

Village Girl 71

Chapter 71: Return to the Village in a Carriage

Lin Yuelan and the people in the carriage chatted and laughed. Then, the carriage stopped at Lin Yuelan's hut. That was how the villagers confirmed the Jinx was familiar with the owner of the carriage.

Therefore, many villagers gathered around curiously.

They didn't expect that the Jinx would gain divine power and wisdom, kill a tiger and then return with rich friends in just two short days.

The transformation was hard to accept. More importantly, it made them feel jealous of Lin Yuelan.

Why? Of course, it was because the Jinx had started to earn money.

It was fine if she had a little money, but she actually got to know the rich young masters and young ladies in the town and even got the rich young master and young lady to send her home in a luxurious carriage. This was something that they could not bear to see.

To them, the Jinx should live in the mud and dust. She should be disgusting and hated.

Ying Zi looked at the round face of the handsome young man who had a smile on his face, and her face could not help but blush. She was in the age where butterflies would fly in her stomach. It was also the age when she was about to get married.

Even though Ying Zi had been to town before, she had never seen such a handsome young man. Therefore, when she saw Liu Qi, her heart was stirred.

She was so angry when she saw this handsome young man send the Jinx home. Her eyes were filled with jealousy and her hands were clenched into fists.

However, when she noticed that the young man didn't seem to know anything about the jinx's background, she looked around and then shot a look at her mother, Gu Sanniang. She signaled with her eyes for her mother to send Liu Liujiao, the village's big mouth, to expose Lin Yuelan's background to the young master.

Actually, without any prompts from Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao was already ready to bombard Liu Qi with the 'truth' about Lin Yuelan. As for why? It was because she was a narrow-minded woman. She believed that a twelve-year-old jinx should be hated by all. Plus, she had a sixteen-year-old daughter, Lin Meimei, who hadn't married. Well, technically, Lin Meimei was already engaged. When she was 12, Lin Meimei was engaged to a boy from a neighboring village.

However, the young man missed his footing and fell down the mountain when he was harvesting herbs. He became a cripple.

After Lin Meimei heard about it, she cried and made a fuss. In the end, she broke off the engagement. However, only half of the betrothal gifts had been returned.

However, after breaking off the engagement, Lin Meimei couldn't find another man to marry. It was either because Lin Meimei wasn't satisfied with their looks or because Lin Meimei thought they were too old.

Furthermore, Liu Liujiao and Lin Meimei's reputation wasn't good either.

After Lin Meimei's ex-fiance broke his leg, Lin Liujiao immediately cut off the engagement. She even wanted to keep all the betrothal gifts. The boy's family in the end only managed to get half of the gifts back. When this matter spread among the villages, the people were surprised by Liu Liujiao's family's actions. Most of them did not agree with Liu Liujiao's cold-blooded and greedy actions. Therefore, good families wouldn't have considered having their sons marry Lin Meimei. Those with poor backgrounds would come to offer a marriage to Lin Meimei. However, the Liu family looked down on them.

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Just like that, Lin Meimei was engaged at 12 but stayed single until she was 16. In this ancient era, being single at 16 basically meant that no one wanted to marry the girl. It was how Lin Meimei became a spinster.

However, a handsome young man around 16 suddenly appeared in Lin Family Village. He was dressed in bright clothes and was driving a beautiful carriage. He came from a rich family. Of course, Liu Liujiao wouldn't let go of the chance to snatch such a wonder son-in-law.

Lin Meimei was 16, and the young man looked like he was 16 too. They were a perfect match.

Therefore, even without the prompt from Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao was already planning to sow discord between the jinx and the rich young master.

Thus, when Lin Yuelan grabbed the stuff and entered the hut, she immediately ran over and told the Liu Siblings, "Young Master and Miss, I advise you to stay away from her." While saying that, she pointed in Lin Yuelan's direction and continued, "She is the famous Jinx of our village! Her parents are not dead, but they have severed their relationship with her!

"Anyone who helps her will face a disaster. For example, three years ago, an elementary scholar who helped her in our village is now lying in bed, unable to get up."

Liu Liujiao ignored the shocked expressions on Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin's faces. When she saw Lin Yuelan coming out of the house, she awkwardly slipped back to her previous position. It was like she hadn't done anything to speak ill of the Jinx behind her back. Liu Liujiao was still afraid of the divine power gifted to the jinx by the king of hell. Liu Liujiao was a coward. She wouldn't dare to provoke the jinx openly.

The Liu siblings were shocked.

They didn't even ponder the possibility that their new friend's parents were not dead, and the truth was so shocking!

A jinx? Their tiger-beating heroine had to live with such a reputation. She was despised by the villagers. Even her biological parents were so cold-blooded that they cut off their relationship with her.

No wonder she told them that her parents were gone. Then again, she was not telling a lie.

But they would have felt better if they were told a lie because the truth was much more infuriating.

At the very least, if Lin Yuelan's parents died, they could be forgiven for leaving Lin Yuelan alone to fend for herself. However, her actual parents were still alive, and they had cut off relations with her. They were really cold-blooded!

When Liu Qi heard that an elementary scholar from the Lin family village had been harmed by Lin Yuelan because he had helped her, he frowned slightly.

However, Liu Jiayin was only eight years old. She didn't think that far.

For her, it was too ludicrous for a heroine to bear the reputation of a jinx. She was even viewed as a jinx by her biological parents, who were both alive and well. Lin Yuelan hadn't even harmed them, but they actually tossed their daughter out because of hearsay!

Liu Jiayin became abnormally angry!

Chapter 72: Conflict

Everyone expected Liu Jiayin to be angry.

But the villagers expected that she'd be angry because of Lin Yuelan's deception.

After all, Lin Yuelan was a jinx. If she got too close to someone, that person might die. Therefore, it was understandable for Liu Jiayin to be angry after knowing Lin Yuelan's real background.

Liu Jiayin's cheeks were red, and her eyes were filled with unusual anger. She glanced at the villagers who were watching a show, and then said loudly, "You despicable villagers, what's wrong with sister Yue? You called her a jinx, but what has she done to you? Plus, what kind of parents does Sister Yue have? They are too heartless. With parents like that, it's better to be alone. No wonder Sister Yue said that they're gone!"

Ha...

Liu Jiayin's sharp words made many people suck in a breath.

Lin Yuelan had said the same words before, but the villagers didn't believe her. When Liu Jiayin repeated the same things, they felt angry.

Why?

They were angry about Liu Jiayin's accusation, especially Ying Zi, who was now jealous of Lin Yuelan.

When these two heard that Lin Yuelan was a jinx, they didn't get angry at Lin Yuelan for lying to them, but they felt sympathy for her.

Ying Zi glanced at the surprised crowd around her. After that, she slowly walked up to Liu Qi, half bent her body, and gave him the curtsy reminiscent of a rich young lady. Ying Zi mimicked this from some of the young ladies she had seen in town.

