more outrageous requests next time! Do you have to satisfy my parents every time? What if one day, you can't do what my parents want you to do?"

Mao Dao was stunned when he heard Zhao Sisi's words.

He really hadn't thought that much about it.

Zhao Sisi voiced her thoughts, "Mao Dao, I know you want to do something for me, but there are some things you can't do. If my parents were as clear-headed as before, you should help if you can. But my parents are obsessed now. No matter what you do, you won't get any gratitude from them!"

After hearing Zhao Sisi's words, Mao Dao knew what to do if he encountered such a thing in the future.

"Alright, I understand what to do!"

Zhao Sisi laughed when she heard Mao Dao's words.

"You did the right thing this time. You didn't hide anything from me! In the future, after we get married, you have to do the same! Everything has to be discussed. This

way, there won't be any conflict and our lives can become more and more prosperous!"

"Yes, yes, okay. I'll listen to you!" Mao Dao smiled happily.

After saying this, Zhao Sisi sat on the chair alone and thought for a while before going to look for Li Xiaoqing.

"Xiao Qing, I have something to discuss with Xiaoran. I'll come over later to cook noodles!"

Li Xiaoqing naturally knew why Zhao Sisi was looking for her sister, so she nodded.

"Alright, go ahead! It's fine. You can come back after the matter is settled. I can handle it alone!"

Zhao Sisi nodded and turned to leave the shop.

When Zhao Sisi arrived, Li Xiaoran had just returned from the vegetable garden.

The cabbages in the dishes grew very well. There were so many that the family couldn't even finish them.

Li Xiaoran planned to cut some and make a spicy cabbage dish.

Because she didn't know if everyone could accept the taste of spicy cabbage, Li Xiaoran decided to make some for everyone to try first.

If everyone liked it, she would make more.

She could also make some Pickled vegetables.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran cut more than ten cabbages.

Just as she was peeling some old leaves off the cabbage, Zhao Sisi walked in.

"It's Sisi! It's rare to see you visit me!" Li Xiaoran teased.

Zhao Sisi said with a smile, "I was busy earning money. I'm about to get married, so I naturally have to earn more money. Only then will I have more confidence when I marry into my in-laws' family in the future!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and agreed, "That makes sense! Women can't be short of money. We can only be confident if we have enough money!"

"Cousin, what are you doing?" Zhao Sisi asked curiously as she watched Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue fiddle with the cabbage leaves.

"Didn't I plant a lot of cabbage? We can't finish them all, but we can't let them rot in the ground! Every family in the village planted a lot of cabbage, so no one wanted them even when I gave them away. Therefore, I thought of turning the cabbage into pickled vegetables and spicy cabbage. This way, when there are no fresh harvests in winter, these can still be eaten as vegetables!" Li Xiaoran revealed her plan.

When Zhao Sisi heard this, she quickly washed her hands and helped rack the old leaves outside.

“Cousin, actually, I came this time to ask you for a favor!” Zhao Sisi told her why she was there.

“If you need my help, just tell me. Don’t be so polite.”

Zhao Sisi told her the whole story without hiding anything.

Zhao Sisi sighed and said, “I don’t know why my father suddenly thought of such an idea. He wants to do business, but he used Mao Dao to ask you for business ideas!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she didn’t agree or disagree. After she just pondered for a while, she looked at Zhao Sisi. “Sisi! Since you came to me, have you made a decision?”

Zhao Sisi hesitated for a moment before nodding.

“Cousin, that’s what I think. Instead of letting my parents do business, why don’t you help Mao Dao and me?! Show us a way out and we’ll do business. This way, if my parents want to do business, let them pay. When the time comes, I’ll give them a share of the money. However, I’ll say this in advance. Other than sharing the money, my parents can’t interfere in anything else. This can be considered my filial piety to my parents!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Zhao Sisi’s thoughts, she smiled.

“It’s good that you think that way! If Lijun was as smart as you, your family wouldn’t have come to this! It’s only right to be filial to your parents, but you can’t be stupidly filial!”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Since you have such an idea, I can point you in the right direction. However, there’s a question I have to ask you first. Do you want to make the business big or small?”

“What do you mean?” Zhao Sisi asked in confusion.

“If you run a small business, you can earn as much money as selling sliced noodles. As you can see, the profit from selling sliced noodles is hard -earned money. You get up early every day and work until nighttime, but the advantage is that business is stable and there are many customers.. You won’t earn a lot of money, but if you’re diligent, you can accumulate a lot of money!” Li Xiaoran explained, “Big money is naturally business that earns more money, but you should also understand that you will invest more capital and the risk will be higher! You might lose money in the early stages!”

When Zhao Sisi heard Li Xiaoran's words, she didn't answer immediately. Instead, she lowered her head and pondered for a while.

"Cousin, I want to run a small business. We can't be too greedy. More haste less speed! With Mao Dao and my current situation, we can't do big business, nor can we afford to lose money. When the time comes, we can do a small business like selling sliced noodles!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Zhao Sisi's choice, she looked at her with admiration.

"You chose the one that suits you the most! Actually, on this official road, other than sliced noodles, there's another kind of food that sells well, sweet potato noodles. Sweet potato noodles are planted in every family and sweet potato noodles are also made, so you don't have to knead the noodles yourself. You just have to prepare more noodles to sell. You can sell sour and spicy noodles, and braised pork noodles!"

"But if I do this business, won't it affect the business of your sliced noodles shop?"

This was the first thing Zhao Sisi thought of.

Li Xiaoran said, "Don't worry! Although it will affect us a little, it won't affect us that much! Think about it, how many people come and go on the official road every day? As you can see, most of the time, when customers come, the shop won't be able to accommodate them. Many customers will even go to other shops. If you open a noodles shop, you can get these customers and earn money."

"Then do we also have to buy land by the official road to build a shop?" Zhao Sisi asked.

"No need. You can set up a stall first. After your brother-in-law and I finish setting up the food street, you can sell or rent a shop first. Then, you can open a noodle shop on the food street!" Li Xiaoran said.

Zhao Sisi immediately understood and asked, "Food street? Do we have to build it near the official road?"

"That's right! So don't be anxious. Set up the stall first before opening the shop!" Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "Don't your parents want to do business? When the time comes, let your parents pay for the shop! Then, we'll give 30% of the profits to your parents. The remaining 60% will be yours!"

