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The old doctor wasn't really angry and waved his hand at Qin Yuan, "I don't owe you that meal, so stop the sweet talk. Next time you invite me to see a patient, remember to be gentle. My old arms and legs can't afford being mishandled by you a few more times, or they'll really fall apart."

After speaking, the old doctor ignored Qin Yuan, who continued to humor him with flattery, and picked up his medical kit to see the patients. When he reached the bedside and saw Mrs. Bai with her head covered in blood, and Qin Shuangshuang clutching Mrs. Bai's hand, staring dumbly at her, his heart couldn't help but sigh.

Recently, he had rushed to Qin Family Village three times in a row. Although the families he visited were different every time, they were all from one family. The first visit was for the Second Lady, the second for her elder sister, the Eldest Lady, and the third for Mrs. Bai, who judging by the wound had tried to commit suicide by banging her head but survived.

Feeling sorry for the unfortunate family of three, he skillfully treated Mrs. Bai's wounds and checked her pulse. During this, Qin Shuangshuang's gaze shifted from her mother, Mrs. Bai, to the old doctor, her eyes following him around and unnerving the old doctor somewhat!

Under the pressure of Qin Shuangshuang's stare, the old doctor carefully treated Mrs. Bai's wounds, thoroughly examined her pulse, and after a long diagnosis, he finally hummed a sound while stroking his graying beard and said to Qin Shuangshuang, who had been staring at him, "Nothing serious, even though there's a cut, it might just leave a scar."

Upon hearing the diagnosis, the heart that Qin Shuangshuang had been holding in suspense finally relaxed. She breathed a huge sigh of relief, and suddenly, every muscle in her body which had been tensed up loosened. Her legs went weak and she was about to sit down on the floor.

Mrs. Wang hurriedly supported Qin Shuangshuang, allowing her to sit by Mrs. Bai's bed. Qin Shuangshuang did not sit down, though. Instead, she knelt to the ground with

a thud in front of Mrs. Wang, crying as she said, "Grandma Wang, please save us, I'm begging you, this time help us think of a way to let my mother and me leave that home!"

"In that home, we really can't live anymore. We want nothing, we'll leave empty-handed, I'll go to the mountains to chop wood and gather mountain goods to sell and support my mother. I just want to take my mother and leave that home! Grandma Wang, please, help me!"

Qin Shuangshuang wept and pleaded, looking pitiful, making Mrs. Wang and Aunt Hao both feel heartbroken. They both agreed with Qin Shuangshuang's desire to leave. In that home, these two never had a good day, never enough to eat or wear, with endless work to do!

Aunt Hao turned her head to wipe the corner of her eye and pleaded with Mrs. Wang, "Although, in principle, letting a child of a few years and an injured woman leave empty-handed is excessive..."

"But let's look at the facts. No matter how miserable Second Lady and her mother, Mrs. Bai's situation is, it's not worse than being in that inhuman family. Furthermore, the Second Lady is strong and very capable for her age. Though young, she has the ability to support her mother!"

"When the time comes, our neighbors will support her. They can definitely live well! At least no one will bully them every day or have the beastly idea of selling the Second Lady to a brothel, or force them to work day in and day out with beating and scolding."

"Don't you see, that breaking away is truly the best day they could have? Why not come up with a solution for this child, and take advantage of this incident, to pull this mother and daughter out of that hellhole!" Aunt Hao compared the Old Qin Family to a pit of fire, showing her deep distaste for its members.

Mrs. Wang already pitied Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai, and listening to Aunt Hao moved her heart. Usually, even though she's the Clan Leader's wife and her husband is both Clan Leader and village chief, interfering in other people's affairs for no reason was not an option.

But now was indeed a good opportunity. The Old Qin Family had caused a huge scandal and became the target of everyone's wrath. No one would side with them, so even if she used her influence to pressure them, they could only agree.

Yet, for her own reputation, Mrs. Wang wouldn't use such a crude, forceful tactic that would leave a handle. But even without these means, it wasn't impossible to separate them. With a little maneuvering, accomplishing this wouldn't be difficult.