Ying Zi stood up and glanced at the entrance of Lin Yuelan's house. She looked a little embarrassed as she spoke to Liu Qi and Liu Jiayin. When she looked at Liu Qi, there was a shy and bashful look on her

face, “Young master, young miss, it’s not that I’m complaining about Lin Yuelan, but... I’m really doing you both a favor. Just now, Auntie Liu has already told you that three years ago, the youngest son of our village chief helped her. However, not too long after that, he had an accident while riding on the ox cart, causing his lower body to be paralyzed. Even now, he is lying on the bed, and his title as the elementary scholar has been revoked. This is all her fault.

“Young Master and Young Miss are so close to her. The villagers and I are worried that the same tragedy will happen to you as it did the elementary scholar.

“Furthermore, it’s not that the jinx’s parents didn’t want her. They are not cold-blooded and heartless. However, they have been so cursed by the jinx that they are weak and sick. The mother is weak that she can’t even do any farm work.

“However, after the jinx is kicked out of the family, her parents’ health miraculously recovered. Young Master, Young Miss, if you don’t believe me, you can ask the other villagers.”

Ying Zi smeared Lin Yuelan’s name on the pretext of protecting the Liu Siblings. She wanted them to hate Lin Yuelan like the rest of the villagers.

After all, even if Lin Yuelan suddenly gained divine power and gained wisdom, most of the villagers still hated and rejected her as before. This was why Ying Zi believed the villagers would be on her side. The villagers wouldn’t have anything good to say about Lin Yuelan.

Liu Jiayin did not care at all whether Lin Yuelan was a jinx or not. In her heart, Lin Yuelan would always be the heroine who carried the big tigers on her shoulders and stood majestically on the streets.

Plus, Liu Jiayin might be naive but she was not dumb. When she saw how this girl who was acting all coy before her elder brother, how could she not know what the girl was aiming at?

Liu Jiayin had encountered many women like this.

They were all lusting after her brother who was rich and handsome. They shamelessly tossed themselves at him. They either blushed at her brother, or purposely dropped their stuff around him. In the past, there were even some who pretended to trip and wanted to fall into her brother’s arms...

Liu Jiayin really had no idea how these people could be so shameless. This girl before her was even worse. She slandered her new friend while trying to attract her brother’s attention. How annoying.

Then, Liu Jiayin stared at Ying Zi with disdain and said, “Stop acting so coquettish around my brother. You look so ugly, and your heart is even uglier. My brother will not be interested in you!” She then added, “You are not worthy of my brother!”

Ying Zi’s face turned from a bashful red to an even redder one. She was so angry that she turned red from embarrassment.

She had never thought that the girl in front of her, who was only a little shorter than her, would have such a vicious mouth.

Yes, she was trying to seduce the young master but being exposed so openly, Ying Zi felt so ashamed.

Ying Zi was ultimately just twelve years old. She was still a child. She immediately frowned at Liu Jiayin and shouted angrily, "What's wrong with you? I came here with good intentions to remind you, but you turned back to scold me instead. Do you really think that I am a country kid who is easy to bully?"

But then, her expression changed again. She looked at Liu Qi with an innocent and aggrieved expression and said in a coquettish tone, "Young master, I really didn't mean that. Look at your sister, how could she say these things about me? If those words get out, how can I still get married?" That was a big enough hint that Ying Zi wanted to marry this young master.

Liu Jiayin raised her head and rolled her eyes. She sneered and muttered, "What a shameless woman!"

Liu Qi rubbed his forehead. Having such a willful and unruly sister gave him a headache.

Although this person called Ying Zi indeed had lustful feelings for him, his sister couldn't make her lose face.

Moreover, this girl called Ying Zi did come to remind them out of kindness. She had no malicious intentions.

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Liu Qi cupped his fists and said to Ying Zi, "Young Lady, thank you for your kindness. But, we know what we are going to do. Please leave us for now!"

He did not mention anything about his younger sister insulting her.

Although Ying Zi was very displeased, she could only glare at Liu Jiayin when she saw Lin Yuelan coming out from the door. After that, she stomped her feet and left.

When Liu Jiayin saw Lin Yuelan coming out, she immediately stepped forward in anger and asked, "Sister Yue, they all say that you are a jinx. Is that true?"

Chapter 73: Conflict

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When Lin Yuelan was working in the house, she could hear the villagers gossiping about her to the Liu Siblings.

Lin Yuelan expected Liu Qi's attitude. However, Liu Jiayin's insistence on protecting Lin Yuelan made the latter's heart warm.

Lin Yuelan had placed her trust in the wrong friend in her previous life. But now, an eight-year-old was staunchly defending her for no reason at all. She knew the girl was sincere. She was too young to be so calculative.

From that moment on, Lin Yuelan truly regarded Liu Jiayi as a friend, and not just because she was the daughter of a wealthy family. Technically, Lin Yuelan was old enough to be Liu Jiayi's grandmother, but who said they couldn't be friends?

As for Liu Qi, his attitude was not as clear. But it didn't matter. Lin Yuelan wanted to befriend Liu Jiayin and not Liu Qi. To put it bluntly, Lin Yuelan would see Liu Qi as a friend only because he was the eldest young master of the Liu family.

Lin Yuelan didn't quite care about Liu Qi's reaction. If he would continue to be her friend, then she secretly protect him and the Liu family. If he would not, she would not care about anything other than protecting Liu Jiayin.

After Lin Yuelan came out of the house, Lin Jiayin rushed over and asked in a loud voice, "Sister Yue, they all say that you are a jinx. Is that true?"

Lin Yuelan's attitude was very calm as she walked to the front of the carriage. Then, she glanced at the villagers around her with her sharp eyes and answered lightly, "Yes." Then, she easily and neatly took a large bag of flour from the carriage, which weighed twenty catties.

Seeing this, Liu Jiayin immediately went forward to give her a hand and said angrily, "Sister Yue, how can you be so indifferent? They said that you are a jinx. How can you just let them call you that?" Her angry little face was flushed red as if she was the one being called the jinx. Her eyes were wide with anger, and her cheeks were puffy with anger. She wore a pink dress, which made her look very cute.

Lin Yuelan suddenly chuckled. She patted Liu Jiayin's little face and said, "They are talking about me. What are you angry about? Besides, we can't control their mouths. If they want to call me a jinx, then so be it. It's nothing off my back anyway."

Liu Jiayin still said angrily, "But, they are isolating you and spreading slander everywhere. This is too much."

Lin Yuelan said, "Jiayin, we walk our own paths. Don't care what others say."

These villagers were still frightened by what happened to Lin Mingqing three years ago. Coupled with the instigation of some people, for the past three years, Lin Yuelan had been ostracized and isolated from the Lin family village.

But now that Lin Yuelan had been reborn, as long as the villagers didn't provoke her, she could ignore the gossip behind her back. Once they did, she would take revenge immediately.

Liu Jiayin slowly calmed down. Since sister Yue did not care, she would listen to sister Yue. However, in her heart, Liu Jiayin was sure that the girl, who could go up the mountain to take down a tiger, wouldn't be a jinx. They only called her a jinx because they were jealous of her.

Lin Yuelan really did not know that she had unknowingly received a loyal fan.

Compared to his sister's closeness to Lin Yuelan, Liu Qi's attitude was clearly much more distant than before.

He cupped his hands and smiled, "Miss Lin, the weather is a little late. My sister and I have to go back already!"

