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Chapter 91 Protecting His Wife

Luo Cheng was disgusted by Han Zheng's actions.

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Without giving Han Zheng a chance to approach, Luo Cheng came to Li Xiaoran's other side and avoided Han Zheng's outstretched hand.

"Wife, this is Uncle Han's daughter, Han Zheng. Please send her to Uncle Han with me! If Uncle Han finds out that she ran out by herself, he will definitely be worried!"

With that, Luo Cheng reached out and looked at the top of Li Xiaoran's head. He reached out affectionately and took off the vegetable leaves on Li Xiaoran's temples.

"Look at you. You're so busy that you don't even know you have vegetable leaves on your head!"

Such an intimate scene immediately stung Han Zheng's eyes.

Hearing Luo Cheng call her wife, Han Zheng was filled with jealousy.

She had been coveting Luo Cheng for so long and had always hoped that he wouldn't get married. She had finally grown up, but unexpectedly, Brother Luo had married someone else.

How could she be willing to accept this?!

"Brother Luo, when did you get married? Why didn't you inform us of your marriage? My father treats you like his biological nephew. Is it because you didn't want to get married? Were you forced?" Han Zheng asked directly.

As soon as he said this, Li Xiaoran burst out laughing.

This little girl's guess was really accurate!

Come to think of it, Luo Cheng had really been forced to marry her!

Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran laugh and stared at her, as if asking her what she was laughing about.

Li Xiaoran only smiled and shouted at her sister, Li Xiaoqing, "Xiao Qing, come over and cook something! I have something to deal with!"

Li Xiaoqing had just cleaned up a table. When she heard Li Xiaoran's words, she quickly came over to wash her hands and then went to cut the noodles.

"Let's go! Husband! I think Uncle Han has already received the news and is very anxious. Let's quickly send Han Zheng over and reassure him!"

With that, Li Xiaoran took the initiative to hold Luo Cheng's hand and called Han Zheng.

"Sister Han Zheng, let's go!"

Han Zheng stared at their intertwined hands and wished she could rush forward and separate their hands.

Just as she was about to do so, Li Xiaoran seemed to have foreseen her plan and pulled Luo Cheng to the front.

Han Zheng kept chasing, but every time she almost caught up to the two of them, she was left behind.

Just like that, the three of them walked towards the place where the shop was built.

Luo Cheng noticed this and smiled.

"Are you jealous?"

"No, I'm just doing what a wife should do!" Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

Luo Cheng felt relieved when he saw that Han Zheng, who had always been a troublemaker, had followed him obediently after being teased by his wife.

As expected, his wife wasn't an ordinary person.

"You're awesome! I'm impressed!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she smiled happily.

"Husband, don't forget that I'm a capable person!"

Luo Cheng recalled Li Xiaoran's ability to sense other people's emotions and immediately understood.

Soon, the three of them arrived at the place where the shop was built.

Before she could enter, Han Zhenming had already walked out in a hurry.

Han Zhenming was stunned when he saw Luo Cheng walking over with a young woman.

Before he could size her up carefully, he saw Han Zheng from the corner of his eye. Han Zhenming's expression darkened.

"Nonsense! Why are you fooling around?! Look at how bold you are now!"

Han Zheng was already overwhelmed by jealousy. Seeing that Luo Cheng was still holding hands with that vixen, she felt even more jealous.

Before she could find her father to complain, her father started to scold her. This made Han Zheng even angrier.

"Father, are you still my father? Can't you see that I'm feeling very upset now? Why didn't you tell me about Brother Luo's marriage?" As Han Zheng spoke, she stared at Li Xiaoran with hatred. "Look at this vixen. She seduced Brother Luo! They're even holding hands in broad daylight. How shameless!"

As soon as she said this, Han Zhenming's expression changed. He subconsciously looked at Luo Cheng.

When Luo Cheng heard Han Zheng's words, he was furious!

Just as Luo Cheng was about to teach Han Zheng a lesson, Li Xiaoran stopped him and said calmly,

"Why can't I hold hands with my husband? Compared to some person who wants to throw herself at someone else's husband, I'm very polite and dignified!"

As soon as she said this, Han Zhenming blushed and felt a little embarrassed.

He had always known how his daughter felt about Luo Cheng. Previously, he was also happy to see them become a couple.

However, he had vaguely mentioned it a few times and was rejected by Luo Cheng, so he didn't mention it again.

Han Zhenming was a little surprised to hear that Luo Cheng was married.

However, he didn't expect his daughter, Han Zheng, to follow him and even cause a ruckus.

Luo Cheng was also very unhappy, especially since after Han Zheng said those words, Han Zhenming actually didn't discipline Han Zheng. This made Luo Cheng realize something.

At this moment, Luo Cheng seemed to understand something.

“Uncle Han, I don't think there's a need to trouble you with the construction of the shop this time! After all, you're old and your wife is sick. It's also my fault for not thinking things through. I actually forgot about your family's special situation! Uncle Han, bring Han Zheng back now! Don't let your wife worry too much!”

With that, Luo Cheng ignored Han Zhenming's reaction and pulled Li Xiaoran to the base.

“Everyone, we won't be working on this piece of land for the time being! Thank you for coming all the way here today! Don't worry, I'll still pay you today's salary!”

When Han Zhenming heard Luo Cheng's words, he immediately looked over in shock.

“Luo Cheng! Is that necessary?!”

Luo Cheng smiled, but Li Xiaoran could clearly feel that there was no warmth in his smile.

Li Xiaoran could feel that Luo Cheng was very dejected and angry.

Not wanting to see Luo Cheng like this, Li Xiaoran squeezed Luo Cheng's hand hard.

“Uncle Han! It's all my fault. I didn't think it through! Don't worry! You should go back!” Luo Cheng smiled distantly, his eyes filled with determination.

Han Zhen knew Luo Cheng's personality. Seeing his reaction, he knew that Han Zheng's words had completely offended Luo Cheng, so he wanted to salvage the situation.

“Luo Cheng, you also know that Zheng'er has been spoiled by us. Can you forgive her this time?!”

“Father, I didn't do anything wrong. I don't need her to forgive me!” Han Zheng screamed indignantly.

“Shut up!” Han Zhenming was really angry and scolded her.

Luo Cheng laughed when he heard this.

“Uncle Han, look! If the knife doesn't land on you, you won't feel the pain! Uncle Han, how do you think you'll feel if Han Zheng gets married in the future and someone says this about her?”

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As soon as he said this, Han Zhenming's expression changed, but he didn't say anything else.

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Han Zhenming turned around and waved his hand. He called for everyone to pack their things, then took the salary from Luo Cheng and left with Han Zheng.

Li Xiaoran looked at the place that was very lively just now but in the blink of an eye, there was no one around anymore. She had a feeling that she couldn't describe.

“Husband, actually, I'm not that sad! You know, I'm not a fragile person!” Li Xiaoran turned to look at Luo Cheng and said with some heartache.

Li Xiaoran had seen how happy Luo Cheng was when he saw Han Zhenming previously.

However, because of her, Luo Cheng had one less elder who cared about him. It also hurt him. Li Xiaoran felt a little apologetic.

“It has nothing to do with you! You're my wife. You and I are one! Han Zheng insulted you, which is the same as insulting me. Besides, I finally understand

today! In Uncle Han's heart, I'll never be as important as his daughter!" Luo Cheng's cold voice sounded.

