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Chapter 851: The Woman's Gratitude

Granny Jin said, "He will eliminate all the dangerous factors. This is the reason the late emperor's princes were all killed. Now that the Third Prince is on the run and the Seventh Prince has been conferred the title of overlord, he will become a big problem for Prince Fu! If he doesn't eliminate you, he won't be able to sit on the throne with peace of mind. Under such circumstances, it's normal for the current emperor to attack you!"

"So, we can only deal with it in a passive position and protect my family!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood something.

Perhaps Prince Fu was afraid that the Third Prince was colluding with Luo Cheng!

If the Third Prince and Luo Cheng rebelled, it would definitely be a big problem for them.

Therefore, no matter what, Prince Fu had a strong desire to get rid of them.

"Why did such a thing happen at this juncture? If I had a few more years to develop, everything would be different!" Li Xiaoran said gloomily.

"Perhaps Prince Fu also understood this, so he chose to take action at this time! Because Prince Fu knows that if he lets Luo Cheng develop, it will be even more difficult for him to sit on the throne, or it will become impossible!" Old

Madam Jin analyzed, "In this situation, Prince Fu can only strike first!"

Li Xiaoran also knew that Granny Jin was right, so she immediately sighed.

To be honest, the timing was really inconvenient!

Even if she were given another year, they wouldn't be in such a passive position.

The future she had planned had just begun, so why had she encountered trouble at this time?

Old Madam Jin could tell that Li Xiaoran was worried, so she thought for a moment and said, "Actually, on the bright side, this is an opportunity for you two."

Li Xiaoran understood what Granny Jin meant, but she shook her head.

"Granny Jin, I don't understand these things. I just want to live a good life and let the commoners under White Foothill City's jurisdiction live a better life! In the end, the commoners will still suffer the most from power struggles!"

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

"As expected, I didn't misjudge you! Even under such circumstances, you're still thinking about the commoners! Girl, don't be confused and worried. Try your best to do what you want! As long as you experience it, the final outcome isn't important! Don't leave any regrets in your life!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and remembered Old Madam Jin's words.

After the fish were ready, Old Madam Jin asked Li Xiaoran to bring some back to send to her grandfather and grandmother.

Li Xiaoran nodded and left with the food box.

On the way to the countryside, Li Xiaoran saw countless laborers busy in the fields.

"Xiaoran, where are you going with the food box?" A woman greeted Li Xiaoran with a smile.

"I'm just delivering it for someone!" Li Xiaoran replied and asked, "Are you going to plant crops?"

"That's right. It's time to make arrangements. It'll be too late if we delay any longer! The rapeseeds, peas, radishes, and cabbages should be planted now! Whether there are any vegetables to eat this winter will depend on our hard work during this period of time!" The woman said with a smile.

"Can you guys handle it? The farmers here are all old people!" Li Xiaoran said with concern.

"Of course we can! Thanks to you and Mr. Luo, all the young people in our family have a job. Now that our family's conditions are much better, we have something to live for! Although we're all old, we're still good at farming! Young people should be allowed to go out and earn money. This way, we'll feel more motivated farming at home!" With that, the woman laughed heartily.

Li Xiaoran remembered very clearly that this woman's eldest son and youngest son had both entered the workshop, and her eldest daughter-in-law had also gone to the braised dishes workshop to work.

This family was diligent and efficient.

"That's because your family is diligent. Otherwise, the workshop wouldn't have hired them!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

"You can't say that! If it weren't for the workshop you and Mr. Luo built providing us with such a good job, our family wouldn't have been able to live together like now! We would definitely have to live separately for a long time and wouldn't be able to see our son so often. Things are different now. We earn more money and our family can take care of us. How good is that?!" The woman had a blissful smile on her face.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "That's right! I also hope that more and more people can do the same. With families living together, everyone won't have to go out to earn money and be separated from each other. Therefore, go back and encourage your family to work hard! After the workshop is done, more and more families will be able to live a good life!"

The woman nodded and watched Li Xiaoran leave.

As for Li Xiaoran, after sensing the woman's sincere bliss, her previous worries dissipated.

No matter what, for the sake of these villagers, she should toughen up and deal with Mr. Fu's schemes in order to protect her family and everything here.

Her efforts couldn't be wasted!

After returning, Li Xiaoran said to Luo Cheng,

“Husband, when can our food festival be held?”

Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran as he said, “The previous emperor has just passed away and we're still in mourning, so there can't be any commotion among the people now! I'm afraid your food festival will be postponed to a hundred days later!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she suddenly remembered.

“That's right. Old Master has already passed away! In that case, should we wear white mourning clothes? Are we going back to the capital to attend the funeral?”

“It's only right to wear mourning clothes, but after I was conferred the title of overlord back then, the Old Master said that we didn't have to attend his funeral! But now that Prince Fu has ascended the throne, it's a little uncertain! As long as Prince Fu gives the imperial decree, we have to go to the funeral!” Luo Cheng said, “Previously, there was no imperial decree because Prince Fu wasn't sure if I was dead or not. Now that the news that I'm not dead has definitely spread to the capital, the imperial decree might be delivered soon! ”

“Then what should we do? If we go to the capital now, won't we be like sheep entering a tiger's den?” Li Xiaoran said worriedly.

“What? In your eyes, is your man a sheep or a tiger?” Luo Cheng asked with a smile..

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“In my eyes, my man is a tiger! Prince Fu and the others are sheep!” Li Xiaoran said.

At this point, Li Xiaoran thought of something.

“Husband, I'm afraid it'll be very dangerous for us to go to the capital this time! We have to arrange everything at home first! I think Ling Heng was actually eyeing the businesses under our name.” Li Xiaoran thought of Ling He's thoughts and said.

Luo Cheng said, “Of course they have designs on these businesses! You have to know that the businesses under our name are all cash cows. Countless people are secretly eyeing them now. Don't worry, I'll arrange everything with Ziyang in the next two days, including the shops by the official

road! You don't have to worry too much. Leave everything to me! It's just that I'll have to trouble you to take the risk with me in the capital!"

Li Xiaoran smiled when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"I don't think it's hard work. On the contrary, I'm very happy to be able to fight alongside you, husband!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he reached out and hugged her waist. Then, he leaned over and kissed her forehead.

What more could a husband ask for from such a good wife?

As it turned out, it was as Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng had expected.

Three days later, the decree delivery team from the capital appeared in Hele Village.

Prince Fu gave Luo Cheng no room to refuse.

After knowing that this trip to the capital was inevitable, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng got busy.

Luo Cheng dealt with the officials from the capital, while Li Xiaoran returned to the house to pack her luggage.

Actually, those things had been packed long ago and the couple was already prepared.

However, the person who sent the decree in the capital was still outside, so they had to put on an act.

Li Xiaoran took out the letter she had written previously and instructed the servants to send them out one by one.

After doing this, Li Xiaoran carried her luggage out and changed her clothes. Then, she got into the carriage with Luo Cheng and left.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu already knew about this, so they didn't send them off.

Although they knew that their daughter and son-in-law were in danger, they couldn't help much. They could only pray for blessings at home.