Lin Yuelan looked at the unnoticeable frost in his eyes, and the corners of her mouth curled into an unnoticeable smile.

It seemed that the eldest young master of the Liu family was still a little wary of her.

Lin Yuelan said with a chuckle, "Young Master Liu is right. The day is getting dark. You should leave. Otherwise, if something did happen on your way back, you'll blame it on me. That would truly make me a jinx."

Lin Yuelan's straightforward words made Liu Qi feel a little embarrassed. But, he said with a little embarrassment, "Miss Lin, please don't say that."

Then, Liu Jiayin was reluctantly dragged into the carriage by Liu Qi.

After getting into the carriage, Liu Jiayin said to Lin Yuelan, "Sister Yue, I will definitely come and play with you again. Sister Yue, when you go to town, you must come to the Liu family to find me."

Lin Yuelan nodded at Liu Jiayin and said, "Alright. I will come to visit you often in the future."

After that, Liu Jiayin was dragged into the carriage.

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"In the future, you are not allowed to make friends with Lin Yuelan anymore." On the way back, Liu Qi said to his sister, Liu Jiayin, with a serious expression on his face.

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Lin Yuelan was a jinx. She was a girl who was ostracized and loathed by all the villagers. No matter how capable she was, they were not allowed to have anything to do with her.

What if they ended up like the elementary scholar of the Lin Family Village? That would make Liu Qi lose all his power in the Liu Family. They would be chased out of the Liu Family then.

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Thinking of these consequences, Liu Qi felt a chill run down his spine.

Therefore, he made up his mind. No matter what, he couldn't have any contact with Lin Yuelan, let alone allow his sister to have any contact with her.

Even Lin Yuelan did not expect Liu Qi to be as ignorant as the villagers.

Then again, it was understandable.

Superstition was common for all ancient people, regardless of age, region, race, or class!

As the son of a large family in An Ning town, Liu Qi was the legitimate heir of the Liu family.

However, he was not the only heir. He had a lot of brothers from different mothers. They all wanted his spot.

If something happened to him...

What would happen to his weak mother?

What would happen to his naive sister?

Could he rely on his father, who loved his concubine more than his wife?

Liu Qi had to be careful. In order to prevent anything from happening, they had to keep a distance from Lin Yuelan. This was Liu Qi's concern.

He could not let anything happen to him because he could not gamble with the future of his mother and sister.

Therefore, when he heard the Lin Family Village's villagers call Lin Yuelan a jinx, he frowned.

Liu Jiayin had been well protected by her brother since she was young. She had never considered such things.

Therefore, when her brother forbade her from being friends with Lin Yuelan, she immediately became angry.

She glared at her brother with red eyes and said loudly, "Brother, don't tell me you also believe that nonsense?"

Liu Qi said seriously, "It's not nonsense! That is the truth."

Three years ago, the news of an elementary scholar being expelled caused big news in An Ning Town. However, Liu Qi had no idea that it could be traced back to a jinx.

Liu Jiayin did not believe in these things at all.

She explained loudly, "That must be an accident, a coincidence. Sister Yue didn't do anything. Brother, you are being very unfair."

Liu Qi also said loudly, "Then, why would the whole village call her a jinx?" Then, Liu Qi warned her sternly, "In the future, you are not allowed to associate with her anymore, do you hear me?"

"I don't!" Liu Jiayin was stubborn.

Then, she suddenly stood up, looking as if she was about to jump off. When Liu Qi saw this, his face immediately turned pale with fright.

"Ying 'Er, it's dangerous!" Liu Qi cried out in alarm. He stopped the horses, and the inertia threw Liu Jiayin out of the carriage.

There were stones on both sides of the road. If Liu Jiayin hit them, her face would be ruined, or she'd be crippled. Then, her life would be ruined.

Chapter 74: Friends

When Liu Jiayin fell from the carriage, she thought that she would break her bones too. But she landed on a patch of soft soil. Other than her clothes getting dirty, she was fine!

When Liu Qi saw his sister stand up completely unscathed, his tensed heart finally relaxed. 'That was lucky or else...'

Little did Liu Qi know that that had nothing to do with luck at all.

When Liu Jiayin fell from the carriage, the pebbles on the ground automatically rolled to the side. Then, tender grass and weeds sprouted on the ground to cushion Liu Jiayin's fall. Otherwise, the consequences would have been serious.

Liu Qi stopped the carriage, put down the reins, immediately jumped out of the carriage, ran to his sister, and examined her whole body. Other than some small dirt on her knees, he could not find any injuries, so Liu Qi was completely relieved.

Then, he sternly and seriously reprimanded his sister, "Liu Jiayin, you are too impulsive and too reckless! Do you know how dangerous it is for you to jump out of the carriage? Can you spare your brother some worry?"

Liu Jiayin also knew how dangerous it was. When she was scolded, she bit her lips stubbornly with tears rolling down her face. Her brother had never been so harsh with her before.

When Liu Qi saw his sister's wronged expression, his heart ached terribly. However, he knew that if he did not teach his sister a good lesson, she would change her ways.

After lecturing her for a while, Liu Qi continued, "It seems that you really need to stay away from Lin Yuelan. We have just departed from her, and you almost got into an accident. Thankfully, you landed on a soft opening in the land. Otherwise, you'd be disfigured or crippled!" In other words, Liu Qi was blaming Lin Yuelan for this incident.

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Liu Jiayi initially regretted suddenly standing up in the carriage. However, when she heard her brother push the blame onto Lin Yuelan, she immediately became angry again.

She shouted angrily at her brother, "Brother, you are too unreasonable! I was the one who stood up in the carriage, so how can you blame sister Yue?"

Then, she ran away crying.

She ran in the direction of the Lin family village.

It seemed that she had gone back to find Lin Yue Lan.

Liu Qi was dumbfounded.

He was doing everything for his sister's sake, but his sister couldn't understand his good intention at all. Instead, she had turned her back on him for a person she had known for less than a day.

Seeing her sister run away, Liu Qi was also wondering if he had done anything wrong.

Lin Yuelan was really a good girl. If she did not have the reputation of being a jinx, he would also be very happy for his sister to make such a friend.

But their backgrounds were too different.

One was the daughter of a rich family, and the other was a jinx from the countryside.

One was rich, and the other was poor.

Afraid that something would happen to his sister, Liu Qi looked in the direction of the Lin family village and sighed. Then, he jumped on the horse carriage, turned around, and rode towards the Lin family village.

Fortunately, the Lin Family Village was not that far away.

Liu Jiayin was surprised by the attitude of her big brother. He actually placed so much emphasis on the slander against Sister Yue.

Liu Jiayin cried and ran in the direction of Lin Family Village, or more precisely, Lin Yuelan's home.

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As for Lin Yuelan, when Liu Qi and Liu Jiayi were leaving, she had asked Little Green to pay attention to their movements.

Firstly, she wanted to check Liu Qi's true attitude. Secondly, she really wanted to protect the siblings in the dark. She could not let the incident of Lin Mingqing happen again.

Therefore, Lin Yuelan knew about the conflict between the siblings, Liu Jiayi's close accident, and the girl running to her house.

