

The Hunter 791

Chapter 791: Invitation

When the Third Prince learned that Ma Mengjia was looking for him, he immediately smiled.

“It just so happens that my injuries are almost healed, so it’s time to see the consort! By the way, have you done what I instructed you to do previously?” The third prince, Ling Heng, thought of something and asked.

The guard beside the Third Prince nodded when he heard his words.

“Don’t worry, Master. I’ve already done what you arranged!”

Ling Heng said, “That’s good! Arrange for us to go to Golden Sun Town tonight.”

At this moment, footsteps came from outside.

After a while, she saw Luo Cheng walking over.

“Luo Cheng, why are you free to visit me today?” Ling Heng smiled when he saw Luo Cheng appear in front of him.

“I came to see how you’re recuperating!” Luo Cheng walked in with a smile as he said, “It seems that you’ve recovered safely!”

Ling Heng said with a bitter smile, “It’s all thanks to you, Luo Cheng, for detoxifying me and healing me. Otherwise, I would have died long ago!”

“Actually, it’s a good thing. At least you’ve recognized your wife’s true colors. After this crisis, you won’t be schemed against by her in the future!” Luo Cheng comforted.

Ling Heng nodded as he marveled, “You’re right. This is already a blessing in disguise!”

Luo Cheng looked at Ling Heng and thought for a moment before saying,

“Third Brother, it’s been a long time since we last drank and chatted. Why don’t I get someone to invite Xiaoran over and make a table of dishes? Let’s have a good chat over a meal!”

Ling Heng thought of something and asked, “She hasn’t been here before, right?”

Luo Cheng nodded. “That’s right. I’ve never brought her here!”

“Alright, I’ll have to trouble her to make a table of good side dishes. Let’s get drunk tonight!” Ling Heng agreed to Luo Cheng’s idea.

As for the matter of going to Golden Sun Town tonight, they might as well change it to tomorrow!

In any case, the outcome would be the same if they went a day earlier or later.

Seeing that the three of them had agreed, Luo Cheng called Luo Ziyang back to invite Li Xiaoran over.

Because Luo Ziyang would personally pick her up, Li Xiaoran didn't bring Shu Ruyue along this time.

On the way, Li Xiaoran had already learned about Luo Ziyang's plan, so she came straight over.

The residence had all kinds of ingredients, so Li Xiaoran didn't have to trouble herself to bring ingredients over from home.

When she arrived at the residence, Li Xiaoran lifted the curtain and looked at it in surprise.

Li Xiaoran couldn't help but say, "This residence is really big! There's only me and my husband living here, but they actually gave us such a big residence.

What a waste!"

Luo Ziyang, who was driving the carriage in front, laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"That's because you don't like too many servants following you around! If we were in the capital, with your status as the consort, you would have to bring a few maids with you when you went out. It would be a joke if you ran errands yourself! "

"Forget it! If things were so troublesome everytime I go out, I might as well sneak out myself!" Li Xiaoran shook her head in refusal.

"Luo Cheng doesn't like these things either, so Luo Cheng and Madam are really a match made in heaven!" Luo Ziyang praised.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

"Ziyang, don't think that I'll marry my sister to you just because you praise me and Luo Cheng!"

When Luo Ziyang heard Li Xiaoran's words, he smiled in embarrassment.

"Madam, you're wrong. I'm marrying into the family! I wonder when Father and Mother will be willing to let me marry into the family!"

"This is the first time I've seen someone so anxious to marry into the family! My sister is still young, so wait two years!" Li Xiaoran teased.

When Luo Ziyang heard this, his expression immediately turned bitter. Sigh, he also wanted to hug his wife to sleep like Luo Cheng.

Unfortunately, he only dared to think about it and didn't dare to say it out loud.

Otherwise, Li Xiaoran would definitely beat him up.

At the mention of Li Xiaoqing, Luo Ziyang couldn't hide the smile on his face and his eyes were filled with anticipation for the future.

As they spoke, the carriage arrived at the main courtyard.

Li Xiaoran didn't go to the kitchen first. Instead, she decided to visit the Third Prince.

The reason she didn't come to visit previously was to conceal the Third Prince's whereabouts.

Since she was here today, as his sister-in-law, she should come and take a look.

Besides, she still had something to ask Luo Cheng.

When Li Xiaoran strode into the courtyard, she saw Luo Cheng and Ling Heng competing in archery.

After seeing Li Xiaoran come in, Luo Cheng smiled and aimed at the middle of the target. Then, three arrows flew out.

With a bang, all three arrows hit the bullseye.

Ling Heng clapped his hands and praised, "I really didn't expect you to be so good at archery! Among us brothers, you're the best at archery!"

Li Xiaoran walked over and looked at the target with a smile.

"Third Brother, don't forget that my husband was a hunter when he was in Hele Village. He hunted to intimidate the people in our village!"

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

"Xiaoran is right. Before I left the royal family, my archery skills weren't that good! Later on, after I came to Hele Village, I went to the mountains to hunt all day long, so I mastered archery skills!"

With that, Luo Cheng put down his bow and looked at Li Xiaoran gently.

"Xiaoran, I'll have to trouble you to make some good dishes today. I want to have a good drink with Third Brother!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and replied with a smile, "I came to see how Third Brother's body is recovering! By the way, I want to ask you if there's anything Third

Brother needs to avoid eating!"

Ling Heng laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"Thank you for your concern, Seventh Sister-in-law. I'm very healthy now and can eat anything!"

"Yes, Third Brother's injuries have already healed and the poison has been removed, so there's nothing to be afraid of!" Luo Cheng added.

"That's good. Then I'll go prepare the dishes! I wonder if there's anything Third Brother and you want to eat?" Li Xiaoran asked again.

"Seventh Sister-in-law, I want to eat something with heavy flavors. I've been eating a mild diet recently, so I'm craving heavy flavors!" Ling Heng said what he wanted to eat truthfully.

“What about you, husband?” Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and asked.

“I want to eat chicken feet!” After Luo Cheng thought for a moment, he made this request.

“Alright, I understand! I’ll prepare it for you now!” Li Xiaoran nodded with a smile and went to the small kitchen..

Chapter 792: Do You Want It?

Li Xiaoran actually liked chicken feet very much.

There were braised, spicy, braised, salad, garlic-flavored, or tiger skin and phoenix claws.

Every one of them tasted delicious.

Li Xiaoran decided to cook in the healthiest way possible, considering that the Third Prince had just recovered.

First, she cut off the chicken claw nails, then split them in two and blanched them in the pot.

After the water boiled and foam appeared, she knocked the foam away and continued to boil the chicken claw nails.

When it was about time, she scooped the chicken claw nails out and soaked them in cold water.

Next, it was time to season it to her liking.

Li Xiaoran made three flavors. One was spicy chicken feet, one was garlic chicken feet, and the other was sour and spicy chicken feet.

After these three chicken feet were ready, they were marinated at the side.

Then, Li Xiaoran went to make other food.

Seeing some ribs and green prawns, Li Xiaoran simply made a griddle of ribs and prawns.

