

The Hunter 771

Chapter 771: Fortune and Misfortune Come Together

Just as Luo Cheng was thinking about Li Xiaoran's words, Zi Cheng, who had been in charge of the farmstead, ran over anxiously.

"Mr. Luo, Consort, something happened! Many of the girls who came out of Shatai Village are either dead or have gone missing again! After I received the news, I quickly went to the farmstead to take a look, but I bumped into someone who drugged Wang Jiameng and wanted to take her away. After a fight, that person abandoned Wang Jiameng and ran away!" Zi Cheng quickly told them what had happened.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her expression changed and she said, "Oh no, we forgot to check if those women had been drugged!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, his expression turned solemn.

They had really forgotten about this at that time.

Luo Cheng quickly made a decision. "Hurry up and cover the incense with our changed tracking incense. Then, go find those women. As long as they're still around, let them change the incense. This way, we can avoid being discovered again! This is all we can do now! As for the two people in our farmstead, bring the incense pills over first and send people to strengthen the patrol in the farmstead. Leave a few people to protect the two women in the farmstead!"

"Why don't we catch them with a trap? Perhaps those people will come back. Why don't we wait there together?!" Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "I actually don't understand why those people planted tracking incense on those women. Could it be that the people of Shatai Village expected that these women would be saved?"

Zi Cheng thought of something and suggested, "Mr. Luo, Consort, why don't we let Wu Qinghe divine it?! Otherwise, we'll be like headless chickens!"

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran felt that Zi Cheng's suggestion was very good, so they quickly called Wu Qinghe back.

Wu Qinghe didn't open for business today. When he heard that Luo Cheng was looking for him, he simply closed the stall and came back.

After knowing what had happened, Wu Qinghe began to get busy.

After washing her hands, he washed her face and burned incense. Then, he started writing and drawing.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng knew that Wu Qinghe would become engrossed, so they didn't disturb him. Instead, they went to the coffee table at the side to make a pot of tea.

After about an hour, Wu Qinghe heaved a long sigh of relief. Then, he sat up and moved his body.

When he felt comfortable, Wu Qinghe came to the coffee table and poured himself some tea.

After his thirst was relieved, Wu Qinghe looked at Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

“Brother Luo Cheng, Madam, the weather has changed. The turbid forces from before have already begun to separate. All kinds of forces are swarming out. I’m afraid the world will be in chaos next. What happened in the past few days is already a sign, and Sichuan will be the center of the vortex. Everything is centered around the mine! It’s only in the brewing stage now. In three months, things will change. At that time, conflict will arise! There’s not much time left for us to prepare!”

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were immediately dumbfounded when they heard Wu Qinghe’s words. They never expected Wu Qinghe to say such a thing.

“What has the change got to do with us?” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but ask.

Wu Qinghe said, “I can tell you guys about the change, but with Brother Luo Cheng and Madam’s fortuitous encounters, you guys won’t be able to escape! It’s hard to predict what will happen. Everything is unknown!”

“Wu Qinghe, what’s wrong with you today? You’re usually quite reliable! Mr. Luo and the consort want to ask you what these past few days’ incidents signify. Why are you talking about these things? Is it related to what we’re talking about?” Zi Cheng asked in confusion.

When Wu Qinghe heard Zi Cheng’s words, he thought for a moment and said,

“Not all women have tracking incense on them! Some have it, and some don’t! Why don’t you investigate carefully? The women who are fine probably don’t have soul-tracking incense. After all, it’s not cheap to make soul-tracking incense. Things naturally have to be used on the most important people! If I’m not mistaken, those women who are in trouble are probably the most troublesome people in Shatai Village. They kept trying to escape, so they were drugged with soul-tracking incense!”

When Zi Cheng heard this, he immediately came to the door and asked someone to investigate.

“As for the people in the portraits, they’re all from the same faction. The other party’s goal is the mine in Mr. Luo’s hand!” Wu Qinghe said.

Luo Cheng wasn’t surprised to hear Wu Qinghe’s words. Wealth was very tempting!

Otherwise, his Third Brother wouldn’t have been chased all the way from the capital.

It seemed that many people wanted to get this mine!

No wonder. No wonder his businesses were targeted!

Li Xiaoran felt a headache just thinking about it. She wondered if she had done the wrong thing by telling the emperor about this mine back then.

However, Li Xiaoran also knew that this mine was a hot potato to begin with. No matter if they kept it or told the emperor, it would cause big trouble.

If they passed the news to the emperor, they could at least resolve the danger on the surface. They just had to be vigilant against the hidden danger!

“Sigh, sometimes, being too lucky isn’t a good thing! But then again, this matter might not be a bad thing! As the saying goes, fortune and misfortune come together. We have to think of a way to attract blessings!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said with a smile, “I’ll ask Luo Han what else can be built after the food street is built. Our food street’s construction has to be brought up! If I don’t take the opportunity to make some money, it’ll be a waste!”

Li Xiaoran was amused when she heard her husband’s words.

It was indeed a good thing to think of this matter in another direction!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran also began to feel eager to give it a try!

She also liked earning money!

Especially money from naive and gullible people!

Zi Cheng and Wu Qinghe couldn’t help but shiver when they saw the couple’s reaction.

Of all people, they had to bump into Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran!

The two of them were already very powerful on their own, so now that they were working together, they were even more powerful!

Sigh, he only hoped that those people wouldn’t foolishly come here and suffer big losses!

On second thought, with that mine around, it would be difficult for them not to come!

It was destined!

Chapter 772: Forgotten Something

The construction of the food street progressed very quickly. As the layout of the shop was similar to that of the house at the back, it was easy for the construction team to build it!

More and more craftsmen were being led by Chen Xiang to build the house, and the team was getting bigger and bigger.

The largest construction team in White Foothill City was Chen Xiang’s team. After Han Zhenming’s family fell from grace, many enemies dealt with them, so the Han family moved away to start a new life.

Although Chen Xiang was ambitious, he was levelheaded and kind.

Therefore, more and more people were willing to work for him, and the monthly salary was very stable.

As a result, Luo Cheng left the construction of the food street to Chen Xiang.

Because they were in a hurry, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng asked Chen Xiang and the others to build some shops and houses first. Then, they would continue to build the shops and houses at the back.

Just like that, they built and renovated. Soon, the construction was almost finished.

That night, as Li Xiaoran sat in the courtyard and looked at the starry sky, she recalled what Wu Qinghe had said previously.

In a few months, the situation would change. No one knew how everyone's fate would change.

However, after Li Xiaoran thought about it, she felt that it was a little funny.

She really didn't expect that under Wu Qinghe's influence, she would actually start to worry about national affairs.

Actually, she wasn't the emperor, so she didn't have to worry about the people's livelihood.