When Lin Yuelan saw Liu Jiayi fall out of the horse carriage, Little Green immediately asked his friends to move the sharp stones that would harm Liu Jiayi. Then, Little Green softened the ground and coaxed the grass to grow.

Lin Yuelan was wearing the same set of clothes as before. With her hands behind her back, her eyes were sharp as she stood on the road, waiting for Liu Jiayi's arrival.

When she saw Lin Yuelan, Liu Jiayin's tears fell like rain, and she looked very wronged.

Liu Jiayin hugged Lin Yuelan, who was dressed in tattered clothes, and cried out loud, "Sob, sob... Sister Yue, my brother just scolded me. My brother has never scolded me so harshly before."

Liu Jiayin really did care about Lin Yuelan, so Lin Yuelan was moved.

Liu Jiayin might change in the future, but currently, she really treated Lin Yuelan as a friend. Of course, Lin Yuelan would treat her as a friend too.

Lin Yuelan's heart was not made of stone.

She gently patted Liu Jiayin's back and comforted her, "Jiayin, your brother is also doing this for your own good!"

Then, Lin Yuelan's sharp eyes stared at the carriage that was rapidly approaching.

Chapter 75: Stealing Silver

Once again, Liu Qi led his sister, Liu Jiayin, back into the carriage.

However, the words Lin Yuelan said to him kept ringing in his ears: 'Stupid people listen to stupid words. Smart people will do smart things!'

Liu Qi thought that he was a smart person, but after hearing Lin Yuelan's words, he began to doubt himself in his heart. Was he a stupid person or a smart person?

He didn't want to believe Lin Yuelan's rumors. However, the entire village rejected and hated her. He had no choice but to believe that.

However, Lin Yuelan's words gave him a deep shock!

He had to think carefully now. Could they really befriend Lin Yuelan, the jinx?

If Lin Yuelan really did jinx them, then the consequences...

However, if the incident with the Lin Family elementary scholar was just a coincidence and Lin Yuelan was framed...

It seemed like there was a deeper story behind Lin Yuelan. He needed to dig deeper before he could make a decision.

Liu Qi had made up his mind. When he returned, he would send someone to investigate the cause of Lin Yuelan being called the jinx.

In fact, Lin Yuelan didn't really care about what Liu Qi did or didn't do. She was very clear that the Liu family was the Liu family, Liu Qi was Liu Qi, and Liu Jiayin was Liu Jiayin.

The friend she wanted to make was Liu Jiayin. As for Liu Qi, she was just taking advantage of him.

He was the eldest young master of the Liu family, and she needed a backer.

However, if Liu Qi was not willing to help her, she did not want to force him. At most, her current life would be slightly harder, but she wouldn't die because of it.

Liu Qi had no idea that his choice would decide the Liu Family's future. It would affect whether the Liu Family would be Lin Yuelan's partner or common admirer in the future!

As for how Liu Qi would choose, his heart was also filled with doubts and hesitation!

After the Liu siblings left for the second time, Lin Yuelan frowned slightly.

She would protect Liu Jiayin no matter what. As for Liu Qi and the Liu family, it would depend on Liu Qi's choice.

If he chose to be her friend, then she would treat him as a friend. In the future, when she struck gold, she would not forget about his portion. However, if he chose to act as ignorant as the Lin Family villagers, then Lin Yuelan wouldn't be so stupid to stick to him anymore.

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The next day, Lin Yuelan went up the mountain again.

The main purpose of going up the mountain this time was to harvest medicinal herbs, like ginseng, lingzhi, and other precious medicinal herbs!

She was not going to sell them but to plant them in her space.

Once Lin Yuelan left, groups of people immediately barged into her small hut. Since the door was made of hay, there was no lock. Even if there was a lock, people could easily kick down the door. In fact, people could easily poke a hole in the wall. They didn't even need to use the door.

Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu sneakily approached Lin Yuelan's hut before dawn. They hid behind a pile of grass, their eyes shining as they stared at the cottage. It was as if they wanted to see through the thick grass walls and see the people inside.

Lin Daniu whispered to Li Cuihua with some excitement, "Mother, where do you think this jinx will hide the silver?"

He had heard that Lin Yuelan had sold that big tiger for 380 taels of silver. He had also seen her take that beautiful tiger skin off the carriage yesterday.

Therefore, in a while, he would swipe the silver and the tiger skin. He knew that the beautiful and undamaged tiger skin could be sold for at least 100 taels of silver. In fact, bigger families in the capital would offer up to 400 taels for the tiger skin.

When Lin Daniu thought of the money and the tiger skin, he could not suppress the excitement in his heart.

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He wanted nothing more than to grab the silver and leave. With the money, he could buy jewelry for Widow Li and Official Liu's daughter. With the silver, he could hook up with more beauties in town.

Lin Daniu felt restless. He wanted to rush into the hut and be the first to snatch all the money.

Why the first?

Because he knew that even though his mother doted on him, she wouldn't allow him to have all the silver.

A son knew his mother!

Li Cuihua's plan was as Lin Daniu predicted.

There was no way she would let Lin Daniu take away all the silver.

Firstly, she was in charge of the family finance and all the money had to pass through her hands.

Secondly, she needed money for the family expenses.

Thirdly, and most importantly, her third grandson, Lin Dazong, was the future master scholar. In the future, he would be a high official. However, before that happened, he needed silver to buy paper, ink, book and so on. The Lin Family had to supply Lin Dazong with a lot of money.

Therefore, for the sake of Lin Dazong's future glory, Li Cuihua had to make sure she had all the silver in her hands.

As for why the two of them had come to stake out the hut before dawn... Well. It was to sneak into Lin Yuelan's house and steal the money when no one was around.

Lin Yuelan was now blessed with divine power, so they wouldn't be stupid enough to go head-to-head with her. Moreover, Lin Yuelan had become cold and ruthless after a trip to the underworld. She even slapped her uncle and broke his leg.

Fortunately, the doctor had managed to reattach the bone for Lin Siniu. However, this made Lin Siniu suffer a great deal of pain, which made him hate Lin Yuelan even more.

When dawn came, Lin Yuelan left.

"Mom, the wretched girl has gone out. Let's sneak in!" Lin Daniu said excitedly while pulling her mother's sleeve.

Li Cuihua was also excited and said, "Yes, let's go!"

When they approached the door of the cottage and saw another group of people, Li Cuihua lost her composure and screamed, "Why are you here?"

Chapter 76: No Honor Among Thieves

Lin Yuelan had gotten a few hundred taels of silver from selling the large tiger. Then, many villagers saw Lin Yuelan buy many new pots and pans. There was even rice grain being taken out of the horse carriage.

These things were a great attraction to the poor villagers. Therefore, many people wanted to rob Lin Yuelan.

On the surface, they were afraid of Lin Yuelan's divine power. After all, she managed to take down a tiger on her own.

However, they had been observing Lin Yuelan since yesterday night. As soon as she left, they would sneak into her hut to rob her blind. Where could she hide things in her shabby hub? Even if they had to dig under the ground, they would find her silver.

As for the newly bought pots and pans, they were even easier to steal.