"This is human nature! Everyone will love their own children more!" Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said.

"That's right! I just realized it! Perhaps Uncle Han saw my desire for kinship, so he indulged Han Zheng to insult you! As expected, whether a person is sincere to you or not can be seen from some small details! Because a person's subconscious actions already reflect his true feelings!" Luo Cheng sneered.

Li Xiaoran felt that Luo Cheng made sense and didn't know how to comfort him.

"If one day, if you have to choose between your parents, sister, or me, who will you choose?" Luo Cheng suddenly asked.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she felt that there was something familiar about this question.

This was similar to the popular modern world question of if your mother and I fell into the water at the same time, who would you save?

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran suddenly smiled at Luo Cheng.

This smile came so suddenly that Luo Cheng didn't expect Li Xiaoran to have such a reaction.

"Only children make choices. Adults choose all of them!"

With that, Li Xiaoran took out her two hands and held Luo Cheng's other hand.

"Luo Cheng, you're also my family. You're as important as my parents and sister! Why must I choose? Can't I choose all of you? Others always say that you can't take all the benefits in the world, right? But I'm very greedy. I want everything. Therefore, I'm destined to contribute more than others!"

At this point, Li Xiaoran paused.

"Because if you want something, you have to contribute! The more I get, the more I'll contribute! In order to have a complete family, I'm willing to give my hard work to get everything I want!"

Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and watched her say an answer that he had never expected.

“You...”

After being stunned for a long time, Luo Cheng finally said, “How greedy!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed and shook Luo Cheng’s hands.

“I’m only greedy for what I deserve! Everyone has their own bottom line. My family is my bottom line! Of course, it’s family members that I acknowledge!”

With that, Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng back to the noodle stall.

“Looks like I can slack off today. I don’t have to cook a lot of tasty food!”

As he looked at Li Xiaoran, who was smiling, Luo Cheng’s gloomy mood dissipated.

Right, it wasn’t worth it to feel bad because of those he shouldn’t have cared about in the first place.

After thinking it through, Luo Cheng replied, “That won’t do. We still have to cook tasty food!”

“That’s good! I remember that there’s still a piece of pork belly at home. Let’s make braised pork today!” Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows and said.

“Okay!” Luo Cheng nodded and was pulled back to the noodle stall by Li Xiaoran.

The Han family’s matter was like a ripple. After it happened, it only caused a ripple before disappearing.

However, that afternoon, Luo Cheng went out and called a group of people to build the shop from somewhere. The land by the official road became lively again.

“Where did you find people from this time?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously while cooking the noodles.

“It’s a coincidence. I met them when I went to town! Don’t worry, although they’re not people I’m familiar with, these people have a good reputation and the shops they built are very sturdy!” Luo Cheng thought that Li Xiaoran was worried that he had randomly found people to build the shop, so he explained.

“I’m not worried about you doing things! I just feel that you’re too fast! It seems that my husband is a very capable person!” Li Xiaoran praised with a smile.

“Of course. If I didn’t have some skills, how could I protect my wife?!” Luo Cheng replied.

As he spoke, four more people arrived.

One of the four, a woman in a hat, sat at the table together.

“Please serve four bowls of minced meat knife-cut noodles!” a sallow-faced man shouted.

“Alright, please wait a moment!” Li Shun replied.

When Li Xiaoran heard that there were customers, she quickly returned to the stove and began to cut and cook the noodles.

Soon, four bowls of sliced noodles were served.

The last bowl was personally delivered by Li Xiaoran and placed in front of the woman in the veiled hat.

“Lady, your noodles are ready!”

When the woman in the veiled hat saw Li Xiaoran, she immediately became emotional.

Li Xiaoran suddenly felt that the other party was a little excited and anxious.

However, on the surface, she couldn’t see anything unusual about the other party.

At this moment, the old lady in her forties sitting on the woman’s left grabbed the woman’s hand and urged her, “Daughter, eat quickly! After you’re full, we can continue on our way!”

With that, the old lady smiled at Li Xiaoran.

“I’m sorry, my daughter rarely goes out. It’s her first time out, so she’s a little shy!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

“Oh, okay, I won’t disturb you all anymore!” Li Xiaoran smiled and nodded.
“Please enjoy!”

With that, Li Xiaoran turned to leave.

However, after taking a few steps, she felt like she had tripped over something. Fortunately, Li Xiaoqing was beside Li Xiaoran and quickly supported her.

“What’s wrong? Sister?” Li Xiaoqing asked with concern.

“Oh, it’s fine. There’s a pit here. I didn’t notice and tripped! Sorry!” Li Xiaoran explained with a smile.

The people eating the noodles paid no further attention when they heard what happened.

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng, who wasn’t far away, and signaled him to come over.

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Luo Cheng saw the change in Li Xiaoran’s expression, so he walked over with the water.

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“Husband, the vegetables we cooked are almost gone. Help me wash them! There aren’t any customers now.” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

Luo Cheng nodded and went to the water source with Li Xiaoran.

The water source was in the drainage ditch. No one was using water around, so only Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were there.

In order not to alarm the four people who were eating the noodles, Li Xiaoran wrote a few words in the wet mud.

“The woman knows me and asked me for help!”

When Luo Cheng saw this line of words, he calmly smoothed it with his hand and continued to wash the vegetables.

“Don’t worry! Don’t intervene. I’ll handle it!” Luo Cheng lowered his voice and only said these words. Then, he stood up. “By the way, wife, there aren’t enough vegetable leaves! There are still some at home. I’ll go back and get some now!”

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng was thinking of a way to save her, so she nodded.

“Then hurry up and come back! If there are more customers later, you’ll be too busy!” Li Xiaoran reminded him.

“Okay! I understand!” Luo Cheng nodded and walked in the direction of home.

The four of them quickly finished their noodles.

After the old lady paid for the noodles, she praised Li Xiaoran’s cooking.

“Little girl, you’re really good at cooking! I’ve eaten noodles for so many years, but the noodles you cooked are the best!”

“Thank you for your praise, Granny. If you like it, come and take care of business when you pass by here in the future!” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

“There will be!” The old lady looked at Li Xiaoran and said with a smile.

For some reason, Li Xiaoran felt a sense of malice at this moment.

Could it be that the other party had designs on her?

Thinking of this possibility, Li Xiaoran immediately became vigilant.

Soon, the four of them got into a carriage and drove away.

After the four of them left, Li Xiaoqing walked over.

“Sister, I keep feeling that these four people aren’t good people! Anyway, I feel uncomfortable every time I look at them!”

When Li Xiaoran heard her sister’s words, she thought for a moment and said, “Be careful these few days. Don’t be alone and stay with us wherever you go! Move in and sleep with me at night!”

Li Xiaoqing nodded and the panic in her heart dissipated a little. Then, she continued to clean up the table.

On the other side, after Luo Cheng left, he called a secret guard out.

After Luo Cheng gave him a few instructions, the secret guard left.

After that, Luo Cheng went to the house to get vegetables and then walked back.

Seeing that the four people left, Luo Cheng placed the vegetables by the stove.

“Have they left?”

Li Xiaoran nodded and pulled Luo Cheng to the side. She told Luo Cheng about the malice she had felt previously and what Xiao Qing had said.

Luo Cheng frowned when he heard this.