No matter how the environment changed, she just had to be herself.

If she had the ability, she would help others. If she didn't, she would protect the people around her.

In any case, no matter how the situation in this world changed, there would always be a way to survive.

Therefore, rather than worrying over nothing here, it was better to think of a way to plan the food festival and strive to start a lively food street so that the commoners in White Foothill City could benefit!

Although it was just a simple food festival, if they did it well, it would have an extensive impact.

Firstly, they had to have special delicacies. Secondly, they had to attract many customers.

After the customers arrived, they had to consider all aspects.

After sighing, Li Xiaoran decided not to think about these things for the time being. She would go and sleep first. Perhaps after she woke up, she would have an idea.

Early the next morning, Luo Cheng had just returned from practicing martial arts when he heard that Guan Dongshan had come to see him.

Luo Cheng was a little puzzled and wondered why Guan Dongshan was looking for him at this time.

After asking someone to invite Guan Dongshan to the hall to wait, Luo Cheng went to wash his face and changed into dry clothes.

When Li Xiaoran learned that Guan Dongshan was here, she was also very curious. However, she was making breakfast, so she didn't go.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran really wanted to eat wontons this morning.

As a result, she woke up early in the morning to roll the dough and chop the meat. She planned to make two bowls of wontons.

After the wontons were wrapped, before she could cook it, she saw Luo Cheng coming to the kitchen to look for her.

“Didn’t you say that Uncle Guan had something to tell you? You’re done so quickly?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

Luo Cheng explained with a smile, “It’s not a big deal. Didn’t we mention roasted duck previously? Uncle Guan came to ask when we’ll start this business! After all, his ducks will be ready soon. If we want them, he’ll sell them to us first!”

Li Xiaoran immediately recalled this.

She kept forgetting things.

How could she have forgotten about her plan to make roasted duck?

“That’s right. If you hadn’t said anything, I would have forgotten about this!” Luo Cheng laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Stop knocking yourself on the head. If you do, you’ll become a white-haired woman!”

Li Xiaoran looked at the white flour in her hand and immediately smiled. Amidst her excitement just now, she had actually forgotten that she still had white flour in her hand.

“Go wash your hands! We’ll discuss this later!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

Li Xiaoran nodded and quickly washed her hands. Then, she cleaned the flour in her hair.

Standing by the stove, Luo Cheng placed Li Xiaoran’s wontons in the boiling pot and began to season them!

After Li Xiaoran cleaned up, she came over. When she saw that the stove was ready, she waited for the wontons to be cooked before scooping them into the bowl.

“To be able to eat your wontons, looks like I’m in luck today!” Li Xiaoran teased with a smile.

“Of course. I’m also in luck today, since I can eat wontons personally made by the consort!” Luo Cheng teased with a smile.

As the couple smiled at each other tacitly, they revealed unspoken emotions. Soon, the wontons were cooked and placed in a bowl along with vegetable leaves.

The two of them each carried a bowl of wontons and went to sit under a big tree in the courtyard.

The wontons tasted delicious.

After Li Xiaoran took a bite, she kept eating.

After eating the bowl of wontons, Li Xiaoran gave Luo Cheng a thumbs up. “I really didn’t expect my husband’s wontons to taste so delicious!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he replied with a smile, “I’ve seen you cook it many times. Even if I’m as stupid as a pig, I should have learned it by now!”

Li Xiaoran said, “My husband is much smarter than a pig! In that case, let’s work together in the future! I’ll make them, and you’ll season them. Only by working together can our lives be enjoyable!”

“Sure! I’ll be happy to!” Luo Cheng nodded in agreement.

Soon, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran finished a bowl of wontons and handed the bowls and chopsticks to the servants to wash. Then, they went straight to the study to discuss serious matters.

“Is it difficult to make roast duck?” This was Luo Cheng’s first question.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “It can be easy or difficult! However, it’s very manpower-intensive! Husband, as you know, ducks have a lot of fur on their bodies, and it takes a lot of manpower to trim them. Secondly, we have to marinate and roast them. Marining and roasting are also very important, but what we really need manpower for is to slaughter them. We have to burn their fur, remove their fur, cut open their stomachs, and take out their intestines. Then, we have to take off the duck feet and wings.”

Luo Cheng recalled what Li Xiaoran had said previously and asked, “Those internal organs have to be washed as well, right?!”

Li Xiaoran said excitedly, “Of course.. The internal organs in the duck’s stomach are all good things, so we naturally can’t waste them! With these internal organs, coupled with the duck neck and duck skull, we can make very delicious food!”

Chapter 773: An Idle Old Man

As she spoke, Li Xiaoran was about to drool.

As a foodie, Li Xiaoran quickly asked someone to buy a few ducks from Uncle He’s house.

She had a simplified version of an oven that she could make do with.

The oven used to make roasted duck was different. It had to be specifically made by a blacksmith.

However, this didn’t stop Li Xiaoran from making some herself to satisfy her cravings.

Soon, ten ducks were bought.

Luo Cheng personally came to help.

They killed the ducks, bled them, boiled water, and boiled the fur..

After the procedures were completed, Li Xiaoran asked someone to collect all the duck feathers. After washing them, she placed them on the flat lid to dry.

After they removed the things in their heads, necks, wings, feet, and internal organs, Li Xiaoran was in charge of marinating.

The others continued to wash the ingredients they had just brought over.

It took a lot of effort to wash the duck gizzards and duck intestines.

After these ingredients were washed, Li Xiaoran began to make spicy braised seasoning.

The sugar was already stir-fried, and there were also a lot of spices in the seasoning packet.

After these ingredients were blanched, they were placed in braised water. Because everyone liked to eat spicy food, Li Xiaoran grabbed a large handful of dried chili this time.

In addition, there was also a lot of ginger, garlic, and onions.

At the mention of this, she had to praise Guan Kang.

Due to Guan Kang's special ability, the quality of the things they planted was very mgn.

Take onions, ginger, garlic, and chili for example. Not only was the yield high, but the quality was also superb.

These dried chili were different from the dried chili planted elsewhere. Not only was it spicy, but it also smelled much better.

By the time the spicy braised ingredients were cooked, Li Xiaoran was already sweating.

At this moment, the ducks had only been marinated for an hour, so they still had to continue marinating.

Li Xiaoran felt very sticky and uncomfortable, so she simply asked someone to boil a large pot of hot water and went to take a warm shower.

When she walked out in high spirits, she realized that many people had come to her courtyard.

When they looked over, they saw that their parents, grandfather, grandmother, and Granny Jin had all run over.

"Grandpa, Grandma, Granny Jin, Father, Mother, why are you here?" Li Xiaoran walked over happily.