Therefore, before the sky was even bright, there were waves of people sneaking around Lin Yuelan's shabby little cottage.

However, due to the lack of light, they didn't see each other. Who knew so many people had the same idea?

When they approached the hut, the groups of villagers looked at each other in dismay.

Li Cuihua pointed at Liu Liujiao, Gu Sanniang, and the others and shouted angrily, "Why are you here?" Lin Yuelan's assets should go to her family. But these people brazenly came to steal from her. How shameless!

After being caught, Gu Sanniang felt a little embarrassed and found an excuse to say, "Auntie Li, I woke up early in the morning to use the toilet and came here out of curiosity when I saw you guys here."

"Bullshit!" Li Cuihua was angry and scolded, "Your house's toilet is so far away from here. Do you come here to steal the girl's money?" Li Cuihua pointed out the obvious.

Since she was exposed, Gu Sanniang no longer concealed her motive. She said, "The jinx has obtained so much silver from the sale. My family is short on money, so why can't I take it from her?" She said this very naturally like Lin Yuelan owed her money.

Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu believed that Lin Yuelan's silver belonged to the Lin family. The silver didn't even belong to Lin Yuelan in their mind, much less the other villagers.

When Lin Daniu thought that this money might fall into the hands of others, he couldn't suppress the anger in his heart.

Lin Daniu sternly shouted at Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao, "Gu Sanniang, Liu Liujiao, how dare you steal from the Lin Family? I'm going to report you to the village elders!" He didn't say he was going to report them to the court because he was afraid of the court. After all, he was a thief too.

Instead, he threatened them with a complaint to the village elders because he was Lin Dazong's father. Lin Dazong was going to be the future elementary scholar. The elders would definitely favor him. Secondly, Lin Yuelan was still from Lin Laosan's family. Therefore, Lin Yuelan had to hand over the money to Lin Laosan's family.

In short, the elders would side with Lin Laosan's family, and they would punish Gu Sanniang and Liu Liujiao, who also came to steal money.

Liu Liujiao was also furious when she heard Lin Daniu say that he would go to the elders. She also shouted angrily, "Lin Daniu, you are so shameless. How can you say that the jinx's money belongs to your family? Everyone knows that she has severed blood ties with your family already!"

"Looking at your sneaky appearance, don't think we don't know you're also here to steal from the jinx?!"

"And you dare to call us thieves? That's the pot calling the kettle black!" Liu Liujiao indirectly admitted that she was there to steal.

Liu Liujiao was famous in the village for her big mouth. Therefore, she had a silver tongue that could turn the truth upside side.

When Lin Daniu threatened her, she immediately exploded.

When Li Cuihua heard Liu Liujiao say the jinx's money had nothing to do with Lin Laosan's family, she was furious too. She immediately cursed, "Liu Liujiao, you big mouth. Who said that the jinx's money has nothing to do with my family anymore? Let me tell you. The jinx's money is my money. If you know what's good for you, leave immediately. Otherwise, I'll shout for the entire village to come over. They'll see that Liu Liujiao and Gu Sanniang came early in the morning to steal the money from the jinx."

Liu Liujiao said without the slightest fear of provocation, "Go on and shout them! Bring all the villagers over here. We'll see whether it is more embarrassing for me, or is it more embarrassing for you, Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu, the jinx's former grandmother and uncle?"

Gu Sanniang saw that their argument was getting more and more heated. When no one was paying attention, she sneaked into Lin Yuelan's hut.

Li Cuihua couldn't win against Liu Liujiao. She was so angry that her face turned green and white. She immediately went forward to scratch Liu Liujiao's face.

Liu Liujiao was a fat woman in her forties, while Li Cuihua was in her fifties. She was weaker than Liu Liujiao.

Therefore, the difference in age made Li Cuihua weaker.

The two of them struggled.

Li Cuihua failed to scratch Liu Liujiao. Instead, Liu Liujiao scratched her face a few times. Red marks immediately appeared on her face. Li Cuihua was furious. She reached out to grab Liu Liujiao's hair.

Liu Liujiao saw this coming. She quickly grabbed Li Cuihua's hair first.

Li Cuihua was at a disadvantage. She became angry from embarrassment and shouted at Liu Liujiao, "Liu Liujiao, how dare you hit me?" Then, she shouted at Lin Daniu angrily, "O! One, are you dead? Can't you see that your mother is being bullied? Quickly come over and help. Pull this woman away!"

When Lin Daniu saw the two women fighting, he was stunned. He only came to his senses when his mother shouted at him.

No matter how weak Lin Daniu was, he was still a man. He was much stronger than Liu Liujiao. Lin Daniu easily rescued Li Cuihua from Liu Liujiao.

The moment Li Cuihua was freed, she was angry. She said, "O! One, let's teach this old woman a lesson first!" Lin Daniu agreed.

However, Liu Liujiao wasn't someone who would sit still and not counter.

Just as Li Cuihua was about to make another move, she immediately scratched Li Cuihua's face and grabbed her hair again. The pain made Li Cuihua howl.

Lin Daniu also went forward to grab Liu Liujiao's hair.

Suddenly, a clang came from inside the hut.

The group that was fighting was stunned at first, but they immediately reacted.

Then, they quickly let go of each other and quickly ran into the hut.

Chapter 77: Red-handed

Did Lin Yuelan not know about the waves of people visiting her home?

Of course not.

When the people looked at her with jealousy as she descended from the horse carriage yesterday, Lin Yuelan already knew what was on their minds. After all, she had survived years in the apocalypse. These people wanted to steal from her.

However, these villagers would never have thought that her silver would not be hidden in any corner of her house. She carried the silver with her. She stored the silver in her magical space. She left out a small portion of the new stuff she bought around the hut and kept most of them inside her space.

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The small portion was bait.

Otherwise, she would have to deal with thieves every time she bought something new. Rather than dealing with them in the future, Lin Yuelan wanted to solve everything all at once.

Lin Yuelan sat on a branch of a big tree on the mountain top. Her tender little face was calm, but her big eyes carried a sharp gaze as she looked in the direction of her home.

Lin Yuelan touched Little Green, who was sitting in front of her chest. The two green leaves were swaying. She asked, "Little Green, what's the situation now?"

She didn't have clairvoyance, so she could only find out what had happened in the hut through Little Green's communication with other plants.

Little Green's sharp buds curved, and then he said in a crisp voice, "Master, Li Cuihua and Liu Liujiao started fighting each other, while Gu Sanniang took the opportunity to sneak into our house and rummage through it.

"When she was inside the hut, Gu Sanniang accidentally broke one of our earthen jars, startling Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, and Liu Liujiao. They stopped quarreling and immediately went into the house and started rummaging through the cabinets."

A sneer appeared on Lin Yuelan's tender face as she said, "Do these people really think I am so easy to bully? Little Green, call Little White. Let's go home!"

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Little Green's sharp bud bent, and he immediately replied, "Alright!" He slipped down from Lin Yuelan's body and slithered away.

Lin Yuelan did not move. She stood up on the tree branch. She was expressionless, and her eyes looked far ahead. Her gaze was sharp.