Luo Ziyang didn't follow them this time. He stayed behind to manage everything in Sichuan.

Luo Han wanted to follow, but Luo Cheng refused.

The night before, Luo Cheng had called Luo Han to the house. As they drank, the brothers talked about what would happen next.

"Luo Han! I've left everything in Sichuan to Ziyang! Ziyang is reliable, so I'm relieved with leaving everything to him! However, there are many people secretly targeting the businesses under my name now, so I need you to stay here even more! When Ziyang is busy, I need you to help me resolve those problems! You know that in times of crisis, only you can handle all of this on my behalf!" Luo Cheng patted Luo Han's shoulder as he handed such a heavy responsibility to him.

Luo Han's eyes turned red when he heard Luo Cheng's words.

“You’ve always been so tough. You’ve never fallen no matter what! So come back as soon as possible! I won’t help you deal with these things forever! I’m still waiting for you to come back and help me earn a lot of money and get a wife!”

Luo Cheng laughed when he heard Luo Han’s words.

“Don’t worry, after this matter is over, I’ll definitely ask Xiaoran to help you find a good wife!

As Luo Cheng sat in the carriage, he recalled the scene the night before and the corners of his mouth curled up slightly.

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng as she asked curiously, “Husband, what did you think of?”

Luo Cheng said, “I’m thinking about how lucky I’ve been in my life! I have Ziyang and the others secretly protecting me. I have a brother like Luo Han and a good wife like Li Xiaoran. These are things that others can’t even dream of!”

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said with some heartache, “But you’ve also experienced pain that no one else has!” Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“If I can exchange pain for happiness, I’m willing to!”

With that, Luo Cheng reached out and grabbed Li Xiaoran’s hand.

“In life, there are gains and losses! After experiencing pain, I realized how precious happiness is! When we go to the capital this time, promise me that we’ll survive! I want to hold hands with you and watch the setting sun in the future. I want to live in seclusion in the mountains with you and work every day!”

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng’s face as she nodded.

“I promise you, but you also have to promise me! No matter what happens, you have to believe me! I won’t let you down, so you can’t let me down! Since we promised to live together, none of us can go back on our word!” With that, Li Xiaoran stretched out her finger. “Pinkie swear!”

Luo Cheng smiled and reached out to pinky swear with Li Xiaoran!

Because they were attending a funeral, the group traveled quickly.

When they were about to reach the capital, Luo Cheng slowed down and even stayed in an inn at night.

After all, there would be a fierce battle the moment they arrived in the capital, so they had to rest well.

Besides, Li Xiaoran’s body couldn’t withstand such high-intensity traveling, so she had to rest for a few days.

As for the late emperor, so much time had passed, so he might have been buried by Prince Fu long ago!

The funeral was just an excuse for Prince Fu to summon them back to teach them a lesson!

In the next few days, no matter how the officials urged him, Luo Cheng ignored them and let his people rest.

However, something unexpected happened midway.

Shu Ruyue's parents actually came looking for her and insisted on bringing her back to talk about marriage.

How could Wu Qinghe be willing to accept this? However, he had no reason to stop Shu Ruyue's parents from taking Shu Ruyue away, so he could only follow Shu Ruyue to the Shu family's house.

Before leaving, Wu Qinghe took out three brocade bags and handed them to Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

“Brother Luo Cheng, these two blue brocade bags are for you, and the other red brocade bag is for Madam! Madam, you have to keep the brocade bag with you. When you're in danger, remember to open it.. It can help you! As for Brother Luo Cheng, one of these two brocade bags is to be opened when you're trapped, and the other is to be opened at critical moments! Remember, don't open them until the time is right!”

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Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran nodded at him.

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said with a smile, “Don't worry and go settle your matters! I hope we can hear good news about the two of you when we meet again! ‘

Wu Qinghe nodded and said, “I divined for you previously. No matter what happens, please believe me. As long as you believe me, a miracle will happen!”

Luo Cheng nodded and patted Wu Qinghe's shoulder. “We'll remember! Don't worry! We'll return to you guys safely!” Wu Qinghe nodded at Luo Cheng, then stood aside.

Shu Ruyue walked over and stuffed a bag to Li Xiaoran.

“I expected this. I believe some people secretly caused my departure! I'm sorry I can't be with you when you need me the most!”

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

“Don't worry, we'll be fine! Believe me!”

Shu Ruyue nodded at Li Xiaoran.

“Come back safely. I'm still waiting for you to bring me to earn big money!”

“Definitely!” Li Xiaoran smiled as she sent Shu Ruyue and Wu Qinghe off.

After watching them leave, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng sat in the carriage again and set off for the capital.

Luo Cheng thought of something and said, "Are you worried? I should have found someone else to follow you!"

"No need. No matter how many people you find, Prince Fu will think of a way to transfer them away!" Li Xiaoran said as she opened the bag Shu Ruyue had given her.

In the bag, there were a pair of bracelets, a necklace, and a pair of earrings.

In addition to these, there was also a letter.

After Li Xiaoran opened the letter and took a closer look, she understood the purpose of these things.

"Miss Shu is really thoughtful. These things will be useful to you!" Luo Cheng said after reading the letter.

Li Xiaoran nodded. "When Ruyue gets married, we have to give her a big gift!"

Luo Cheng nodded and replied, "Of course. We have to give her a big gift!"

After sending Shu Ruyue off, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng had lunch at a food stall in a town not far from the capital.

The official who had been following them didn't urge them anymore. He left angrily with his group.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran looked at these people's backs as she said in a low voice, "They're probably going to attack us! They pretended to be angry and left. It seems that we have to be careful!"

Luo Cheng sneered when he heard this.

"I could tell since long ago! Previously, they kept urging us, but when we were about to arrive at the capital, they didn't urge us anymore and left angrily! There's definitely something fishy about this! But this is good. If these people leave, we won't have to worry about being attacked from both sides!"

After Zi Cheng and Zi Zheng heard Luo Cheng's words, they perked up and looked around warily.

Even the food sent over from the stall was carefully tested by the group before being eaten.

After Li Xiaoran sensed the shopkeeper's emotions and confirmed that these things hadn't been tampered with, she finally ate them.

After eating and drinking their fill, the group found an inn to stay in.

This time, Luo Cheng didn't plan to stay in the capital.

The capital was undoubtedly like a tiger's den now. Even though they had made preparations previously, they couldn't let down their guard.

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The others also knew that this was the calm before the storm, so they had to seize the time to rest!

That night, the inn they were staying in was surrounded by a group of soldiers.

“We’re here to arrest Luo Cheng, the accomplice of the traitor, Ling Heng. Unrelated people, retreat quickly!” Torches burned and illuminated every corner of the inn.

The room where Luo Cheng and the others booked was silent. It was a stark contrast to the commotion outside.

When the leader saw this situation, he quickly sent someone up to investigate.

The guest rooms were pushed open one by one, but there was no one in them.

“What’s going on? Who lives here?” The leader called the inn’s boss over and questioned him sternly.