“Don’t worry, the other party won’t cause any trouble!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and then thought of something. “Husband, what do you think these people do?”

“They can’t be good people!” Luo Cheng didn’t elaborate. “Don’t worry! If they really dare to have designs on us, I’ll teach them a lesson!”

For some reason, Luo Cheng’s words made Li Xiaoran feel very at ease.

Soon, after a busy day, the dough was used up. The family packed up and went home.

Originally, Li Xiaoran wanted to make dinner, but Zhao Xiu said that she wanted to try making braised pork.

Last time, Li Xiaoran had taught them how to do it. This time, Zhao Xiu wanted to try it herself.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and agreed. She went to the courtyard to sit down and rest before playing with the dogs at home.

Big Yellow came to Li Xiaoran’s side and obediently rubbed its head against Li Xiaoran’s leg.

“Big Yellow! I rarely see you these days! Where have you been?” Li Xiaoran touched Big Yellow’s head and asked with a smile.

“Howl!” Big Yellow barked, as if it was answering Li Xiaoran.

At this moment, Big Yellow raised its claws and pointed at a round little fellow walking over not far away.

Li Xiaoran looked over and immediately laughed.

“Father, Mother, is this the little dog that followed Father previously?!”

Li Shun happened to have finished chopping the firewood and looked over. He took a closer look and smiled.

“It’s really this one!” Li Shun walked over and picked up the round little dog. “Where did you go? I feel that you’ve become much stronger after two days!”

“Howl, howl, howl.” The little puppy made cute sounds and even stuck out its tongue to lick Li Shun’s hand.

Luo Cheng walked over and glanced at the little dog. When he saw Big Yellow running to Li Shun’s side and squatting down, he understood something.

“Looks like this little dog is also a capable dog! Otherwise, Big Yellow wouldn’t be so protective of it! It seems that our family will have another capable dog!”

“What do you mean?” Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

“You don’t know, but Big Yellow brought all the dogs here! At first, I thought that Big Yellow brought them back randomly, but later I found out that it wasn’t the case. Some dogs ran over on their own and were chased away if they didn’t get Big Yellow’s approval! The dogs that Big Yellow approved of are all dogs with their own special abilities!” Luo Cheng explained.

When everyone heard this, they looked at Big Yellow in surprise. No one expected Big Yellow to have such an ability!

Big Yellow also heard Luo Cheng’s praise. At this moment, it sat there proudly and enjoyed everyone’s attention.

When Li Xiaoran saw Big Yellow’s look, she laughed.

“No wonder Big Yellow is so impressive. It’s a really capable dog!”

Big Yellow barked, looking very pleased with itself.

At this moment, the little dog, who was struggling in Li Shun’s hand, suddenly stopped struggling. Instead, it stared in a direction and howled.

When Big Yellow heard the puppy’s bark, it stood up and stared in a direction with all its attention.

Luo Cheng’s expression immediately became serious.

“Someone’s here! And there are many people! Li Xiaoran, quickly call everyone to hide in your room. If I don’t ask you to open the door, don’t come out!”

“No, let’s face it together!” Li Xiaoran shook her head and refused. “We’re family. Let’s face it together!”

“Yes, no matter what happens, we’ll face it together!” Li Shun said.

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Luo Cheng didn’t expect Li Xiaoran and her family to say that.

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To be honest, Li Xiaoran and the others hiding was the greatest help to him.

After all, he could then deal with the people who came without scruples.

Li Xiaoran naturally knew this too, but she couldn’t think that way.

“Husband, we’re family! If we hide every time we encounter something and leave you alone outside to deal with it, are you willing to have such a family?”

Luo Cheng was stunned and didn’t know what to say.

“Besides, we might not be your burden! As long as we deal with it well, we can also help!”

With that, Li Xiaoran called her mother, Zhao Xiu, and her sister, Li Xiaoqing, over.

The family gathered together and listened to Li Xiaoran’s instructions.

In the orchard forest outside the house, eight people were quietly approaching Luo Cheng's house.

“The heavens are really helping us! Previously, we were worried about where we should find a hidden place to stay. We didn't expect to accidentally encounter it today. Look at this place. It's far from the village. There's such a large orchard forest around the mountain cove. This place can be guarded and we can escape into the mountains. It's really the best place for us to live!” A short man with a mustache said excitedly.

“Speaking of which, it's all thanks to Aunt Cui! If she hadn't taken a fancy to a woman who cooked tasty noodles, we wouldn't have returned,” the leader observed the situation not far away and said.

At that moment, footsteps sounded. The eight people hiding here were instantly alert.

When the person got closer and saw the person's face, the group relaxed.

“Boss, I've asked around! A hunter named Luo Cheng lives in this mountain cove. He married the granddaughter of the Li family. I've asked. There are only six people in this family!” The person was called Sun Wukong. He had a sharp chin, so he had such a nickname.

The leader, Ma Zhao, recalled Sun Wukong's words carefully.

“Previously, we split into two groups to eat noodles. How many people were busy at the noodle stall?”

Lu An, who had a mustache, recalled.

“One who cooks noodles, one who cleans up the dishes, and there's a young man and a middle-aged couple!”

“In that case, there are only five people in total!” Ma Zhao calculated and said, “There are nine people on our side! I think it's fine. We can try!”

“Boss, the people in the village said that Luo Cheng is very powerful. Think about it, the hunters in the village must be good at fighting. Are you sure we can do it?” Sun Wukong thought of something and said.

Ma Zhao thought of something when he heard Sun Wukong's words.

“In that case, let’s invite Aunt Cui over! With Aunt Cui around, we should be able to take down this place!”

“But Aunt Cui has to watch that girl. She might not come!” Lu An thought of something and reminded him.

Ma Zhao thought for a moment and said, “Tell Aunt Cui about the terrain and situation here. I think she’ll definitely be willing to help! Besides, isn’t she just a girl? She’ll be rendered unconscious after being drugged. It won’t matter if we bring her along!”

“Then I’ll go! My legs are faster!” Lu An said as she walked out of the forest to look for Aunt Cui.

When Aunt Cui heard Lu An’s words, she was immediately interested.

“Is that place really what you said?”

“Aunt Cui, how can I, Lu An, lie to you?! Go take a look and you’ll know. Otherwise, our boss wouldn’t be worried about failing and ask for your help! That place is really nice! With this place, we won’t have to hide everywhere in the future!” Lu An persuaded, “Why don’t you bring this girl along to take a look? If you think that place isn’t good, you can bring her away!”

Aunt Cui thought about it and finally nodded.

“Alright, I’ll make this trip because of that girl who knows how to cook noodles!”

As Aunt Cui spoke, she pulled the girl whose hands were tied with ropes.

“Let’s go. Don’t delay. If you delay my matters, I’ll make you suffer!”

When the girl who had asked Li Xiaoran for help earlier heard this, although she was very angry, she could only listen obediently.

She had suffered a lot when she was disobedient previously. Now, she had learned her lesson.

Soon, the three of them met up with Ma Zhao and the others in the grove.

“Aunt Cui, look, it’s this house not far ahead! This place is really nice. It’s as if it was built for us!” Ma Zhao introduced it to Aunt Cui.

Aunt Cui handed the rope in her hand to Lu An and stood there looking at the house not far away.

“Not bad. It’s indeed very good! You guys are really lucky to have found such a good place!” Aunt Cui smiled and said happily.

