

Peasant 611

Chapter 611: Court

Ye Muyu tidied up her clothes gently. Even Lil' Jin understood what was happening, not to mention Ziluo. Protecting themselves was the most important thing.

Chu Ziluo understood this. She nodded obediently. "Mother, I understand. I'll tell my brother."

"Alright, go and change your clothes. We're about to set off."

"I know, mother." Chu Ziluo ran quickly.

Madam Hu had already cooked breakfast. She made pickled cabbage buns, meat buns, and some vegetable porridge.

After a simple breakfast...

Ye Muyu brought Chu Ziluo, Chu Jin, and Zhang Cong onto the mule cart. Zhang Shu and Han Zhuang drove the cart. As soon as they left the house, they met Chu Xing and Madam Qian, who were riding a cart to the county.

Seeing Ye Muyu and the others, Madam Qian greeted them happily. "Muyu, are you bringing Ziluo along too?"

"I'm bringing her along to broaden her horizons," Ye Muyu replied with a smile.

Madam Qian agreed. In the future, if Chu Heng were to pass the high scholar examination, Zi Luo's status would rise, and it would definitely be good to have more knowledge.

Soon, the two families arrived at the entrance of the village.

The other villagers had already arrived at the entrance of the village. Only the last few families were left. Ye Muyu's family was not considered late. Madam Liu also came, but she did not bring anyone else and was alone.

Ye Muyu called her to her mule cart.

Seeing that there was still space on the mule cart, Madam Liu came up and stuffed a small paper bag into her palm.

Ye Muyu lowered her head and looked at it. It seemed to be something that contained medicinal powder. Her pupils constricted. She was a little surprised. "Mother, what kind of medicine is this?"

"Hmm, laxatives." Madam Liu leaned closer to her and whispered, "I'm always worried. Although the Tang family has been fine for the past few days, I'm always on tenterhooks. If something really happens, you can keep this medicine with you. If you have the chance, you can protect yourself."

"Mother, then I'll accept it." Ye Muyu did not expect Madam Liu to think so far ahead. However, she was already prepared. They had to be well prepared and brace themselves.

"Okay, be careful."

Soon, everyone in the village was gathered.

There were forty to fifty people scattered around.

Mrs. Tang and Tang Xueren also went to the county.

Tang Chuan stayed in the village.

Along the way, there were ox carts from various families carrying villagers to listen.

Most of them lived near the school. Those who were at home at that time had to go and record their statements.

An hour later, the large group of people finally arrived at the county.

The city gate of the county was already open.

However, the interrogation was even stricter than before.

The arrival of a large number of villagers from Xingshui Village attracted the attention of the soldiers guarding the city gate.

He checked them one by one.

With more people, the news of the murder case quickly spread.

One spread to ten, ten spread to a hundred, and most of the people in the county knew about this news.

By the time the people of Xingshui Village arrived at the entrance of the county government, there were already many curious people there.

Madam Liu looked at her group of people and relaxed a little. She waited for the village chief to go to the yamen guards guarding the yamen and explain the situation.

Soon, Chu Jin, Zhang Cong, and some other children at the scene requested to be brought into the county office.

Madam Liu was somewhat anxious.

Ye Muyu had expected this. She glanced at Han Zhuang, who nodded to show that he understood, and then disappeared into the crowd.

Ye Muyu heaved a sigh of relief. If it were not for Han Zhuang, she would not have been able to relax.

“Muyu, the children went in just like that? Must we stay outside?”

Chapter 612: Xie Yu's Help

“Mother, don't be anxious. We can't enter. This is a requirement of the law. We can only accept it.”

“Lil' Jin and the others will be brought into the hall for questioning.”

“Alright, alright.” Madam Liu knew that it was useless to be anxious at this time. She could only try her best to calm herself down.

This feeling of being bullied by power made her feel unwilling. At this moment, she was more worried. Her gaze was fixed on the door beside her, and she was impatient.

At the Xie family...

Two guards followed behind Xie Yu, and he quickly walked out of the gate, rushing to the county office.

Butler Xie received the news after around 30 minutes. He pointed at the servant guarding the door and scolded angrily, “Why did you only report such an important matter now? If anything happens to Young Master, I will hold you accountable.”

Butler Xie did not say much. He quickly found someone to help and rushed to the county office.

However, when he arrived, he found that things were going very smoothly.

Butler Xie was a little puzzled, so he squeezed forward to look for the people of the Chu family. He knew more information. Now that the Xie family was already cooperating with Scholar Chu to clean up the mess, the people below sensed that Landlord Wang had made a move, and it seemed to be quite a big move.