Zhao Sisi felt that this was a good idea.

"Then I'll come over with Mao Dao to learn how to make that type of noodles from you!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "Alright, discuss a time first and tell me so that I can make arrangements!"

Zhao Sisi nodded in agreement.

At this moment, the cabbages were also sorted out, so Li Xiaoran washed them.

“Don’t stay here. Hurry up and go to the shop to cook noodles! Xiao Qing is probably very busy at this time!” Li Xiaoran said.

Zhao Sisi nodded and got up to wash her hands before leaving.

After taking a few steps, Zhao Sisi thought of something and looked at Li Xiaoran.

“Cousin, thank you!”

“If you really want to thank me, try your best to live a better life!” Li Xiaoran looked up at Zhao Sisi and said.

Zhao Sisi nodded and left with firm footsteps.

After Zhao Sisi disappeared, Shu Ruyue asked, “Xiaoran, you clearly don’t like your second uncle. Why are you helping this time?”

Li Xiaoran smiled when she heard Shu Ruyue’s words.

“That’s right. I don’t like my second uncle and second aunt. But think about it this way. Now that my third uncle’s family has already established themselves and can earn a lot of money by relying on mushroom planting, their lives will definitely be very prosperous in the future. At that time, if my second uncle’s family doesn’t live a good life, my grandfather and grandmother will be the ones to worry. If my grandfather and grandmother worry, my parents will also worry. Then, won’t they have to rely on me to resolve it? Therefore, since we can’t get around it, why don’t we let their lives improve so that they won’t be so poorf! ”

At this point, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

“Besides, I think my cousin, Sisi, has a good personality and is someone worth helping. I helped her and asked her to restrain her parents. At the same time, I also provided life support for Second Uncle and Second Aunt. Why not kill two birds with one stone?

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she understood and gave her a thumbs up.

“As expected, getting along with relatives is a skill. In the past, I didn’t think there was a need to spend so much effort on getting along. Now that I heard your words, I really have to spend some effort!”

“The ways of the world are the most profound knowledge! It’s very difficult to learn well and become an outstanding person! There are many things where you can’t have your cake and eat it! Take this matter as an example! If I want to be happy, I can ignore it completely. If I ignore it, Mao Dao will be blamed by my second uncle and second aunt.”

Li Xiaoran asked, "Secondly, Second Uncle and Second Aunt haven't achieved their goal, so there's no telling what other tricks they'll think of. When the time comes, they'll make a group of people unhappy! I'll treat it as a way to avoid a bunch of problems and save myself the trouble of worrying about this matter all day long! Therefore, there are gains and losses! Don't you think it's worth it to compromise in order to exchange for a peaceful life?"

"If I had to choose, I think it's worth it!" Shu Ruyue nodded and said, "Then what if your second uncle and second aunt are unwilling? After all, Zhao Sisi and Mao Dao will definitely be unwilling!"

"This is something Sisi has to resolve herself! However, with my second uncle and aunt's personalities, I reckon they'll agree in the end. Not to mention anything else, they can't bring themselves to set up a stall to sell sweet potato noodles! This isn't me belittling my second uncle and aunt, but a fact! If you don't believe me, just watch and see! If my second uncle and aunt set up a stall to sell sweet potato noodles, I'll treat you to a delicious meal!" Li Xiaoran said firmly.

"There's no need to look. I also think it won't be easy for your second uncle and aunt to set up a stall! If they really had the ability to endure hardship, they would have set up a stall to earn money long ago instead of sitting at home all day and doing nothing!" Shu Ruyue said in disdain.

Li Xiaoran shook her head and lamented, "Even you can see the reality clearly, but my second uncle and second aunt can't! What a pity!"

After Zhao Sisi finished the work in the shop, she went straight to her family's house that night.

At this moment, Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing were preparing for dinner. Seeing that Zhao Sisi had returned, the two of them greeted her indifferently.

"Why are you here?"

Chapter 744: Disappointed and Touched

Zhao Sisi looked at her parents and then at her brother, Zhao Yuanzheng, who was already eating at the dining table.

Her 12-year-old brother ignored her and focused on eating.

At this moment, Zhao Sisi felt a little disappointed.

When did her lively home become like this?

Zhao Sisi glared at Zhao Yuanzheng and shouted angrily, "Zhao Yuanzheng, aren't you going to greet me?"

Zhao Yuanzheng glanced at Zhao Sisi coldly before continuing to eat.

“What are you doing? Why are you shouting at your brother as soon as you come back? Can’t you see that your brother is eating?” Jin Xiaojing looked at Zhao Sisi with disdain.

“Mother, you’re harming my brother by spoiling him like this!” Zhao Sisi couldn’t help but say.

“There’s no need for you to worry! You’re about to get married, so don’t worry about our matters! As the saying goes, a married daughter is like water that has been splashed out. It’s better for you not to interfere in our matters in the future!” Jin Xiaojing’s cold-hearted words hurt Zhao Sisi’s feelings.

When Zhao Sisi heard this, her heart ached so much that she felt numb to the pain.

Wasn’t the reason she moved in with Grandpa and Grandma because she couldn’t stand her mother’s sarcasm every day?

Thinking of this, Zhao Sisi calmed down and looked at her father, Zhao Long.

“Father, do you think so too?”

Zhao Long looked at his daughter. Although he was a little dissatisfied, he didn’t want to ruin their relationship.

“Sisi, have you eaten yet? Why don’t we eat together?!”

When Zhao Sisi heard this, she could no longer suppress the bitterness in her heart.

“Father, Mother, this is my home. You’re my parents! Since when did I have to be invited to the table by my father?! I know that because of my marriage to Mao Dao, you’re very dissatisfied. You guys have always wanted to use me to cozy up to the rich and powerful and bring you benefits! But why don’t you think about my conditions? In my current state, even if I marry into a rich family, will I really be able to live a comfortable life?”

As soon as she said this, Jin Xiaojing looked annoyed. Even Zhao Long looked indifferent.

Zhao Sisi suddenly felt a little tired and no longer had any desire to speak.

“Father, don’t look for Mao Dao in the future! If you want to do business, think of a way yourself! Since you don’t like Mao Dao, don’t look for him!” Zhao Long’s face turned pale when he heard Zhao Sisi’s words.

“Mao Dao told you?”

When Zhao Sisi saw her father’s expression change, she immediately thought of something. Then, she sneered.