When Ma Zhao heard Aunt Cui’s words, he immediately laughed.

“Since Aunt Cui also likes this place, I’ll have to trouble Aunt Cui to take action today! The other party is someone called Luo Cheng. He’s a hunter and knows some martial arts! Just in case, I’ll ask Aunt Cui to guard this place. If we really encounter anyone troublesome, I’ll leave it to you, Aunt Cui!”

“Sure, sure! Do whatever you want. With me around, I guarantee that you’ll be able to get this place!” Aunt Cui said with a smile.

With Aunt Cui around, Ma Zhao felt more confident. Then, he said to the surrounding buddies.

“Let’s go!”

The nine of them took something from somewhere and quietly approached the Luo family.

Upon closer inspection, there were stones, clubs, and scimitars or scythes.

Ma Zhao took out a dagger and looked around warily.

At this moment, Luo Cheng’s house was quiet. Smoke was still rising from the chimney, but the house was silent.

Ma Zhao gestured for a buddy behind him to scout the way first, so someone immediately went up.

As the wall was a little high and the surroundings were very smooth, the person tried his best but didn’t manage to climb over.

“Go help!” Ma Zhao waved and said.

Soon, two more went.

The three of them finally managed to push one of them over the wall.

However, as soon as the person flipped over, they heard a thud and then nothing.

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They waited. Before, there had been no movement at all.

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Now, the two men who had gone over to help turned to look at Ma Zhao and the others with puzzled expressions.

“Aunt Cui, what do you think we should do?” Ma Zhao asked.

Aunt Cui thought for a moment and said, “Maybe the other party has already discovered you guys! There’s no need to climb over the wall. Just barge in!”

Ma Zhao felt that this was the case. Now that one of the nine of them had already been caught, they couldn’t lose any more.

“Let’s go! Unlock the door!” Ma Zhao said and led the remaining buddies straight up to the door.

However, as soon as they approached, they slipped and fell.

Ma Zhao and Lu An walked behind, so they were very lucky to escape.

“Heavens, the ground is so slippery!” Sun Wukong’s butt hurt from the fall and he immediately roared angrily.

“Shut up! Are you trying to alarm them?!” Ma Zhao immediately scolded in a low voice.

Before Sun Wukong could respond, something red suddenly floated out of the wall.

The group were caught off guard. Instantly, tears flowed down their faces.

“Damn, this is chili powder! It hurts. My eyes!” someone wailed.

This time, Ma Zhao was the first to be hit because he was standing.

At this moment, his tears kept flowing and they couldn’t stop.

Before they could react, another wave of small stones was thrown from the wall and hit these people.

Ma Zhao quickly ran away, but those who slipped on the ground were implicated.

They tried to get up, but fell again.

One fell, leaving two behind. Then it had a snowball effect.

It went on until everyone had learned their lesson and didn't dare to stand up. They lay on the ground and slid down. When they reached a place where it wasn't slippery, they slowly sat up and quickly fled the place.

Seeing this, Aunt Cui's eyes were filled with disdain.

"Look at you. A bunch of useless men!"

With that, Aunt Cui tied the rope to the top of a tree and called Lu An over to guard the girl in the veiled hat.

Seeing that Aunt Cui was about to attack, the girl in the veiled hat immediately shouted, "The old witch is about to attack. Be careful!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Aunt Cui turned around and flicked a stone over. She tapped the girl's mute acupoint and jumped onto the wall.

As soon as she landed on the wall, she saw a rock shooting at her.

Aunt Cui snorted and flicked her sleeve, easily slapping the stone to the ground.

"Hmph, it's just a small trick! The people inside, listen up. If you know what's good for you, come out and open the door yourself! I can let bygones be bygones, and I'll spare you this time! If you refuse a toast only to drink a forfeit, don't blame me for being rude to you!"

The house was silent. No one made a sound.

When Aunt Cui saw this, she knew that the other party wouldn't give in. She simply jumped off the wall and came to the door.

With a slap, the door was opened. Ma Zhao and the others walked over.

However, when he saw the smooth ground, Ma Zhao called for someone to take out a scimitar or sickle. He dug a few holes and cleared a path.

This time, the group of people finally entered the courtyard safely.

However, before they could think of anything, there was a sudden commotion. A fishing net appeared and instantly caught a group of people.

As Aunt Cui was standing at the edge, she quickly jumped into the grass on the other side when she heard the commotion.

However, as soon as she landed, she felt an intense pain in her feet.

She looked down and saw that the trap had caught her foot.

In pain, Aunt Cui furiously took out the whip hidden at her waist and wrapped it around the side to open the trap.

As the saying went, take advantage of one's weakness to take one's life. After Luo Cheng observed from the dark, he flew out and stabbed Aunt Cui...

Before the group of people trapped by the fishing net could struggle to break free, they had strength-weakening powder scattered on them by Li Xiaoran and the others. In the end, they couldn't use any strength.

Big Yellow also rushed out with its companions and surrounded Ma Zhao and the others.

On the other side, Luo Cheng was already fighting with Aunt Cui. The trap was also broken by Aunt Cui.

However, Madam Cui was also injured and wasn't as agile as before.

Luo Cheng attacked very calmly and secretly observed the woman's flaws.

Due to Luo Cheng's caution, he had never underestimated anyone, so he had always been careful and didn't attack rashly.

Even though the other party was already exhausted, Luo Cheng still didn't let his guard down.

“I didn’t expect to meet an opponent today. The younger generation will really surpass us! It seems that you’re not a simple hunter!” Aunt Cui stared at Luo Cheng and probed.

Luo Cheng didn’t reply at all and couldn’t be bothered to waste his breath on Aunt Cui.

With Aunt Cui’s stamina, she probably wouldn’t be able to last long, not to mention that the other party’s right foot was injured!

Therefore, Luo Cheng wasn’t in a hurry at all. He attacked at a moderate speed, as if he was teasing his prey.

“Hmph, you’re so young, but you’re actually so vicious. You want to exhaust me to death!” Aunt Cui seemed to have seen through Luo Cheng’s thoughts and snorted coldly.

Luo Cheng remained silent and continued to attack.

Seeing this, Aunt Cui knew that if she didn’t escape today, she would be doomed.

After making up her mind, Aunt Cui used one hand to deal with Luo Cheng while taking out some powder from her pocket with the other.

But before she could move, she heard a voice.

“Cui Yueli, do you still want to see your son, Ah-Nan?”

As soon as she said this, Aunt Cui stopped and looked in the direction of the voice.

The person who said this was none other than Li Xiaoran.

Before Aunt Cui could ask anything, a cold sword pierced through her chest. Then, she fell to the ground.

Luo Cheng knew very well that his sword had pierced the other party’s vital points. The other party probably no longer had the ability to cause trouble.

However, these people were used to danger and always had backup plans, so they had to be on guard.

Therefore, Luo Cheng didn't walk to Aunt Cui's side. Instead, he walked towards Li Xiaoran and the others.

"How did you know? Where's my Ah-Nan?" Aunt Cui knew that her days were numbered. Her eyes were filled with pleading as she looked at Li Xiaoran.

It was as if if Li Xiaoran didn't give her an answer, she wouldn't let her off even if she became a ghost!

Chapter 96 Have You Seen My Ah-Nan?