He had already advised Xie Yu many times not to go out at this time.

In less than ten days, he would send Xie Yu to the capital city for the exam.

Who knew that Xie Yu had somehow found out that Landlord Wang was going to attack Scholar Chu's wife today, so he deceived him and rushed over.

Butler Xie could only pray that Xie Yu was in the crowd.

Butler Xie squeezed to the front, but he did not see Xie Yu. He felt a little uneasy. He turned his head and saw Madam Liu. Since he knew her, he quickly went forward and cupped his hands in greeting. He asked, "Madam, are you Scholar Chu's mother?"

"And you are?" Madam Liu asked subconsciously.

"I'm the butler of the Xie residence. May I ask if you've seen my Third Young Master?" Butler Xie hurriedly asked.

Actually, Madam Liu had only seriously looked at Xie Yu's appearance at the banquet held at the bookstore. After Butler Xie introduced himself, she finally remembered. However, she was somewhat puzzled by his question, "Third Young Master? I didn't see him come over."

"Then what about Scholar Chu's wife and son?" Butler Xie noticed Chu Ziluo was beside him, so he asked.

“Just now, she went in with a bailiff to get Lilt Jin out of the yamen.”

Before this, Chu Jin and the other children had already given their testimony in court.

Butler Xie’s heart skipped a beat, but he did not show it on his face. He cupped his hands and said goodbye. “Old Madam, I won’t disturb you anymore. I’ll go elsewhere to look for my Young Master.”

Madam Liu grabbed Chu Ziluo’s clothes and turned to look at Butler Xie with a frown. She felt that something was wrong but could not put her finger on it. She wanted to ask Butler Xie again, but she felt that they were not familiar with each other, If she asked too many questions, he might not be willing to answer, It would only offend him. Moreover, Butler Xie seemed to have something urgent to attend to.

“Where can the Third Young Master of the Xie family go?” Chu Liushi muttered softly. She could not wait any longer. She pulled Chu Ziluo up and said to Liu Hai beside her. “Let’s go to the side door and see if Ah Yu and Lil’ Jin have come out.”

“Yes, Old Madam.” Liu Hai led the way.

Madam Qian quickly followed them. She waved at Chu Xing, who was guarding the mule cart in the alley outside the county office. “Chu Xing, come here quickly. Let Old He look after the mule cart for you.”

When Chu Xing heard this, he gave the rope of the mule cart to Old He, who was from the same village. After thanking him, he quickly caught up with his mother.

“Mother, where are we going?”

Chapter 613: All Gone

“I’m going to pick up Ah Yu and Lilt Jin.” Madam Qian tugged at his sleeve and quickly caught up with Madam Liu, who had a dark expression on her face.

Madam Liu did not manage to meet anyone at the yamen’s side door. She saw that the side door was tightly shut, and she was anxiously walking in circles.

Chu Ziluo did not know what to do as she was being pulled around by Madam Liu.

Madam Qian did not even need to ask as she started to worry.

“What’s wrong?” Chu Xing looked at the two of them in confusion. “Mother, Third Aunt, what’s wrong?”

At this moment, the side door suddenly opened.

A group of people walked out from inside. They were the villagers who had picked up the children from the village.

“Have you seen Lil’ Jin and Ah Heng’s wife?” Madam Liu quickly stepped forward and asked a villager she knew.

The daughter-in-law of the Li family was holding her son’s hand. When she saw that it was Madam Liu, she exclaimed, “Mrs. Chu, quickly go in. Chu Jin was crying just now. We were curious why we didn’t see the scholar’s wife.”

“What?” Madam Liu’s expression changed drastically.

She ran inside and saw Chu Jin standing in the courtyard with tears all over his face. Madam Liu felt very sorry for him. She went forward to hug him and wiped his face. Then, she quickly asked, “Lil’ Jin, where’s your mother?” Madam Qian, Chu Xing, and the others quickly caught up. When they saw this scene, they panicked.

Chu Jin sobbed. “Just now, Mother and I were called away by a manservant. Mother suddenly pushed me into Uncle Han Zhuang’s arms. She was taken away.”

“Where’s Han Zhuang?” Madam Qian quickly asked. This person was the one with the best skills. “Didn’t he catch the people who caught your mother and beat them up?”

“Seven or eight people suddenly appeared in the corridor. After Uncle Han Zhuang handed me over to the villagers, he chased after them.” “As expected, they came prepared!” Madam Liu said hatefully.