In addition, there was also a green bamboo shoot roasted pig intestine dish, boiled fish slices dish, stir-fried asparagus tips dish, and spicy potato pancakes.

Li Xiaoran also boiled a large pot of sour plum soup.

By the time the large table of dishes was ready, the sun was already setting.

After Li Xiaoran asked someone to place the dishes on the table, she went to call Luo Cheng and Ling Heng over.

After training for two hours in the morning, the brothers were very hungry.

Looking at the table full of delicious dishes, Luo Cheng smiled.

“Where’s Xiaoran?” Luo Cheng looked at Luo Ziyang and asked.

“Madam said that you must have something to discuss with the Third Prince, so she won’t disturb you guys from catching up! Madam is resting in her room now!” Luo Ziyang replied.

After Luo Cheng thought for a moment, he looked at Luo Ziyang and said, “Call Xiaoran over. She has to know what I want to say!”

Luo Ziyang nodded and went to invite Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran originally only wanted to hide in her room and enjoy the chicken feet, but she was unexpectedly called over by Luo Cheng.

After changing her clothes, Li Xiaoran came to the courtyard.

Luo Cheng waved at Li Xiaoran and said, “Xiaoran, come and sit down quickly!

You wanted to eat chicken feet behind my back, right?! Let’s eat them together! ”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately amused.

“I originally wanted to leave a good impression in front of Third Brother, but your words exposed me! Forget it, I might as well stop pretending to be ladylike. Third Brother, don’t despise my table manners later!”

Ling Heng laughed when he heard the interaction between Luo Cheng and his seventh sister-in-law.

“No, no! Seventh Sister-in-law, feel free to eat whatever you want. You don’t have to worry!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran didn’t argue anymore. After she washed her hands, she sat down to eat together.

It had to be said that Li Xiaoran’s dishes tasted very good. The dishes on the table were very popular with them.

As Li Xiaoran listened to Luo Cheng and Ling Heng talk, she focused on nibbling on the chicken feet.

It had to be said that Li Xiaoran’s nibbling skills were top-notch. She picked up the chicken claw with her chopsticks before placing it in her mouth.

It didn’t take long for the chicken claw to be bitten off and the bone to be spat out.

When Ling Heng saw that Li Xiaoran was eating happily, he suddenly felt his appetite whetted as well and he felt happy.

“I have to say, watching Seventh Sister-in-law eat is a form of enjoyment! In the past, I rarely had a good appetite. No matter how delicious something was, I wouldn’t be able to eat anymore after eating three mouthfuls! But sitting here and watching Seventh Sister-in-law eat with relish, I also feel like eating more!”

Luo Cheng glanced at Li Xiaoran and smiled.

“The most important thing I’ve learned from Xiaoran is to cherish and enjoy delicious food. What does one need in life? In the end, aren’t eating, drinking, and sleeping the most important things in life? Eating is one of the most important things!”

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng’s words, he recalled that he had been working hard all these years in order to obtain his father’s affirmation. He didn’t hesitate to do everything his father instructed him to do and he also hoped that he could do more for the commoners.

But on second thought, what had he obtained all these years?

A wife who cuckolded him? A child who wasn’t his? Or a life that wasn’t peaceful at all?

“Luo Cheng sees things clearly, unlike Third Brother, whose own life isn’t even in order!” Ling Heng said.

Luo Cheng glanced at Ling Heng and smiled.

“Third Brother, what are you saying?! Before I got married, my life was worse than yours!”

Ling Heng smiled when he heard Luo Cheng’s words. That’s right, Luo Cheng had a worse life than him in the past!

“Now, your suffering has come to an end!”

After Luo Cheng ate the fish in his mouth, he reached out and picked up a piece of pig intestine.

“Third Brother, look, when this pig intestine was first taken out, it was filled with dirty things and emitted a stench of parched food. But after a round of washing, processing, and cooking, it will become a delicacy that everyone likes!”

With that, Luo Cheng put the pig intestine in his mouth and chewed on it.

“People can’t choose our background, but when we have a choice, we can work hard to make our lives better! What you see in your current life are all bad things. In that case, do you want to turn these bad things into good things?”

Ling Heng was stunned when he heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“How can I turn something bad into something good?”

As Luo Cheng stared at Ling Heng, he suddenly said, “Third Brother, there are no outsiders today. It’s just you and me. As your brother, I just want to ask you something. Do you want the throne?”

Even Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise and pondered over it.

After Ling Heng thought for a moment, he threw his previous caution to the side. Then, he voiced his thoughts. “I want it!”

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard this.

“Since you want it, things will be easy!”

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng's words, he looked at him in surprise. "Luo Cheng, what do you mean?"

Without hesitation, Luo Cheng took out the letter in his arms. "Third Brother, read this letter first!"

When Ling Heng saw this letter, he took it and opened it. As he read it, Ling Heng's expression turned ugly..

Chapter 793: Ordinary

"When did you receive this letter?" Ling Heng looked at Luo Cheng and asked.

"Last night!" Luo Cheng said calmly.

Li Xiaoran glanced at the letter in Ling Heng's hand curiously and wondered what was written in this letter to make the Third Prince so angry.

Luo Cheng naturally saw Li Xiaoran's gaze.

He took the letters from the three of them and placed them in front of Li Xiaoran.

"Look at it!" Luo Cheng said.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran picked up the letter and read it without hesitation.

The fourth prince had written this letter to Luo Cheng.

From the beginning to the end, this letter was to rope Luo Cheng in, in hopes that he could help the fourth prince ascend the throne.

Not only that, but the fourth prince also promised in the letter that as long as Luo Cheng was willing to help him, everything in Sichuan's White Foothill City would be under his control in the future. In the future, Luo Cheng didn't have to come to the capital. He could even be a local emperor in Sichuan!

After Li Xiaoran read the letter, she immediately laughed.

"Seventh Sister-in-law, what are you laughing at?" Ling Heng didn't understand how this letter was funny.

Li Xiaoran explained with a smile, "Third Brother, I'm laughing at the fourth prince for being too naive! He's just waiting for us to fall for his trap! What's the difference between him giving us those things or not? If we wanted White Foothill City to be completely under our control, we wouldn't have let Luo Han retire from White Foothill City. If we wanted the things in the mine in White Foothill City, we wouldn't have reported it to Father in the first place! Therefore, isn't the fourth prince trying to lure us into his trap without risking anything of his own?"

When Ling Heng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he came back to his senses.

Just now, he was immersed in the fourth prince's anger at wanting to rope in his seventh brother.

Because he knew very well that the fourth prince had bullied Luo Cheng very badly when he was young.

Although it wasn't as bad as his second brother, it wasn't much better. At this moment, he actually wanted to rope Luo Cheng in. How shameless. "Third Brother, the Duan siblings brought me the news that Father hasn't been in good health recently!" Luo Cheng asked, "What do you think Fourth Brother means by sending such an alliance letter at this juncture?"

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng's words, he immediately said, "That's impossible! When I left, Father was in good health and spoke with vigor. Why did his health suddenly deteriorate?"