Thinking of implementing some tactics, Mrs. Wang's gaze unconsciously fell on the old doctor. She poured a glass of water and placed it in front of him, smiling widely, "Old sir,

please have some water. You've helped the Second Lady several times before. Some things I won't hide from you; the Second Lady and her mother have had a hard life!" Mrs. Wang sighed and then detailed the living conditions of Qin Shuangshuang and her mother Mrs. Bai to the old doctor.

As expected, after Mrs. Wang finished speaking, the old doctor's face also showed increased anger. He was a person who valued medical ethics, and even from hearing some rumors before, he already sympathized with Qin Shuangshuang.

Now, having heard Qin Shuangshuang's full story, he was shocked. In his younger days, he had traveled far and wide, priding himself on having seen all kinds of people, yet rarely had he encountered such a heartless family.

The old doctor slapped the table in anger: "How can there be such vicious relatives in this world, worse than beasts, unworthy of being human! I know what you mean, tell me, how can I help!"

Mrs. Wang lowered her voice with a smile and said, "This is actually very simple. When you step out later, just say that Mrs. Bai's injuries are severe and require many expensive medicines to save her. The more money you mention, the better. Leave the rest to us."

The matter was simple, and the old doctor nodded and agreed immediately. After reaching a consensus, Mrs. Wang, the old doctor, and Aunt Hao went out together. Before leaving, Mrs. Wang reassured Qin Shuangshuang to take good care of her mother, promising that once she returned, the issue of splitting the family would be settled!

Qin Shuangshuang wanted to follow them outside to take a look, but she knew it would be best if she was not present for this and she couldn't leave her mother, Mrs. Bai, alone, so she obediently nodded and stayed inside to look after her mother.

The waiting time was always long, and though Qin Shuangshuang was in the house, her mind was outside. She couldn't help but listen closely for any sounds, eagerly hoping the matter would be resolved, so she and her mother could finally escape their misery but worried that it might not work out, leaving her in vain anticipation, struggling in this quagmire without knowing when she could escape.

Qin Shuangshuang's head was mixed up like a pot of porridge, sometimes hating herself for not being strong enough, that even after coming back to life she couldn't leave this disgusting place and had to entangle with these so-called relatives who eat people without spitting bones for so long!

At one moment, she resolved that if it didn't succeed this time, she would accept having no family or support, take her mother and run away, claiming her mother was a widow fleeing famine with her daughter, and establish a household for her mother. With her

strength, Qin Shuangshuang believed that even if someone tried to bully them as a widow and orphan, she could quickly scare them off, establishing a place for her and her mother!

Just as Qin Shuangshuang was stewing in anxiety and fiercely planning for the worst, Mrs. Wang and Aunt Hao finally returned!

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Coming back were not only Mrs. Wang and Aunt Hao, but also an Eldest Lady following behind them.

Qin Shuangshuang couldn't bother questioning why the Eldest Lady came along. She jumped up quickly, looking at Mrs. Wang with full anticipation, feeling both hopeful and a bit anxious!

Mrs. Wang and Aunt Hao exchanged a glance and both smiled. Mrs. Wang was the first to smile at Qin Shuangshuang and said, "It's done!"

Qin Shuangshuang let out a big sigh of relief, all her tangled thoughts unraveled at once, and an indescribable feeling of lightness washed over her!

Even though she and her mother now had literally nothing, Qin Shuangshuang felt that the sky was dazzlingly blue, the sunlight warmed her heart, and the air was filled with an enchanting scent! She was in such an unexplainably good mood!

After being excited for a while, Qin Shuangshuang finally reacted, hurriedly thanking Mrs. Wang and Aunt Hao repeatedly. Mrs. Wang waved her hand with a smile, "Oh, this was actually quite easy; I didn't make much effort."

What Mrs. Wang said was true. After she and Aunt Hao took the old doctor out, Mrs. Wang first discussed it with her husband, asking the village chief to not initially mention expulsion from the clan but instead to demand that Mr. Qin and Old Chen had to first come up with the money for Mrs. Bai's treatment.