Although it was safer here than in the apocalypse, the people annoyed her a lot. However, she knew that she couldn't deal with the darkness inside people's hearts in a day.

All she could do now was to intimidate and warn!

Not long after, Lin Yuelan heard a deafening tiger roar.

The corners of Lin Yuelan's mouth curled up, and there was a happy smile on her face.

The tall, fierce, and awe-inspiring Little White carried Little Green as it walked to the big tree where Lin Yuelan was standing.

When it arrived at the location that Little Green had mentioned, Little White stood still and looked at the top of the tree with its big white head.

When it saw the small black shadow, its big round eyes suddenly lit up. Then, it roared at the top of the tree as if it was greeting the people on the tree.

Little Green jumped down from Little White's back and then sneaked back to Lin Yuelan's side.

Lin Yuelan gently stroked Little Green's two green leaves, then looked at Little White, who had an innocent look in its eyes. She smiled.

Then, she climbed down the tree with Little Green. When they were almost at the bottom of the tree, she jumped onto Little White's back.

Little White steadily caught Lin Yuelan. Lin Yuelan grabbed the white fur on Little White's neck. Then, she gently patted it and laughed happily. She praised loudly, "Little white, good job!"

Little Green slid down from Lin Yuelan's shoulder and jumped onto her wrist. Then, it circled a few times and turned into something like a jade bracelet.

Lin Yuelan stroked Little Green's exposed sprouts with one hand. Then, she patted Little White's back and said, "Let's go, Little White!"

The girl and the tiger thus swaggered into the village from the mountain.

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The clank startled the three people fighting. It was the sound of jars breaking. It woke the trio up.

The three were fighting while Gu Sanniang had already sneaked into the hut to look for the silver.

How could she be so despicable? The three cursed!

The three immediately stopped fighting. They quickly slipped into the house. Why? Of course, they were going to look for silver.

Three women and a man rummaged through the entire house. They even checked the black ashes on the stove.

"This is strange." Lin Daniu frowned and muttered to himself, "Where did that wretched girl hide the money?" He used his hand to push away the weathered hay that formed the way.

The small hut, which was already not stable, became even more dilapidated. They poked holes here and there in the walls.

Lin Daniu thought that Lin Yuelan would hide the money in the wall. It was why he was basically tearing down the house. For some people, they would chip out a brick and then hide valuables behind it. The brick would be replaced, and one would be none the wiser.

Lin Yuelan's hut was not made of brick, but she still could hide the money in the wall, right?

The moment Li Cuihua entered the house, she saw the clean bed with a new quilt with orchids on it. A hint of anger immediately appeared on her face as she cursed, "That bitch actually used our money to buy such a good quilt. What a jinx and wastrel!"

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Her hands did not stop moving. She walked to the side of the bed, picked up the quilt, and shook it a few times. However, silver didn't fall out of the quilt as she expected.

She then tore the quilt with all her strength. However, other than cotton and cotton thread, there was nothing else hidden in the quilt. Not even a copper coin could be seen, let alone the silver.

Li Cuihua threw these things aside and began to rummage around on the bed but found nothing.

Li Cuihua was unwilling to give up, so she jumped off the bed and slipped under the bed to search.

Gu Sanniang came in first. She searched Lin Yuelan's room based on how she'd hidden her own money.

As soon as she saw the bottles and jars, she began to dig through them. She even poured out the seasonings from the jars Lin Yuelan had just bought.

Liu Liujiao entered the kitchen directly.

Every corner of the kitchen had been wiped clean. There wasn't a trace of any silver.

The sky was getting brighter. They didn't even find a single copper coin, let alone silver or banknotes.

The four of them were very unwilling to give up. However, they couldn't continue searching.

Because, in a moment, there would be a passing crowd.

Suddenly, the four of them had a tacit understanding.

When they saw the brand new items in Lin Yuelan's hut, they immediately split up to snatch them.

Then, they grabbed their spoils and prepared to go home.

However, when they stepped out of the door and saw the figure standing at the door, the four of them immediately turned pale with fright.

Chapter 78: Red-handed

Lin Yuelan sat on Little White's back and stood at the door of her house.

She was expressionless, and her sharp eyes were staring at the door.

When Li Cuihua, Lin Daniu, Liu Liujiao, and Gu Sanniang failed to find the money and walked out of the door with Lin Yuelan's newly purchased items, they saw Lin Yuelan sitting majestically on the back of a big tiger.

The four of them were so frightened that the things in their hands fell to the ground with a clang. The fear in their eyes was exposed.

They were not afraid of Lin Yuelan but Little White that she was sitting on.

The day before yesterday, they had also seen a big tiger at Lin Yuelan's place, but that tiger was already dead. Of course, they weren't afraid. They were shocked at first, but after knowing the tiger was dead, they slowly calmed down.

However, now a big, tall, and fierce tiger stood before them. Moreover, this big tiger looked even bigger than the dead tiger they had seen before.

The four of them were so scared that their faces were pale, and their hands and feet were weak. They held onto each other. While they were fighting earlier, now they became each other's support.

"Is that a real tiger?" Gu Sanniang opened her eyes wide in fear and asked with a trembling and frightened voice

"Is... is it?" Liu Liujiao usually had a big mouth. She spoke as if she was not afraid of anything. However, at this moment, she looked at the Big White Tiger in fear and asked nervously.

As for Lin Daniu and Li Cuihua, they were so scared that they did not even have the strength to speak. Especially Lin Daniu, who was so scared that he sat on the ground. There was even some suspicious liquid under his body.

What was that liquid?

The answer was clear.

Lin Yuelan immediately rolled her eyes and looked at Lin Daniu with disdain.

The man was even weaker than the three women. He was so scared that he peed himself.

Lin Yuelan jumped down from Little White's back and patted it. As if understanding Lin Yuelan, Little White raised his head and roared at the sky.

In an instant, the entire Lin family village shook as if the sky was shaking.

The four people were even more scared and sprawled on the ground.

Lin Yuelan slowly walked forward. Looking at the pale faces of the four people, a cold smile appeared on her tender face. Then, the cold smile turned into a light smile.

She looked at the four of them with a smile and asked with a puzzled look, "Elder Li, Auntie Liu, Auntie Gu, uncle Lin, what are the four of you doing lying in front of my house?"

Then, she looked at the things scattered around them, such as the new quilt that had been torn apart, the porcelain bowl, the earthen jar, and so on.

Lin Yuelan immediately stopped smiling, and her expression became stern. She pointed at these things with her little finger and asked with a serious expression, "What's going on? Why are the things I bought yesterday in your hands?"

Then, with a stern expression, she asked again, "You're at my house, and these things are scattered around you. Did you come to steal from me when I was not home?"

The four of them were scared out of their wits by the appearance of the Big Tiger. The imposing manner of Lin Yuelan startled them too.

They did try to steal from Lin Yuelan, but they didn't expect the jinx to come back so soon. Plus, she would come back with a tiger!

The four couldn't answer Lin Yuelan's interrogation.

It wasn't that they didn't want to defend themselves, but that they hadn't regained their senses and didn't have the strength to defend themselves.

Little White's roar had attracted the whole village. Lin Yuelan was doing this on purpose.