“This... What should we do?” When Madam Qian heard that Ye Muyu had been captured, she hurriedly slapped her thigh.

“Mother, did someone kidnap sister-in-law?” Chu Xing finally understood what was going on.

“Yes, that’s what happened. What should we do now? How do we find them?” Madam Qian stomped her feet anxiously and subconsciously looked at Madam Liu.

Madam Liu held Chu Jin’s hand with one hand and Chu Ziluo’s hand with the other. She took out two pieces of silver from her waist and handed them to Liu Hai. “Go hire someone to draw Ah Yu’s portrait. Draw seventeen or eighteen of them. After you’re done, bring them to the Xie family.”

“Let’s go to the Xie family for help.”

At this moment, Madam Liu thought about it and only the Xie family had the manpower to fight with Landlord Wang.

She had to be quick. She could not even leak the news to the other villagers. Ye Muyu was a woman after all. If she went missing, it would affect her reputation and cause trouble.

She also carefully recalled what Chu Jin had said. It seemed that Ye Muyu had already noticed that something was wrong, so she had protected Lil’ Jin first.

With Han Zhuang chasing after her, Madam Liu felt more at ease.

Not only did Liu Hai find someone to draw the portraits, but he also informed Butler Luo immediately.

At the same time, Madam Liu brought Chu Jin, Ziluo, and Chu Xing to the entrance of the Xie family’s residence. They happened to see Butler Xie returning.

“Butler Xie, it’s me.” Madam Liu quickly called out to him. She could not care less about anything else. She lowered her voice and explained the situation. “I beg Third Young Master to help. Whether or not we can save her, the Chu family is willing to agree to any request of the Third Young Master.”

Butler Xie supported her, and his expression was a little ugly. ‘Madam, I know about your situation, but... My Third Young Master is also missing. You... Follow me into the residence first and protect yourself first.’

Madam Liu almost fell, but she knew that she could not fall now. The two children’s eyes were already reddish from crying. She knew that the best thing she could do now was to protect herself and the children, and then pay the money to let others find Ye Muyu..

Chapter 614: Leaving the City

At the back door of the county office...

An inconspicuous carriage with two cloth bags was carried in one after another. Two inconspicuous middle-aged men sat in front of the carriage. The carriage quickly left the county office.

On the carriage, one of the cloth bags was cut open by a sharp knife.

Ye Muyu came out of the sack. Her hair was a little messy, but she did not care. She casually brushed it aside and came out of the sack.

As soon as she threw off the rope in her hand, her gaze fell on another cloth bag beside her.

She stretched out her hand and made a slit. When she saw the corner of his clothes peeking out, Ye Muyu pursed her lips and quickly tore open the sack.

When she saw the person inside, she anxiously pinched the other party's face. In order not to startle the driver in front, she tried not to make a sound.

The other person was Xie Yu.

Xie Yu was unconscious. Ye Muyu could not wake him up, so she leaned over and sniffed him lightly. Unsurprisingly, she could smell the scent of sleeping pills on him.

Ye Muyu took out a pill from her waist and fed it to Xie Yu.

Folk medicine was not very effective. It would only cause a short period of unconsciousness and dizziness. The antidote was made of licorice.

Three days ago, since she knew that she had to come to the county government, she had asked Lu Sangqi to make some antidotes.

At that time, Lu Sangqi thought it was weird. He said that she had Han Zhuang and the others to protect her, so the possibility of an accident was very low, so she did not have to worry.

Ye Muyu felt that there was no such thing as absolute safety. She needed to have some self-defense skills so that she could protect herself if anything happened.

In fact, Ye Muyu was unlucky enough to use the items she had prepared earlier.

It was not a good thing. If she used it, it meant that Landlord Wang was anxious. Who knew if the other party would continue to be desperate?

It was a good thing that she was fine now.

Soon, Xie Yu woke up.

Ye Muyu knew that the carriage was heading toward the city gate from the corner of the curtain.

“Sister-in-law...” Before Xie Yu could finish his sentence, Ye Muyu covered his mouth. She put her finger to her lips and shushed him. She pointed at the front of the carriage and the cloth bag in the carriage.

Xie Yu opened his eyes and reacted. He quickly nodded at Ye Muyu and pointed at her hand.

Seeing that he understood, Ye Muyu let go of her hand. They sat facing each other. Ye Muyu whispered, “The carriage will leave the county soon. We can’t stay here.”