Seeing Aunt Cui like this, Li Xiaoran sighed.

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"I don't know where Ah-Nan is! But if Ah-Nan knew what you were doing, he definitely wouldn't acknowledge you as his mother! Aunt, when you were at the noodle stall previously, you mistook me for Ah-Nan, right?!"

When Aunt Cui heard Li Xiaoran's words, despair appeared in her eyes.

"I'm unwilling to give up! I haven't found Ah-Nan yet. I don't want to die! Ah-Nan is still waiting for me to save her!"

"No, Ah-Nan is waiting for a mother who loves her to save her, not a mother whose hands are stained with sin to save her! Even if you found Ah-Nan one day, she wouldn't acknowledge you!" Luo Cheng stared at Aunt Cui and said.

"No! That's impossible! Ah-Nan is the most obedient child!" Aunt Cui howled.

On the other side, Ma Zhao thought of something and shouted, "Aunt Cui, is the Ah-Nan you're talking about a little girl with an orchid behind her ear? Ten years ago, she was about 18 years old."

When Aunt Cui heard Ma Zhao's words, she struggled to look over.

"You've met Ah-Nan?"

When Ma Zhao heard Aunt Cui's words, his mouth moved, but he did not know what to say.

Seeing this, Aunt Cui had a bad feeling.

“Ma Zhao, tell me! Where did Ah-Nan go?”

Ma Zhao looked at the deranged old woman and finally hesitated before saying it.

“She’s dead! Someone tried to rape her, so she hit the wall and killed herself!”

As soon as she said this, Aunt Cui sat on the ground in despair, as if all her energy had been taken away.

“How? How can she die? Ah-Nan! Ah-Nan is so obedient. She won’t die. She won’t!” Granny Cui roared the last words.

Ma Zhao recalled his memories and remembered something.

“I didn’t know you were looking for Ah-Nan. If I had known, I might have told you long ago! Back then, if Ah-Nan hadn’t protected me, I would have been beaten to death by those people! Later, after Ah-Nan died, they dug a hole and buried me. I ran out while they were burying Ah-Nan!” At this point, Ma Zhao was in so much anguish that tears fell.

“All these years, I’ve been looking for those people to avenge Ah-Nan. However, I couldn’t find them at all. Later, someone found me and said that if I wanted to take revenge on those people, he would let me work for him!” Ma Zhao told her what he knew.

When Aunt Cui heard Ma Zhao’s words, she immediately thought of something.

“I also met someone who said that if I wanted information about Ah-Nan, I had to work for him! As long as I did it twenty times, he would take me to Ah-Nan!”

“Is the person you’re talking about a man with a mole on his left cheek and a hair on it?” Ma Zhao asked.

Aunt Cui widened her eyes and stared at Ma Zhao in disbelief.

Needless to say, everyone knew that Ma Zhao and Aunt Cui had met the same person.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she remembered something.

“Then why did you take the girl in the veiled hat?! By the way, where is she?”

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran walked towards the door.

Following the pit dug by Ma Zhao and the others, Li Xiaoran came to the girl who had been abandoned outside.

After taking out a dagger, Li Xiaoran cut the rope on the other party's wrist.

“Who exactly are you? You seem to know me?”

The girl in the veiled hat wanted to speak, but she could not. She could only point at the acupuncture point that had been tapped previously.

Li Xiaoran did not understand, so she asked again.

“Why aren't you saying anything? What's wrong? Are you hurt?”

“Wife, her acupoint has been muted!” Luo Cheng walked over, picked up a stone from the ground, and flicked it somewhere.

Soon, the girl in the veiled hat could speak.

“It's me! Thank you for reminding me to avoid danger last time! It's just that I never expected to be caught and brought here even though I was hiding at home! I recognized you before, so I wanted to ask you for help.”

The girl took off her veiled hat as she spoke.

Looking at that face, Li Xiaoran immediately recognized who it was.

Wasn't this the mean girl who looked down on her when she and Luo Cheng went to the clothing shop?

At that time, she had sensed that the maid beside her had ill intentions and reminded her. Unexpectedly, she had avoided danger that time, but not this time.

“It's you! I've already reminded you once, but you were still taken away?” Li Xiaoran didn't know if she should lament that the other party was unlucky or that she was fated to meet her again!

“I didn't want to! By the way, I forgot to say that my name is Qin Meizhen. Thank you for saving my life twice! Don't worry, when we get back, I'll definitely let my father thank you properly!” Qin Meizhen said sincerely.

“No, no, no. Just don’t cause us trouble!” Li Xiaoran waved her hand and said.

“Come back quickly! This person seems to be dying!” Li Shun’s voice came from the courtyard.

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other and planned to go back to take a look.

“Miss Qin, right?! It’s not safe outside. You should come with me to my house to rest first! After this matter is settled, my husband and I will send you back!” Li Xiaoran glanced at Qin Meizhen and gestured for her to follow.

Qin Meizhen also knew that it was not safe for her to be alone outside, so when she heard Li Xiaoran’s invitation, she quickly followed.

“Thank you so much! I really don’t know how to get home alone!”

When the three of them arrived at the courtyard, Aunt Cui was already exhausted.

It was unknown what these people said after Li Xiaoran went out, so Li Xiaoran stared at Aunt Cui.

Perhaps sensing Li Xiaoran’s gaze, Aunt Cui looked over.

“You’re very similar to Ah-Nan! Ah-Nan also makes good noodles. Unfortunately, I haven’t eaten them in many years already! I’m sorry. Previously, I wanted to kidnap you and keep you by my side because you’re really too similar to Ah-Nan!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Aunt Cui’s words, she was a little angry, but she also pitied her.

“You’re wrong. I’m not Ah-Nan, and I won’t let anyone take me away to be a substitute! I’m me, the one and only! You shouldn’t ruin someone’s life just because of a selfish thought. I hope you can understand this in your next life and be a good person!”

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When Aunt Cui heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her eyes glazed over and regret surged in her heart.

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At this moment, she looked in Li Xiaoran's direction and seemed to see her Ah Nan appear in front of her.

“Ah Nan, I'm sorry. I'm sorry! If I hadn't quarreled with your father back then, I wouldn't have abandoned you. Those people took advantage of this opportunity to snatch you away! I really regret it, but I couldn't find you anymore! I've been looking for you all these years, but I couldn't find you. It wasn't easy for someone to provide clues about you, so I naturally didn't let go!”

At this point, tears of regret appeared on Aunt Cui's face.

“Yes, I'm guilty of a heinous crime. My hands are stained with blood. I know I was wrong! Ah-Nan! I'm sorry. I didn't protect you well! In your next life, don't be reincarnated into my stomach. Find a better family!”

With that, Aunt Cui reached out towards Ah-Nan.

The others saw Aunt Cui staring at a spot and then place her hand on it.

Just as everyone sensed that something was wrong, Aunt Cui suddenly smiled.

“Ah-Nan is here to pick me up!”

As soon as she finished speaking, Aunt Cui's last bit of energy was exhausted. Her arms drooped, and then her eyes closed as she fell to the ground and stopped breathing.

At this moment, even Qin Meizhen, who had been abused by Aunt Cui, felt an indescribable sense of sadness when she saw a person die just like that!

“Despicable people are also pitiful!” Li Xiaoran only thought of this when she saw the dead Aunt Cui.