“I don’t know. They went inside just now! They ordered food and rested early! The other party said that they had been traveling for a few days and needed to rest well, so they told our people not to disturb them! Therefore, we didn’t go take a look. We just found out that the room was actually empty! ”

When the leader heard this, he immediately cursed and asked someone to search inside and out.

However, they couldn’t find them. In the end, this group of people could only leave dejectedly.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran were hiding under a bridge cave with a group of people to rest.

Luo Cheng had accidentally discovered this bridge cave when he was strolling in the capital in the past.

Previously, Zhao Xiu had been kidnapped and hidden under the bridge cave, which gave Luo Cheng some inspiration. That was why he quietly left the inn and hid in a bridge cave to rest.

The stone bridge was abandoned and a river used to pass through it.

Later on, for some reason, the river gradually dried up, so fewer people came here to fetch water, and this stone bridge was abandoned for a long time.

This place was very hidden, so it was the safest for Luo Cheng and the others to hide here.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had a good night’s sleep!

The journey exhausted everyone.

If they went against Prince Fu’s men at this time, they would be at a disadvantage.

That was why Luo Cheng brought everyone to hide here for the time being. He planned to go to the capital after resting.

“Mr. Luo, as expected, someone went to the inn last night! The leader said that we’re accomplices of the Third Prince and were ordered to arrest us! What should we do now?” After Zi Cheng received the news from his buddies outside, he quickly reported it to Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng was no exception.

Prince Fu had already exceeded his expectations by holding back until now!

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, “We can’t enter the capital. Since Prince Fu made this move, we don’t have to put ourselves in danger anymore. Where can we go next? We can’t go to the farmstead we were hiding in last time anymore! It’s not safe since the Eldest Princess went there before!”

“Don’t worry! There’s a safe place. Don’t forget the cave you discovered last time. It’s very hidden and no one knows about it. But let me think about what we should do next!” Luo Cheng said..

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When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng mention the cave, she immediately laughed.

“If you hadn’t mentioned it, I would have forgotten that place! Then which way are we going now?”

After Luo Cheng pondered for a moment, he shook his head.

“You’ll go. I won’t go! I have to go to the capital!” Luo Cheng said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was shocked and grabbed Luo Cheng’s arm. “Husband, it’s too dangerous for you to go to the capital now!”

“Xiaoran, I have to go! Prince Fu can slander me, but I have to defend myself. Otherwise, our businesses in Sichuan will be taken away by Prince Fu! Therefore, I have to go to the capital, but you can’t follow me! Go to the cave and wait. As long as you’re safe, I have nothing to worry about!” Luo Cheng said firmly.

Li Xiaoran shook her head vigorously and said, “No, I want to follow you! I’ll be wherever you are! Husband, don’t even think about abandoning me! If you want to go to the capital, I won’t stop you, but I want to follow you! Have you ever thought about how you’ll answer to Prince Fu if you go alone and I don’t?”

“But if you follow me, you’ll be my weakness! Prince Fu can’t do anything to me, so he’ll attack you! Xiaoran, with you around, I’ll be restrained! I know you want to fight side by side with me, but if you stay here, you’ll be fighting side by side with me! Moreover, if you stay here, you’ll be the greatest help to me!” Luo Cheng placed his hands on Li Xiaoran’s shoulders and bent down slightly.

As Li Xiaoran looked into Luo Cheng’s calm eyes, tears rolled down her face.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran felt very sad.

She knew that she should listen to Luo Cheng, but she couldn’t bear to, or perhaps she was too afraid!

She was afraid that she would never be able to see the person in front of her again after they parted ways!

At this moment, Li Xiaoran was no longer a tough or rational person. She hugged Luo Cheng as she cried.

There were no cries, but anyone could sense the uneasiness and reluctance in her heart.

At this moment, no one spoke. Instead, they waited quietly.

Actually, everyone knew that going to the capital this time was dangerous.

Whether he could survive or not was unknown.

Luo Cheng didn't speak. He only hugged Li Xiaoran as he patted her back gently to comfort her.

After Li Xiaoran cried, she felt a little better.

The wheel of fate was often ruthless.

Once it started spinning, it would crush them mercilessly. No one would know if the person being crushed was sad or happy.

People believed that they could change fate, but there were also times when one felt powerless.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran felt helpless.

She could have a lot of knowledge and wisdom, but she couldn't compete with fate.

She wanted to protect her family, but she also wanted her lover to live a peaceful life.

When they couldn't have both, they could only face the difficulties head-on!

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng had too many responsibilities. He couldn't hide when he was in danger again!

He was a man, so he had to bear the responsibility!

After crying, Li Xiaoran came back to her senses. She wiped her tears with a

handkerchief as she said in a choked voice, "Don't worry, I'll go to the cave and wait for you to come back! You have to remember to come back safely. I'm waiting for you!"

As Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran, he suppressed his reluctance.

"Zi Cheng will follow you. Although you'll be in the cave, there will be many things that need your decision! Xiaoran, I believe you can handle everything! You have to believe me too. I can handle everything!"

Li Xiaoran nodded at Luo Cheng. "Alright, you can leave!"

Luo Cheng nodded, then counted the people and divided them into two groups before taking half of them away.

Luo Cheng didn't dare to look back or even hug Li Xiaoran again. He was also afraid!

He was afraid that he wouldn't be able to leave after hugging her!

After Li Xiaoran watched Luo Cheng leave, she calmed down and rushed towards the cave with the others.

When they arrived at the cave, it was already two hours later.

When she came to the cave again, Li Xiaoran was surprised to find that there was actually someone guarding it.

Not only were there guards, but there were also many things prepared in the cave.

There was food, clothes, accommodation, and everything else.

The original cave had already been decorated and turned into a very cozy home.

Even those vegetable fields were filled with lush vegetables and fruits.

When Li Xiaoran saw this, she was slightly relieved.

At this moment, Zi Cheng walked over and handed a note to Li Xiaoran. "Madam, Mr. Luo has already entered the capital!"

After Li Xiaoran took the note and opened it, she saw a line of words. "We entered the capital safely. Don't worry!"

After Li Xiaoran received this news, she immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

In the capital, Luo Cheng didn't return to his residence. Instead, he went to the house that the emperor had rewarded him with.

After returning, Luo Cheng realized that there were actually many secret guards in the house.

"Why are you guys here?" Luo Cheng looked at the group in confusion.

"Mr. Luo, we listened to the late emperor's order and stayed here to wait for you to come back!" The leader appeared in front of Luo Cheng and took out a token.

The Dark Dragon Guards listened to the emperor.

If the leader of the Dark Dragon Guards handed the token to Luo Cheng, it meant that the Dark Dragon Guards would listen to Luo Cheng's orders in the future.

"Father, did you give any instructions back then?"

The leader of the Dark Dragon Guards nodded and took out a letter.

Luo Cheng took the letter and opened it.

The letter contained these words:

"Luo Cheng, I know that I don't have much time left, so I made a few arrangements! When you see this letter, I'll probably be dead already! It's useless to say anything else, so I can only make arrangements to protect your life! I know that you're uninterested in the throne, so I handed the Dark Dragon Guards to you! Firstly, I want to protect your safety, and secondly, I want to hand the Dark Dragon Guards to you to take care of! I believe that you'll use them to protect yourself and the people you care about! That's my greatest compensation to you!"