“Sister-in-law, what should we do?” Xie Yu was a little ashamed. He had come to save Ye Muyu, but now he was saved instead. He looked at Ye Muyu curiously. Among the women he knew, there was no one so powerful. At least, they would not be able to escape so quickly and so calmly after being kidnapped.

Ye Muyu did not notice the change in his mood and quickly said, “In a while, you should...”

Very quickly, the carriage outside arrived at the city gate.

The soldiers at the city gate patrolled as usual.

“Come down. We need to check the carriage.”

The two men driving the carriage looked at each other. One of them got down from the carriage and spoke to the soldier beside him with a smile.

As for the remaining man, he quickly pressed a button on the carriage. In the carriage, two people fell into the compartment under the carriage.

The man lifted a corner of the curtain and took a look. After confirming that the carriage was clean and empty, he jumped down from the carriage. When the man who got off the carriage saw this, he smiled..

Chapter 615: Counterattacked

The guard pushed him away. "What's with the chit-chat? You're blocking the city gate."

The man smiled ingratiatingly. "My lord, please calm down."

As he spoke, he secretly stuffed a corner of silver into the hands of the soldiers guarding the city gate.

The soldier had a smile on his face. "Alright, I know you didn't do it on purpose. Just leave after I'm done checking."

"Yes, yes, yes. Naturally, I won't delay your work."

The man said as he waited at the side with confidence.

Two soldiers stepped forward. One of them casually lifted the curtain of the carriage. Suddenly, he exclaimed, "What's wrong with this person?"

"Someone has been kidnapped!"

"Someone come quickly."

Soon, four or five soldiers rushed over with weapons in their hands and handcuffed the two men beside the carriage.

The two men were shocked and subconsciously wanted to resist, but their arms were firmly held down by the soldiers.

Only then did they see a young man in luxurious clothes tied up inside the carriage. His mouth was still gagged. It was obvious that he had been abducted.

The two men's eyes were filled with shock. They already activated the secret compartment, right?

Besides, he was tied up with a cloth bag earlier!

The two of them were shocked.

It was the most lively place at the city gate, and soon, the citizens surrounded it.

When the county government learned that there were kidnappers, a team of bailiffs quickly came.

Xie Yu was unconscious in the carriage. A bailiff drove a carriage and rushed to the county office. At the same time, another bailiff went to inform the Xie family.

Xie Yu was quite famous, and everyone in the county government knew him. Seeing that something had happened to the Young Master of the Xie family, they did not dare to delay. They pushed back everything and resolved this matter first.

The two men were temporarily imprisoned.

Xie Yu was carried into the county office.

The carriage was pulled to the backyard by the bailiffs, intending to be kept as evidence.

Soon, the backyard was quiet and empty.

Han Zhuang jumped down from the corner of a wall and quickly opened the curtain of the carriage. He saw that Ye Muyu had already come out of the secret compartment with two torn cloth bags and ropes in her hands.

“Let’s go out of the county office first.” Ye Muyu did not want to be the victim.

Firstly, Landlord Wang did not make a move himself. Moreover, the kidnappers had not been arrested yet. They could get away with a few excuses.

If news of her being kidnapped spread, her reputation would be damaged. That would only benefit Landlord Wang.

She would not be so stupid.

Han Zhuang nodded and quietly left the county office with Ye Muyu.

The two of them did not stay and went straight back to the bookstore.

As soon as they arrived at the bookstore, Han Zhuang bumped into a man because he was in a hurry. The book in the man’s hand fell to the ground, and Ye Muyu subconsciously turned around.

Seeing Han Zhuang apologizing and the man saying that he was fine, he bent down to pick up the book from the ground.

The book was the most common children’s beginner’s book, the Three Character Classic.

Ye Muyu’s gaze fell on his hand, and saw that there were many calluses on his hand. Her eyes narrowed, and she looked at his face a few more times before calmly shifting her gaze away.

Ye Muyu quickly entered the bookstore. The shopkeeper saw her and quickly welcomed her into the room behind.

Then, he sent someone to inform Butler Luo.

“Han Zhuang, come here. I have something to tell you.” Ye Muyu waved at him and whispered something.

“Don’t delay, go quickly.”

“Alright.” When Han Zhuang heard that he had to inquire about the whereabouts of the people who had suddenly appeared in the county office, he naturally knew the importance of this matter. He quickly went out to investigate.

At this moment.

When Butler Xie finally saw Xie Yu, who had just woken up in the county office, tears streamed down his face. “Third Young Master, you’re finally fine. Master and Madam were worried sick and were just about to come over..”