"Why are we here? We smelled the food." Old Madam Jin teased, "I smelled the aroma even when I used to live on the official road, let alone them, who live so close to you guys!"

Xu Xiufang said with a smile, "That's right. Ah -Gong and I came over to talk to your mother. Unexpectedly, we smelled a very delicious aroma. I couldn't help but feel hungry!"

"Then you'll have to stay hungry a little longer! I haven't even made my roasted duck yet!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

"Roast duck? What's roast duck?" the group asked in confusion.

Old Madam Jin thought for a moment and said, "I've eaten roasted duck once, but it didn't taste good. It smelled so bad that I didn't want to eat it after taking a bite!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Old Madam Jin's words, she laughed.

"Granny Jin, don't worry. The roasted duck I make is definitely top-quality. I guarantee that you'll want to eat it again!" Li Xiaoran boasted proudly.

"Alright, I'll sit here and wait!" Old Madam Jin said with a smile.

Xu Xiufang couldn't help but ask, "If it's really that delicious, we're in luck! However, Xiaoran, can people like us, who are old and have bad teeth, eat roasted duck?"

“Granny, don’t worry ! Actually, there are many ways to eat duck. Not only roast duck, but salted duck, sweet-skinned duck, and plate duck all have their own tastes. I forgot about these dishes when I was busy previously. Now that I remembered them, I’ll cook all this delicious food first!” Li Xiaoran became more and more enthusiastic as she spoke.

“Then how many ducks do we need tomorrow? Why don’t we do it together tomorrow?! If it tastes good, we can plan how to do this business! After all, Uncle Guan raises a lot of ducks!” Luo Cheng asked.

“If we get too many ducks, it’ll be troublesome to clean them!” Li Xiaoran said hesitantly, ‘Why don’t we get ten more tomorrow?’”

“Let’s go buy 30 ducks tomorrow. Let’s get 10 salted ducks, sweet-skinned ducks, and pressed ducks each. Coincidentally, your grandma and I have nothing to do at home, so we might as well come over and help you kill ducks!” Zhao Huaishan thought of something and said, “In the future, if you want to do this business, you can consider old people like us when hiring people. Not to mention anything else, we can at least do tasks like pulling duck feathers!” When Li Xiaoran heard her father’s words, she immediately laughed. It seemed that the old man had nothing to do all day long!

“Alright, I’ll listen to you!” Li Xiaoran agreed.

Because Zhao Huaishan was right. The old man could just move a stool and sit there while working. Everyone could talk while working together to earn some pocket money. Why not?

As Li Xiaoran spoke, it was time to marinate the duck. Li Xiaoran quickly went to take out the duck and hung it up with a special hook.

After that, Li Xiaoran injected the duck’s skin with water. When all the water entered the duck’s meat, she placed the duck in the oven and roasted it.

The simplified oven wasn’t big, so it could only roast three ducks at a time.

Moreover, the roasted duck had been cooked for a long time. When the spicy braised ingredients were almost done being cooked, Li Xiaoran quickly asked someone to put out the fire and let the various ingredients continue to soak in the braised water.

At this moment, the aroma of spicy braised food was much less intense, but the aroma of roasted duck slowly wafted out.

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she simply took this opportunity to gather everyone in the house to build a bigger oven.

After the construction was done, in order to speed things up, Li Xiaoran placed the remaining seven roasted ducks in the oven to roast.

At noon, the spicy braised food had already been scooped up and cooled.

Seeing that everyone was at home today, Li Xiaoran cooked a few dishes personally, then everyone sat together to eat.

As they ate, they nibbled on the spicy braised meat. Then, everyone praised the taste of this spicy braised meat.

Even Old Madam Jin, who usually didn't eat spicy food, nibbled on the duck skull with relish and said with a smile, "Sigh, I can't bite anything else, but I can bite this duck skull! It's really delicious!"

Chapter 774: Worrying Over Money

When Xu Xiufang heard this, her eyes landed on the duck skulls.

"Does this duck skull really taste that good?"

"Sigh, just try it!" Old Madam Jin said with a smile.

When Li Xiaoran heard the two old ladies' conversation, she was immediately amused.

"Granny, try it! Speaking of which, Granny Jin is also a foodie! Although this duck skull doesn't look like it has much meat, it tastes good! When you put this bone in your mouth and chew on it, the taste will immediately come out!"

When Xu Xiufang heard this, she no longer hesitated. She quickly took out a duck skull and ate it.

The duck skull was very delicious and the skin on the bones melted with a chew. Then, they tasted the spicy flavor.

This thing was very delicious, especially for old people like them!

"As expected, duck skulls are the best!" Xu Xiufang said with satisfaction.

When Zhao Huaishan heard this, he quickly took a duck skull and ate it.

Li Shun didn't snatch the duck skull, since he liked duck necks more.

Although there was no meat on this duck, it was delicious!

Zhao Xiu liked duck gizzards and duck intestines more, and duck liver was also very delicious.

After Zhao Xiu took a bite, she quickly shared the duck liver.

"Father, Mother, Aunt Jin, this duck liver tastes very good. It's suitable for people with teeth like yours! Hurry up and try it!"

When the three elders heard this, they quickly put down the duck skull in their hands and picked up a spicy braised duck liver to eat.

This duck liver didn't have any stench taste after being braised. It was delicious and soft, so it was indeed very suitable for old people.

Luo Cheng, Luo Ziyang, and the other young people in the house weren't picky

and could eat anything.

They ate the duck feet with relish!

There were also delicious duck wings.

Actually, Li Xiaoran had made spicy braised food before. Even the wine shops in town and White Foothill City sold them.

However, the spicy braised food made by Li Xiaoran tasted much better than the ones made in the wine shop. Luo Cheng was also very curious, so he asked.

“Xiaoran, why do I keep feeling that your braised dishes taste much better?! I’ve tried the braised dishes in restaurants, but they don’t taste as good as yours!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she thought for a moment and said, “Regarding cooking, everyone’s talent is different and the people who cook are different, so the taste will also be different. Perhaps your sense of taste is very sensitive and you can tell the difference, but for those who aren’t sensitive to taste, it might be enough!”

Luo Cheng felt that Li Xiaoran was right, so he didn’t say anything else.

They only ate the roasted duck at night.

Li Xiaoqing, Zhao Sisi, and the others were also called over. Then, everyone sat around to taste the rare delicacy.

In the end, all ten roasted ducks were eaten by everyone. There weren’t even any bones left.

Big Yellow and its group of lackeys sat around obediently. Once a piece of meat was thrown out, they would immediately come forward to eat it.

After the meal, Luo Cheng arranged for someone to send everyone back safely.

As for him, he pulled Li Xiaoran to the study.