Mr. Qin, afraid of being punished, agreed wholeheartedly at first, and even though Old Chen, Little Chen, and Mr. Qin were all grudging about the money, they kept silent, thinking to get through this hurdle first.

Who knew that the doctor would state the treatment would require three hundred taels of silver! Three hundred taels! Even if the Old Qin Family sold everything they had, they couldn't possibly gather that much money!

Not only was Mr. Qin's entire family dumbfounded by this amount, but even Mrs. Wang, who had concocted the scheme with the doctor, was stunned. She had told the old

doctor to demand more, but she didn't expect him to make such an exorbitant demand, to ask for three hundred taels right away!

Mrs. Wang frantically winked at the old doctor as if having a muscle spasm, indicating that he was asking for too much and it seemed fake. But the old doctor was unfazed, unfazed by the speechless expressions from everyone around following his statement.

He first spouted a bunch of medical theories to confuse everyone, then talked about various symptoms and conditions. Anyway, his final conclusion was that Mrs. Bai had been in poor health for a long time, which triggered old ailments to surface and required substantial rest, or it would affect her lifespan.

As for the herbs needed for her recovery, they were numerous, like ginseng, deer antler, caterpillar fungus, and Tianshan snow lotus, all essential for health. Whatever the old doctor said was expensive, and in the end, he calculated that three hundred taels of silver were the minimum conscience price!

The old doctor was quite eloquent; after this round of words, even Mrs. Wang, who was aware of the truth, almost believed him. The others could only accept it with submission, full of praises for the old doctor's integrity!

Of course, whether or not this amount was a conscience price, Mr. Qin and his family refused to acknowledge it, saying they couldn't afford it. Old Chen exploded, sitting on the ground, slapping her thighs, cursing heaven and earth, while scolding Mrs. Bai for being an unfilial daughter-in-law and lamenting their poverty.

Old Chen's antics quickly sparked public outrage. In a village where everyone knew each other, there was no need for Mrs. Wang to speak. The surrounding villagers all chimed in, scolding Old Chen until she got up, crestfallen, without daring to continue her tantrum.

Although Old Chen dared not throw a fit any longer, she stubbornly refused to pay. This reaction was precisely what Mrs. Wang desired; Mrs. Wang and her husband teamed up to intimidate Old Chen!

They claimed that Mrs. Bai tried to commit suicide because the Qin Family intended to sell Qin Shuangshuang to a brothel, and it was all their doing. Whether they paid or not, this money was theirs to bear. If the Qin Family really couldn't pay, the village would decide to sell their land and house as payment for Mrs. Bai's medical fees!

The Qin Family was stunned; Old Chen truly began crying, along with Little Chen and Mrs. Fang, who had been lurking on the side, as well as several children from the Qin Family, all bursting into tears!

The several men of the Qin Family also wore wretched expressions, wanting to join the women in weeping. If they really had to come up with those three hundred taels of silver, even if they went bankrupt, they couldn't do it!

It was at this moment that Mrs. Wang casually said, "Even if you cry, it's useless. Mrs. Bai is your daughter-in-law, and it was because of your family's pressure that she ended up like this. Unless Mrs. Bai is no longer part of your family, you're bound to pay this money!"

As expected by Mrs. Wang, as soon as she said this, it was immediately seized upon by the Qin Family as a lifeline. The whole family started clamoring to have Qin Laoer divorce Mrs. Bai, but Mrs. Wang and the village chief, of course, did not agree. According to clan rules, one couldn't divorce the wife without grave wrongdoing.

Mrs. Wang refused, and the Qin Family started making a scene. After a long period of uproar, Mrs. Wang took the opportunity to propose that unless Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai severed ties with the Qin Family, this was the only way. Her excuse was that although Qin Shuangshuang was just a child, she could work and support her mother, Mrs. Bai.

The Qin Family initially didn't want to, as Qin Shuangshuang was very capable; even if she couldn't be sold for money, she could be used as strong labor. The Qin Family was selfish and naturally unwilling to give up such a hardworking person.

Mrs. Wang then seized the opportunity to threaten to sell the Qin Family's house and land to pay for Mrs. Bai's medical treatment and convalescence. Frightened, the Qin Family finally relented. It was Mr. Qin who ultimately decided, agreeing to sever all ties with Mrs. Bai and Qin Shuangshuang.