Luo Cheng voiced his thoughts, "This is also what I'm most puzzled about! Father's health suddenly deteriorated, and the fourth prince suddenly came to deal with the Duan siblings. Because he didn't succeed, he sent an alliance letter. All these signs indicate that something big must have happened in the capital. Otherwise, why would the fourth prince, who has always liked to keep a low profile, suddenly want to ally with me?"

"If Father really got schemed against by someone and his health suddenly deteriorated, the fourth prince's actions would be very reasonable! In that case, a new question arises. Why was the fourth prince the only one who made a move?"

After Li Xiaoran and Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng's words, they began to think about it.

After Ling Heng thought for a moment, he raised a possibility, "According to the news my people sent, there's no special movement in the capital! Even the fourth prince's behavior in the capital is the same as usual. If it weren't for the fact that the fourth prince attacked the Duan family and that the fourth prince sent a letter to you, Luo Cheng, I wouldn't have known all of this at all. I have a feeling that we've all been schemed against. Could the news in the capital be just a facade and in reality, things are already very dire?!"

Li Xiaoran thought of Wu Qinghe's divination.

"Brother Luo Cheng, Madam, the weather has changed and the turbid forces from before have already begun to separate. All kinds of forces are swarming out, so 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!"

"Husband, do you remember what Wu Qinghe said previously?" Li Xiaoran couldn't help but remind him.

Luo Cheng nodded at Li Xiaoran and said, "It's precisely because I remember that I came back to ask Third Brother if you're interested in that throne! If you are, I'll help you ascend the throne. Compared to other brothers, I'm more willing to let you take the throne! At least with you around, I don't have to worry about my life!"

Ling Heng was touched by Luo Cheng's words.

"Luo Cheng, do you really not want the throne?"

Luo Cheng looked at his Third Brother as he said solemnly, “Third Brother, I’ll only say this once! From the beginning to the end, I didn’t have any designs on that throne. The others are proud to be born in the royal family, but I want to stay far away from the royal family. From the moment I was born until now, the royal family has only given me pain and torture. If I hadn’t been born into the royal family, I would have lived a happy and peaceful life long ago!”

These words came from the bottom of his heart. There was no deception at all. They were Luo Cheng’s true thoughts.

Luo Cheng disliked the royal family, the throne, and his identity even more.

If possible, he wanted to give up all of this and live a carefree life with Li Xiaoran.

However, he was now deeply involved, so it was impossible for him to escape now.

In order for them to have a peaceful life in the future and not have to be on guard all the time, Luo Cheng felt that it was best to let his Third Brother ascend the throne.

At least, Third Brother was tolerant of him and wouldn’t attack him from time to time!

That was why Luo Cheng made such a decision.

Li Xiaoran understood Luo Cheng’s thoughts. If another prince ascended the throne, the couple would definitely become thorns in the side of the new emperor.

However, it would be different if the Third Prince ascended the throne!

The two of them had a deep brotherhood to begin with. Coupled with Luo Cheng’s promise to help him ascend the throne, as long as the couple didn’t have any ill intentions, they could live the rest of their lives in peace.

When Ling Heng heard Luo Cheng’s words, he knew that he really didn’t have any designs on the throne.

“Luo Cheng, I know what you’re thinking! I can give you a promise.. If I can sit on that throne, I’ll definitely let you live the life you want!”

Chapter 794: No Regrets

“I believe you! I just hope that after you take that position, you’ll do more for the country and the people and let the commoners’ lives become more and more prosperous!” As he spoke, Luo Cheng raised his glass. “Third Brother, I wish us all success!”

“Alright, may our wishes be fulfilled!” Ling Heng also raised his glass and clinked it with Luo Cheng’s before drinking it.

Li Xiaoran suddenly understood Luo Cheng’s true motive for calling her over.

Firstly, it was to witness the brothers’ pledge of allegiance, and secondly, it was probably to confirm the Third Prince’s feelings!

Fortunately, at this moment, the Third Prince was sincere.

He did not have any ill intentions towards them.

As for the rest, they would talk about it in the future!

She was not a fortune teller, so she could not divine what would happen in the future.

As time passed, they would deal with whatever came their way!

Enjoying their present life was more important.

After that, the brothers chatted about everything except what they were going to do together.

Luo Cheng felt that he had already achieved his goal tonight, so he should eat something and drink to enjoy the moment with his brother.

As for the future, there was plenty of time to discuss things slowly.

Ling Heng was also very agitated at this moment. At the thought that he could sit on the throne in the future to realize his dreams and do what he wanted, he could no longer calm down.

He needed a calm mind for future plans and arrangements. At this moment, he was not calm, so he did not mention it.

As for Li Xiaoran, she only focused on eating her delicious chicken feet.

It couldn't be helped. The chicken feet were so delicious that she couldn't stop eating them.

Luo Cheng and Ling Heng drank until midnight. It was not suitable to travel back late at night, so they simply stayed in the mansion.

After Li Xiaoran washed up, she went to bed.

When Luo Cheng came out after washing up and saw Li Xiaoran sleeping peacefully, he felt a sense of bliss.

After walking over, Luo Cheng leaned over and kissed Li Xiaoran's forehead. Then, he lay beside Li Xiaoran and fell asleep.

Ling Heng was so excited that he tossed and turned in bed for a long time but could not fall asleep.

Later, he thought of Ma Mengjia.

Originally, he wanted to resolve Ma Mengjia's matter tonight.

According to Ling Heng's original plan, he wanted to lock Ma Mengjia up and find an excuse to send that bastard away so that the mother and son would never see each other again.

This was to take revenge on Ma Mengjia for betraying him.

However, now that his goal was to become the emperor, Ma Mengjia and that bastard could not be dealt with like this.

It just so happened that he could use this opportunity to completely resolve Ma Mengjia and the child's matter. Only then could he focus on his own matters.

Ling Heng began to think about how to deal with Ma Mengjia and her son.

Li Xiaoran was also very curious about this as well.

The next morning, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng heard that the Third Prince had left.

The Third Prince left a letter for Luo Cheng, saying that he had gone to deal with Ma Mengjia.

After settling this matter, he would come back to discuss the future with Luo Cheng.

After Li Xiaoran found out, she asked curiously, "Husband, how do you think

Third Brother will deal with Ma Mengjia?"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he thought for a moment and said, "Third Brother is a very decisive person. Once he makes up his mind to do something, he will definitely do it decisively and won't dawdle. However, before he thinks it through, he will be a little hesitant and conflicted! However, from the looks of it, Third Brother has already made up his mind! Let's wait and see!"

At this moment, the Third Prince, Ling Heng, who Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were talking about, appeared in front of Ma Mengjia.

"I heard that you're looking for me?" After the Third Prince changed his clothes, he walked in.

As Ma Mengjia watched the Third Prince walk in gracefully, she suddenly realized how handsome he was.

It seemed that she had never looked her husband in the eye before.

This time, when he walked in from the sunlight, he looked so charming and handsome that her heart raced.