“Father, do you really think what you did was foolproof? Do you think others didn’t see you when you went to look for Mao Dao on the way to the shop? Others saw and heard you, then they told me everything!”

At this point, Zhao Sisi told her everything else.

“I can understand that you want to do business and earn money! Because you’re my parents, I went to look for Xiaoran and asked her to help me come up with an idea to help Mao Dao and me earn a living. Without hesitation, Xiaoran told me a way to earn money! Originally, I wanted to tell you this way to earn money, but from the looks of it, there’s no need for you guys to know!”

When Zhao Long and Jin Xiaojing heard Zhao Sisi’s words, their expressions immediately changed and they became enthusiastic.

“Hey, you should have said so earlier! If you had said so earlier, these things wouldn’t have happened. Come, sit down and eat!” Jin Xiaojing said as she pulled Zhao Sisi to sit down.

How could Zhao Sisi let her mother have her way? She pulled her hand away coldly and took a few steps back.

“There’s no need. Grandpa and Grandma make food every day and wait for me to go back to eat, so I won’t disturb your family’s meal! After all, a married daughter is useless!”

With that, Zhao Sisi walked out.

“Hey, why are you so angry? I was just joking with you. Why do you take it to heart?!” Jin Xiaojing immediately shouted anxiously when she saw Zhao Sisi running away.

Unfortunately, Zhao Sisi was already heartbroken and left without looking back.

Zhao Long’s expression turned even uglier!

“Husband, why didn’t you stop your daughter?” Jin Xiaojing complained anxiously, “Look, she’s already gone!”

“Stop her? Didn’t you give your daughter attitude all day long? Now that you’ve broken her heart, you’re blaming me?! I’ve lost my appetite!” As Zhao Long spoke, he put his chopsticks aside and turned to return to his room.

Furious, Jin Xiaojing picked up her chopsticks and ate by herself.

From the beginning to the end, Zhao Yuanzheng remained silent.

After dinner, Zhao Yuanzheng ran out to play without helping clean up the dishes!

Amidst the silence, Jin Xiaojing suddenly felt that the food in her mouth tasted bland.

How did she end up living such a miserable life?

When Zhao Sisi returned to Grandpa and Grandma's courtyard, she stood at the door for a moment as she composed herself.

After that, Zhao Sisi walked into the house with a smile.

"Grandpa, Grandma, I'm back! I've been busy all day. I'm so hungry now! What delicious food are we going to eat today? I can smell the aroma from afar!" Zhao Huaishan smiled when he saw Zhao Sisi return.

"Quick, go wash your hands and sit down! Your grandma made braised pork and your favorite dishes today!"

"That's right. Sisi, come and try my cooking!" Xu Xiufang also greeted her with a smile.

After Zhao Sisi ran to wash her hands, she picked up the two elders' bowls and scooped rice for them.

"Don't scoop rice for me and your grandfather. Scoop rice for yourself first!" Xu Xiufang said with a smile.

Zhao Sisi said, "Grandpa and Grandma, you've worked hard, so it's only right for me to scoop rice for you! I'm still young, so I won't go hungry even if I eat later! On the other hand, Grandpa and Grandma's health is more important. In the future, if I come back late, eat first. Don't go hungry. Just leave some food in the pot!"

"Silly girl, we won't starve. As a family, we naturally have to sit together and eat." Xu Xiufang looked at Zhao Sisi lovingly as she said, "Alright, let's eat quickly. If we don't eat now, the food will get cold!"

Zhao Sisi nodded emotionally. Then, she ate with relish.

She received the care she had lost from her parents!

Therefore, she was still blissful! At least she had the love of her grandparents!

Chapter 745: Follow Me

Everyone enjoyed the meal.

After Zhao Sisi washed the dishes, Zhao Huaishan called her over.

"Sisi! Tell me! What did your parents make you suffer today?"

When Zhao Sisi heard her grandfather's words, she suppressed her discomfort and squeezed out a smile.

"Grandpa, I didn't suffer!"

“Sisi, although I’m old, I’m not so old that I’m blind. Tell me what’s going on!” Zhao Huaishan said earnestly.

When Zhao Sisi heard this, she told him everything that had happened today.

After hearing this, Zhao Huaishan felt a little tired.

He had never expected his second son and his wife to become like this.

When they were in Eagle Village, his second son’s family was fine. Why did they change so much after moving out?

Zhao Huaishan thought for a moment and said, “You did the right thing! Xiaoran gave you the idea, so you and Mao Dao should do this business. With such a business, your lives will improve in the future. As for your parents, just wait and see! When the food street Xiaoran mentioned is really built, you can discuss it with your parents. As long as they pay for the shop, you can consider giving them a share. If they don’t pay and only want to get money for free, don’t give it to them!”

Zhao Sisi thought of something and said, “Grandpa, Father and Mother definitely won’t let this matter rest! Father will definitely look for Mao Dao tomorrow morning!”

Zhao Huaishan said, “Don’t worry! Your father won’t look for Mao Dao tomorrow! I won’t let him go!”

With her grandfather’s assurance, Zhao Sisi felt relieved.

The next day, when Zhao Long was about to go out early in the morning, he was stopped by Zhao Huaishan.

“Second son, where are you going so early in the morning?”

Zhao Long stiffened when he heard his father’s voice and turned around.

“Morning, Father!”

“It’s very early! I’m old and don’t sleep much, so I got up very early! What about you? Are you going to get busy in the fields so early?” Zhao Huaishan asked. Zhao Long was a little embarrassed and didn’t know what to say.

Zhao Huaishan sighed when he saw his son like this.

“Since you’re fine, follow me out for a walk today!”

Zhao Long nodded and didn’t object.

Zhao Huaishan and Zhao Long left the house and walked out together.

As they walked, Zhao Long felt that something was wrong.

This path was clearly heading towards the official road.

Was his father bringing him to the official road?

Did Zhao Sisi say something to her grandfather after returning yesterday?

Thinking of this, Zhao Long felt uneasy.

At this moment, it was still dawn, but there were already many people busy on the official road.

The father and son didn't go to the official road. Instead, they stood at a high place beside the official road and sat down.

"Second son, look at this official road. Is it lively?" Zhao Huaishan asked.

Zhao Long nodded when he heard his father's words.

"It's lively! If it weren't lively, there wouldn't be so many people here!"