“As for the throne, leave it to your Third Brother! If he has the ability, help him if you want! If you don’t want to help your Third Brother, live the life you want! This is all I can do for you! If there’s a next life, I hope you can meet a parent who really dotes on you! Don’t devote yourself to the royal family anymore!”

The letter ended at this point.

After Luo Cheng read it, he had mixed feelings..

Chapter 855: The Eldest Princess Comes

It turned out that his father had been thinking of him before he died.

At this moment, Luo Cheng’s heart warmed.

However, this warmth came too late!

Luo Cheng put away the letter and looked at the leader of the Dark Dragon Guards.

“My father should have explained it to you guys already! You guys came at the right time. Tell me about the current situation in the capital!”

The leader of the Dark Dragon Guards nodded and told his subordinates to guard the surroundings. Then, he lowered his voice and told Luo Cheng about the situation in the capital.

It turned out that the late emperor’s health had been deteriorating since long ago.

The late emperor had predicted that the princes would attack, but he was caught off guard by the fact that the Eldest Princess would side with Prince Fu and stab him in the back.

It could be said that if not for the Eldest Princess’ help, Prince Fu wouldn’t have been able to sit on the throne so easily.

After explaining the situation in the capital, the leader of the Dark Dragon

Guards suggested, “Mr. Luo, the Eldest Princess’s faction has to be eliminated. As long as we deal with the Eldest Princess, it will be much easier for us to deal with Prince Fu!”

“It’s not that simple! The Eldest Princess isn’t that easy to kill, and Prince Fu isn’t as weak as you think!” Luo Cheng shook his head and said, “We don’t have enough manpower, so it’s not easy to fight head-on. Let’s use other methods! Now isn’t the time to fight head-on!”

When the leader of the Dark Dragon Guards heard Luo Cheng’s words, he didn’t say anything else.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “You guys can go rest first! Rest well. I’ll tell you guys what to do next tomorrow!”

The leader of the Dark Dragon Guards nodded and retreated.

After Zi Zheng saw him leave, he asked softly, “Mr. Luo, are the Dark Dragon Guards reliable?”

“We’ll know if they’re reliable or not after we test them!” Luo Cheng said.

Zi Zheng nodded and didn’t say anything else.

Mr. Luo probably knew what to do, so there was no need to say anything else.

That night, Luo Cheng had a good sleep. Then, he packed up early the next morning and went straight to the imperial mausoleum with a group of guards.

The late emperor had already been buried, so Luo Cheng naturally had to go to the imperial mausoleum.

Luo Cheng’s move caught Prince Fu off guard.

By the time he reacted, Luo Cheng was already on his way to the imperial mausoleum.

“Your Majesty, what should we do now?” a eunuch asked respectfully.

Prince Fu sneered when he heard the eunuch’s words.

“Does he think the imperial mausoleum is safe? Let him accompany his old father in the imperial mausoleum!”

Luo Cheng waited for the assassins sent by Prince Fu along the way, but no one appeared even when he reached the door of the imperial mausoleum.

Looking at the imperial mausoleum in front of him, Luo Cheng already had a guess.

It seemed that the imperial mausoleum wasn’t a safe place!

Thinking of this, Luo Cheng heaved a sigh of relief and led his men into the imperial mausoleum.

Li Xiaoran waited silently in the cave. It seemed to be a safe place, but it wasn’t.

It turned out that the Eldest Princess had already set up spies nearby. Once they found anyone suspicious, someone would send a message to her.

When the Eldest Princess learned that Li Xiaoran had appeared nearby, she guessed that Luo Cheng’s secret hiding place must be nearby, so she had been secretly searching nearby.

Because messenger pigeons had been coming and going to send messages, the other party actually reached the edge of the cliff.

Li Xiaoran suddenly sensed a lot of nervous emotions coming from outside, so she stood up.

When Zi Cheng saw Li Xiaoran suddenly stand up, he quickly became vigilant.

“Madam, what’s wrong?”

“Some people are coming. There are many of them, and they’re coming in our direction! It seems that our whereabouts have been discovered!” Li Xiaoran’s expression turned solemn.

As soon as she finished speaking, Li Xiaoran suddenly felt a familiar aura and her expression changed.

“The Eldest Princess is here!”

“What?” Zi Zheng was shocked when he heard this.

At this moment, the Eldest Princess’s voice sounded.

“Li Xiaoran, I know you’re nearby! Why? Luo Cheng has already gone to the capital. How can you hide here on your own?! On account that you saved my life in the past, I’ll bring you to see Luo Cheng and let you two get together.

How about that?”

Everyone in the cave heard her and stood up in vigilance.

Li Xiaoran gestured for them to wait quietly.

After saying this, the Eldest Princess waited for a long time, but there was no response, so she smiled.

“As expected, when disaster strikes, husband and wife go their separate ways! I thought you were a loyal person, but I didn’t expect you to be so selfish!”

With that, the Eldest Princess clapped her hands and asked someone to bring out two people.

“It’s fine if you don’t come out, consort! However, I invited your best friends over today to have a good gathering with you!”

As soon as she finished speaking, the Eldest Princess looked at the person beside her.

The Eldest Princess’s subordinate understood what she meant and unlocked Meng Yan’s acupoints.

After Meng Yan’s acupoints were unsealed, she pursed her lips and remained silent.

Seeing this, the Eldest Princess snorted and said, “Make her speak! If she doesn’t speak, I will punish her man!”

When Meng Yan heard this, tears fell from her eyes as she looked at Ma Chongshan, who wasn’t far away.

Ma Chongshan seemed to know what Meng Yan was thinking and he smiled at her, as if he was encouraging her.

“Speak, or I will stab your man now!” The Eldest Princess said as she took out a knife from the person beside her and slashed at Ma Chongshan.

“No, no!” Meng Yan exclaimed.

Besides, Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan were her friends after all, so as soon as these two people appeared, she sensed their emotions and heard their thoughts.

“Consort, you should have heard it too! Your good friend, Meng Yan, is in my hands now! I’ll give you half an hour. If you don’t appear in front of me obediently, I’ll kill Ma Chongshan! If you don’t come out after that, I’ll have to kill Meng Yan!” The Eldest Princess shouted.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately clenched her fists and bit her lips in hatred.

“Zi Cheng, is there any other entrance in this cave other than this one at the edge of the cliff?”

“Madam, you can’t! I promised Mr. Luo that I wouldn’t let you take the risk!”

Li Xiaoran shook her head and said firmly, “No, if I don’t go out, with the Eldest

Princess’s personality, she will definitely kill Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan! Therefore, I have to go out!”

Chapter 856: Ruthless

“That won’t do. Your safety is our priority!” Zi Cheng said seriously.

“Zi Cheng, this place won’t be able to stop the Eldest Princess’s intensive search. At that time, we’ll be in a passive position! If we go out now, not only will we save Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan, but we also have to avoid bringing danger to this place. Therefore, I have to go! Don’t worry, I won’t take the risk alone. We have something very important to do this time! Originally, I didn’t plan to cause trouble for the Eldest Princess, but now that the Eldest Princess has come, I naturally can’t let go of this opportunity!” Li Xiaoran quickly revealed her goal.