Chapter 616: I Will Give You An Explanation

“Xie Rong, report that someone drugged me!” Xie Yu stood up abruptly and said angrily.

When the county magistrate who had just walked in heard this, he knew that the matter was not small. Everyone in Nanchang County knew that the Xie family was the largest aristocratic family. The county magistrate had just been praised by the magistrate for his success in the female arts competition a few days ago. However, in the past two days, there had been incidents one after another.

This was like a slap to his face.

Moreover, he could not afford to offend the Xie family. This was the most important thing.

“Third Young Master, I will give you an explanation for this matter,” County Magistrate Xu strode in.

“Thank you, Magistrate. I also have to tell you that I was drugged next to the county office.” Xie Yu had already learned from Ye Muyu that she had been kidnapped in the county office.

While this news made him angry, he also thought of the best solution to this matter.

County Magistrate Xu’s expression changed slightly. “Men, interrogate tho:

two. Focus on why they are staying near the county office.”

“Send someone to guard the surroundings of the county office.”

Xie Yu was not in a hurry either. “Then I’ll wait for your good news.”

“Third Young Master, go to the living room to rest first. I will interrogate the criminals first.” County Magistrate Xu did not want to offend the Xie family.

After all, he and the Xie family had been supporting each other all these years. The Xie family was also a helping hand to him. Otherwise, he would have been forced to ally with the other wealthy businessmen. He might not even be able to sit firmly in his position.

County Magistrate Xu left.

Only then did Butler Xie hurriedly ask Xie Yu what happened.

Xie Yu did not say much. After all, they were still in the county office. He only said, “I just arrived at the county office. Before I could squeeze in, I was drugged and taken away.”

“Where are my servants?” Xie Yu frowned and asked.

“They were knocked unconscious from behind,” Butler Xie said. “They’ve been found and locked up.”

"I think someone from the county office is involved in this matter." "What? Could it be that Lord Xu..." Butler Xie's expression changed drastically.

"He doesn't seem to have anything to do with it. Send someone to investigate."

"Yes, Young Master."

Butler Xie was furious. He turned around and wanted to leave, but he stopped. "Young Master, Scholar Chu's mother, and two children are at home. I was afraid that something would happen to them, so I decided to keep them here."

"You did well. Send someone back to inform them not to worry. Sister-in-law is fine."

"I'll wait here for Father and Mother to come."

"Alright, Young Master. This servant will go now." Xie Rong arranged for people to stay behind to protect Xie Yu, while he went to do things swiftly and decisively.

At the Xie residence...

Old Master Xie and Madam Xie rushed to the county office.

Madam Liu brought the two children and sat with Madam Qian in the living room of the Xie residence.

Just as the four of them were panicking, a servant from the Xie family came in to inform them that Ye Muyu was fine.

Madam Liu's anxious heart finally relaxed. She hurriedly asked, "Sir, where is my daughter-in-law now?"

"The person outside is called Han Zhuang. He should be from your family, right?" The Xie family servant asked.

"Yes." Madam Liu nodded.

"Then this servant will go out and bring him in."

"However, before Butler Xie left, he asked you to stay here first. This servant cannot make the decision on his own..." The meaning of the servant boy's words was very obvious. In addition, he had just learned that Xie Yu's parents had gone to the county government and that they had found Xie Yu. The residence was busy. If something happened to the guests, he would definitely be demoted.

Madam Liu naturally did not want to cause trouble for the Xie family. She hurriedly nodded and thanked the servant.

"You're welcome, Old Madam.."

Chapter 617: It's Related to the County Office

After a while, Han Zhuang came in and explained the situation. "Madam asked you to stay at the Xie residence. It's safer. She'll come to pick you up before she goes back."

"It's good that she's fine. That scared me." Madam Qian patted her chest in fear.

Madam Liu protected the two children and nodded at him. "Then you go and find Ye Muyu first. We will wait here."

"Yes, Old Madam."

In the county office.

The advisor quickly caught up with Magistrate Xu and whispered, "Old Master, just now the butler of the Xie residence came to look for me. He said that he was investigating the people in your residence. You see..."

"What does this have to do with the people in my residence?" County Magistrate Xu frowned, feeling a little unhappy.

"So you don't care?" The advisor asked after seeing his expression.

"Let's wait and see the situation of the interrogation of those two people. If it really has something to do with the residence..."

The advisor's heart was on tenterhooks. There was only Magistrate Xu's old wife, a young master, and a young lady in the county office. The rest were only two or three concubines sent by others.