"You see that stall selling pancakes?! Do you know that family?" Zhao Huaishan pointed at a place and asked.

"Yes, I know him! He's from our village!" Zhao Long nodded.

"Do you know how early he woke up in the morning to set up a stall on the official road to sell pancakes?" Zhao Huaishan asked.

Zhao Long shook his head and said that he didn't know.

Zhao Huaishan said, "He woke up at dawn! As long as it doesn't rain at night, he will definitely be one of the last few to pack up and leave. Some will even light oil lamps to make pancakes when they see people coming!"

Zhao Long still didn't understand why his father had dragged him here to see these things today.

"You didn't eat breakfast this morning, did you?! Let's go. I'll treat you to breakfast today!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Zhao Huaishan stood up and walked towards the official road.

Seeing this, Zhao Long quickly followed.

Although he didn't know what his father was up to, Zhao Long still followed.

Soon, the father and son arrived at the stall selling pancakes.

"Wang Guang, give me two omelets!" Zhao Huaishan shouted with a smile.

Wang Guang asked worriedly, "So it's Mr. Zhao! Why are you willing to eat omelets today? Didn't you say that omelets were too greasy and you're uncomfortable with eating them?"

"Don't worry, I'm going to my granddaughter's place to eat sliced noodles later. I'm buying omelets for my son!" Zhao Huaishan said happily.

As Zhao Huaishan's son, Zhao Long felt a little embarrassed when he saw that everyone was looking at him.

"Hey, you're already so old, but you still need your father to buy omelets for you?! Shouldn't you buy omelets for your father?" A person who set up a stall to sell roasted sweet potatoes teased.

Zhao Long wanted to say that he could buy omelets for his father, but unfortunately, he was short of money.

“As parents, we want our children to live a good life! My son is already so old, but in my eyes, he’s still a child, so don’t tease my son. This is my sincerity to my son!” With that, Zhao Huaishan took out the money from his pocket and paid for the omelets.

Wang Guang was very agile. As soon as he heard that the omelet was for Zhao Long, he quickly made dough.

“Wang Guang! Is your daughter getting married? You only have one daughter, so you must have prepared a dowry, right?” Zhao Huaishan thought of something and chatted with him with a smile.

“That’s right! You still remember this?! She’s getting married in two months! I’m thinking of working harder to earn more money in the next two months so that I can prepare more dowry for my daughter! I only have one daughter, so I naturally have to think for her sake. If a girl has more dowry, she’ll be more confident and won’t have to be bullied by her in-laws in the future!” Wang Guang said with a smile.

Zhao Huaishan gave him a thumbs up.

“You’re really a responsible father! That’s how it should be!”

Wang Guang said, “That’s right. I definitely dote on my own daughter! As her father, I don’t have much ability, so I can only try my best to give her better conditions. I hope she can live a better life in the future!”

Zhao Huaishan asked again, “That’s how parents are. They’re willing to do anything for their children. But won’t your son have any objections?”

Wang Guang said, “If he has any objections, I’ll break his legs. I’ve raised him all these years. As for his livelihood, he can earn it himself! A boy is different from a girl.. A boy has to be independent! If he doesn’t earn money, how can he support his wife and child?”

Chapter 746: Thinking It Through

“We can’t spoil a boy, since we can’t raise him for the rest of his life. What will he do when his mother and I are old? Therefore, we have to train the boy early on! Let him learn to earn money by relying on himself. After he knows how difficult it is to earn money, he’ll know how to be a down-to-earth person!” Wang Guang explained his concept.

“Yes, Wang Guang, you’re right! Guys should be raised like this!” The person beside him also agreed.

As they spoke, the pancakes were ready.

After Zhao Huaishan paid, he took two pancakes. He gave one to Zhao Long and took the remaining one himself.

“Hey, Mr. Zhao, didn’t you buy it for your son? Why did you only give him one pancake?” a busybody asked.

“I have two sons! One for each!” Zhao Huaishan said as he picked up the pancakes and left.

As Zhao Long held the pancake in his hand, he didn’t know if he should eat it or not.

“Eat it! I remember that you liked to eat pancakes the most when you were young! Every time your mother made it, you and your third brother would fight over it! In the end, when there was only one pancake left, you gave half to your third brother!” Old Master Zhao Huaishan seemed to have seen Zhao Long’s hesitation and started talking about the past.

Zhao Long also remembered what had happened previously. After some thought, he placed the omelet in his mouth.

It had to be said that Wang Guang’s culinary skills weren’t bad. The omelets tasted very delicious.

Then, Zhao Huaishan brought Zhao Long to the sliced noodles shop.

At this moment, there were no customers in the shop, but Li Xiaoran and Zhao Sisi were already prepared.

Seeing Zhao Huaishan and Zhao Long walk in, Li Xiaoqing ran over happily.

“Grandpa, Second Uncle, you’re here! What do you want to eat today?! I’ll cook for you!”

Zhao Huaishan smiled when he saw Li Xiaoqing’s excited expression.

“I want to eat the sliced noodles. Put less chili and cook them softer! As for your second uncle, ask him if he wants to eat sliced noodles.”

Li Xiaoqing immediately looked at Zhao Long.

“Second Uncle, what do you want to eat?”

Zhao Long felt a little awkward at the thought that he didn’t bring any money.

“I’ll cook a bowl of sliced noodles for my father! My father likes to eat minced meat the most. I’ve never cooked sliced noodles for my father before! Take today’s noodles as an expression of my filial piety to my father!” Zhao Sisi seemed to have seen through Zhao Long’s embarrassment and walked over with a smile.

“Alright, then I’ll cook my grandfather a bowl of noodles. You can cook your father a bowl of noodles!” Li Xiaoqing nodded with a smile and pulled Zhao Sisi to cook the noodles.

There were a total of four pots cooking sliced noodles now. Because customers came in groups, if they only relied on one pot to cook noodles, they definitely wouldn't be able to keep up with the speed. Therefore, there were a total of four pots in the shop now. Two pots were placed in the built stove, and the other two pots were burning in two ovens.

Therefore, the sisters worked together and quickly cooked the sliced noodles.

Because Huaishan had to eat soft food, Zhao Long's knife-cut noodles were served first.

Looking at the bowl of noodles and green vegetables, Zhao Long couldn't help but feel his appetite whetted even though he had eaten pancakes before.