“Think about it. Now that I can get close to the Eldest Princess, the probability of getting rid of her is very high! As long as I get rid of the Eldest Princess, the pressure on my husband will be much less! This opportunity won’t come again!

Zi Cheng, I’m the consort. You have to listen to me!”

When Zi Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he hesitated for a moment before saying, “There’s another path. If we’re lucky, we can force the Eldest Princess and the others to the edge of the cliff!”

“Alright, bring a few buddies and we’ll go out through the other exit. After we go out, we’ll make some preparations on the way down the mountain and give the Eldest Princess a big gift.” Li Xiaoran thought of a plan and immediately smiled.

After Zi Cheng made his decision, he didn’t hesitate. He immediately stood up and pointed at the buddies who were the best at fighting. Then, he followed Li Xiaoran to the other exit.

The other exit was beside a stream.

After walking out of a pile of weeds, Li Xiaoran brought a group of people back to the mountain.

As expected, they were already behind the Eldest Princess and the others.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and walked forward before starting to set things up.

Because time was tight, Li Xiaoran left two people to continue setting up while she led the remaining people forward.

When she saw the Eldest Princess, Li Xiaoran asked Zi Cheng to follow her while the others hid at the side.

“Eldest Princess, how have you been?! I really didn’t expect you to miss me so much. DO you like me so much that you want to capture me to be your daughter-in-law?” Just as the Eldest Princess was about to stab Ma Chongshan again, Li Xiaoran shouted.

The Eldest Princess turned around in the direction of the voice in surprise.

“Why are you behind us?”

“Eldest Princess, weren’t you looking for me? You wanted to see me, so I’m out now! Shouldn’t you let go of my friend now?!” Li Xiaoran smiled at the Eldest Princess. Despite facing a group of people, she wasn’t afraid at all.

The Eldest Princess looked at Li Xiaoran with a complicated expression and admiration flashed across her eyes.

“Li Xiaoran, I really like you! I’ve seen many extraordinary women, and you’re one of them! But among so many people, you’re the one I admire the most!

How about this?! Let’s sit down and talk things out calmly, okay?”

“If you want to talk to me, you can do it anytime! But your way of treating guests is a little special! Who are you looking for? Let my friend go! If he continues to bleed, he’ll die! I don’t like to see blood when talking to others. What do you think, Eldest Princess?”

Hearing this, the Eldest Princess laughed.

“You’re straightforward and bold. You actually dare to negotiate with me at this time. You’re really bold! Don’t worry! As long as you leave obediently, I won’t hurt you or your friends!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

“Eldest Princess, I’m not a three-year-old child. I don’t believe you! Either let my friends leave safely, or we’ll confront each other here today!”

When the Eldest Princess heard Li Xiaoran’s words, the smile on her face gradually disappeared.

“Li Xiaoran, don’t push your luck! Don’t be too greedy!”

Li Xiaoran said, “If you’re not willing to risk anything, you won’t achieve your goal. This logic is very simple!”

“Is that so? It seems that Ma Chongshan needs to be stabbed again!” As the Eldest Princess spoke, she asked someone to stab Ma Chongshan.

This stab was very and Ma Chongshan couldn't help but moan.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran stopped smiling.

The Eldest Princess snorted and said, "Did you see that? Li Xiaoran, you're not qualified to negotiate with me! Either you follow me obediently, or you watch your friend bleed to death!"

Li Xiaoran could read the Eldest Princess's thoughts, so she could only compromise.

"Alright, I'll go with you!"

Hearing this, the Eldest Princess burst into laughter.

"That's more obedient! I like obedient people the most!"

With that, the Eldest Princess waved her hand and walked over with Ma Chongshan and Meng Yan.

Li Xiaoran stood rooted to the ground as she watched the Eldest Princess and her subordinates walk over.

Meng Yan wanted to say something, but unfortunately, her mute acupoint had been tapped, so she couldn't say anything.

Li Xiaoran could sense Meng Yan's anxiety and knew that she wanted to persuade her to run quickly, so she smiled at her.

"Meng Yan, don't worry. I'll be fine! I'm really sorry for causing you to suffer because of me! Don't worry, I'll definitely let you leave safely!"

When Meng Yan heard Li Xiaoran's words, she could no longer hold back the tears in her eyes.

"Why are you so stupid?! Why did you come out?! You should have hidden!

Leave quickly!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Meng Yan's thoughts, she didn't say anything else, but she stayed where she was.

After the Eldest Princess walked over, her people quickly surrounded Li

After confirming that Li Xiaoran wasn't playing any tricks, the Eldest Princess nodded in satisfaction.

"Let's go down the mountain together. I've sent people to protect the house we lived in previously. Let's stay there today! Don't worry, I won't hurt you! I want to bring you to see your man!"

When Li Xiaoran heard the Eldest Princess's words, she didn't say anything and only smiled.

The Eldest Princess glanced at Li Xiaoran and said, "You have to believe me. I've always been a woman of my word! Go back and rest well now. We're going to travel tonight! But don't worry, we're going in a carriage, so the journey will be comfortable! As long as you cause any trouble, I'll let your friends go after this matter is over!"

Li Xiaoran didn't speak, but she was thinking about what to do to get close to the Eldest Princess..

Chapter 857: Her Intention

Seeing that Li Xiaoran didn't resist, the Eldest Princess and the others walked down the mountain.

Zi Cheng had been following Li Xiaoran. As long as the Eldest Princess's people didn't hurt Li Xiaoran, he would follow quietly.

If anyone attacked, he would immediately take action.

It was unknown if the Eldest Princess really didn't want to make things difficult for Li Xiaoran, but she hadn't done anything yet.

However, Zi Cheng didn't let his guard down. Instead, he remained vigilant.

On the other hand, Li Xiaoran was very calm.

As they walked, the group of people approached the place where Li Xiaoran and the others had set up the trap.

Li Xiaoran didn't slow down and kept walking calmly.

Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan walked at the back because one of them was injured.

Li Xiaoran didn't walk with the two of them because she knew that being by her side was the most dangerous.

Therefore, by not walking with Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan, she was protecting them.

As they walked, the Eldest Princess suddenly felt a little dizzy.

At first, no one took it seriously and thought that it was just their illusion.

However, not long after, they all collapsed to the ground.

Seeing this, the people behind quickly retreated. Then, they took out a pill from their pockets and ate it.

Even the Eldest Princess took an antidote pill under Wei Li's protection.

"You poisoned us?" When the Eldest Princess saw Li Xiaoran's calm expression, she immediately understood something.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran revealed a puzzled look.

"How did I poison you guys? I didn't move at all, so how could I poison you

When the Eldest Princess heard Li Xiaoran's question, she immediately frowned.

"Your people are still around here? I was wondering why you dared to come out to see me with just one person. Turns out that you have a backup plan! Kill Ma Chongshan!"

As soon as she finished speaking, one of the Eldest Princess's men took out his saber and slashed at Ma Chongshan.