No matter how one looked at it, they were people he was familiar with.

If County Magistrate's men were linked to the kidnapping of the Xie family's Third Young Master, the relationship between Old Master and the Xie family would be...

"There must be some misunderstanding." County Magistrate Xu frowned.

"Master!" At this moment, a bailiff approached them and bowed to them.

"Master! Advisor!"

County Magistrate Xu waved his hand and frowned. "Tell me the result of the interrogation. What's the situation?"

“Replying to Milord, one of them confessed that he was under the orders of Concubine Chu.”

“What?” The advisor exclaimed and covered his mouth in the next second. As expected, he looked up and saw the magistrate’s expression was extremely ugly. He was worried about this just now, but he did not expect it to become a reality in the blink of an eye.

“Is this true?” County Magistrate Xu’s face turned gloomy.

“My Lord, that person has already confessed. He even took out Concubine Chu’s hairpin. ”

Bang!

County Magistrate Xu was so angry that he punched the wall. The advisor quickly comforted him.

He reached out to take the hairpin, turned around, and strode into the inner courtyard.

“Sir, please wait for me...” The advisor quickly chased after him and instructed the bailiffs to continue interrogating him.

At this moment, he no longer expected to hide things from the Xie family. After all, in order to reassure the Xie family, County Magistrate Xu had allowed Butler Xie to go in and listen. In other words, the news might have already reached the ears of the Xie family’s Master and Madam.

Master Xie and Mrs. Xie had just arrived at the county office and were meeting Xie Yu.

County Magistrate Xu followed the advisor into the backyard.

He saw the servant girl beside Mrs. Xu rushing over.

“What happened?” County Magistrate Xu was already in a bad mood. Seeing the servant girl rushing in, he instantly shouted angrily.

The servant girl's face turned pale. She hurriedly bowed and saluted. "Master, Madam has asked me to call a doctor. Something has happened to Concubine Chu."

"Something happened to Concubine Chu?" The advisor exclaimed.

"What happened?" County Magistrate Xu frowned.

"Old Master, she was forced to drink medicine..."

Hearing this, County Magistrate Xu flung his sleeves and strode towards Concubine Chu's courtyard.

The advisor waved his hand and asked the servant girl to call a doctor. However, all kinds of guesses emerged in his heart. Was this suicide to avoid punishment or did someone sneak in?

No matter what it was, it would involve a lot of things.

The two of them quickly entered the courtyard where Concubine Chu was.

Concubine Chu had been rescued and was lying on the bed. She was breathing heavily and seemed to have suffered a lot.

"Old Master, why are you here?" Mrs. Xu was surprised to see County

Magistrate Xu..

Chapter 618: Making a Decision

"What happened?" County Magistrate Xu pointed to Concubine Chu lying on the bed and asked.

"It was discovered by the servant who served Concubine Chu. When she was discovered, she was lying on the ground and vomiting blood. I don't know the exact situation." Mrs. Xu was also a little baffled. She could not believe it when she heard the news.

County Magistrate Xu's gaze fell on Concubine Chu. "Did someone else give you the medicine, or did you drink it yourself?" he asked directly.

Concubine Chu struggled for a while before she spat out, "Master... Save... Help!"

"I'll ask you a question, so you have to answer honestly. Otherwise, I won't be able to save your life." County Magistrate Xu's eyes were cold and serious.

Concubine Chu had wanted to hide it, but seeing him like this, she knew that if she did not tell the truth, she would not be able to live. However, she still wanted to live, not die.

"Master, it... It was the Wang family who sent people to force me to help them... Lilt Six next to me... is..." Before she could finish speaking, she fainted.

County Magistrate Xu had already gotten what he wanted. His expression was very ugly. He stood up and said to Madam Xu, "Find a doctor to treat Concubine Chu. Don't let anything happen to her. I still have use for her."

"I still have something to do. I'll go to the front hall first."

County Magistrate Xu left the backyard with his advisor.

The advisor did not expect Landlord Wang to be so bold. He actually dared to use people to kidnap the Third Young Master of the Xie family in the county office.

In the past, although the wealthy merchants in the county were also competing in business and wanting to gain more property, they did not reach the point of harming people. What they could develop was all based on their abilities.

However, why did Landlord Wang cross the bottom line again and again... “Sir, what do you think Landlord Wang wants to do?” The advisor said with a worried heart.