After taking a bite of the sliced noodles, Zhao Long was amazed.

"Daughter, you cooked the sliced noodles very well. Your culinary skills will definitely be praised by everyone!"

Zhao Sisi smiled when she heard her father's praise.

"It's good that you like it. Let me know if you want to eat it in the future. I'll make it for you!"

Looking at the brilliant smile on his daughter's face, Zhao Long was immediately touched.

To be honest, Zhao Long hadn't seen his daughter smile so happily in a long time.

Not only Zhao Sisi, but even his youngest son, Zhao Yuanzheng, had never laughed so heartily before.

Suddenly, Wang Guang's words sounded in his mind.

At this moment, Zhao Long came back to his senses.

It was as if his mind had been shrouded in a fog.

Now that the fog had dissipated, he was sober.

At this moment, Mao Dao came over and gave him a few big buns.

"Mr. Zhao, Sr. Zhao, these are the fresh meat buns I made. Try them!" Mao Dao said with a smile.

Before Sr. Zhao could speak, Zhao Long laughed.

"You're still calling me Mr. Zhao? You're going to marry my daughter, so why aren't you changing your address?"

Everyone froze at those words.

Zhao Huaishan laughed when he heard his son's words.

As expected, his efforts today weren't in vain!

"What? Are you so overjoyed that you're speechless? Did you hear that? Hurry up and address Father and Grandpa!" Yuan Cheng quickly came over and poked Mao Dao's waist as he reminded him.

Mao Dao was overjoyed.

“Father, Grandpa, try it quickly! If you think the buns are delicious, I’ll make them for you every day in the future!”

Zhao Long said, “Don’t make it every day. Don’t you need to earn money to raise a family? I gave my precious daughter to you so that you can treat her well! If you bully my daughter, I won’t let you off!”

Mao Dao replied, “Yes, yes, yes. Father, don’t worry. I’ll definitely treat Sisi well. Hurry up and try it. If you like it, I’ll make some for you and Grandpa every once in a while!”

Only then did Zhao Long let Mao Dao off. Then, he picked up a meat bun and ate it.

It had to be said that this meat bun tasted very delicious!

When Zhao Sisi saw this scene, her eyes turned red.

When Li Xiaoqing saw Zhao Sisi like this, she immediately laughed.

“Look, hasn’t the matter you’re most worried about been resolved? Although I don’t know why Second Uncle suddenly figured it out, it’s a good thing that he supports you and Mao Dao! Smile. We have to welcome every day with our happy selves! No difficulties can stump us!” Zhao Sisi nodded and smiled happily.

On the way back, Zhao Huaishan smiled.

“Second son, you didn’t let me down! I hope you can still face life so clearly after you go back and stop being so muddle-headed! Look at your third brother. He’s already starting to work hard! As his brother, you can’t lose to him!”

After Zhao Long figured it out and thought about his previous self, he felt that he was quite a bastard.

After coming out, he was bewitched by everything in the outside world. He always wanted to take shortcuts, but he didn’t know that this mentality harmed others and himself.

“Father, I know I was wrong! Don’t worry, I’ll definitely pull myself together this time! I can’t harm my children!”

Chapter 747: Change

In the next few days, Zhao Long really changed a lot.

What surprised Li Xiaoran the most was that Zhao Long actually took the initiative to look for her.

“Xiaoran, I was muddle-headed previously and did a lot of wrong things. I know you might not believe me now, but I still want to ask you for a favor! I also want to learn

some skills and set up a stall on the official road to do business. My entire family needs money to live on!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Zhao Long's words, she lowered her head and pondered over it.

She could feel that her second uncle was much more relaxed now and his gaze had become much clearer.

Previously, her second uncle had pretended to apologize, but now, things had really changed.

Li Xiaoran said, "As long as you're willing to work hard, it's never too late! Last time, Sisi came over and asked me. I gave her an idea to set up a stall to sell sweet potato noodles. Selling noodles is easier than selling sliced noodles. You just need to collect sweet potatoes, make the noodles, and dry them. Of course, you don't have to do it yourself. You can buy them from grocery stores or families in the village! If you're willing to learn, you can learn from Sisi and Mao Dao!"

Zhao Long said, "Then I'll learn this. When anyone needs to take leave, someone can take over!"

After that, Zhao Long began to study at Li Xiaoran's house for two hours every night with Zhao Sisi and Mao Dao.

After seven consecutive days, the three of them finally finished learning.

During these seven days, the Luo family, the Li family, and the Zhao family were called over to try sweet potato noodles.

It had to be said that the sweet potato noodles business was really good.

There were ready-made sweet potato noodles, so they just had to buy them and cook them.

One kind of noodles could be made into several flavors because the noodles were different.

Sweet potato noodles needed to be soaked in hot water in advance and only needed to be boiled for a while. The cooking speed was fast and tasted good, so it was a very profitable business.

After Zhao Long learned how to cook, he paid for the food stall he had ordered. Then, he called Jin Xiaojing and his youngest son, Zhao Yuanzheng, to join the stall owners on the official road to earn money to make a living.

For the first few days, Jin Xiaojing and Zhao Yuanzheng persisted. However, after ten consecutive days, Jin Xiaojing couldn't take it anymore.

"Husband, let us rest for a few days! I really can't take it anymore!" Jin Xiaojing said tiredly after washing the dishes.

"Even if you can't hold on, you have to hold on. Aren't you envious of others for living a good life? You only see the good side, but you don't see how much effort they put in! If you want to live a good life, you have to earn it yourself!" Zhao Long didn't plan to spoil his wife this time.

As parents, they should help their children.

With their current state, they weren't dutiful parents!

Zhao Long turned to look at his tired son and asked, "And you, Zhao Yuanzheng, have you thought it through? Do you want to continue staying here to help sell noodles to earn money, or are you willing to spend your time studying instead of playing all day?"

Zhao Yuanzheng, who had become more and more silent in the past few days, replied, "Father, I'm willing to study hard! Don't worry, I won't waste time playing in the future. After I master the knowledge the teacher taught me, I'll help you buy noodles! Father, you're working too hard! This family doesn't belong to you alone. We're all part of this family, so we should work together!" Zhao Long smiled in relief when he heard his son's words.

"I'm very gratified to see you like this! Alright, go rest first! You have to know your limits. Come over and help after you rest! Tomorrow, I'll send you to school. Don't miss this good opportunity!"