Why?

It was very simple. It was to make an example out of the thieves!

How to make an example if the crowd was not there?

She didn't even want to find trouble with Lin Laosan's family so soon, but Li Cuihua and Lin Daniu wouldn't leave her be. If she did not teach them a deep lesson, they would still think that they could still bully, scold, beat and rob Lin Yuelan as before.

As for Liu Liujiao...

If she didn't spread the jinx rumor three years ago, Lin Laosan's family wouldn't think about killing Lin Yuelan. Liu Liujiao was the main reason all the tragedies befell Lin Yuelan.

Originally, Lin Yuelan planned to deal with Liu Liujiao later, but the woman volunteered to be taught a lesson.

As for Gu Sanniang, because of her daughter Ying Zi, Lin Yuelan didn't have a good impression of her at all. A child reflected a lot on their parents.

At such a young age, Lin Ying Zi was already a horrible person. She was smart but had a jealous mind. Her mother, Gu Sanniang, couldn't be much better. This was a woman who cheated on her dead husband with other married men in the village. She was not a good person.

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Lin Yuelan saw that the four of them were weak and pale, but she had no sympathy in her heart.

Lin Yuelan shouted again, "Are you really here to steal from me?"

Then, without waiting for their response, she walked straight into her own house. She didn't even need to open the door because the thieves didn't even close the door. They only remembered to grab their things. It was like the things in Lin Yuelan's house belonged to them.

As soon as Lin Yuelan walked into her own small hut, she saw the mess on the ground, and there was faint anger on her face.

Although she left some things at home as bait, when she saw the mess in the house, Lin Yuelan couldn't hide her anger.

The ground was filled with the remains of the broken bowls and jars, as well as torn old clothes and quilts.

The walls were poked with holes of all sizes. She bought a new set of teacups. They were not of perfect quality, but they were valuable enough. There were six cups in one set, but four were missing, and two were shattered on the ground.

The new quilt she bought was gone. The bedsheets were shredded. All the new bowls, new chopsticks, and new cans were either gone or shattered.

Lin Yuelan checked the kitchen.

The oil and salt had been stolen. The seasonings dirtied the ground. The new pot was gone. The stove had been pried open, and the floor was covered in mud and dust.

Lin Yuelan walked to the door and shouted at the culprits angrily, "You all really tried your best to ensure that I wouldn't be able to survive!"

Chapter 79: Grandpa Lin Qi

Little White's roar was deafening, and everyone in the village heard it.

Even cats and dogs were filled with panic after hearing this roar.

For a moment, there was meowing and barking everywhere. The village was bustling with panic.

"Grandpa Qi, you also heard the roar of a tiger, didn't you?" A young man asked a white-haired old man.

Grandpa Qi nodded anxiously, "The tiger roar shook the mountains. Even if I couldn't hear it, I could feel it. But what is the tiger doing out of the mountain?"

The question was meant for the young man and himself.

"Right, has anyone gone to call Lin Dawei?" Grandpa Qi asked.

Every time a ferocious beast came down the mountain, the only hunter in the village, Lin Dawei and his family would be called.

"Grandpa Qi, someone has already gone to call him," the young man replied.

Grandpa Lin Qi was one of the more prestigious elders of the Lin Family Village. He was from Lin Laosan's previous generation. Even Lin Laosan had to call him Uncle Qi.

He was now in his seventies. In ancient times, he was considered a saint already. He was one of the few aged elders in the village. He was very well-respected.

Normally, he rarely showed up. He only appeared when there was something important in the village. Even the village chief had to respect his opinion.

Three years ago, when Lin Laosan had the ritual, Lin Qi didn't show up because he didn't think it was a big deal. He couldn't care less if Lin Yuelan died or not.

If he had stood up for Lin Yuelan back then, perhaps Lin Yuelan's life wouldn't have been so miserable.

That day, the tiger's roar had drawn out this old man.

Grandpa Lin Qi said anxiously, "We haven't had a tiger in the village for decades already. Why is this happening now?"

The young man supported Grandpa Lin Qi and frowned slightly. After thinking for a moment, he said, "Grandpa Qi, it's very likely that the tiger is down the mountain to take revenge for the tiger that the jinx, Lin Yuelan, killed two days ago."

Lin Qi stopped for a moment. He asked in puzzlement, "Lin Yuelan? Who is Lin Yuelan?"

Lin Qi usually stayed at home and never stepped out of his house unless something big happened in the village.

Therefore, it seemed normal that Lin Qi did not know about Lin Yuelan.

The young man paused. He didn't expect Grandpa Qi to not know about Lin Yuelan. The young man said, "Grandpa Qi, do you remember three years ago when Lin Laosan tried to sever the relationship with his fourth granddaughter?"

Lin Qi leaned on his walking stick. His aged face wrinkled slightly, like a wrinkled chrysanthemum. His aged and turbid eyes looked ahead with shrewdness.

He asked with slight doubt, "Lin Laosan?"

The young man nodded, "Three years ago, the fourth granddaughter of the third Lin family was declared by the Taoist priest to be a jinx. Lin Laosan's family wanted to kill the girl, but the village chief's family stopped them. The girl was saved. But the youngest son of the village chief's family, Lin Mingqing, got into an accident soon after that. He was paralyzed and had his title as an elementary scholar revoked. Everyone said that it was because he had helped the jinx."

Lin Qi knew about this.

After all, it was not easy for a village to cultivate an elementary scholar. However, the title was revoked because of an accident. Something so major couldn't be hidden from him.

Lin Qi frowned slightly and said sharply, "So, that girl killed a tiger, and the tiger's friend came down the mountain to take revenge?"

The young man didn't dare to make a rash judgment and could only reply, "It looks like that. Besides, the tiger's roar seems to come from the jinx's place."

Lin Qi nodded. "Okay. Let's go look."

However, the young man stopped him, "Grandpa Qi, you should stay. If the big tiger came to take revenge, it would be fierce. If you're injured, it'll be very serious. You'd better leave it to us, young people."

Lin Qi's hand knocked his walking stick to the ground. He said firmly, "A tiger in the village concerns the safety of the entire Lin family village. How can I sit back and do nothing? Let's go. I must go."

Lin Qi was stubborn. The young man had no choice but to oblige.

They passed many villagers carrying shovels, hoes, poles, and the like. They all headed to Lin Yuelan's hut. They looked anxious. When some saw Lin Qi, they would stop to greet him, while the others rushed ahead.

The village chief, Lin Yiwei held a hoe and led a group of young men too. When he saw the young man holding Lin Qi, his face darkened, and he questioned sternly, "Lin Qingshan, are you crazy? This is so dangerous. Hurry up and bring Uncle Qi home."

Lin Qingshan looked at Lin Yiwei and said helplessly, "Uncle, I want Grandpa Qi to go back home too. But Grandpa Qi insists on going."

Lin Yiwei glared at Lin Qingshan and immediately went up to Lin Qi and said, "Uncle Qi, it's too dangerous for you to go. You'd better go back. What if you're hurt?"

Lin Qi said sternly, "Lin Yiwei, are you implying that your uncle is old and useless? Is that why you want to send me away?"