“What else can he do? He wants to break the current situation in Nanchang

County.” County Magistrate Xu had been an official for so many years, and he already had a balance in his heart. Compared to the unscrupulous Landlord Wang, he was more willing to cooperate with the Xie family.

The Xie family had long set sights beyond the Nanchang county. Unfortunately, Landlord Wang did not notice it at all and still dared to hit a

rock with an egg.

“Then, Sir, this case...” The advisor gasped.

“Judge however you want.”

“But Landlord Wang has always been able to bear with it. Why can’t he bear it these days?” The advisor wanted to remind County Magistrate Xu that perhaps Landlord Wang had something to rely on.

County Magistrate Xu had never thought of this. “The Xie family knows this better than us,” he said.

In the living room of the county office...

Master Xie and Mrs. Xie already knew what was going on.

Mrs. Xie glared at Master Xie. “Didn’t you say before that nothing would affect my son’s exams? Now, such a big thing has happened!”

“Wife, I’ll handle it now. I promise I won’t delay Lil’ Yu.” Master Xie touched the tip of his nose, sweating profusely. At the same time, he gestured for Xie Yu to help.

Xie Yu looked at his mother helplessly. “Mother, fortunately, sister-in-law saved me today. Why don’t we settle this matter this time?”

“Yes, the Wang family has been playing tricks for a while. While Lil’ Yu is fine today, if something were to happen to him when he goes to the prefecture, we can only watch.” Master Xie made the situation sound serious.

Mrs. Xie’s delicate face was instantly filled with worry. “That won’t do. If we miss it this time, we’ll have to wait for another three years. How can arrange a marriage for him?”

“Old Xie, you have to deal with this matter.”

“Sure.” Master Xie chuckled. He could not wait do to so.

Previously, his wife wanted to use this matter to train Xie Yu. He had already said that he would find another opportunity to train in the future, but his wife said that it was a rare opportunity and refused, and she almost made a mistake.

He was not in a hurry. Children would grow up slowly. There was no need to ask for everything to be done well..

Chapter 619: Disrupting Relationship

“Madam, Master, Lord Xu is here.”

At the door, a servant quickly reminded him in a low voice.

Mrs. Xie coughed lightly and sat up straight. At the same time, she glared at Master Xie.

Seeing this, Master Xie thought of how Mrs. Xie cared more about her reputation, so it was better for him to do this kind of ostentatious work.

When County Magistrate Xu came in and saw Master Xie's half-smile, his heart skipped a beat. He had already cursed Landlord Wang in his heart.

"Master Xie, it's been hard for you to make this trip. I already have some evidence for this case, but I have some doubts in my heart. I still need to ask Third Young Master."

"County Magistrate, I actually have something to tell you." Xie Yu took the initiative to step forward.

"Oh? What's the matter?"

Xie Yu then told him about Ye Muyu's kidnapping. However, he did not say that Ye Muyu saved him. He only said that it was his own people who saved Ye Muyu. For the sake of her reputation, he thought of a way to protect her.

Normally, County Magistrate Xu would definitely not be happy that Xie Yu did this.

However, compared to Xie Yu waking up outside the county office and protecting Ye Muyu, Landlord Wang crossed his bottom line when he used the people in his backyard to attack the county office.

"What does Third Young Master think of this?" County Magistrate Xu frowned. He wanted to punish Landlord Wang, but this kidnapping was obviously an attempt. Landlord Wang could not receive a serious sentence, which made him dissatisfied.

Judging from the Xie family's reaction, they probably would not take it lightly either.

"Sir, there's also the Xingshui Village's murder case, right?"

"Just punish him for both crimes." Master Xie spoke at the right time.

When County Magistrate Xu heard this, he understood. Without saying anything more, he turned around and left.

The advisor was waiting outside. When he saw him come out, he quickly said, "The bailiffs managed to make those criminals confess. They said that it was Landlord Wang who ordered it. There is also evidence. They have already sent people to arrest the butler of the Wang family. At the same time, they have asked someone to call Landlord Wang to the county office."

Landlord Wang might not tell the truth, but the butler of the Wang family would.

County Magistrate Xu was not surprised at all. Instead, he praised his advisor. "You did the right thing. Ask Landlord Wang to come back first. Then, catch the butler. Don't let Landlord Wang know the source of the news."

"This subordinate understands." The advisor understood that County Magistrate Xu was angry at Landlord Wang's boldness. Landlord Wang even challenged his bottom line. Naturally, he wanted to grab hold of the other party's weakness.

Very quickly, Landlord Wang and Butler Wang were imprisoned in the county office.