"Father, don't worry! I understand!" Zhao Yuanzheng said.

Jin Xiaojing looked at Zhao Yuanzheng, whose skin was already tanned, and then at her youngest son, who looked much more sensible. Suddenly, her heart skipped a beat.

Back then, she had taken a fancy to Zhao Long among so many blind dates because he was down-to-earth and diligent.

At that time, although the couple was poor, they lived a happy life every day and felt as if they had endless energy!

But since when did they start complaining about each other and their lives became a hot mess?

Without saying anything, Jin Xiaojing rested for a while before getting back to work.

As Li Xiaoran and Old Madam Lin sat on the familiar big rock and spoke, they saw the interaction between Zhao Long's family.

"Your second uncle came to his senses!" Old Madam Jin said.

Li Xiaoran glanced at her second uncle and aunt with a smile.

"Actually, they're kind-hearted people to begin with. It's just that after the environment changed, they were blinded by everything outside. Now that they've come to their senses, it's a blessing in disguise! In fact, many simple people in this world will be blinded by wealth and change their personalities after entering a prosperous town."

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran's words, she thought of her sons and stopped talking.

Her sons had been blinded by power.

Old Madam Jin thought of something and asked, "One never visits unless one needs something! Why aren't you telling me what you need my help with?" When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she laughed.

"Granny Jin, I actually have a question I want to ask you! I heard that you were good at managing your business in the past, so I want you to give me some pointers! I plan

to build a food street near this official road. After that, I'll build a town and a large activity venue. In the future, I can organize many activities. Do you think this idea is feasible?"

When Old Madam Jin heard this, she looked at the piece of land near the official road and thought for a moment. "You have a big plan, so you need a lot of land. Do you have so much money to buy land?"

After saying this, Old Madam Jin understood. Could this girl be here to borrow money?

"How much silver do you lack? Tell me and I'll see if I can gather it for you!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

"Granny Jin, there's no need. I'm not here to borrow money from you. I need your help with something else!"

"Then tell me about your difficulties," Old Madam Jin said..

Chapter 748: The Older the Wiser

Luo Cheng was already implementing the construction of the food street.

At this moment, the construction plan for the food street had been confirmed, but there were some problems regarding the land seizure.

Most people were easy to negotiate with. Those who were willing to ask for money received it. Those who were willing to ask for shops also signed contracts. After the shops on the food street were built, they would be given some shops according to the contracts. The number of shops was naturally related to the size of the land they had seized.

Of course, they would naturally encounter troublemakers when it came to land seizures.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran met quite a few troublemakers.

There were a total of three families who were unwilling to give them their land, but their land wasn't together.

If these three families didn't agree, the plan for the food street wouldn't be able to proceed.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng had already decided to start a food street, so they naturally wouldn't allow such a thing to happen.

However, they couldn't force them to buy or sell land, so they had to think of a way to persuade these three people.

Upon facing such a dilemma, Li Xiaoran thought of Old Madam Jin.

They often said that having an old person at home was like having a treasure.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng couldn't find anyone else to ask about this, so they thought of Old Madam Jin.

After all, Old Madam Jin had been the official wife of a rich family and was in charge of the businesses of a large family, so she had encountered more things than they had.

As a result, Li Xiaoran came looking for her.

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran's words, she thought for a moment.

"Actually, there are only a few ways to deal with these sorts of things! You must have asked about these families, right? You have to understand why these three families are unwilling to sell land!"

"We've all asked around and even invited people familiar with these three families to ask around, but these three families are very tight-lipped. No matter how they ask, they won't tell them the reason. They just say that they don't want to. They won't say anything else!" Li Xiaoran said in distress.

Originally, Li Xiaoran wanted to use her special ability to read these people's minds.

Unexpectedly, these people stayed at home all day. Even when Li Xiaoran came to visit, she was rejected.

They were simply impenetrable.

Luo Cheng originally wondered if he should use force, but he was finally dissuaded by Li Xiaoran.

This was because Li Xiaoran had a feeling that it was best to resolve this matter openly. Otherwise, it would cause big trouble.

When Old Madam Jin heard Li Xiaoran's words, she sat up straight and her expression turned solemn.

"Ask Luo Cheng to investigate! There must be someone behind these three families. Someone is causing trouble for you! Don't think of other ways to resolve it. As long as you deal with the person behind the three families, the land seizure will be resolved!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she immediately understood. "Granny Jin, do you think someone is deliberately going against us?"

"That's right! Think about it carefully. Who would do this? Don't let go of the small fries either! You have to know that when you can't find anyone or find a breakthrough point, there must be a small fry you ignored!" Old Madam Jin said firmly, "In addition, investigate who knows these three families or has dealings with them. Don't stick to the same period of time. You have to be careful of people who appear at different times!"

With Old Madam Jin's reminder, Li Xiaoran immediately knew what to do.

After sending Old Madam Jin to the sliced noodles shop, Li Xiaoran rushed back to look for Luo Cheng.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately arranged for Yu Peng to investigate.

Through this period of time, Luo Cheng saw that Yu Peng was very good at gathering and sorting out information. Moreover, the plan he had come up with was also very foolproof.

This talent was something no one else had.

Therefore, Luo Cheng left the investigation to Yu Peng without hesitation.

Firstly, Yu Peng had this ability, and secondly, Yu Peng was an unfamiliar face.

It was easier for an unfamiliar face to do this.

After Yu Peng received this news, he said to Luo Cheng, "Mr. Luo, why don't you let Jiao Hang come with me?! Not only is Jiao Hang strong, but he also has an excellent memory. As long as a person catches his eye, no matter what the other party's outfit is next time, he can tell at a glance! With Jiao Hang, we'll definitely get twice the results with half the effort!"

Luo Cheng nodded when he heard Yu Peng's words.

"Alright, the two of you will do this together. If you need more manpower, tell Ziyang! Ziyang will arrange everything!"

Just like that, Yu Peng and Jiao Hang went out early and returned late again to get busy with this matter.

At the same time, a fruit shop suddenly appeared in White Foothill City.

This fruit shop was called the Fresh Fruit Shop.

Such shops appeared in the entire White Foothill City overnight.

Not only in White Foothill City, but also all the towns under White Foothill City's jurisdiction.

All kinds of fresh fruits, including some fruit plates that had once appeared in restaurants, were sold in the Fresh Fruit Shop.