Ma Zhao's eyes turned red after he watched Aunt Cui die.

If he had known that Aunt Cui was Ah-Nan biological mother, he would have taken good care of her like his own mother.

Unfortunately, it was impossible to know.

At this moment, Ma Zhao had mixed feelings.

When Luo Cheng saw this, he didn't say anything. Instead, he looked at Ma Zhao and the others.

"Husband, what should we do with these people?" Li Xiaoran also saw this group of people and asked.

"Send them directly to the cops!" Luo Cheng handled it as usual.

In any case, with Luo Han around, he could handle these matters.

And from the looks of these people, it was probably not the first time they had done such a thing.

Perhaps Luo Han could catch some big fish through these people and get rid of disaster for the commoners.

Ma Zhao recovered from his goomy mood. When he heard Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran's conversation, he thought for a moment and said, "Luo Cheng, let go of my other buddies! They were just following me. They don't know anything else! I'm in charge of everything. I'm willing to cooperate with you and say everything! I just beg you to let my buddies off!"

"No! Didn't we agree back then? We'll share our blessings and difficulties together! We have to bear the responsibility for what we did together today!" Sun Wukong shouted in disapproval.

The others chimed in. Only one person said this on the surface but was scheming about something else.

Li Xiaoran felt a sense of disdain and jealousy. Following the source of this emotion, she saw a man with a mustache among the group of people caught in the net.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran admired the loyalty of this group of people.

However, this mustached man clearly didn't have such loyalty. This kind of person happened to be the kind of person Li Xiaoran hated the most.

Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng to the side and lowered her voice to tell him the emotions she sensed.

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows and then looked at the group of people again. Finally, he nodded. "Don't worry! I know what to do!"

With that, Luo Cheng went to find ropes and tied these people up one by one.

Suddenly, Luo Cheng thought of something and came to Li Xiaoran's side.

“In your opinion, who in this group is more honest?”

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in surprise, not understanding what he meant.

“I still have some things to ask your group to see if they have any accomplices outside. Otherwise, if we leave and the accomplices come later, wouldn't we be in trouble?” Luo Cheng explained.

When Li Xiaoran thought of this possibility, she immediately regretted it. Then, she carefully sensed the emotions of the group of people over there.

“Go find that thin person! The one who said that we should share our blessings and difficulties together! This person is very loyal and not so scheming!”

After Luo Cheng received the information he wanted, he gave Li Xiaoran a reassuring look and turned around to bring Sun Wukong to the side.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said to her family, “Father, Mother, Xiao Qing, it's fine now. Go and prepare food first! My husband and I will send Miss Qin and this group of people to town later. Don't wait for us to eat tonight!”

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu also knew that their daughter and son-in-law were going to do something serious, so they didn't stop them.

Zhao Xiu thought for a moment and said, “Then I'll put the food in the pot to warm it up for you. It'll still be tasty when you come back!”

“Mother, there's no need! Didn't we have a lot of flour and dough at home previously? When the time comes, my husband and I will come back and cook some food ourselves! If it's too late, we might not be able to rush back until tomorrow!” Li Xiaoran calculated the time and said.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu knew that Luo Cheng had a place to stay in town, so they naturally didn't say anything else.

“Alright, then be careful on the way! If it's really dark, don't be in a hurry to come back. It's not safe to travel at night!” Li Shun thought for a moment and reminded them.

“Father, I understand! Don’t worry! On the other hand, when Father and Mother are at home, you have to be more vigilant. Don’t lock the door of the house where Big Yellow and the others are sleeping. With Big Yellow and the others around, we can rest assured!” Li Xiaoran was still a little worried and said.

“Yes, don’t worry! We know how to take care of ourselves!” Li Shun nodded.

After settling the matters at home, Li Xiaoran looked at Qin Meizhen.

“Miss Qin, please sit in the hall for a while and have a drink! My husband will send you back to town after dealing with those people!”

Qin Meizhen was no longer as arrogant and unreasonable as she was when she first met Li Xiaoran. At this moment, she looked at Li Xiaoran in embarrassment and said apologetically, “I’m really sorry about last time! After experiencing this, I realized how ridiculous my life was in the past! If it weren’t for you, I don’t know what I would have experienced!”

“The past is in the past. I didn’t take it to heart! However, your personality was indeed bad in the past. For the sake of your future life, you should change!” Li Xiaoran added when she saw that Qin Meizhen was sincere.

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When Qin Meizhen heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she couldn’t help but smile bitterly.

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“Ever since I was young, only you had ever said that about me! The people around me are all the kind of people who do whatever I say. I used to think that I was really lucky. Although my biological mother passed away early, my stepmother treated me better than she treated her biological daughter! At that time, I was actually smug. Now that I think about it, I realize how things are! Thank you for telling me the truth!”

Qin Meizhen wasn’t stupid!

After so many things had happened, her state of mind had changed a lot.

When Li Xiaoran heard Qin Meizhen’s words, for some reason, she had already imagined a drama.

Her stepmother treated her better than she treated her own daughter? Tsk, tsk, tsk!

Wasn't this ruining her through excessive praise?

Damn, incidents in this world were really similar to those in television dramas!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran actually felt a little pity towards Qin Meizhen for meeting such a scheming housewife.

“Then do you still want to go home? Your stepmother clearly wants to turn you into a useless person. Now that something like this has happened to you, it might be her doing. You can escape once, but you can't escape a second time! You can escape a second time, but what about a third time? Will you always be so lucky as to meet good people who will save you?!” Li Xiaoran reminded.

When Qin Meizhen heard Li Xiaoran's words, she was stunned for a moment. Then, she thought of something and couldn't help but shiver.

“I didn't even remember until you said so!”

With that, Qin Meizhen grabbed Li Xiaoran's hand, her face filled with fear.

“This is very likely! If that's the case, wouldn't I be walking into a trap if I go back now?”

“Don't you have anywhere else to go?” Li Xiaoran looked at how frightened Qin Meizhen was and thought for a moment before asking, “You should have someone trustworthy, right?”

Speaking of this, Qin Meizhen realized many things.

The bitter smile returned to her face.

“No wonder. No wonder Uncle and Aunt told me not to listen to my stepmother and to be on guard. I even fell out with them because of their reminder. All these years, because of these things, I haven't interacted with Uncle and Aunt. What a good move!”

Li Xiaoran was a little dumbfounded when she saw Qin Meizhen's enlightened expression.

It turned out that this silly girl didn't suspect her stepmother at all. At this moment, she finally understood!

She wondered if her reminder was right or not!

However, at this point, Li Xiaoran could only continue to help Qin Meizhen.

“In that case, your current situation is a good thing! Your stepmother probably won't expect you to escape and run to your uncle's house. This way, you'll be much safer. If your uncle and aunt really love you, they'll definitely plan for you!”

“But back then, I angered Uncle and Aunt so much that they even took the initiative to cut ties. How can I still have the nerve to visit them now?!” Qin Meizhen bit her lip and said.

“Is your pride more important or your life? Besides, if they really love you, why don't you go and apologize? Shouldn't you?” Li Xiaoran said angrily, “Where does your uncle and aunt live? It's decided. After we send those bad people to the cops, we'll see how we send you to your uncle's house!”