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Lin Yiwei immediately said, "Uncle Qi, when did I say that? Based on the tiger's roar, the tiger is very fierce. What if you're hurt? You're our village's treasure, Uncle Qi!"

However, Lin Qi was very stubborn. "Don't try to persuade me. I need to go over. Let me see how that tiger will hurt me." He was being childish.

Lin Yiwei sighed and ordered the young men around him. "Stay next to Grandpa Qi and protect him. Don't let the tiger harm him, okay?"

The few young men hurriedly replied, "Yes, village chief!"

Lin Yiwei then left in a hurry. He was worried that if he didn't arrive with the reinforcement soon, the tiger might really hurt the villagers.

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Early in the morning, Lin Dawei was packing his luggage and preparing to go up the mountain to hunt.

He was going hunting for three days, so he prepared some dry rations, took the bow and arrows and other hunter tools, and prepared to set off.

However, when the earth-shattering roar of a tiger reached his ears, his heart shook. 'Has a tiger descended the mountain? The roar came from Lan 'Er's place. Is the tiger going to her place?'

Lin Dawei didn't dawdle. He grabbed his bow and arrow and left.

When everyone gathered at Lin Yuelan's hut, they were stunned!

Chapter 80: Handling and Deterrence

When all the young and strong men in the village rushed to the place where Lin Yuelan's hut was, they were stunned.

It was true that a big tiger was there, and it was also true that it was tall and fierce.

But what else was also true?

The white tiger, which was as tall as an adult's waist, stood obediently in front of Lin Yuelan's house.

Its round and big eyes looked at the crowd with confusion. With its white fur, it looked as cute as it could be.

However, no matter how cute it was, it was still a big tiger.

Therefore, everyone stared at the big tiger with vigilance. At the same time, their faces revealed a sense of panic and unease. They hesitated if they should rush forward to combat the tiger.

The cowardly men among the crowd were so scared that they hid behind others.

Lin Dawei was the first to arrive. Then again, even if he weren't the first, the other villagers would wait for him before they dared to do anything. This was because he was the village hunter. Thankfully, Lin Dawei's home wasn't that far from Lin Yuelan's hut. He arrived soon after Little White roared. But when he arrived, he was confused. The big tiger didn't look like he was there to seek revenge. Instead, it stood in front of Lin Yuelan's hut, wagging its tail happily.

Moreover, there was not the slightest trace of panic on Lin Yuelan's face. On the contrary, the people on the ground were so scared that their faces were pale. Lin Daniu's pants were even wet.

Lin Dawei slowly understood what was happening. Why were the four sprawled in front of the girl's house with everyday stuff scattered around them? Were they there to steal from Lan 'Er?

Suppressing the doubts in his heart, Lin Dawei stood at a distance away from the big tiger. With a worried and anxious expression, he shouted, "Lan 'Er, are you alright?"

At this moment, Lin Yuelan was angrily questioning the four. When she heard Lin Dawei, she walked away from the four. However, she didn't walk toward Lin Dawei. Instead, what she did made everyone hold their breath. They stared at Lin Yuelan's movements with their eyes wide open. There was some fear and worry on their faces.

Lin Dawei was the most worried. He shouted in shock, "Lan 'Er, be careful. Don't go near it!"

However, to everyone's surprise, Lin Yuelan didn't seem to hear Lin Dawei and walked straight toward the Great White Tiger.

Then, she stood still.

Everyone was once again shocked by Lin Yuelan's actions, their eyes filling with disbelief.

Lin Yuelan raised her hand and patted the Big Tiger's head.

Her voice was very tender as she said, "Little White, go and stand over there. You're too close to the crowd. They'll misunderstand you as a dangerous threat."

Lin Yuelan was pointing at the spot where Li Cuihua and the other three were lying.

This time, all four of them had pools of water under their butts.

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Lin Daniu was always the overachiever. He rolled his eyes and fainted from the fright.

When the three women saw the tiger walking their way, they were so frightened that their faces were as pale as paper. Their eyes were filled with terror, and their expressions were even more fearful.

The three women were all of a certain age. They would be scared when they faced a ferocious dog, much less a big tiger that could eat them in a single munch.

Little White swayed and stood majestically in front of the four people. Then, like a dedicated guard on sentry duty, it stood there with a serious expression.

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The people looked at this with their eyes and mouths wide open.

Lin Yuelan's eyes were sharp as she scanned the crowd.

She was waiting.

She was waiting for the appearance of the key character.

That person didn't show up three years ago, but she believed he would show up this time.

She needed him to prevent the villagers from bothering her again. Therefore, she had Little White howl to lure him out. She knew she might not have his cooperation, so she had done some digging with Little Green and her host's help.

This small hut of hers could not withstand much destruction. Although the hut was dilapidated, it was her home. So, she had to protect it.

Lin Yuelan slowly walked into the crowd. She asked, "Uncles, what are you doing with these weapons?"

Of course, she knew that they were drawn there by Little White's roar. They assumed that a big tiger had come down the mountain to eat people.

The crowd snapped to attention. They were there with the tools to fight the tiger.

However, the tiger was standing before them. None of them wanted to be the first to challenge it.

Lin Dawei put the bow and arrow back in his leather bag. He clenched his fist with one hand. He coughed twice and grinned. He asked curiously, "Lan 'Er, did the roar come from this tiger?" He pointed at the Big White Tiger and asked.

Lin Yuelan nodded. "Yes." Then, she explained, "Before dawn, I went up the mountain. However, halfway there, I remembered I had left something at home. It'd take too much time to travel on foot. So, I had Little White carry me back home. It would save me a lot of time.

“But,” Lin Yuelan’s expression changed. Her young and immature little face was filled with anger and grievance. She pointed at the few people who were slumped on the ground and said, “They... are such bullies!”

When the crowd heard Lin Yuelan refer to the tiger as Little White, the corners of their mouths twitched.

This tall and mighty big white tiger should be called Big White. Little White didn’t seem to match its appearance and aura.

However, when the villagers heard Lin Yuelan actually rode the tiger down the mountain, they were shocked again. They looked horrified.

The jinx rode the big white tiger down the mountain?! The day before yesterday, the jinx had killed a big tiger. Yesterday, she went to town to sell it and today, she rode a big tiger down the mountain?!

Everything was too unbelievable!

Lin Dawei was surprised by what Lin Yuelan said too. However, when Lin Yuelan pointed at Lin Daniu, Li Cuihui, and the other two with such indignation and anger, he frowned. He had a feeling that something had happened.

Lin Dawei asked seriously, “Lan ‘Er, what exactly did they do?”

Lin Yuelan pointed at the four of them. Her face was red with anger. She said indignantly, “Uncle Dawei, I... don’t know what to say. Why don’t you go inside my house and take a look for yourself?!”

Lin Dawei frowned slightly. Then, he walked into Lin Yuelan’s house to take a look. The big tiger was guarding the door. Although he was afraid, he tried to ignore the beast.

When Lin Dawei came out of the hut, the anger on his face was obvious.

One had to wonder what Lin Dawei had seen inside Lin Yuelan’s hut that made him so angry. After all, he was not someone who was famed for having an irritable temper.