There were common and uncommon fruits in the shop.

The price of the fruits varied and satisfied the needs of different groups of customers.

What was even more surprising was that these shops also offered very considerate services.

For example, they could peel, cut, and squeeze fruits for customers for free.

None of the people who went into the shop went out empty-handed.

For a moment, everyone was talking about this fresh fruit shop that had suddenly appeared.

When Li Xiaoran heard this news, she immediately smiled.

This was because this fresh fruit shop was the fruit business run by Zi Cheng and Li Liming.

Previously, Zi Cheng and Li Liming had been busy with the fruit business. From a small business, the two of them developed many more shops.

It was also for this reason that Li Liming's ability was affirmed by Luo Cheng and he decided to keep him.

Since Li Liming had passed the test, Li Xiaoran didn't hide anything. She wrote down the sales method for the fruits and asked someone to give them to Li Liming.

After Li Liming received the letter and read it carefully, he immediately gasped.

At this moment, he understood that there was always someone better.

He felt that he was already a very capable businessman, but compared to the consort, he was still inferior.

Impressed by Li Xiaoran, Li Liming stopped being arrogant and began to study business.

That was why the current chain store's business boomed..

Chapter 749: Ling Heng's Recent Situation

The fruit shops' business was good, and the grilled fish shop was also doing well.

During this period of time, the grilled fish shop in White Foothill City also opened.

The fish in the fish pond in the farmstead were sent out every day.

Fortunately, there was an endless supply of ice, so when the fish were sent to town or White Foothill City, they were all alive.

In addition, the wine shop had also opened a branch in White Foothill City, so Uncle He went straight to White Foothill City to manage the wine shop.

Because everything was on the right track, for the wine shop in town, they chose a suitable person working for the shopkeeper Mr. He to become the shopkeeper.

Because they were experienced, the wine shop ran smoothly without any problems.

During this period of time, Luo Cheng focused on the Third Prince, Ling Heng.

During this period of time, Luo Cheng studied how to detoxify Ling Heng's poison every day.

In the beginning, it was useless and even worsened Ling Heng's injuries.

Fortunately, Luo Cheng had a new idea recently and inadvertently came up with an antidote.

Although the effect of the medicine was very slow, it was effective.

As a result, Ling Heng no longer had to lie on the bed. He could walk a few rounds on the ground with the help of others.

Considering that Luo Cheng and Ling Heng had lost a lot of weight recently, Li Xiaoran wanted to nourish their bodies!

Because the weather was hot, they probably wouldn't be able to eat stew.

Li Xiaoran simply went to find someone to buy some milk. Then, she brought over an oven.

Eggs were very nourishing, but they were sick of eating boiled eggs, steamed eggs, sunny-side up, and scrambled eggs.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran was craving egg tarts, so she wanted to make them.

Egg tart liquid was easy to get as long as there were eggs and milk. The egg tart skin was a little difficult to make. It needed a lot of things and butter.

There was no more butter, so Li Xiaoran could only try using lard instead.

After Luo Cheng gave the newly developed medicine to his third brother, he went to the courtyard with him.

Now, Ling Heng could slowly walk on his own.

“Third Brother, I’ve already reported your matter to Father. I believe there will be news soon! It’s just that I don’t understand. It’s normal for those people to try to ambush you and kill you, but there’s no need to poison you first and then arrange for assassins to kill you! Unless the person who arranged for the assassins and the person who poisoned you were two different groups of people and these two groups of people weren’t together at all!” Luo Cheng voiced his guess.

Ling Heng had been bedridden during this period of time.

No matter how he thought about it, he couldn’t figure out who had poisoned him.

As for the assassination attempts, it wasn’t difficult to guess. The culprits were probably none other than his brothers.

However, the poison was very unexpected.

He was very careful about his meals and wouldn’t eat other people’s food.

And the food he ate was exactly the same as that of the people around him.

Why was he poisoned when the people around him were fine?

Therefore, he was probably poisoned when he was still in the capital.

He had been schemed against in the past, so every month, he would invite the imperial physician over to take his pulse and check his health.

The imperial physician who took his pulse was his man, and no one knew that this imperial physician was his man.

Therefore, it was unlikely that the imperial physician was the culprit.

Then, the problem arose in the period after the last pulse check.

There were only ten days between the last time the imperial physician took his pulse to him leaving the capital.

In other words, the people, food, and items he came into contact with in the past ten days were all possible.

But for the past ten days, he rarely went out.

He stayed at home most of the time. The only time he went out was to go to the royal family.

After thinking about it, Ling Heng felt a headache.

He really couldn’t figure out what the problem was.

“Alright, Third Brother, don’t think about it for the time being! The more you think about it, the less you’ll be able to think of it, so you might as well relax. You might remember it then!” Luo Cheng persuaded.

As soon as he finished speaking, a milky fragrance wafted out of the kitchen.

“What’s that smell? It smells so good! I immediately felt hungry when I smelled it!” Ling Heng asked curiously when he smelled this aroma.

“This is the first time I’ve smelled this aroma as well. Perhaps Xiaoran is cooking something delicious. Let’s go take a look now!” Luo Cheng was also tempted, so he helped Ling Heng towards the kitchen.

After Li Xiaoran confirmed that the egg tarts were made, she smiled.

After taking the egg tarts out of the oven with tongs made of bamboo, Li Xiaoran saw Luo Cheng and Ling Heng walking in.

“Third Brother, husband, you guys came after smelling the aroma?!”

“That’s right. What are you cooking?! Smells so delicious!” Ling Heng said with a smile.

During this period of time, Ling Heng and Li Xiaoran had interacted quite a lot.

After interacting with her during this period of time, Ling Heng understood Li Xiaoran’s situation a little.

Ling Heng was very envious of his seventh brother.

Although his seventh brother’s life had been difficult in the past, ever since he met Li Xiaoran, his life had changed drastically.

Among them all, his seventh brother had the most comfortable lifestyle.

“Hubby, bring Third Brother to wash his hands and sit at the dining table. This egg tart has just been cooked. It has to cool down before it can be eaten. Otherwise, it’ll be very hot!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Luo Cheng nodded and helped his Third Brother wash his hands.

Li Xiaoran placed the unbaked egg tarts in the oven and continued to parched them.

After doing all this, Li Xiaoran placed the egg tarts on a plate and brought them to the table.