“Xiaoran, I think Uncle Guan was right previously. The roast duck business has to be in our own hands. This thing tastes too delicious. If we sell it, we can definitely earn a lot of money. Now that our fief is being built, we need money everywhere, so let’s quickly start this business!” Luo Cheng said happily. As the saying went, the lack of money could turn a small problem into a big one.

Luo Cheng had never been so eager to earn money in the past. Now that he needed more manpower and had to plan for the commoners in the fief, he felt that a lot of money had been spent, but very little money had been earned.

Even though the fruit business earned money, they couldn’t make ends meet!

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng was worried about money, so she laughed.

“Since we’re going to do it, let’s do it big! However, if this spicy braised food is released, the business at the wine shop will definitely be affected! ”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “The wine shop mainly sells braised dishes. There are no ducks! As soon as the roasted duck business is started, there will be more ingredients on the ducks. We can make spicy braised ducks to sell!”

Li Xiaoran asked, “That works too? Then there won’t be a big problem! What’s left is the source of the ducks and the construction of the workshop. In addition to these, there’s also the collection of duck fur. We need manpower to do these things. Husband, have you thought of what to do?”

Luo Cheng pondered for a moment and said, “Tell me what workshop you want to build first!”

“Our workshop will be divided into a few sections. The first workshop will specialize in killing ducks and cleaning ducks. After these ducks are cleaned up, they’ll enter other workshops. For example, those who make roasted duck will enter the roasted duck workshop, those who make pressed ducks will enter the pressed ducks workshop, and those who make salted ducks will enter the salted duck workshop. Those who make sweet-skinned ducks will enter the sweet-skinned duck workshop. We also have to build a spicy braised workshop. In that case, there will be a total of six workshops!” Li Xiaoran calculated.

“No, let’s not build so many workshops first! Let’s build three workshops first. One will clean ducks, the second will make roasted duck, and the third will make spicy braised food. As for the pressed ducks, salted ducks, and sweet-skinned ducks you mentioned, we’ll do them later! We have to take it one step at a time!” Luo Cheng was very clear-headed. After Li Xiaoran said so much, he immediately grasped the main point.

Li Xiaoran felt that she was indeed being a little too impatient, so she nodded. “That’s fine, but we still have to build three workshops!”

“We have to find a place far away from human habitation and with a water source. After we killed ten ducks today, it reeks. If we kill them every day, that smell will be very annoying!” Luo Cheng said worriedly, “But the place where we kill ducks can’t be too far away. Why don’t we build two other workshops as well?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was a little stunned. Then, she felt that Luo Cheng’s worry wasn’t unreasonable.

“Then let’s see if there’s a suitable place nearby and build all three workshops there! It’s best if that place isn’t far from the surrounding villages and everyone in the village can walk there. This way, it’ll be much easier for us to hire workers!” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng felt that this was a good idea, so he took out the map and searched carefully..

Luo Cheng had really found a suitable place.

After walking southwest of Hele Village for about 15 minutes, they could see a large piece of gravel.

The reason this gravel field was abandoned was because it was filled with stones.

The stones were not big, but they were all gravel and weren't easy to clean up.

There was only a shallow layer of soil, so it was impossible to plant crops.

On the other hand, the weeds were very lush and protected the soil of this stone field.

Speaking of which, this wasteland was very large, and there was a stream flowing through it.

It was also very convenient to build a workshop here and there was no shortage of stones, since they were surrounded by stones.

The only bad thing was that there were also many stones underground, so it was a little troublesome to build things.

However, this place was indeed the most suitable place to build a workshop.

Li Xiaoran said, "Instead of looking at the map, why don't we take a look ourselves?! It's only a fifteen-minute walk!"

Luo Cheng nodded and said, "Let's go take a look early tomorrow morning! Anyway, it will take a lot of time to clean the ducks, so let's go take a look and come back. The time is just right!"

Li Xiaoran nodded in agreement. Then, the matter was settled.

The next day, the weather was sunny but cool.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng brought Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe to that place filled with stones.

When they breathed in fresh air on the country road in the morning and saw the greenery, their mood improved.

After landing on the ground, the four of them could really see everything!

Shu Ruyue said, "This place is really big and flat! However, when I squatted down to take a look just now, I saw that there were indeed a lot of gravel. It's probably very difficult to clear them out. I feel uncomfortable walking on them with my shoes on!"

Li Xiaoran walked towards the stream and took a closer look.

This stream was neither big nor small.

It flowed out of the cracks in the stones and into the pit on the other side.

Coincidentally, it was in this gravel field.

Without speaking, Luo Cheng took out the stone hammer and chisel he had brought.

First, Luo Cheng dug out the gravel on the surface. Then, he dug hard at the stones.

It had to be said that the stones underground were really thick. Luo Cheng used his internal energy to dig them, but even after digging very deep into the stone, the big rock was still intact.

Luo Cheng said in satisfaction, “I think we can use this place to build a workshop, but it will take all our effort! However, as long as we build it well, it will be very sturdy. As for these gravel, there’s no need to dig them out. When the time comes, we can transport some soil over from elsewhere and crush it. It’s just that it’s a little difficult to plant things here. Fortunately, we’re building a workshop, so we don’t have to worry about this!”

Wu Qinghe ran to this piece of land and looked around. In the end, he ran over excitedly.

“Brother Luo Cheng, buy this place! Although this place is filled with gravel, it’s actually a very good place. If we use it to build a workshop, business will definitely boom. To be honest, Brother Luo Cheng, you’re really lucky to choose such a good place!”

When the others heard Wu Qinghe’s words, they immediately laughed.

“Since this piece of land is so good, let’s buy it!” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “It’s just a piece of gravel, so I don’t think the price will be high!”

Chapter 776: The Siblings’ Purpose

As Li Xiaoran washed her hands, she asked someone to invite Miss Duan in.

After Miss Duan arrived, Li Xiaoran smiled.

“It’s really you! From the looks of it, you’ve almost recovered?”

When Duan Sha saw Li Xiaoran, a smile appeared on her face.

“That’s right! I’m much better now! The doctor said that as long as I take good care of my body, I can walk around! I thought of your invitation, so I came with my second brother!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she noticed that there was a man following Duan Sha.

“Greetings, Luo Cheng and the consort!” The man cupped his hands and bowed as he said respectfully.

Li Xiaoran stared at Duan Sha’s second brother as she said, “I think I’ve seen you somewhere before!”

When Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran staring at a man, he immediately felt jealous.

When Duan Sha heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she immediately laughed.

“The reason my second brother looks familiar to you is because you’ve seen him before! Do you still remember the young master in blue who was targeted by Nie

Xue, the cousin of Mr. Chen Run, who lives in the Ministry of Rites?!" After being reminded by Duan Sha, Li Xiaoran immediately remembered.