In the blink of an eye, an arrow flew over from afar and hit the guard who attacked, killing him.

Then, arrows were shot at the Eldest Princess and the others, including Li Xiaoran and Zi Cheng.

Zi Cheng protected Li Xiaoran as they retreated to the side. Then, the two of them quickly hid behind a few big trees.

Then, someone jumped out to escort Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan away.

Li Xiaoran could sense that these people who suddenly appeared had no ill intentions towards Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan. This group of people was probably here to save Meng Yan and Ma Chongshan.

After confirming that her good friend was saved, Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief.

In the middle of the road, the Eldest Princess was also escorted by Wei Li to the forest by the roadside to hide, leaving only corpses lying on the ground.

Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked worriedly, "I wonder how our people are doing?"

When Zi Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he picked up the whistle and blew it.

Then, another whistle sounded.

After hearing this whistle, Zi Cheng heaved a sigh of relief.

"Madam, they're fine. They're safe now! Since Miss Meng and the others have left safely, let's leave too! Leave the rest to the others!"

Li Xiaoran felt that her people would be restricted if she stayed here, so it was better for her to leave.

"Don't go back to the cave yet. Let's take a detour to another place! The Eldest Princess is a powerful figure, so we can't underestimate her. It's better to be careful!"

Zi Cheng nodded and walked out.

However, as they walked, the two of them met the Eldest Princess in the forest not far away.

"What a coincidence! Li Xiaoran, let's see how you escape from me today!"

When the Eldest Princess saw Li Xiaoran and Zi Cheng, she sneered and said.

When Li Xiaoran heard the Eldest Princess's words, she immediately laughed.

"Speaking of which, I also think that the Eldest Princess and I are very fated!"

"What are you laughing at?" The Eldest Princess asked curiously when she saw Li Xiaoran's reaction.

"No, I'm very happy to see you again! Didn't you say that you wanted to bring me to see my husband? Why don't you bring me away now?!" Li Xiaoran said.

As soon as she said this, not only was the Eldest Princess shocked, but even Zi Cheng was shocked.

Could it be that the reason Li Xiaoran asked him to take a detour was so that she could meet the Eldest Princess and see Mr. Luo?

Although this idea was a little ridiculous, Zi Cheng felt that Li Xiaoran was someone who would do such a thing.

The Eldest Princess looked at Li Xiaoran cautiously and sized her up.

“What are you thinking? Your motive is definitely not that simple!”

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “What else can I want? Of course I want to see my man! Eldest Princess, he really cares about me too much. In order not to let me follow him and be in danger, he trapped me here. But the heavens gave me a chance now and sent you here so that I can see my husband again!”

“Li Xiaoran, do you think I’ll be fooled by your excuse? You’re smart, so you definitely have a scheme in mind! Don’t you know that once you fall into my hands, your man won’t dare to disobey us The Eldest Princess stared at Li Xiaoran as she asked.

“I know? It’s precisely because I know that I’m following you guys to see my husband!” Li Xiaoran revealed a happy look as she said, “If I fall into your hands, my husband won’t go against the current emperor because he wants to save me! As long as my husband submits to the emperor, we can be together and won’t be separated!”

Upon hearing Li Xiaoran’s words, everyone was stunned.

No one expected Li Xiaoran to think that way.

Was Li Xiaoran too naive? Or was Li Xiaoran so scheming that they couldn’t see through her true thoughts at all?

Zi Cheng was also very shocked and even a little worried!

He was worried that Li Xiaoran would really do something stupid just because she wanted to see Mr. Luo!

However, he didn’t say anything and continued to stand beside Li Xiaoran dutifully, as if she hadn’t said anything outrageous!

The Eldest Princess wasn’t fooled by Li Xiaoran’s words. Instead, she was certain that Li Xiaoran must have her reasons. It was just that she didn’t understand Li Xiaoran’s motive for the time being!

“It doesn’t matter. It doesn’t matter if what you said is true or not. Just follow me!” The Eldest Princess said.

“No, no, no, not this time!” Li Xiaoran shook her head and said when she heard the Eldest Princess’s words.

As soon as she said this, everyone was puzzled! Wei Li became even more vigilant and sized up her surroundings carefully.

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, “In the forest, there are many mosquitoes! Although it’s already late autumn, because the weather has warmed up in the past few days, many mosquitoes have run out! I believe you’ve already been bitten while walking in the forest!”

Chapter 858: Strange

As soon as Li Xiaoran said this, the expressions of the Eldest Princess's people changed.

Because they had really been bitten by mosquitoes in the forest just now.

Not only them, but even the Eldest Princess had been bitten!

Although her heart was racing, the Eldest Princess still maintained a calm expression.

“So what? It's very normal to be bitten by mosquitoes! Are we going to die because we were bitten by mosquitoes?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately smiled without saying a word.

In the eyes of the Eldest Princess, this smile was very mysterious.

Even Zi Cheng couldn't understand what Li Xiaoran wanted to do.

If he couldn't figure it out, so be it. Madam wouldn't harm him anyway. He should just follow Madam obediently and protect her safety.

The Eldest Princess said, “Cut the crap! Capture her and take her away!” The Eldest Princess decided not to waste her breath on Li Xiaoran.

Unfortunately, when those people arrived in front of Li Xiaoran, they were stopped by Zi Cheng.

Li Xiaoran took a few steps back and waited quietly as she watched Zi Cheng and the Eldest Princess's men fight.

At this moment, dense mosquitoes flew over from somewhere and started to bite the Eldest Princess and the others.

Zi Cheng and Li Xiaoran, who were standing together, were unscathed and took a few steps back.

At this moment, wails sounded.

Unfortunately, there were too many mosquitoes. As soon as they arrived, they attacked these people one after another. Even the Eldest Princess and Wei Li weren't spared.

After the group of people were bitten until their faces and bodies were covered in bumps, many of them couldn't withstand the pain anymore and fainted.

Among them were the Eldest Princess and Wei Li.

After the mosquitoes were full, they immediately flew away!

From the beginning to the end, those mosquitoes didn't attack Li Xiaoran and Zi Cheng.

“Madam, what's this situation?” Zi Cheng was a little frightened.

“Do you remember that after we arrived at the cave, I gave you guys something to apply on your bodies every 24 hours?” Li Xiaoran reminded.

Zi Cheng immediately remembered that Li Xiaoran had said that after applying that ointment, it would repel mosquitoes and insects.

At that time, some people didn't take Li Xiaoran's words to heart. Li Xiaoran even scolded them and forced them to apply it.

Zi Cheng said in realization, "So that ointment can really repel mosquitoes? For it to be able to chase away so many big mosquitos, it's really impressive!" Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard Zi Cheng's words.

"Capture the Eldest Princess and Wei Li first! Then, capture the rest and call our buddies over to deal with them together!"

"Deal with them?" When Zi Cheng heard this, he made a throat-slitting gesture.

"Do as you see fit! Do as you see fit!" Li Xiaoran said, "As for the Eldest Princess, is it better for her to die or to live?"