Because they had roasted a lot, Li Xiaoran called Ziyang and Zi Zheng over to try it together.

There were a total of five on everyone’s plate. Because the temperature was just right now, everyone ate the egg tarts.

Because there was no foil, this simplified version of the egg tart was placed in egg tart skin.

With a gentle squeeze, the crisp sound of egg tart skin sounded.

After tasting the freshness of the egg tart liquid inside, the few of them began to eat a second one.

Soon, the plate of egg tarts was finished.

Ling Heng couldn't help but praise, "To be honest, although I don't like sweet food much, this is the first time I've been fascinated by sweets! Sister-in-law, you're really smart to think of a way to make such delicious food!"

Chapter 750: Li Xiaoran's Doubts

"I'm a foodie and I like making delicious food, so I do all sorts of research!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

"Madam, is there more? Can I eat two more?" Zi Zheng asked.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "The ones in the oven should be ready! Let's go. Zi Zheng and Ziyang, come and help me. I still have to roast more later and send them to everyone at home to try."

"We'll help together!" Zi Zheng and Luo Ziyang immediately stood up and went to the kitchen.

Luo Cheng and Ling Heng laughed when they saw the three of them go out.

After laughing, Ling Heng marveled,

"Luo Cheng! In the past, I didn't understand why you would rather give up your status as a prince and live in seclusion in Sichuan than come back. Now that I've lived with you for a while, I understand! To be honest, with such a relaxed life, if it were me, I wouldn't want to return to that Imperial City filled with infighting either!"

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard his wife's words.

"Third Brother, you don't have to envy me! Everyone has their own path! My path might not be suitable for you! Besides, you're an ambitious person, but I'm not. I just want to live the life of an ordinary person. After all, what I lacked the most since I was born is ordinary happiness."

Ling Heng knew that this was the case, so he didn't say anything else.

Luo Cheng said, "By the way, Third Brother, there's something I have to remind you of. You still have to resolve the matter between you and Third Sister-in-law. Isn't getting married for the purpose of having a place to relax after being busy outside all day?"

As Ling Heng recalled what had happened before he left the capital, he felt a headache.

"Your third sister-in-law is becoming more and more unreasonable. She's so cold to me! Sometimes, I even feel that if it weren't for the fact that we have a child, your third sister-in-law might not have wanted to live with me anymore!"

When Li Xiaoran, Luo Ziyang, and Zi Zheng returned with egg tarts, they happened to hear this.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran was very curious about the third imperial consort.

They had met once in the royal family, but they had never talked.

However, the third imperial consort gave Li Xiaoran the impression that she was a very cold person.

Now that she heard the Third Prince's words, for some reason, Li Xiaoran suddenly had an idea.

“Husband, Third Brother, why didn't you guys investigate the Third Prince's consort?”

Luo Cheng and Ling Heng were stunned.

The last time he saw his wife appeared in Ling Heng's mind.

Her coldness and indifference made Ling Heng more and more flustered.

In the past, Ling Heng had never suspected his wife, but now that he did, he broke out in cold sweat.

“Before I set off, I drank the mung bean soup sent by your third sister-in-law! She said that she hoped that I could drink some mung bean soup to relieve the heat. She also said that she hoped that I could take good care of my body.

Before this, your third sister-in-law and I parted on bad terms over a small matter, I thought that the bowl of mung bean soup was to apologize.

Therefore, I drank the mung bean soup without hesitation.” The more Ling Heng spoke, the uglier his expression became.

Not knowing what to say, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran looked at each other.

“Xiaoran, why did you suspect Third Sister-in-law?” Luo Cheng asked.

Li Xiaoran glanced at Ling Heng, since she didn't know if she should say it or not.

When Ling Heng saw Li Xiaoran's expression, he knew that Li Xiaoran was taking his feelings into consideration, so he said, “Seventh Sister-in-law, feel free to tell me. I can take it!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Mao Dao's words, she sighed.

“You don't know women well enough! Logically speaking, even if Third Sister-in-law wasn't willing to marry Third Brother, women will still subconsciously side with their men. Besides, Third Sister-in-law gave birth to Third Brother's child. Logically speaking, she shouldn't be so cold to Third

Brother. During the empress dowager's birthday, I once saw Third Sister-in-law interacting with Third Brother, but I couldn't see any affection or love. There was even a very subtle sense of disgust and hatred. At that time, I felt that it was very strange!”

Luo Cheng frowned and said, “That's impossible. Why would I hate her?! Back then, my father's family agreed to this marriage! Moreover, before the decree was issued, my father called my third sister-in-law's father to the royal family and asked him to ask her for her opinion. In the end, my third sister-in-law's father replied in two days and said that she was willing to, which was why the decree was issued! Besides, although Third Brother has often been out all these years, he has been

very good to my third sister-in-law. It's just that my third sister-in-law has always been very cold to him!"

"Even so, I've been keeping a low profile in the past few years and have never womanized. I don't know why, but my sincerity can't warm her heart at all!" Speaking of this, Ling Heng revealed a bitter expression.

As Li Xiaoran looked at the brothers, she analyzed it.

"There are only two situations when a woman is disinterested in a man. First, her heart has been broken bit by bit! From what you're saying, there's no such situation. Then, there's only one other possibility. From the beginning, the Third Prince's consort already had another man in her heart! Because she had someone in her heart, Third Brother, no matter what you did, you couldn't move her heart!"

As soon as she said this, everyone around him was shocked.

This was because this group of people thought of the Third Prince's son.

The Third Prince's son didn't look like the Third Prince or the Third Prince's consort, but he looked a little like the Third Prince's consort's brother.

However, everyone said that nephews resembled their uncles. Therefore, the Third Prince didn't mind.

But for some reason, at this moment, everyone thought of the same thing.

At this moment, Ling Heng immediately recalled the night he first slept with his wife.

That night, he had just returned from his job and was in a good mood.

He saw that his wife had prepared a lot of food and wine. She even said that she wanted to celebrate with him.

He thought that his wife was willing to accept him and was so happy that he drank a lot of wine.

They made out after drinking.

That night, he felt his wife's enthusiasm, but he couldn't see her face.

Because his wife was too bashful, she asked someone to extinguish the candle.

After the two of them made out, he fell asleep. When he woke up the next day, he saw the third prince's consort lying beside him. There were many bruises on

her body..