"Oh, I remember now. So it's you? Second Young Master Duan, you weren't schemed against by Nie Xue anymore later on, were you?" Li Xiaoran asked with a gossipy expression.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he immediately heaved a sigh of relief and his jealousy disappeared.

Duan Kaiyuan was very surprised and couldn't help but ask, "How did the consort know that person called Nie Xue schemed against me?"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she smiled and looked at Duan Sha.

"Ask your sister if she remembers what I said at that time!"

Duan Sha laughed when she heard Li Xiaoran's words-

"Of course I remember it clearly. At that time, the consort said that if you were that man in dark blue clothes, you would definitely stay away from the girl in emerald green clothes. The girl is young, but she's very scheming and has ill intentions! Whoever marries such a girl will have trouble at home!"

Upon hearing his sister's words, Duan Kaiyuan said with admiration, "Your Highness, you really have good foresight! Later on, Xia Xue schemed against me several times. I couldn't take it anymore and counterattacked. Then, she finally got married!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this outcome, she was immediately amused.

"That's how it should be! If you hadn't resolved the problem, I'm afraid your future might have been ruined after being pestered by Xia Xue!"

"Consort, your guess is so accurate! Xia Xue schemed against my second brother and angered him. Then, my second brother sent her to someone else's bed and resolved this trouble!" Duan Sha explained with a smile.

"Such a thing happened?! Tell me about it when you're free later! I'm not in the capital, so I rarely hear about interesting matters. You have to tell me about it this time!" Li Xiaoran said happily, "I'll treat you and your second brother to some delicious food today!"

"Thank you for your hospitality, Mr. Luo and the consort!" Duan Sha was naturally more than happy to oblige.

After arriving in Sichuan, she went straight to Hele Village in order to chat with Li Xiaoran.

To be honest, Duan Sha really liked Li Xiaoran.

Not only were her words interesting, but many of her ideas were also interesting.

Duan Sha thought of something and said, "By the way, we brought some gifts prepared by my family. Mr. Luo and the consort, please accept them!" With that, a few carriages drove in.

Looking at the carriage that was filled with things, Li Xiaoran laughed. "Don't tell me you used all your dowry money to buy me a gift?!"

When Duan Sha heard Li Xiaoran's words, she blinked and said with a smile, "How is that possible? It was really prepared by my family! Originally, my family wanted to thank you for saving my life after I recovered, but after you two left, they could only wait until now to send gifts!"

Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard Duan Sha's words.

"Since you're giving it to me sincerely, I'll accept it! After all, your life is very valuable!"

Duan Sha liked Li Xiaoran's straightforwardness, so she nodded.

"Of course. My life is indeed very valuable!"

After that, Li Xiaoran pulled Duan Sha to the oven. After Luo Cheng arranged for someone to accept the things, he brought Duan Kaiyuan to the backyard.

Seeing his sister talking and laughing with the consort, Duan Kaiyuan also smiled.

"After my sister recovered, although she became much more cheerful, I rarely saw her smile from the bottom of her heart. This is the first time I've seen my sister smile so happily!"

When Luo Cheng heard Duan Kaiyuan's words, he looked at Li Xiaoran and smiled.

"Those who can hit it off with the consort are very lucky! I believe that Miss Duan will have a better life in the future!"

"Thank you for your blessings, Mr. Luo!" Duan Kaiyuan said happily.

At this point, Duan Kaiyuan suddenly thought of something. After he looked around, he moved closer.

"Mr. Luo, my father asked me to bring some words to you. I wonder if you have a place for us to talk!"

When Luo Cheng heard Duan Kaiyuan's words, he thought for a moment and said, "Come with me to my study!"

Duan Kaiyuan nodded and followed Luo Cheng to another place.

After Li Xiaoran brought Duan Sha into the kitchen, she introduced her around. Then, she brought Duan Sha to sit under the big tree in the courtyard.

On the other side, Luo Ziyang had already asked someone to set up a fruit platter, melon seeds, and peanuts. He also made a pot of tea.

“Tell me! Why did you suddenly appear here? You know my personality. Even if you wanted to see me, you wouldn’t have come at this time!” Li Xiaoran went straight to the point.

“I really can’t hide anything from you. Actually, apart from coming out to relax, I also came to give Mr. Luo and the consort a reminder!” Duan Sha said with a smile.

“Remind me of what?” Li Xiaoran asked.

After Duan Sha looked around and confirmed that there was no one around, she lowered her voice and said, “His Majesty suddenly became very ill and is in low spirits. Many people want to take advantage of this opportunity to attack!”

These words shocked Li Xiaoran!

Chapter 777: Real Purpose

At the same time, Luo Cheng, who was in the study, accidentally broke a teacup. He was as shocked as Li Xiaoran.

“How did this happen? When I left, Father was clearly fine! He had a big appetite and was very energetic. Why did his health suddenly deteriorate?”

“I don’t know what exactly happened! My father asked us to send thank-you gifts to Mr. Luo because he wanted us to bring this news over and let Luo Cheng make plans early! The mine is no longer a secret. Mr. Luo, you have to know that many people are eyeing this place!” Duan Kaiyuan said.

“How long are you two planning to stay here?” Luo Cheng suddenly thought of something and asked.

“You’re not leaving?” Li Xiaoran looked at Duan Sha in shock. “Do your parents know about this?”

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“Of course they know! If they didn’t know, why would they ask my second brother to send me over?! Even my second brother came here with me to settle down. My father said that the capital will become very dangerous in the coming period of time. Although there’s also the mine and it will cause a lot of trouble, Sichuan will be safer! My father said that with Luo Cheng around, Sichuan won’t be in great danger! It’ll be much safer for us siblings to live here than in the capital!” Duan Sha didn’t hide anything and told them their family’s plan.

“Mr. Luo and I really thank you guys for thinking so highly of us!” Li Xiaoran said in amusement, “By the way, have you siblings found a place to stay?”

Duan Sha said with a smile, “Not yet, but I heard that Mr. Luo and the consort have built a food street where there’s a shop in front and a house behind. My second brother and I plan to buy a house with a shop, but we don’t know where to start!”

Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard Duan Sha’s words.

“To have designs on my food street, you guys are quite discerning! But let me tell you, if you really buy a house on this food street, you can only sell food in the shop. Moreover, the food you sell can’t be the same as others!”

“For example, if all three families want to sell noodles, and it’s the same kind of noodles, we’ll let these three noodle shops compete. We’ll let whoever is delicious do the business! If you buy a shop, you have to run a food business and accept challenges from people who also run this kind of business. Under such circumstances, are you sure you still want to buy it?”

Duan Sha laughed when she heard this.