After hearing Li Xiaoran's words, Qin Meizhen shrugged and said weakly, “I know! You're right! Actually, there's no need to trouble you. My uncle lives in town too! Do you know Fulai Grocery? That shop belongs to my uncle's family!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she raised her eyebrows.

If this was any other shop, she might not know.

But she knew about this grocery store.

Previously, when she was stocking up on things at home, she had asked the villagers in town. Everyone said that the things at the Fulai grocery store were the best and cheapest.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng bought a lot of things there.

“What a coincidence. I've even gone to buy things at this Fulai grocery store! The owner is a middle-aged man with a round face. He looks very amiable!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Yes, that's my uncle. My uncle is like that! Speaking of which, when my mother was still around, I liked my uncle a lot!” Qin Meizhen recalled some things from her childhood and said.

“Don’t worry! Real family members won’t have overnight grudges! Back then, you were deceived by that evil woman, so you did such a heartless thing! Now that you’ve seen through her true colors and are sincerely repentant, your uncle and aunt will forgive you!” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but persuade Qin Meizhen.

Qin Meizhen nodded and remembered Li Xiaoran’s words.

“However, you have to use your brain more in the future. You can’t be swayed by your emotions. You have to think twice about everything. Think more, listen more, and ask more questions. You can’t be willful. You can’t do whatever you think of!” Li Xiaoran finally warned again.

Li Xiaoran was really worried!

She was worried that Qin Meizhen was really a pushover or someone who could be easily coaxed back.

Her stepmother was so smart. It was naturally easy for her to fool Qin Meizhen.

Therefore, she had to take precautions first.

As they spoke, Luo Cheng walked into the main hall with a dark expression.

“What’s wrong? Why do you look so pale?” Li Xiaoran’s heart skipped a beat when she saw Luo Cheng like this. She had a premonition.

“The subordinate I sent to follow this group hasn’t returned. I was worried that something had happened to him, so I asked around. In the end, they killed him!” Luo Cheng said with a terrible expression.

When Qin Meizhen heard Luo Cheng’s words, she immediately remembered something.

“Did you send someone after we left the noodle stall? If that person is your person, then that group of people lied to you! Your person isn’t dead, but he escaped with injuries. However, he’s seriously injured. I wonder if he can rush back in time!”

Luo Cheng perked up when he heard that.

“Are you telling the truth?”

“Yes, as long as that person is someone you sent, I’m certain!” Qin Meizhen nodded and said.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said to Li Xiaoran, “Wife, I want to go out and take a look. If he’s really seriously injured, it’s not too late for me to rush over now!”

Li Xiaoran knew what Luo Cheng was worried about and said to him, “Go! I’ll stay at home! Those people can’t do anything now. Aren’t Big Yellow and the others still around?”

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Luo Cheng glanced at Li Xiaoran but still hesitated.

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“Don’t worry! You forgot that I still have some tricks up my sleeve! There won’t be any mistakes. Don’t hesitate. Hurry up and go out to find him! That’s a human life!” Li Xiaoran persuaded again.

“Alright! Be careful!” Luo Cheng finally nodded. Then, he asked Qin Meizhen where the person had appeared and went to look for him.

After Luo Cheng left, Li Xiaoran quickly closed the courtyard door and called Big Yellow and the others over.

“Big Yellow, bring them around the house and inform me if there’s any movement!” Li Xiaoran patted Big Yellow’s head and said.

Big Yellow barked twice to show that it understood, then brought its dog brothers to patrol.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and then went to call Li Xiaoqing out.

“Xiao Qing, sit in this position. You don’t have to do anything today. You just have to play and observe your surroundings. Tell us if there’s anything unusual! People outside might not be able to see you, but you can definitely see others!”

Seeing that she had been entrusted with an important task by her sister, Li Xiaoqing patted her chest.

“Sister, don’t worry. I’ll definitely watch carefully!”

Li Xiaoran smiled and patted Xiao Qing's head before looking at Qin Meizhen, who had been following her.

“Miss Qin, why don't you sit here with my sister?”

Qin Meizhen looked at Li Xiaoqing and then around. In the end, she shook her head.

“Just let me follow you! I'm scared. I only feel safer when I'm with you!”

Li Xiaoran had no choice but to bring her to the kitchen.

“You said you wanted to follow me, so just sit here! I'm going to make something to eat now. Anyway, you won't be able to leave for a while. It's more important to fill your stomach first!”

“Alright, alright, I'll sit here. Do your thing!” Qin Meizhen nodded and said obediently.

Li Xiaoran glanced at her and went straight to the stove.

“What's wrong? Are you not leaving now?”

“Yes, something happened at the last minute. Luo Cheng went out to look for someone! When he comes back, we can go to town after eating. It's just that I'm afraid he won't be back until tomorrow!” Li Xiaoran said.

“It's fine if he comes back tomorrow!” Zhao Xiu looked at her daughter and said, “Don't worry! Your father and I aren't that fragile!”

“I know, but I'll still worry about you guys!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Silly girl, you're already married, but you're still so clingy to your parents. If my son-in-law sees you, he'll definitely be unhappy!”

“I'm filial to my parents. How can he not be happy about that?! Mother, Luo Cheng looks cold, but he's actually kind-hearted!” Li Xiaoran praised Luo Cheng.

“Yes, yes, yes. He's your husband, so he's naturally the best in your eyes!” Zhao Xiu smiled when she heard her daughter's words. “Finally, you stroke of luck came and you married a good man. Otherwise, who knows what your father and I would have thought!”

“Mother, you have to live your own life! Don’t worry! I’m a blessed person. I’ll live my life well!” Li Xiaoran said softly as she placed her head on Zhao Xiu’s shoulder.

“Alright, I know my daughter is the best!” Zhao Xiu smiled happily and said, “Stop talking nonsense. Since you want to cook, come quickly! I want to eat your cooking today too!”

“Yes! Yes!” Li Xiaoran teased, then went to wash her hands and started working.

Qin Meizhen had been watching the interaction between Li Xiaoran and her daughter. At this moment, she was envious.

Her biological mother had died when she was very young. Although her stepmother treated her well, they had never interacted so intimately.

In the past, she had always felt that giving her everything she wanted was being good to her.

But now that she thought about it, she was really ridiculously superficial!

“Why don’t we make Twice Cooked Pork today?! I remember that the garlic seedlings in our vegetable garden should be ready to eat!” Li Xiaoran boiled the meat in the pot and thought of something.

“It seems to be edible! I’ll go get some now!” Zhao Xiu remembered and nodded. As she spoke, she walked towards the vegetable garden at the back.

There were also some eggs at home. Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and went to get a few. She stirred them with her chopsticks and added warm water before stirring them.

After removing the bubbles and adding salt, she placed the bowl of egg liquid on the steaming rice.

Seeing that there was still some pork lean meat left on the plate, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and simply washed and chopped the meat. Then, she soaked some sweet potato noodles in hot water and planned to make another dish later.

On Zhao Xiu’s side, not only did she bring back some garlic sprouts, but she also brought back some cabbage.

“I’m sweating all over today. Let’s make a bowl of soup to drink!” Zhao Xiu said as she prepared the dishes.

“Sure! Just use meat soup to make cabbage soup!” Li Xiaoran said as she opened the lid of the pot.

Just like that, the meal was arranged.

When Luo Cheng returned with an injured person, he smelled the aroma of food when he walked out of the forest.

“Looks like we came back in time!” Luo Cheng smiled.