When Zi Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he said, "Madam, it's better if the Eldest Princess dies! The Eldest Princess has many factions in her hands. If she dies, Prince Fu will have one less helping hand! It's just that the factions under the Eldest Princess will be annexed by others. If they're recruited by Prince Fu, it won't be good for us!"

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Poison the Eldest Princess first! Then, cripple her internal energy, tap her acupoints, and take away all her jewelry! As for Wei Li, do the same! Deal with the remaining people according to your experience!"

Zi Cheng nodded and blew the whistle on his neck. Then, he began to tap the acupoints of the people on the ground.

When the Eldest Princess woke up again, she realized her clothes had been changed and even her jewelry were gone.

Amidst her panic, the Eldest Princess wanted to sit up, but she felt weak.

"You're awake? Are you very surprised?! How did you become my prisoner in the blink of an eye?" Li Xiaoran's voice sounded.

Unfortunately, the Eldest Princess couldn't move at this moment. She could only hear sounds, but couldn't see anyone.

"Eldest Princess, actually, I admire you very much! Tell me, what's so bad about following Old Master? Despite your old age, you betrayed the previous emperor and helped Prince Fu force the throne. Were you so ambitious and greedy that you forgot your place?" Li Xiaoran's voice came from not far away.

"What do you know?! You're just a little girl from the countryside. You don't know about my ambitions at all!" The Eldest Princess said angrily.

"Is your ambition to become the empress?" Li Xiaoran immediately understood when she heard the Eldest Princess's thoughts.

Li Xiaoran applauded the Eldest Princess's ambition!

“Not bad. Your idea is very good! I actually think that if a man can be the emperor, a woman can also be the emperor as long as she has talent and virtue. As long as you develop the government in that position and benefit the commoners, I support you! It’s just that you’ve taken a crooked path!”

“What do you know? Do you know how difficult it is for a woman like me to become the emperor? I thought that as long as I had military power and my intelligence, I could obtain the throne. Even Prince Fu used the throne to entice me back then. Unexpectedly, he tricked me and became the emperor himself!” The Eldest Princess gritted her teeth when she thought of this.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

No wonder!

“In this world, it is very difficult for a woman to succeed! The winner takes all. It’s fine if you want to be the empress, but your mistake is that you misjudged and trusted the wrong person. Although the late emperor wasn’t a good father, he was very kind to you! Not every Eldest Princess can hold military power. The late emperor was already very bold to allow you to hold military power and even treat you as his trusted aide!”

The Eldest Princess snorted and asked, “If he was so bold, why couldn’t he make me the empress?”

Li Xiaoran asked, “That’s because you don’t have the ability to be the ruler of a country! Let me ask you, Eldest Princess, have you done anything for the commoners all these years? A ruler has to care about the commoners! Do you also care about the commoners?”

Chapter 859: Lobbying

The Eldest Princess was stunned when she heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

Li Xiaoran took a sip of tea and moistened her throat as she said, “Some people aren’t worthy of the throne. Even if you obtain it, you won’t last long! It’s the same for Prince Fu! If you don’t believe me, let’s wait and see what happens to him!”

The Eldest Princess suddenly sneered and said sarcastically, “Didn’t you tell me so much because you want to persuade me to help your husband?” When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was stunned for a moment before laughing.

“To be honest, I never had such an idea! According to my initial plan, I should have killed you directly! After all, with you dead, my husband will have much less resistance! Besides, Eldest Princess, aren’t you a little too naive?! Do you really think that the factions under you have always been loyal to you?”

When the Eldest Princess heard Li Xiaoran's words, her heart skipped a beat. Then, she asked, "What do you mean? Do you think my subordinates will betray me?"

Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "No, they don't have to betray you. As long as you die, they can go wherever they want, so it can't be considered a betrayal at all! Besides, they originally belonged to the late emperor's faction. Previously, they listened to you because they thought that they were doing their job, but you deceived them and made them go from being the guardians of the country to traitors! Now, if we give them a chance to atone for their sins and earn back glory, what do you think they will choose?"

That's right. This was the idea Li Xiaoran thought of after asking someone to bring the Eldest Princess and the others back.

Li Xiaoran asked Zi Cheng to tell her about the composition of the Eldest Princess's faction and the main members. Then, she analyzed them one by one and finally came up with this plan.

She could get rid of the Eldest Princess, but she couldn't let Prince Fu take over the Eldest Princess' power.

Therefore, they had to think of a way to get all the factions under the Eldest Princess. Even if they couldn't get them, they had to make sure that the people wouldn't go against Luo Cheng and the Third Prince.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran came up with an excuse and asked Zi Cheng to send someone eloquent over here.

After some training, Li Xiaoran imparted the key points and core ideas of the persuasion to a few people and let them lobby those people.

Although she didn't know how effective it would be, she would do as much as she could!

When the Eldest Princess heard Li Xiaoran's words, her face turned pale. Because she knew that Li Xiaoran had really grasped the thoughts of the people in her hands.

After the late emperor passed away and Prince Fu ascended the throne, her subordinates became dissatisfied with her.

Why did she appear here with so few people? It was because she vaguely felt that she could no longer mobilize her people.

Her subordinates didn't say anything, but their words and actions revealed their dissatisfaction with her.

This was why the Eldest Princess wanted to kidnap Li Xiaoran and cooperate with Luo Cheng.

Others might not know, but the Eldest Princess knew very well.

The Third Prince and the Seventh Prince had a deep relationship, and the Seventh Prince wasn't as weak as he seemed on the surface. Instead, he was a very influential person.

This could be deduced from some scattered information revealed by the late emperor when he chatted with her.

The Seventh Prince had no ambitions for the throne, but he was very capable.

She had military power and was reputable.

Therefore, the Eldest Princess wanted to use Li Xiaoran to win Luo Cheng's trust and facilitate their cooperation so that Luo Cheng would support her as the empress.

Of course, if Luo Cheng didn't agree, Li Xiaoran would become her hostage to threaten Luo Cheng with.

After all, she knew very well how much Luo Cheng cared about Li Xiaoran, so he would definitely agree to cooperate with her.

The Eldest Princess had a good plan, but she had underestimated Li Xiaoran. Li Xiaoran had never been a countryside girl, but a woman who had thousands of years worth of knowledge and had received modern education.

Her foresight, sharpness, and even breadth of mind far exceeded that of many men.

Therefore, the Eldest Princess suffered defeat at Li Xiaoran's hands.

The Eldest Princess thought of something and said excitedly, "As expected, I underestimated you! I thought that I had thought too highly of you, but I didn't expect to underestimate you! I've accepted my fate! Li Xiaoran, you're a capable person, and you also agree that we women can be emperors. You also have the conditions to be the empress. Why don't you fulfill the wish for me?!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she shook her head.

"Thank you, but I can't fulfill your grand wish for you! You should wait for your next reincarnation to fulfill it!"

"Why? You are an ambitious person! Look at how much money you have made in White Foothill City! Where is your ambition? Why can't you focus on the throne?" The Eldest Princess said.

Li Xiaoran laughed when she heard the Eldest Princess's words and said, "Yes, I'm ambitious. My ambition is to earn money! If I earn money, I can gain self-affirmation and satisfaction. At the same time, I can help more people and families! As for the throne you mentioned, it's a burden to me. As the consort, I can do whatever I want. I don't have to worry all day long and stay up every day because of the heavy burden on my shoulders!"

Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "In my eyes, being the emperor is the most tiring job in the world, and the person who is the emperor is the most pitiful person in the world! I think you want me to be the empress because you have ill intentions and want to harm me! Forget it. I don't want to talk to you anymore! Zi Cheng, tap the Eldest Princess's mute acupoint and sleeping acupoint! "

The Eldest Princess was about to say something when she saw Zi Cheng's face. Then, she fell asleep.

"Sigh, it's finally peaceful now!" Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that the Eldest Princess had fallen asleep. "It's too tiring to talk to her!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was immediately amused.

"Madam, do you really think being the emperor is the most tiring job in the world?"

Li Xiaoran said seriously, "That's right! Think about it, he has to get up early in the morning to deal with the government's matters, and has to stay up late at night to approve memorials. Every day, he discusses important matters about the world. Every move he makes will have an immeasurable impact. Under such pressure, can one still have a good life? The emperor is powerful, but regarding many things, he's tied down by the ministers.. He can't do whatever he wants at all!"

Chapter 860: The Faction Behind Meng Yan

As soon as she said this, everyone suddenly felt that it made sense!

It turned out that being an emperor wasn't a blissful thing!

Luo Cheng had already experienced several assassination attempts in the imperial mausoleum.

There were all kinds of schemes and traps. If he wasn't careful, he would be in grave danger.

It could be said that there was nothing that Luo Cheng didn't expect and nothing that Prince Fu didn't expect.

In short, Prince Fu wanted to kill Luo Cheng at all costs.

However, Luo Cheng wouldn't die no matter what. He was still living a good life.

Li Xiaoran also received news from Luo Cheng. Li Xiaoran wanted to help him, but she couldn't run to the imperial mausoleum to look for Luo Cheng rashly.

Coincidentally, there was news from the capital about the Eldest Princess's subordinates.

Li Xiaoran sent some people to persuade the people under the Eldest Princess not to submit to Prince Fu.

The progress wasn't smooth, but it wasn't bad either.

After Li Xiaoran received the news, she pondered carefully and had some guesses.

"Zi Cheng, we can't stay in the cave anymore! We have to go out! The Eldest

Princess's subordinates are still watching. Once my husband and the Third

Prince are defeated, those people won't help them. Therefore, we have to hurry.

We have to pull these people to our side! If we delay, there will be trouble!"

Zi Cheng knew that once Li Xiaoran made up her mind, even Mr. Luo couldn't stop her.

However, Li Xiaoran's safety was also very important, so he had to consider how to protect Li Xiaoran.

"Madam, why don't you let me try? You don't have to take the risk!"

As Li Xiaoran looked at the green land outside the cave, she smiled.

"No, it's useless if you go. I'm the only one who can convince them!"

Zi Cheng still didn't understand and felt that Li Xiaoran was underestimating him.

Before he could say anything, Li Xiaoran turned around and smiled.

“I’m not belittling you, but I have abilities you don’t! For example, right now, I can see through your thoughts through your subtle change in expression!” When Zi Cheng heard this, he felt that this was impossible.

“You don’t believe me!” Li Xiaoran stared at Zi Cheng and voiced his doubts.

“No, Madam, you don’t have to look to know that I don’t believe you!” Zi Cheng said with a bitter smile.

What was going on?!

In order to go out and meet those people, Madam actually made up such a lie.

“I’m not lying. I can tell what a person is thinking based on a person’s subtle change in expression, so I have to meet those people in person and see their concerns before I can persuade them! Zi Cheng, we have to do something. We shouldn’t stay here and let our husband fight outside all alone! We’re family!”

When Zi Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his eyes widened.

Did Madam really see through his thoughts?

This ability was too shocking!

“How is it? Do you want to go out there with me?” Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows and asked Zi Cheng.

Zi Cheng nodded and said, “Madam, you can go, but I have to arrange everything before going! We can’t see those people. We can only create an opportunity to see them on the way! Moreover, we only have half an hour. After half an hour, we’ll retreat immediately!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and agreed.

There were specialties, so it was better to leave what she wasn’t good at to someone who was good at it.

She just had to meet the Eldest Princess’s subordinates!

Zi Cheng thought of something and asked, “If we leave, what will happen to the Eldest Princess and Wei Li?”

Li Xiaoran said, “Wei Li’s internal energy is already crippled and she has been drugged. Just keep her under guard. As for the Eldest Princess, let’s keep her! She harmed the Old Master and betrayed him, so let Third Brother and my husband deal with her! After all, they’re the ones who have the final right to deal with the Eldest Princess!”

“Alright, I’ll go and arrange the Eldest Princess and Wei Li’s matters first. Then, I’ll arrange the matters outside. When the time is right, we’ll leave together!” Zi Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran nodded and let Zi Cheng get busy.

On the other side, after Ma Chongshan and Meng Yan were saved, they quickly went to a quiet farmstead.

After the doctor's treatment, Ma Chongshan finally survived.

When Meng Yan learned that Ma Chongshan was fine, she heaved a sigh of relief. Then, she fainted.

When she woke up again, it was already two days later.

After she regained consciousness, Meng Yan thought of Li Xiaoran and asked a man by the bed, "Where's the consort? Did anything happen to the consort that

"Don't worry! When we went to save you, the consort was no longer in danger!

To be honest, it's all thanks to the consort that we saved you this time. Otherwise, you might have been dead by the time we rushed over!" The man lamented, "Sister, you made a good friend. She's a loyal person!"

Meng Yan thought of something and said, "Brother, what are you doubting?! Luo Cheng and the consort have indeed encountered trouble this time. If you have the ability, help them!"

"Look at you. The reason you and Ma Chongshan suffered such a calamity is all because of the consort. Yet you don't hate her and even speak up for her!" The man looked at Meng Yan as he teased.

Meng Yan said, "Why should I hate her? Xiaoran is also very innocent! She didn't want this to happen! Besides, she risked her life to save me even though she knew that there was danger! Just because of this, I, Meng Yan, have decided that she is a good friend!"

The man said, "Alright, don't worry! I'll keep an eye on their situation! When they're in danger, I'll help!"

"Thank you, Brother! With our watercourse transportation buddies, we can definitely help them!" Meng Yan said happily.

It turned out that the man in front of him was the leader of the entire country's watercourse transportation.

The people working for watercourse transportation wasn't to be underestimated. Wherever there was a river, there was watercourse transportation people.

The watercourse transportation people kept a low profile and rarely interfered in other people's matters, so it had been developing steadily all these years.

The reason Meng Yan could establish herself in the capital was because she had the support of the watercourse transportation people.

However, very few people knew about these things. Most of them only thought that Meng Yan was a bully, so many people were unwilling to provoke her.

Because of Meng Yan's unique way of doing things, most daughters of wealthy families in the capital didn't interact with Meng Yan.

Li Xiaoran was the first person to take the initiative to befriend Meng Yan.

“You like this friend that much?” the man asked with a smile.

“Of course!” Meng Yan replied with a smile..