"Husband, you're finally here! I came to Golden Sun Town to look for you, but I was insulted by Luo Cheng and the consort!" Ma Mengjia thought of something and quickly complained with red eyes.

The Third Prince sat on the stool in front of Ma Mengjia as he asked, "Oh really? Are you complaining to me? Then tell me, how did Luo Cheng and Di

Xiaoran insult you?"

Ma Mengjia's expression changed when she saw the Third Prince's smile.

"Husband, are you laughing at me?"

"You're finally no longer muddle-headed. For once, you actually realized that I was laughing at you!" When Ling Heng heard this, he laughed. "You keep playing me for a fool! Now, I want to have a taste of how it feels to be treated like a fool. How gratifying! "

"Husband, what are you talking about?" Ma Mengjia felt that the Third Prince's attitude was off, so she glanced at Ling Heng nervously and guessed, "If you're angry because I didn't rush over in time to take care of you, I can apologize to you! At that time, I didn't know that you were so seriously injured! Moreover, everyone in the

residence was hiding it from me. I only found out later!" When Ling Heng heard this, he immediately laughed.

"Go on! Ma Mengjia, I want to see what other stories you can come up with!"

When Ma Mengjia heard Ling Heng's words, she suddenly became a little angry.

She had already come to apologize, but Ling Heng actually spoke to her so sarcastically.

It seemed that men were despicable by nature and there was no need to be nice to them.

Thinking of this, Ma Mengjia no longer cowered and her usual disgusted expression returned.

"What did I make up? It's the truth! If you don't believe me, you can go back and ask! I really didn't expect you to treat me like this! Ling Heng, I really regret marrying you back then. If I had known, I would have disobeyed the decree!"

Ling Heng laughed when he heard Ma Mengjia's words.

"That's right! You should act like who you really are. Why do you have to pretend to be so disgusting?! Ma Mengjia, you don't have to regret it. I can immediately bring everything back to the beginning!"

With that, Ling Heng took out a divorce letter from his pocket.

"From now on, you, Ma Mengjia, are no longer my wife.. You can bring your bastard son to look for your man! You two can go home together! By the way, I've also sent your son to that man! If you want to see your son, go straight to your man!"

Chapter 795: Ling Heng's Solution

When Ma Mengjia heard Ling Heng's words, her face turned pale and her mind buzzed.

How did he know?

That was impossible!

She had hidden it very well. Everything had been fine.

"How dare you malign me?" Ma Mengjia felt that Ling Heng definitely didn't know, so she quickly retorted.

Ma Mengjia could divorce Ling Heng, but she couldn't let him abandon her! She couldn't let him divorce her in this way!

If that was the case, she was doomed, and so was her son!

Ling Heng laughed when he heard Ma Mengjia's words.

“Ma Mengjia, it’s a pity if you don’t become an actress! Do you think I’ll come to you and write you a divorce letter without conclusive evidence? Even I feel ashamed to mention those disgusting things you did! I’m not afraid of being laughed at, but I want to see if a woman who dares to cheat on the current emperor’s son, your man, and your family can withstand the royal family’s wrath!”

With that, Ling Heng turned around and left.

To be honest, he really didn’t want to have anything to do with Ma Mengjia anymore.

Seeing her face only made him feel disgusted.

He found such a woman dirty!

“Impossible, impossible. That’s your son! Even a vicious tiger won’t eat its cubs. You can’t do this!” Ma Mengjia struggled to get out of bed and chase after Ling Heng to stop him.

Ling Heng threw out the stones he had prepared in his hand and hit Ma Mengjia’s mouth and knees, causing her to fall to the ground.

Soon, the Third Prince, Ling Heng, left with his men.

As soon as Ling Heng left, the servants subdued by the Third Prince rushed in when they heard Ma Mengjia’s wail.

At this moment, Ma Mengjia no longer had the glamour of the Third Prince’s consort. Instead, she was in a sorry state and crying. She was finished. She was really finished!

Ma Mengjia knew Ling Heng’s temper very well!

For him to treat her like this, he must have found important evidence. That was why he was so heartless.

In the past, she had also thought about what Ling Heng would do if he found out the truth one day.

At that time, she didn’t care at all.

She felt that Ling Heng would never find out about this secret.

She would raise the child between her and the person she loved and inherit everything from Ling Heng. This could be considered avenging herself.

She was very sure that with Ling Heng’s sincerity towards her, he would definitely be under her control.

However, she never expected that things would suddenly turn out like this!

Ling Heng wasn’t just trying to scare Ma Mengjia.

He had written a secret letter to his father through a special channel to report what he had found out, as well as the fact that he had returned the child to that man and had given a divorce letter to Ma Mengjia.

Of course, Ling Heng didn’t say it so straightforwardly. Instead, he revealed it in an apologetic tone.

He said that he had let his father down and was so useless that he had actually been kept in the dark for many years.

With Ling Heng's understanding of his father, the emperor would definitely be furious when he received this apology letter.

Although his father was lacking in many aspects, he was a protective father.

For example, even after Luo Cheng changed his surname and asked to leave the family, the emperor still thought about this child from time to time.

In his father's point of view, if his children were insensible, they should be taught a lesson.

However, even if his children were at fault, others couldn't bully them.

Ma Mengjia's matter would definitely touch his father's Achilles heel. At that time, not only Ma Mengjia, but everyone related to Ma Mengjia would suffer.

As the saying went, children who knew how to cry would receive candy.

As a son, it wasn't embarrassing for him to ask his father to stand up for him.

Besides, as long as this matter reached his father's ears, he would definitely feel sorry for his son.

After all, it was because of his father's betrothal that he suffered such humiliation!

As it turned out, Ling Heng was right.

After receiving this letter of apology, the emperor, who was originally feeling unwell, immediately became furious and called the Dark Dragon Guards of the royal family to investigate this matter.

Three days later, everything was placed on the emperor's study table.

After the emperor read everything, he lost his temper.

Ma Mengjia's family was also implicated and all the men in the Ma family were stripped of their official positions. Then, they were sent to the border to protect the country.

As for the man who dared to collude with Ma Mengjia and make a cuckold of the prince, not only was his family's official positions stripped, but he was also ordered by the emperor to be in charge of cleaning the entire capital's bathrooms.

The emperor even rewarded a concubine to this man. Moreover, he strictly stated that this concubine could only be a concubine for the rest of her life and couldn't be promoted. The child the concubine gave birth to could only be raised under the official wife's name and couldn't be acknowledged as the concubine's. Otherwise, that man's entire clan would be killed.

Ma Mengjia, who was far away in Golden Sun Town, had just set off for the capital when she was taken away by the Dark Dragon Guards who came to capture her. Then, she became a concubine beside the person she loved.

From then on, there was one less Ma Mengjia in this world, but one more mute concubine.

The emperor was very decisive and fast. It had only been ten days, but this matter that involved two families was resolved just like that.

When Ling Heng and Luo Cheng received the news, everything was already settled.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she felt admiration for the emperor!

“I really didn’t expect Father to be so decisive in this aspect! Now, I think he’s actually a good father!”