However, Butler Wang went to the lowest cell, while Landlord Wang was invited to sit in the back hall of the county office.

The bailiffs had a very good attitude. Even so, Landlord Wang was still a little unhappy. Ever since he worked together with Zhao family, it had been a long time since he had suffered such grievances.

As expected, the higher he stood, the more beautiful the scenery. Landlord Wang's desire rose to the highest point.

He waited for a while, got up, and wanted to walk out. Just as he reached the door, he was stopped by the bailiff at the door.

“How dare you! Do you know who I am?” Landlord Wang glared angrily at the bailiff who stopped him.

The bailiff had a smile on his face. ‘Master Wang, I’m sure we know about your reputation. However, you’re here to be interrogated. The Lord has specifically instructed us not to let you go to that filthy prison. You should cooperate with us. After all, there are people from the Xie family watching over you. Please understand.”

Landlord Wang chuckled, narrowing his eyes. “Can the Xie family influence the county magistrate?”

These words were obviously meant to sow discord, causing the bailiff guarding the door to reveal an uneasy expression. “I hope that Master Wang can cooperate. In a while, the county magistrate will come personally..”

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Landlord Wang smiled in satisfaction and returned to the house to continue waiting.

He believed that his words would definitely reach County Magistrate Xu’s ears. No high-ranking official would like someone to challenge their position.

The anger from being called in this time could be considered to have dissipated.

Outside, the bailiff who was in charge of guarding saw that Landlord Wang did not say anything more, and he finally heaved a sigh of relief. It seemed that Landlord Wang should believe his performance, right?

“When two families fight, one of them will definitely be injured.” The bailiff muttered and shook his head. Seeing that it seemed like it was going to rain, he shook his head and did not say anything else.

In the prison of the county office, Butler Wang was still resisting. After discussing with County Magistrate Xu, Master Xie had someone make a fake contract and bring Butler Wang’s relatives over in private.

“Wang Xiao, just confess. Now that the evidence is conclusive, do you think Wang Youcai still has a chance to turn things around?”

“Your family has already been sold to the Xie family. Even if you go out this time, Wang Youcai won’t use you anymore. Instead, he will find someone to get rid of you. Even if you still resist, will Wang Youcai believe that you didn’t say anything?” The advisor approached Butler Wang, who had been tortured and pointed out the key point.

Butler Wang was injured all over. He was still resisting, but when he heard this, his determination instantly jumped. “Sir, Advisor, I’ll confess. I’ll confess now.” “It’s Master, Master asked me to kill that child and frame Scholar Chu’s son.” “But I don’t have any evidence. I didn’t even have time to pay that person before he was arrested.”

“I have no other choice. Please forgive me, County Magistrate.”

“Oh, really? Then think again. What other bad things did Wang Youcai do that are enough to behead him? If you don’t think about it carefully, when Wang Youcai goes out and beheads you, I won’t have any evidence. I won’t be able to avenge you even if I want to.”

“Let me think..

“Sir, I have something to turn myself in. I hope that you can spare me on the account that I’m actively cooperating.”

“Tell me about it first.” County Magistrate Xu did not care about the life of a slave. The real threat to his position was Landlord Wang or even the people in the capital city.

Just now, the Xie family had told him that Landlord Wang had connections with the people in the capital city.

County Magistrate Xu was both angry and scared. He did not expect Landlord Wang to be so bold and actually collude with the officials above. No wonder the other party looked down on him.

In fact, he could have immediately chosen to cooperate with Landlord Wang and backstab the Xie family.

However, when he thought of what Xie Yu had unintentionally said, which meant that Landlord Wang would not be able to send out any news for the time being, he instantly felt a chill run down his spine. If he could not hit the Xie family in one strike, then what awaited him was definitely the Xie family's counterattack.

Compared to Landlord Wang or even the people in the capital city, he knew more about the Xie family's background.

Not to mention the Xie family's original foundation. There was the Second Master of the Xie family, who was an official in the same dynasty as him. He heard that the higher-ups had taken a fancy to him. After three years, there was a high possibility that he would be promoted.

Why should he offend the other party?

He might as well stand on the Xie family's side. If the Xie family became rich in the future, they could help him.

In the afternoon, the sky turned dark.

It started to rain heavily.

It had been nearly four hours since Landlord Wang was summoned.

Wang Yan was so angry that she went to the county office to curse twice. Not only could she not see him, but she was also chased out by the bailiffs. She was already arrogant, and after her arm was crippled, her temper became even worse..