“Don’t worry! We have no problem with that! The Duan family also has specialties! The snacks our family makes are superb. You’ll know when you try them in the future!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked, “You brought people who can make snacks?”

“That’s right! We brought them! After all, we have to find a way to earn money,” Duan Sha said.

Duan Kaiyuan’s words were similar to Duan Sha’s, but there was something Duan Sha didn’t know about.

“For some reason, the fourth prince suddenly expressed his intention to take my sister in as his consort. My father was unwilling to let my sister marry the fourth prince and only wanted her to live a simpler life, so he rejected the fourth prince’s suggestion on the grounds that my sister hadn’t fully recovered and had to go to Sichuan to ask the consort to continue her treatment.”

“In order not to let anything happen, my father and grandfather discussed for the entire night and decided to let me bring my sister to Sichuan. Firstly, it’s to give Mr. Luo a message, and secondly, it’s to avoid the drama in the capital and let my sister live a simple life!”

When Luo Cheng heard Duan Kaiyuan’s words, he was a little envious.

The Duan siblings were undoubtedly happy. At least, they had a family to plan things for them.

However, the envy was only temporary. Thinking of his current life, Luo Cheng felt gratified as well.

Although he wasn't fated with his blood-related family, having a lover who treated him sincerely was enough for him!

It was impossible to have everything. It was already a blessing for him to have true love and a good wife.

Luo Cheng said, "In that case, you two can stay! As for the house and shop on the food street, they're built now, so tomorrow, I'll ask Ziyang to bring you two to take a look. Choose a house you like and buy it! However, let me tell you in advance that there won't be any discount on the price of the shop and house.

After all, we have to sell the house and shop to earn some money!"

"Don't worry, Mr. Luo. We'll pay as much as we should!" Duan Kaiyuan said.

With that, Luo Cheng brought Duan Kaiyuan to the courtyard in front.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran and Duan Sha had also finished talking about serious matters and were chatting about the gossip in the capital.

Duan Sha thought of something and said, "Do you know? Meng Yan did something big in the capital and shocked many people!"

"Meng Yan? What about her? She should be getting married soon!" Li Xiaoran thought of her good friend in the capital and asked with concern.

After returning to Sichuan, although she had also written one or two letters to Meng Yan and Meng Yan had replied, there was no news of her after that.

At that time, Li Xiaoran was overwrought over Shatai Village's matter, so she didn't have the energy to think about matters in the capital.

When she heard Duan Sha's words, Li Xiaoran immediately remembered this matter, so she asked.

"Not long after you left, Meng Yan's marriage was settled! As she was preparing for the marriage, a princess of the royal family took a fancy to Ma Chongshan and forced Meng Yan to cancel the engagement. She's a famous femme fatale in the capital, so she naturally wouldn't agree to that princess's request. In the end, that princess began to use tricks to deal with Meng Yan. First, there was a problem with Meng Yan's business. Then, Ma Chongshan received an imperial decree from the emperor!" Duan Sha explained the matter.

"What? Is the king crazy? They were already engaged, so how could he issue an imperial decree?" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately sensed that something was wrong.

“At that time, the emperor was already mentally unstable, so the imperial decree for the marriage was written by the people around him and stamped with the jade seal!” Duan Sha said.

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard this, they exchanged looks.

They all understood that someone had used the emperor’s name to forge an imperial edict..

Chapter 778: Meng Yan ‘s News

“How did such a thing happen?” Li Xiaoran was worried.

“Guess what the outcome was?” Duan Sha kept them in suspense at this critical moment.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan must still be together! With my understanding of Meng Yan, I guess these two people must have disobeyed the decree!”

Duan Sha said with a smile, “As expected of Meng Yan’s good friend. You know her temper so well! That’s right. Ma Chongshan disobeyed the decree and went straight to Meng Yan to elope! Meng Yan said that they weren’t in the wrong. They were engaged first, so the two of them barged into the royal family with the imperial edict and went straight to meet the emperor! The emperor was furious and the royal family reshuffled the cabinet. Some officials in the palace were stripped of their positions.”

“Where’s the princess?” Li Xiaoran asked the main point.

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Duan Sha said with a smile, “That princess’s title was stripped and she was forced by the emperor to go to the royal temple to pray! After all, the princess used the emperor’s name to snatch someone else’s husband. Therefore, she had to be punished!” Duan Sha said with a smile, “Don’t underestimate the royal temple. It’s really a good place to cultivate! There’s vegan food and the lifestyle is peaceful!”

Luo Cheng thought of something when he heard Duan Sha’s words.

“You mean Clear Spring Temple?”

Duan Sha nodded. “That’s right. It’s Clear Spring Temple!”

“If it’s that place, the princess will suffer! It seems that Father is really angry about this!” Luo Cheng said.

“Clear Spring Temple? What kind of place is that?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

Luo Cheng explained, “Clear Spring Temple is a place specially built by our royal family to punish our clansmen. The rules of Clear Spring Temple are very strict. They stipulate when to get up, sleep, and eat every day. In addition, we have to do morning classes and all kinds of manual labor. We also have to farm to support ourselves! In the temple, no matter what your identity is, you won’t get any

preferential treatment and will only do the same job. If you don't finish the work arranged, you can only starve, be punished, and be beaten up!"

"Husband, how do you know so much? Could it be that you've been sent there before?" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she had a bad feeling.

"I was, but I wasn't sent in by others. I snuck in myself! At that time, my brothers came looking for trouble with me all day long. I found them annoying, so I hid in Clear Spring Temple. I saw what I just said with my own eyes!" Luo Cheng said, "To be able to make Father so angry that he sent her to Clear Spring Temple, it seems that this princess has really crossed Father's bottom line!"

"Didn't you ask me whose family this princess belongs to?!" Duan Sha suddenly said. When Luo Cheng heard Duan Sha's words, he looked at Duan Kaiyuan and thought of something.

"Prince Fu's daughter, Princess Lin Xi?"

"That's right, it's her!" Duan Kaiyuan nodded, affirming Luo Cheng's guess. At the mention of Prince Fu's daughter, Luo Cheng understood what was going on.

One had to know that Prince Fu and the emperor were brothers. No wonder Princess Lin Xi dared to snatch a man by force!

"Then what happened to Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan?" Li Xiaoran didn't care about the princess. At this moment, she wanted to know her good friend's situation.

"Consort, don't worry! Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan are fine. Prince Fu sent people to assassinate Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan, but the two of them were prepared and didn't let Prince Fu succeed at all. Later on, the emperor issued a decree for Prince Fu to return to his fief. Prince Fu had no choice but to leave dejectedly!" Duan Sha told them the final outcome.