“When did I say that he’s not a good father? He’s a good father to others, but not to me!” Luo Cheng said calmly.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she sighed.

“That’s right. He’s indeed not a good father to you!”

When Luo Cheng saw Li Xiaoran’s pained expression, he smiled.

“Don’t worry! I’m past the point where I need a father!”

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and said, “But I still feel sorry for you!”

“Then treat me well in the future if you feel sorry for me!” Luo Cheng reached out and held Li Xiaoran’s hand as he said.

“I’ll definitely treat you very well in the future!” Li Xiaoran said solemnly.

“It’s fine as long as you’re as good as you are to me now! Remember, Xiaoran, you’re my salvation and my warmth! You can’t leave me!” Luo Cheng said.

“As long as you don’t divorce me, I won’t abandon you!” Li Xiaoran said again!

Chapter 796: Merchants

After Duan Sha stayed at the Luo residence for ten days, she was picked up by Duan Kaiyuan.

After they returned this time, the Duan family was very peaceful.

After Li Xiaoran remembered the Duan family’s incident, she asked Luo Cheng,

“Things have been very peaceful for the Duan siblings recently! Is something big going to happen to the fourth prince?!”

Luo Cheng said, “No! The Duan family isn’t to be trifled with! Actually, after the Duan family’s siblings got into trouble, the fourth prince didn’t have a chance to attack them anymore. Don’t underestimate the Duan family. This family has been around for more than a hundred years and has followed three emperors. The fourth prince only had one chance. Moreover, once he attacked, as long as the Duan family’s brother and sister survived, he wouldn’t have a second chance!”

A large family had its own forces.

The Duan family usually kept a low profile, but that didn’t mean that they were easy to bully.

If the fourth prince dared to attack the Duan family, the Duan family would definitely counterattack.

At this moment, the group of people the fourth prince was hiding in the capital had been discovered, and this matter reached the emperor.

The fourth prince was grounded by the emperor, who even took over all his men.

At this moment, the fourth prince was still racking his brains on how to redeem his image in the emperor's heart, so he had no time to cause trouble for the Duan siblings.

On the food street's side, the entire street had already been built.

A large number of beautiful houses stood erect on both sides of the food street and the shops were also clean. As soon as they moved in, they could do business.

When the people from the surrounding villages saw such a beautiful shop and house, they were all interested.

Many people came to the sliced noodles shop to ask about the food street. They wanted to know how the shops and houses on the food street were sold.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng discussed this matter.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Husband, this is a food street, so we definitely have to gather all kinds of delicacies! Therefore, we can't just sell houses and shops to whoever pays. We have to add another condition." "What conditions?" Luo Cheng asked.

Li Xiaoran voiced her thoughts, "Why are we building shops and houses? Isn't it for the sake of delicious food? Therefore, if someone has good food and is willing to come to the food street to do business, we'll sell the shops and houses to them! If the family doesn't have enough money or can't afford a house and shop, we can rent to them. However, the premise is that they have to do a food business, and it has to be a unique food business!"

Luo Cheng pointed out one of the problems. "The idea is good, but if those who know how to make special delicacies can enjoy such treatment, what about those who can only make ordinary delicacies? If there are several competitors, how will the shops be distributed?"

"Whoever's delicacy is the most delicious will do the business and we'll sell or rent the house to them!" Li Xiaoran said.

"What if someone cheats? What if someone uses someone else's things instead? Besides, depending on the person who makes the food, even the same kind of food might taste different! How should we choose when the time comes?" Luo Cheng asked another question.

This problem was actually commonplace.

Even the same food might have different textures and tastes when made by different people. The subtle differences would cause customers to have different preferences.

Therefore, when everyone's culinary skills were about the same, how could they choose?

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she quickly found a solution. “Then let the customers choose! Before the competition, we’ll randomly draw four people to vote. They will vote for whoever they like. In the end, whoever gets the most votes will be chosen!”

Luo Cheng voiced his thoughts, “In that case, let’s do as you say! However, I don’t think we can wait passively. We should invite them with a goal in mind, just like the Spring Water Chicken we ate last time. If Spring Water Chicken can be sold on the food street, that’ll be great!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, “It’s not just the Spring Water Chicken. Do you remember the mutton soup we ate at Uncle Wu’s house last time? Last time, I persuaded Madam Guo and the others to open a shop in their own house. I wonder if they tried it or not!”

Luo Cheng’s eyes lit up and he said, “How about this? I’ll ask Uncle Wu tomorrow and see if he has any ideas! I’ll also send someone to deliver a message to the Spring Water Chicken place. If they can come, our food street will have two more specialties!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said excitedly, “Of course, it’s not just these food. We also have to find delicious food from other places. By the way, husband, I think we should start some food stalls and small markets. We can provide some stone countertops for everyone to use. Even families without much money can also rent a stall and sell some snacks!”

Luo Cheng said, “As for the snack stalls, I plan to expand them on both sides of the official road. However, expropriating land is a little troublesome!”

After Li Xiaoran thought about it carefully, she shook her head and said, “Forget it, let’s put the snack stalls on both sides of the official road! There’s no need to worry about land acquisition! It’s as good as it is now. At least it’s convenient and lively! After the food street here is built, we’ll talk about our next plan!”

Luo Cheng felt that Li Xiaoran was right.

It wasn’t worth it to spend manpower and effort to build snack streets on both sides of the official road. It was better to take things slow!

Li Xiaoran thought of another idea. “By the way, we can also get the authorities to issue a notice. That way, more people will know about our food street! With the house and shop as the attraction, we can definitely attract more people!”

Luo Cheng felt that this was a good idea, so he immediately asked someone to do it.

After that, the couple got busy and went around looking for specialties. To Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran’s surprise, the first person to look for them was an acquaintance.

When the grilled fish in Golden Sun Town opened, Li Xiaoran and the others met a very arrogant young master.

They didn’t expect to meet again not long after.

“You’re from that grilled fish shop?” After Young Master Xie looked at Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue, he immediately recognized them!

At the mention of gold and silver, Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue laughed.

They really didn't expect Young Master Xie to remember their joke even until now.

"Hey, are you guys here to buy shops too?" Seeing that the two of them were smiling so happily, Young Master Xie quickly leaned forward and asked, "Let me tell you, you guys have good taste! Mr. Luo is in charge of building this food street. Not to mention anything else, just from the lively situation on the official road beside, the shops and houses on this food street are worth buying!"

"Oh really, I didn't expect Young Master Xie to think so highly of this food street!" Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows and asked curiously, "Could it be that Young Master Xie is also here to buy a house and shop? Mr. Luo said that if you want to buy a house and shop, you have to explain what food business you want to do first. If it's not unique and tastes delicious, he won't sell the house and shop to you!"

When Young Master Xie heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was stunned.

"Huh? There's such a condition?"

"Of course. This street focuses on food. If the people who buy houses and shops don't sell top-notch delicacies, what's the use of this food street? If you don't believe me, you can ask," Li Xiaoran said.

When Young Master Xie heard this, he pondered for a moment and said, "Then I'll go in and ask first. If there's really such a condition, I have to think about it carefully!"

Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue nodded and left.

After Young Master Xie entered, he began to ask the management.

Luo Han had already recuperated a little. He couldn't run errands outside, but he could stay here and answer other people's questions.

Seeing Young Master Xie come in, Luo Han perked up.

"Young Master, are you here to buy a house and shop? If so, please take a look at the instructions for buying the shop and house first!" Luo Han took a piece of paper and handed it to Young Master Xie.

After Young Master Xie took it and looked at it carefully, he sighed.

It turned out that what they said was true. He really had to sell delicious food if he wanted to buy a house and shop!

What delicious food could he sell(

If he had such culinary skills, he would have opened a shop to earn money long ago. Would he have waited until now?

“Let’s discuss it. I’ll pay for the house and shop. Then, I guarantee that I’ll rent it to someone who knows how to make delicious food to run the shop!” Young Master Xie thought of a compromise.

Luo Han smiled at Young Master Xie. In the end, he said,

“Why not? I can sign the guarantee!” Young Master Xie was a little anxious.

“Young Master, do you think I’m stupid? Is a guarantee useful? Instead of letting you sign the guarantee, why don’t we take the initiative from the beginning? Why do we have to go through so much trouble? Think about why this food street was built! If you don’t meet the requirements, don’t even think about buying a house and shop!” Luo Han said with a smile.

Young Master Xie was stunned when he heard Luo Han’s words.

That’s right. Why did they have to sell the shop to him?!

Thinking of this, Young Master Xie sighed gloomily and went back to think of a way.

Coincidentally, as soon as he left the food street, Young Master Xie met Li Xiaoran and Shu Ruyue, who had walked out of the sliced noodles shop by the official road.

“Young Master Xie, did you get it done?” Shu Ruyue teased.

“That’s right! What you said is true! I originally wanted to discuss it with that man and let him sell it to me first. Then, I would write a guarantee that I would hand the shop over to someone who knows how to cook, but I was rejected!” Young Master Xie said listlessly.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately amused.

“You sure know how to take advantage of loopholes!”

“It’s useless even if I know how to take advantage of loopholes! They’ve already rejected me! Sigh, have you bought a shop or a house? What delicious food do you plan to make?” Young Master Xie thought of something and asked curiously.

“We don’t have to buy it!” Shu Ruyue replied at this moment, “Also, don’t call her that! This is Madam Luo. You have to call me Miss Shu!”

When Young Master Xie heard this, he waved his hand and said, “It doesn’t matter. Did you guys buy a house and shop?”

Just then, a regular passed by. When he heard Young Master Xie’s words, he immediately asked in confusion, “Why do they need to buy a house and shop?”

This street belongs to them. Is there a need to buy it?”

With that, the regular who was eating sliced noodles even smiled at Li Xiaoran and greeted her, “Aren’t I right, consort?!”

Li Xiaoran knew this merchant. He was a customer recommended by the escort agency.

He had been a customer ever since Li Xiaoran and the others first opened the sliced noodles stall, so they could be considered acquaintances.

“Mr. Shang, you’re right! I haven’t seen you recently. Where did you earn so much money that you’re not planning to run a business anymore?” Li Xiaoran teased with a smile.

“Are you laughing at me, consort? This is a small business that only earns some hard-earned money. I didn’t appear on this road some time ago because there was a festive occasion at home! Now that things have been settled, I have to earn hard-earned money again!” Mr. Shang said politely.

When Young Master Xie heard Mr. Shang’s words, he was stunned.

Did he mishear?! The woman in front of him was the consort?

Didn’t they say that the consort was an ignorant woman from the countryside?

Those people even said that the consort was unpresentable and looked down on her.

But on closer inspection, with her appearance, temperament, and mannerisms, she didn’t look like a countryside woman at all.

Many noble women didn’t even have the temperament of the consort in front of him!

On the other side, after Li Xiaoran and Mr. Shang exchanged a few pleasantries, Mr. Shang went to eat sliced noodles.

When Li Xiaoran turned around and saw that Young Master Xie was still staring at her in a daze, she smiled.

“Have you seen enough?”

“No!” Young Master Xie replied subconsciously.

When Shu Ruyue heard this, she immediately pushed Young Master Xie. “What are you doing? Don’t you have any sense of etiquette?”

After being pushed, Young Master Xie immediately came back to his senses.

Realizing that he had been rude, Young Master Xie quickly bowed and apologized.

“I’m sorry, I’m sorry! Consort, I didn’t mean to offend you, but because you’re different from what the rumors say you’re like, I was stunned!”

Li Xiaoran naturally sensed Young Master Xie’s emotions and knew that he didn’t really have ill intentions towards her, so she asked with a smile, “Are people saying that I’m a vulgar countryside woman who’s not worthy of Luo Cheng?”

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Young Master Xie didn't expect Li Xiaoran to say this out loud. In the end, he could only nod awkwardly.

"What do you mean?! Actually, I know what others say about me, but I don't care! After all, I'm the consort. No matter how jealous they are, they can only watch me be the consort!" Li Xiaoran said.

"Aren't you angry?" Young Master Xie didn't expect Li Xiaoran to say that.

"Why should I be angry? Just because others are green with envy? Do I have to care about their jealousy? I don't care! I just wanna live my own life instead of getting angry over irrelevant people!" Li Xiaoran said indifferently, "In this world, as long as one is outstanding, one will be envied! So it's normal for others to be envious of me!"

Young Master Xie didn't expect Li Xiaoran to think that way.

However, if he were Li Xiaoran, he probably wouldn't be as open-minded as her.

At this moment, the way Young Master Xie looked at Li Xiaoran changed.

Previously, he became respectful because Li Xiaoran was the consort, but at this moment, Young Master Xie really admired Li Xiaoran from the bottom of his heart.

Although Young Master Xie was a rich kid, he wasn't an ignorant and incompetent person.

On the contrary, Young Master Xie was very good at doing business.

After interacting with people over the long term, Young Master Xie knew very well that he wasn't as open-minded as Li Xiaoran.

Although he understood that it was best not to be angry over trifling matters, he couldn't do it!

Therefore, Young Master Xie admired Li Xiaoran's open-mindedness and wisdom.

"Consort, you're indeed an eccentric woman. You see through people's hearts and human nature very clearly! I have a lot to learn from you!" Li Xiaoran could sense Xie Zhen's change, so she smiled.

"Actually, it's not a big deal. Just by distinguishing what's worth it and what's not, you can do the same!"

With that, Li Xiaoran planned to go back.

Xie Zhen thought of something and asked, "Consort, what kind of delicacies do I need to make in order to buy a shop and a house?"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she stopped and looked at Xie Zhen.

“Your delicacy has to be different from others. At the same time, it has to taste good! Young Master Xie, if you focus on cooking, you won’t be let down! So, you have to work hard!”

With that, Li Xiaoran turned around and returned to the village.

Xie Zhen began to ponder over Li Xiaoran’s words carefully.

Uncle Wu quickly replied to Luo Cheng.