Ziyang hesitated when he heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“Young Master, am I really going to follow you from now on?”

Luo Cheng stopped and looked at Ziyang. “Ziyang, you’ve been following me all these years. Although you’re my servant, I’ve actually always treated you as my biological brother! With your body, you aren’t suitable to be my secret guard anymore. It’s better to stay by my side in the open. Coincidentally, I still have many things that I need you to do now! Take care of your body first. In the future, you’ll be busy!”

To be honest, it was naturally better to live directly in front of people.

Seeing that Luo Cheng had already decided, Ziyang nodded.

“Then I’ll listen to your arrangements!”

“Alright! Xiaoran and I still have to go to town today. Stay at home and take care of the family. This way, I won’t have to worry about anyone!” Luo Cheng reminded him.

“Don’t worry, Young Master! I’ll definitely take care of everything at home!” Ziyang promised.

Luo Cheng nodded and patted Ziyang on the shoulder. Then he smiled.

“Let’s go back and meet the family!”

Ziyang grinned when he heard this.

How nice. He had a family too!

As soon as Luo Cheng and Ziyang entered, Li Xiaoqing saw them.

“Father, Mother, Sister, Brother-in-law has brought someone back!”

Hearing Li Xiaoqing’s voice, Luo Cheng looked in the direction of the voice and immediately laughed.

“This girl is quite good at finding a place to hide!”

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When Li Xiaoran heard her sister’s words, she threw the spatula in her hand to the side and ran out.

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When she saw Luo Cheng return with a wounded man, she was instantly relieved.

“You found him?”

“Yes! Fortunately, he didn’t hurt his vital parts. He was just poisoned, so he fell unconscious. Now that he has been detoxed, I’ll bring him back to recuperate!” Luo Cheng said and called Zi Yang over.

“His name is Luo Ziyang. He’s my brother! He’s not my biological brother, but we’re closer than biological brothers!”

This explained Luo Cheng’s relationship with him.

Li Xiaoran understood and nodded with a smile.

“Since you’re my husband’s brother, you’re family. Hurry up and come in to eat! After you’re full, go and rest!”

“Thank you, Sister-in-law!” Luo Ziyang cupped his hands and bowed to Li Xiaoran.

“We’re family, so there’s no need to be so polite! This is your home! Come on!” Li Xiaoran said as she walked into the kitchen. “Father, Mother, add a set of bowls and chopsticks!”

After Li Shun and Zhao Xiu learned this news, they immediately added the bowls and chopsticks.

Soon, everyone washed their hands and sat down around the table.

Qin Meizhen didn't stand on ceremony and sat beside Li Xiaoran.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng frowned and was about to ask when Li Xiaoran shook her head at him.

“I'll tell you about it later! Let's sit down and eat first!”

Luo Cheng nodded and stopped caring about these things.

At the dining table, Luo Cheng introduced Luo Ziyang to his family.

After Zhao Xiu learned that Luo Ziyang would stay at home, she said, “I'll go and tidy up a room after dinner! I wonder which room I should tidy up?”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment. Before he could say anything, Luo Ziyang spoke first.

“Please help me tidy up the room on the right! I'm used to being alone. I like silence. That place is just right!”

Luo Ziyang was Luo Cheng's guard, so he naturally knew the distribution of this residence.

The room on the right was the furthest from the hall, and it was far from Li Shun, his wife, and Li Xiaoqing's room. This way, they could avoid suspicion. After all, Li Xiaoqing was living in Luo Cheng's house, so it was better to consider some things first!

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Ziyang's words, she understood what he meant.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran had a good impression of Luo Ziyang.

As expected, the person her husband brought back had a good character.

Zhao Xiu also understood what Luo Ziyang meant and secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

Actually, she had been worried about this before, which was why she asked this question.

No matter what, she was a mother. She had to plan for her daughter.

“Then we’ll do as Ziyang says. Please tidy up the room on the far right!” Luo Cheng looked at the expressions of the people at the dining table and understood what was going on.

Next, the family began to eat.

In the beginning, Qin Meizhen was actually a little unaccustomed to it, because she rarely ate with so many people when she was in the Qin family.

Usually, she was served by the servants alone or went to eat in restaurants outside.

Occasionally, she would eat with her father and stepmother, but she never enjoyed it. It was as if everyone fell silent when she appeared at the table.

Qin Mei could vaguely feel that she was out of place at that dining table.

Even though her stepmother kept asking about her well-being and giving her more food, she still didn’t feel any warmth.

But it was different here.

Sitting at this table, although everyone would talk while eating, it made her feel very cozy.

At this moment, she didn’t feel like an outsider at all. It was as if she had naturally integrated into this place.

Qin Meizhen felt that way, and so did Luo Ziyang.

Everyone was very casual about sitting here and eating. They didn’t ostracize anyone or ignore anyone’s feelings.

While eating, Li Xiaoqing looked at Luo Ziyang, who was sitting opposite her, as if she was puzzled about something.

However, the little girl knew that this wasn’t the time to ask such questions. Hence, she sized up Luo Ziyang while eating.

“Focus on eating!” Zhao Xiu noticed Li Xiaoqing’s actions, so she reminded her softly, “Don’t you usually complain about eating Twice Cooked Pork? The meat isn’t to your liking today?”

When Li Xiaoqing heard this, she immediately reached out with her chopsticks and picked up a piece of twice-cooked meat in her bowl. Then, she said anxiously, “It suits my taste! My sister made it, so it’s my favorite!”

With that, Li Xiaoqing focused on eating.

“Don’t just eat meat. You still have to eat some vegetables! Also, eat more of this steamed egg, especially those of you who are injured and are still growing bodies. Your bodies are weak. Eat more to nourish your bodies!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile. Then, she took a spoon and scooped a spoonful of steamed egg into everyone’s bowl.

Luo Cheng waited for a long time but didn’t see his bowl, so he picked up the bowl and placed it in front of Li Xiaoran.

“What about me? I need some nourishment too!”

They all laughed at that.

Li Xiaoran didn’t know how to react. She quickly scooped a spoonful of steamed egg into Luo Cheng’s bowl.

“What else do you want to eat?”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and brought the bowl back.

“No need. I can do it myself!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately smiled and shook her head.

Just as she picked up her chopsticks again, Luo Cheng put down the bowl and chopsticks and scooped a spoonful of egg soup for Li Xiaoran.

“You’ve worked hard too!”

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and felt touched!

It turned out that this was the feeling of being cared for. No wonder Luo Cheng was jealous and took the initiative to ask her to give him more steamed egg soup!

“Thank you, husband!” Li Xiaoran smiled and thanked him. Then, she picked up her chopsticks and ate happily.

As Li Xiaoqing ate, she watched her brother-in-law and sister’s PDA. She seemed to be eating very happily.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu were naturally happy to see their daughter and son-in-law having a good relationship. As parents, it was the best thing for their children to be happy.

Qin Meizhen looked at the scene in front of her in a daze. She was comparing this to her previous life in the Qin family and suddenly realized many things.

So this was what true happiness and joy were like.

And her so-called happiness in the past was just a fake happiness!

At this moment, Qin Meizhen felt a strong desire.

She had lived an ignorant life for so many years. Now, she was going to live her life well.

Perhaps Li Xiaoran was right. She should think about how to live her life in the future!