Luo Cheng reminded, "I know my uncle very well! Although he looks very meek, he'll definitely get revenge in the future. Xiaoran, you should write a letter later and get someone to send it to Miss Meng! Remind her not to let down her guard! My uncle is patient and vicious! Just because he can't do anything to them now doesn't mean that he won't do anything to them in the future! After Prince Fu leaves, they have to be more careful!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and remembered Luo Cheng's words. She planned to write a letter to remind Meng Yan after lunch.

On the other side, the delicious smell of roasted duck wafted out from the house again.

In addition, Li Xiaoran still had to deal with the matters in the kitchen.

Li Xiaoran originally planned to make sweet-skinned ducks and pressed ducks today, but there were guests today. Li Xiaoran couldn't abandon Duan Sha and go cook.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran could only let Shu Ruyue accompany her while she marinated the ducks. She planned to make them into roasted ducks today and make sweet-skinned ducks and pressed ducks tomorrow when she was free.

The others had no objections. After all, the roasted duck from yesterday tasted very good. They had only taken a few bites before it was gone.

There were so many ducks today, so they could eat roasted duck to their hearts' content.

At noon, some spicy braised pork and roasted duck were sent up. Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng sat at a table, while Duan Kaiyuan and Duan Sha sat at a table.

The first time they tried spicy braised food, Duan Sha and Duan Kaiyuan choked and got teary-eyed.

Later on, they felt a little better after eating roasted duck. However, towards the end, the siblings felt that the spicy braised food tasted very delicious.

Duan Sha thought of something and asked, "Consort, will these things be sold on the food street in the future?"

"Of course! In the future, if you want to eat them, you can buy them from the food street!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Such delicious food couldn't be kept a secret!

Li Xiaoran had planned to open a shop on the food street since long ago.

Of course, all of this depended on the workshop's successful construction. Otherwise, everything would just be wishful thinking.

Duan Sha was overjoyed by Li Xiaoran's preparations.

To be honest, the delicacies she had eaten today had made her appetite soar.

Previously, in the capital, although they had eaten a lot of delicious food, they felt that something was missing.

After eating such spicy braised dishes today, Duan Sha realized that she might have a natural love for spicy food.

In the past, she had never tasted spicy food, so she felt that something was missing in her life. Now, she had finally found the taste she liked.

Duan Kaiyuan also liked these two dishes very much. He thought that if possible in the future, he would get someone to bring some to the capital for his family to try in the winter.

However, to Duan Kaiyuan's surprise, when winter arrived, his family would already have eaten these things without him having to ask anyone to bring them back.

Because Duan Kaiyuan and Duan Sha planned to settle down on the food street, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran asked them to stay at their home for a period of time.

At night, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng sat in the study as they talked about the news they had received during the day.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Husband, I can sense that Duan Sha doesn't have any ill intentions when she says these words. I'm afraid that something has really happened to Old Master!"

Luo Cheng thought about it carefully but didn't speak.

Actually, that was what puzzled him the most.

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Although the Old Master's body ached from time to time, it wasn't that serious.

A princess actually dared to force a marriage in the emperor's name, so something must have happened to the royal family!

However, they couldn't rule out the possibility that the Old Master was pretending or trying to beat them at their own game while waiting for those people to appear.

"Don't think too much about it. We're too far away now, so even if we want to help, we can't. Most importantly, guarding the mine in Sichuan will help the Old Master the most!" Luo Cheng said, "Previously, I was wondering why the

Third Prince's consort came here. Now, it seems that there's a connection!"

"Huh?" Li Xiaoran was stunned when she heard Luo Cheng's words. "The third prince's consort is here? Where is she?"

Luo Cheng sneered and said, "She came in disguise. If not for Ziyang's good eyesight, he wouldn't have known that the third prince's consort came to town in such a low-profile manner. Guess why she came to town this time?"

"She's here to look for Third Brother? Could it be that she heard that Third Brother had been unconscious, so she was worried and came to take a look?" Li Xiaoran probed.

"Tell me, what would you do if you heard that I was seriously injured?" Luo Cheng asked.

"I'll definitely rush over immediately! If you're injured, I'll definitely be very anxious to know your situation!" Li Xiaoran replied.

"But what about the Third Prince's consort? How long has it been since my Third Brother's accident?" Luo Cheng asked.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was stunned.

She hadn't thought of this before.

It had been almost two months since the Third Prince was seriously injured and fell into a coma.

However, the third prince's consort had only rushed over now, so the motive behind her actions was intriguing.

"I'll send someone to keep an eye on her now. I want to see what tricks she's up to!" Seeing that Li Xiaoran had come to her senses, Luo Cheng said coldly, "I want to see why she's here this time!"

Li Xiaoran didn't say anything because anything she said would seem unconvincing.

It was obvious that the third prince's consort didn't care about the third prince.

They knew this, and so did the third prince.

Li Xiaoran thought of a possibility and asked, "Do you think perhaps Third Brother lured her over?"

"Third Brother has been living in Prince Luo's residence recently. Although he got someone to investigate the consort, he has no intention of calling her to Sichuan! Besides, even if Third Brother calls the consort to Sichuan, the consort might not come! For someone who won't come to Sichuan to come at this time, something big must have happened!" Luo Cheng said firmly.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "If I meet the third prince's consort, I might be able to see some clues!"

To Li Xiaoran's surprise, she really got what she wanted.

Luo Cheng originally planned for Luo Ziyang to bring Duan Kaiyuan and Duan

Sha to choose a house the next morning. However, he happened to encounter Luo Han, who came over to see the progress of the food street, so he changed his mind and asked Luo Han to bring the Duan family over to choose a house.

Not long after the group left, a carriage appeared at Luo Cheng's door.

When they heard from the guard that the third prince's consort was here, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were very surprised.

None of them expected the third prince's consort to come here herself.

"Invite the Third Prince's consort to the main hall!" Luo Cheng said.

When the guard heard Luo Cheng's words, he left.

Li Xiaoran tidied up and went to the main hall with Luo Cheng.

Since the third prince's consort was here, she should entertain her personally.

Soon, the third prince's consort, Ma Mengjia, arrived at the main hall.

When she saw Li Xiaoran again, Ma Mengjia's eyes widened.

Previously, in the capital, although Ma Mengjia had seen Li Xiaoran at the empress dowager's birthday, Ma Mengjia didn't think that there was anything special about Li Xiaoran.

However, after walking in and seeing Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng's happiness, Ma Mengjia felt Li Xiaoran's charm.

One could tell from a woman's complexion whether she was doing well or not.

In contrast, she was like a withered flower because her life wasn't going well.

Then, she looked at Li Xiaoran, who looked delicate and charming. It was obvious that she was a woman who had been well-protected by her man.

At the thought of this, jealousy flashed across Ma Mengjia's eyes.