They thanked Luo Cheng for his kindness, but they didn’t plan to do business, since they had already opened a shop in their house.

However, there was news from the Spring Water Chicken that the mother and son would come over to open a shop.

These two pieces of news surprised Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “If Uncle Wu is unwilling to open a mutton shop, let’s find someone else to do this business! We can also take care of Uncle Wu’s business and buy mutton from him!”

“What are you planning to do?” Luo Cheng asked.

Li Xiaoran said, “I plan to open a mutton shop! I can sell mutton soup, roast whole sheep, and roast mutton skewers!”

“Do you have anyone you can use?” Luo Cheng reminded her.

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she immediately became dejected.

It seemed that she really didn’t have any manpower!

Li Xiaoran said, “Why don’t we recruit some disabled soldiers who retired from the battlefield and let them work in the mutton shop?!”

For the first time, Luo Cheng shook his head and rejected Li Xiaoran’s idea of using disabled soldiers.

“Xiaoran, I know you’re kind-hearted and want to help as much as possible! It’s just that I’ve accepted enough disabled soldiers at the moment. If I accept more, it’ll attract too much attention! Going overboard is as bad as not doing enough! If we don’t handle it well, we’ll cause big trouble!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she immediately sensed something.

“What happened?”

Luo Cheng hesitated for a moment before nodding and saying, “Just the day before yesterday, a group of disabled soldiers who had retreated from the battlefield actually rebelled in the name of overthrowing a fatuous ruler. They listed my father’s ten crimes, which included deducting military salary and cotton clothes, forging weapons, and disregarding the lives of soldiers. As soon as the news spread, my father was enraged! At this time, it would be too scandalous for us to accept disabled soldiers who had retired from the army!” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was shocked.

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and reminded anxiously, “Why did such a thing happen at this time?! In that case, we have to send people to keep an eye on the people in our farmstead! If instigators try to cause a rebellion, we’ll be the scapegoats!”

“Xiaoran, don’t worry. I expected this long ago, so I secretly arranged for people to keep an eye on the people in the farmstead! During this period of time, don’t go to the farmstead. Bring a few more people when you go out. You must make Shu Ruyue stay by your side,” Luo Cheng reminded.

“I understand. I’ll be careful during this period of time!” Li Xiaoran nodded.

After the couple discussed this matter, they stopped worrying about it.

It was useless to let their imagination run wild. In any case, they had done everything they could.

That night, something really happened at the farmstead.

Someone actually set fire to the farmstead at night.

One had to know that many people lived in wooden houses on the farmstead.

Previously, there was no place to house everyone, so they built this wooden house.

Now that the house in the farmstead had been built, it was about time to move into the house, but this incident happened beforehand.

When Luo Cheng received the news, it was already midnight.

After Li Xiaoran was woken up, she rubbed her eyes and asked, “What happened?”

Luo Cheng replied as he put on his clothes, “Someone set fire to the farmstead.

Fortunately, my people discovered it in time and didn’t cause much damage. However, I’m going over to take a look now. Rest at home!” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately sobered up.

“I’ll go with you! If I encounter anyone with ill intentions, I can help you identify them!”

When Luo Cheng heard this, he hesitated for a moment before nodding.. “Then you should disguise yourself as a man like before! It’s safer this way!”

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Li Xiaoran nodded and went to change her clothes.

By the time they rushed to the farmstead, the fire had already been extinguished.

At this moment, everyone looked relieved to have survived a calamity.

After all, if this fire had really spread, many people would have been in danger.

Many people were still living in wooden houses and hadn’t moved into the new stone house yet.

“Ziyang, arrange for someone to count and see if there are fewer people in the farmstead. Check everyone’s assets!” Luo Cheng looked around and instructed, “Zi Zheng, tell me what happened tonight.”

With Luo Cheng here, everyone felt at ease.

Li Xiaoran disguised herself as Luo Cheng’s servant, so she stood beside him to hear what was going on.

Because other than Zi Zheng, there were also others in the farmstead, in order not to cause trouble for Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng thought of a solution. “Bring a stool and sit on the table behind me to record what they say.” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she secretly laughed.

Her husband must have found such an excuse because he felt sorry for her!

As Li Xiaoran thought about it, she took the chair from Zi Zheng and sat at the table behind Luo Cheng.

Others didn’t know Li Xiaoran, but Zi Zheng did, so he took the initiative to hand over the chair.

Because Li Xiaoran had her head lowered, the people in the farmstead didn’t pay much attention.

Next, Zi Zheng began to report what had happened tonight.

It turned out that it was all thanks to Feng Yuxin’s reminder that the farmstead could be controlled so quickly today.

Feng Yuxin hadn’t been sleeping well recently, so she kept tossing and turning.

She felt a little thirsty, so she planned to get up and drink some water.

Unexpectedly, the kettle was empty, so she could only put on her clothes and come out to boil water.

As soon as she came out, she felt that something was wrong. When she looked around, she didn’t find anything unusual, but she suddenly smelled a strange smell.

Before she could confirm what the smell was, she saw a fire not far away, so she quickly shouted.

This time, everyone around them was alarmed.

The people Luo Cheng had secretly arranged also noticed the situation here and rushed over to catch someone who wanted to slip away.

After that, the secret guards caught two more suspicious people one after another. Before they could set fire, they caught them first.

“Bring those three people over!” Luo Cheng said directly.

Zi Zheng nodded and immediately went out to bring them over.

When Li Xiaoran, who was hiding behind Luo Cheng, heard this, she began to ponder.

These three people weren’t from outside, but from the farmstead. That was why they were so familiar with this place.

If not for the fact that they had been discovered, the people in the farmstead wouldn't have realized it until the fire already started burning.

At that time, many people might die in the farmstead.

After all, at this time, people were sleeping very soundly.

But why did these people betray them?

Had they been bribed long ago?

Li Xiaoran couldn't think of any other reason.

After all, the couple treated the people in the farmstead well enough. Not only did they help them settle down, but they also found them a job where they would be paid every month.

Anyone with a conscience would be grateful!

Footsteps sounded and Zi Zheng appeared in the room with the three of them.

As Li Xiaoran looked at the three of them, she immediately understood something.

These three people looked very meek and submissive.

However, these kind of people often did wicked things that others didn't expect.

It seemed that the person who bribed them had really spent a lot of effort! Luo Cheng glanced at the three people who had been brought over to kneel. "Why did you guys try to set fire? Give me a reason!"

The first person to be caught didn't quibble because he was caught red-handed. He just lowered his head silently.

The other two explained anxiously.

"I didn't try to start a fire. I had to pee, so I got up!" one of the men said innocently.

"That's right. I heard some movement outside, so I got up to take a look. I really didn't think of setting fire!" The other man quickly explained.

When Li Xiaoran heard their inner thoughts, she immediately laughed.

"Is that so? If you didn't want to commit arson, why do you have a match and kerosene on you? Do you think we'll believe you? Who comes out in the middle of the night with a match and kerosene?" Zi Zheng retorted.

This time, the two quibbling people stopped talking.