The world values men and belittles women, and with the lack of regard for women, they also lack the obligation to support the elderly. Therefore, severing ties with Qin Shuangshuang and the Qin Family was straightforward: a simple severance document with the clan leader's seal sufficed, unlike men who would have to pay a hefty fee to sever ties with their family.

While writing the severance document, there was an unexpected turn: the Eldest Lady actually requested to sever ties with her family and follow Mrs. Bai and Qin Shuangshuang! Mrs. Wang was quite surprised by the Eldest Lady's choice, and the Qin Family, especially the Eldest Lady's father Mr. Qin and her mother Little Chen, looked at her with eyes full of anger as if they wanted to eat her alive!

The Eldest Lady, however, ignored this, steadfastly demanded to leave with Mrs. Bai and Qin Shuangshuang, saying her life was saved by Qin Shuangshuang. Now that Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai were leaving the Qin Family, she too wanted to go with them. While she couldn't achieve great things, at least she could help take care of Mrs. Bai when Qin Shuangshuang went to the mountains for firewood and forage.

Regarding the Eldest Lady's choice, Mrs. Wang was quite moved. How rare in such a family to have a child who understands gratitude and sensibility, Mrs. Wang agreed to the Eldest Lady's request.

The Qin Family let go of the Eldest Lady without complaint; although she could work, she was just an ordinary girl with limited capabilities, making her dispensable. They readily agreed to sever ties with the Eldest Lady as well.

After saying all this, Mrs. Wang handed a sheet of carefully folded paper to Qin Shuangshuang. That was the severance document with the Qin Family! Qin Shuangshuang cherished it greatly, carefully tucking it away.

Holding the Eldest Lady's hand, Qin Shuangshuang was deeply moved. Though Qin Shuangshuang seemed to have left with nothing, she still had the thirty taels of silver from selling deer, which gave her confidence. But the Eldest Lady didn't know this; she followed them to bear hardships and care for her mother with Qin Shuangshuang, so Qin Shuangshuang couldn't help but want to express her gratitude to the Eldest Lady.

But before Qin Shuangshuang had a chance to say anything, she was interrupted by a figure that suddenly burst into the room!

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The sudden intruder startled everyone in the room, and Qin Shuangshuang was left with words stuck in her throat.

Upon a closer look, she found that the intruder was none other than Fang Yaoyao! Qin Shuangshuang was somewhat surprised, and Mrs. Wang directly expressed her astonishment, "Where did this little girl come from? How could she just come in without a word!" She then wanted to drive Fang Yaoyao out.

Qin Shuangshuang quickly came over with a smile, "Grandma Wang, this young lady is called Fang Yaoyao, a good friend I met when I went into the mountains. Her father, you must know him, is Uncle Fang Zhongyi, the famous hunter from the neighboring Fang Family Village!"

She must have heard about what happened to me and came over worryingly to check on me. It's just that she hasn't been to our village before and doesn't know anyone else aside from me, so she sneaked in. She's worried about me; please don't blame her!"

Indeed, Fang Zhongyi was well-known as a formidable person within several villages for ten miles. The reason being, other hunters entering the mountains typically catch small animals like pheasants and wild rabbits, and hunting big game was always a matter of luck.

However, every time Fang Zhongyi entered the mountains, he would definitely bring out a large catch. His archery was superb, always shooting the prey's eyes without damaging the hide.

Hunting was just a small part; Fang Zhongyi was most famous for his herbal collection skills, which were as formidable as his hunting. Every year, he would gather valuable herbs from the mountains. It can be said that if Fang Zhongyi wished, he could easily become a landlord with hundreds of acres of fertile land.

It was not surprising that Qin Shuangshuang, who often ventured into the mountains, would know Fang Yaoyao, who frequently accompanied her father into the mountains. So, upon hearing Qin Shuangshuang's words, Mrs. Wang nodded, "It's rare for young girls like you to have such great friendship, and she even came specifically to check on you.