Li Xiaoran could empathize with others, so she naturally sensed the jealousy of the third prince's consort, Ma Mengjia.

She was jealous of her?

When Li Xiaoran realized this, she was immediately amused.

Ma Mengjia quickly suppressed her emotions. She had something important to do today, so she had to perk up.

Ma Mengjia pretended to be very anxious and asked, "Seventh Prince, where's your Third Brother? How is he now? Why did I hear that he's still in a coma? When he left back then, I was very worried. I didn't expect the people in the residence to hide the news that your Third Brother was seriously injured. I only heard about this now, so I rushed over!"

Unfortunately, Li Xiaoran saw through her acting on the spot.

After all, she wasn't worried at all!

No matter how good a person's acting skills were, as long as they stood in front of Li Xiaoran, they would be exposed.

When Luo Cheng heard Ma Mengjia's words, he looked at Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran seemed to understand what Luo Cheng meant and shook her head, indicating that Ma Mengjia was acting.

After Luo Cheng understood, he frowned.

"Third Sister-in-law, don't you know? I sent news to Father that Third Brother's injuries were very serious and that he was in a coma, so Father sent a famous doctor over to treat Third Brother! Because that doctor was following Father's secret guard, they used the excuse of finding a quiet place to treat Third Brother and took him away! At this moment, even I don't know where Third Brother is!"

When Ma Mengjia heard Luo Cheng's words, she immediately panicked. "How did this happen? Why didn't I know about this?"

Luo Cheng looked unhappy when he heard Ma Mengjia's words.

"What do you know? This was arranged by my father. Even I only found out at the last moment! As for you, what does it matter if you know or not? All these years, when my Third Brother was wandering outside, did you ever care about how many times he was injured? Every time my Third Brother was on the brink of death, did you appear? Now, you're putting up an act here?" Ma Mengjia was furious when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Seventh Prince, how can you say that?! I'm your sister-in-law after all!"

Luo Cheng snorted and said disdainfully, "Now you know that you're my sister-in-law? Have you ever been nice to my Third Brother all these years?"

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Seeing this, Li Xiaoran quickly tried to smooth things over. "Third Sister-in-law, don't blame my husband for being rude. It's mainly because something happened to Third Brother. Madam, there's no news at all. Third Brother has been taken away by Father's men, but you came here to show my husband attitude, so he feels upset! Why don't you go back to the capital and ask Father where he brought him?"

Ma Mengjia also knew that the Seventh Prince had never been nice to anyone, but she hadn't interacted much with him in the past, so she didn't care.

She didn't expect him to show her attitude today!

After taking a few deep breaths, Ma Mengjia forced herself to calm down. She couldn't let her emotions affect her.

After all, she had not achieved her goal, so how could she leave so easily?

Ma Mengjia didn't believe that the Third Prince had been taken away by the emperor's men at all. She kept feeling that Luo Cheng was lying to her.

After thinking this through, Ma Mengjia glanced at Luo Cheng coldly.

"Seventh Prince, you're really getting too big for your britches! However, it's normal for someone who is even willing to leave his own family to be this arrogant!"

As soon as she said this, before Luo Cheng could say anything, he heard a crisp slap.

The person who hit her was none other than Li Xiaoran, who was standing beside Ma Mengjia.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran's face was filled with anger as she glared at Ma Mengjia fiercely.

"I'm only calling you Third Sister-in-law on account of my father! Unexpectedly, you didn't appreciate it and pushed your luck! Do you really think I, Li Xiaoran, am a pushover? Why? Are you used to being the third prince's consort in the capital, so you

think you can do whatever you want? If you're so delusional, I don't mind waking you up!"

Ma Mengjia covered the side of her face with her hand as resentment appeared in her eyes.

"Who do you think you are? You're just a country bumpkin. How dare you hit me?!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Li Xiaoran attacked again.

Ma Mengjia was furious. Just as she was about to hit Li Xiaoran, she felt pain and flew into the sky.

"Ah!" Ma Mengjia was terrified and screamed in fear.

However, this scream didn't last long before it stopped!

Ma Mengjia was thrown to the ground outside the Luo family's house.

When Li Xiaoran saw the annoying person being kicked away by Luo Cheng, she immediately laughed.

"Husband, why did you attack her? What will you do if Third Brother comes looking for trouble with you in the future?"

"Don't worry, Third Brother isn't stupid. He won't make things difficult for me because of such a crazy woman!" Luo Cheng wasn't worried about these things at all. "Hmph, I don't care who she is. I'll beat her up regardless!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

Shu Ruyue, who happened to pass by, trembled when she saw this scene.

"Oh my god, what a protective couple! They're so violent and direct! But why am I so envious?! It feels so good to have someone protecting you!"

"Don't worry, I'll protect you too!" Wu Qinghe said to Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue was startled. Just as she was about to scream, Wu Qinghe covered her mouth and brought her away quickly.

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard the commotion.

"Let's go! Xiaoran, this annoying person has been dealt with, so let's go to the study! I can tell you about the construction of the workshop!"

After Li Xiaoran nodded, the couple returned to the study hand in hand.

Ma Mengjia, who was outside the door, was helped up by the old servants and maids she had brought.

After being slapped twice by Li Xiaoran, her pretty face was already swollen.

After that, she was kicked away by Luo Cheng. Now, her entire body hurt.

Ma Mengjia couldn't be bothered to cause trouble for Luo Cheng anymore. She quickly asked someone to send her to the carriage and went to town to find a doctor to treat her.

Women who lived an indulgent life for a long time were physically weak.

After finding the doctor, Ma Mengjia realized that she was injured in several places.

She would need to recuperate in bed for a few months before she could move around!

Ma Mengjia resented Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran to the core.

She couldn't even walk around, so how could she complete what that person had instructed?!

After Li Xiaoran learned of this, she immediately realized something. "Husband, did you do this on purpose?"

"That's right! Wouldn't you be vexed if she caused trouble under our noses all day long? Since she's an eyesore, let her rest well. Isn't being injured the best reason? Don't worry, I know my limits. She only needs to recuperate for three to four months!" Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately amused.

"If we really let her recuperate for three to four months, it will probably be too late!"

Luo Cheng said with a smile, "Don't worry, Ma Mengjia won't let this go! She brought people with her! However, it's easy to deal with the others! Besides, if we don't force her, how can we find the person behind her?"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately gave him a thumbs up.

As expected, her man was the best at dealing with this sort of power struggle!

As for her, she just needed to settle the workshop's matters!

The Third Prince also received a message from Luo Cheng.

After knowing that Ma Mengjia had been taught a lesson by Luo Cheng, the Third Prince smiled.

"Go back and tell your master that she deserved it! He doesn't have to do anything in the future.. I'll settle scores with Ma Mengjia!"