"It seems that the three of you are going to hold out hope until faced with the grim reality! In that case, pull the three of them out and kill them!" Luo Cheng said.

As soon as he said this, even the person caught panicked.

"I know I was wrong, but I had no choice! They found my missing mother from somewhere and forced me to do this! If I didn't do this, my mother would have been

killed by them!" The man who had been caught setting the fire wailed and kept kowtowing to Luo Cheng as he admitted his mistake.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she sighed.

This man was telling the truth.

But the other two weren't.

When they heard that they were going to be beheaded, the two of them were frightened out of their wits and became agitated, so she could clearly hear what they were thinking.

It turned out that these two people had accepted someone else's money, so they took the risk to do such a thing.

After Li Xiaoran thought for a moment, she wrote some words on the paper and handed them to Luo Cheng.

After Luo Cheng read Li Xiaoran's words, he glanced at the other two kneeling people. Then, he put away the paper and placed it in his pocket.

"Bring these two people away and torture them. As for this person, lock him in the woodshed and send him away tomorrow morning! I don't keep traitors here. After you did this, you should have known what will happen to you! On account that you were threatened, I can spare your life, but you can't escape punishment!"

"Mr. Luo, I know I was wrong. Please be merciful and let me live! I still have to look for my mother. Please let me look for my mother!" The arsonist begged.

"If you had told my people immediately when you were threatened back then, I might have sent someone to save your mother! Unfortunately, you chose the wrong path! Everyone has to be responsible for their actions!"

Chapter 800: Definition of Happiness

When they returned home, it was already dawn.

Li Xiaoran was already extremely sleepy!

Luo Cheng picked up the exhausted Li Xiaoran and walked towards their room.

After putting her down carefully, Luo Cheng reached out and took off Li Xiaoran's coat.

After that, Luo Cheng took off his clothes and hugged Li Xiaoran to sleep. The incident at the farmstead had come to an end for the time being, but they still had to deal with the aftermath.

Luo Cheng was a little worried, so he wanted to continue investigating. If there were still some other people who were bribed, they might be caught off guard in the future.

Luo Cheng actually wanted to do something else about it, but seeing that everyone looked tired, he decided to postpone it.

There was still time, so there was no hurry. He should let everyone take a break!

Just like that, Luo Cheng hugged Li Xiaoran and fell asleep peacefully.

They slept until noon the next day.

The sunlight shone through the window and landed on Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

After Luo Cheng woke up, he glanced at Li Xiaoran, who was still beside him, and smiled.

People often wondered what happiness was.

Luo Cheng had his own definition of happiness.

The moment he met Li Xiaoran, he began to feel happiness.

Marrying her was happiness!

Having three meals a day with her was happiness!

Being in the same room while they each did their own thing was happiness!

Helping her deal with all kinds of trouble and sharing her burdens was happiness!

Watching her help him resolve many problems and stand by his side when he encountered trouble was happiness!

As he ate the delicacies she had personally made and listened to her call his name, he felt happiness!

In fact, as long as she was by his side and let him hear her breathing, her voice, and feel her presence, he would be happy!

Life would become mundane and boring as time passed. Their initial passion would also be worn down.

However, to Luo Cheng, everything about Li Xiaoran in this world was the source of his happiness!

Li Xiaoran had a good sleep. When she opened her eyes, she met Luo Cheng's gaze.

"Husband, good morning!"

With that, Li Xiaoran sat up.

Luo Cheng Dulled Li Xiaoran down and hugged her.

"It's noon! Xiaoran, look out of the window. The sun is already high up in the sky!"

Li Xiaoran looked out from Luo Cheng's arms. As expected, it was already sunny outside.

"Oh my god, I actually slept until noon! No wonder I'm hungry! Husband, get up quickly! Don't be clingy. I'm hungry. Hurry up and wash up!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's stomach growl, he didn't pull her again. Instead, he got up with her.

While Li Xiaoran was washing up, Luo Cheng asked someone to cook breakfast in the kitchen.

After Li Xiaoran washed up and came to the dining table, she saw boiled eggs, soy milk, and meat buns.

“Eat this to fill your stomach first. There are other dishes for lunch!” Luo Cheng called out to Li Xiaoran. Then, he picked up a bun filled with onions and meat and placed it in Li Xiaoran’s bowl.

As Li Xiaoran ate with relish, she asked, “Husband, tell me, why do I like buns with fresh onions and meat filling so much? I never get sick of them!” “Perhaps your taste is consistent!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran blinked and said, “Of course, like how I’m into you!”

Realizing that Li Xiaoran had taken advantage of him, Luo Cheng only smiled.

“What a coincidence. I’m the same as you! You’re just my type as well!” As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran laughed.

“If I can be with my husband, even if I can’t eat fresh meat buns every day, I’m willing to accept it!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he touched her head with a smile.

“If you follow me, you can eat anything you want!”

The couple smiled at each other.

Luo Cheng thought of something and said, “I’m going to the farmstead later to keep an eye on them. I don’t want them to start doing stupid things!”

Li Xiaoran thought of a possibility and asked, “Do you want to tell them that there are retired soldiers rebelling elsewhere? Aren’t you afraid that there are people who are in contact with those people? After they obtain confirmation, perhaps they’ll be even more determined to rebel?”

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

“I couldn’t ask for more!”

When Li Xiaoran saw the mysterious smile on her husband’s face, she immediately understood.

“Husband, you’re luring the snake out of its hole?!”

Luo Cheng nodded and said, “Yes! I believe that there must be some hidden mole in the farmstead, so we have to find this person or these people!”

Li Xiaoran took the initiative to offer, “Why don’t I help you?! That way, it won’t be so troublesome!”

“That won’t do. You’re our secret weapon, so we can’t use you so easily! Xiaoran, I know you want to help me, but I don’t want you to expose your abilities! You have to know that once others find out about your abilities, we’ll face the greatest danger! I can’t bear the risk of losing you! So, you have to remember that you have to be fine. If anything happens to you, I’ll go crazy!” Luo Cheng said with a solemn expression.

Li Xiaoran didn't expect Luo Cheng to think that way. Although Li Xiaoran wasn't afraid, she also wanted her lover to feel at ease.

"Alright, I'll listen to you!"

Hearing Li Xiaoran's promise, Luo Cheng was finally relieved.

"Don't worry, I've already arranged everything. I'll definitely find those hidden people!"

Li Xiaoran naturally believed in Luo Cheng's ability, so she nodded.

Then, Luo Cheng went to the farmstead. Li Xiaoran had nothing to do, so she wanted to ask Shu Ruyue to go to the food street to take a look.

After all, the food street had become the most important thing now. However, before she could go over, Little Huzi ran over while panting.

"Sister Ran, something happened!"

Li Xiaoran let Little Huzi catch his breath first.

After Little Huzi calmed down, he told her what had happened.

"What? Li Yan came back and caused a hot mess in the Li family?" Li Xiaoran was a little surprised to hear this.

Speaking of which, shouldn't Li Yan be following Pei Xuanxin in the capital?

Why had she run back to Hele Village?