Since that's the case, you three girls just have a good chat. I still have to go and manage the situation outside. The impact of this incident is terrible, and it's going to take a while to resolve it. However, since you've severed ties with that family, this matter is not something you need to worry about."

With that, Mrs. Wang left. The Qin Family thought that severing ties with Mrs. Bai, the Eldest Lady, was the end of the matter. But that was impossible; now, even if victim Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai didn't pursue the matter, the clan elders, whose children's futures were almost implicated, wouldn't let it go.

The ones causing a commotion now are these clan elders, determined to expel the Qin Family from the Qin Family Village. In their view, such reckless families might end up causing trouble for the clan at any time, and keeping them around is just overly nerve-racking.

With Mrs. Wang gone, Aunt Hao glanced at the time; mealtime had long passed. So much had happened, and nearly all the village households hadn't eaten. The women went back to prepare food, while the men stayed to discuss the ongoing handling of the Qin Family.

Aunt Hao also planned to make some food, particularly preparing something to nourish Mrs. Bai and delivering separate portions for the three children, including Qin Shuangshuang.

With no adults in the room, Fang Yaoyao, who had been somewhat reserved, finally relaxed. Holding Qin Shuangshuang's hand, she worriedly said, "As soon as I entered the mountains today, I heard the large bell tolling in your village. Since my father and I aren't from your village, we naturally couldn't come see what was happening when the bell tolled!"

But I was curious and took advantage of my young age to run over and watch the commotion. Who would have thought I'd hear that you were about to be sold off to a brothel by your grandparents, and your mother sounded the bell by hitting her head, attempting suicide!

I was worried sick about you. I originally planned to wait until fewer people were around to come find you, but I overheard outside that your mother isn't well. Yet your family refused to give any money and even severed ties with you! My heart was in a rush, so I sneaked in to check on you."

After saying that, she glanced at Mrs. Bai, lying on the bed yet to regain consciousness, with a face full of worry, "Is your mother seriously injured? If necessary, I can ask my father; he's amazing at gathering herbs and can bring back many of those expensive herbs the doctor mentioned."

Having been moved earlier by the Eldest Lady, Qin Shuangshuang was again touched by Fang Yaoyao. Sometimes, Qin Shuangshuang wondered if her previous life's hardships were meant to allow her to save her mother and meet these kind-hearted people in this life!

With a beaming smile, Qin Shuangshuang shook her head at Fang Yaoyao, "Thank you, but no need. My mother is fine!" She then recounted the plan she had discussed with Mrs. Wang to leave the Qin Family, and how Mrs. Wang and the old doctor collaborated to help her break away.

Fang Yaoyao, less contemplative than Qin Shuangshuang, couldn't comprehend the reasoning behind Qin Shuangshuang's decision to suffer losses without recompense, just to be free. Though not fully understanding, Fang Yaoyao still expressed support for Qin Shuangshuang's decision.

After chatting with Fang Yaoyao for a while, Fang Yaoyao left to inform her father, Fang Zhongyi, about Qin Shuangshuang's situation. Once Fang Yaoyao left, Qin Shuangshuang quietly chatted with the Eldest Lady, watching Mrs. Bai and waiting for her to wake up.

Although the three of them were now together with nothing but the clothes on their backs, they were in high spirits, so much so that the Eldest Lady spoke in a louder voice than usual while talking to Qin Shuangshuang!

During this time, Aunt Hao brought them another round of food, specially prepared good meals, including a plate of stir-fried greens and a small porcelain bowl of japonica rice porridge meant for Mrs. Bai.

There were also meat-filled buns as large as an adult's fist, enough to satisfy two full-grown women. Aunt Hao brought twelve of these, fearing that Qin Shuangshuang's

large appetite meant she wouldn't be full, showing how much love and care Aunt Hao held for Qin Shuangshuang.

Just as Qin Shuangshuang and the Eldest Lady finished eating, Mrs. Bai awoke. Qin Shuangshuang, who hadn't taken her eyes off Mrs. Bai, was the first to notice her mother waking up and immediately ran over joyfully.

Mrs. Bai's gaze was somewhat bewildered, with her memories stuck at the point when she strike the bell at the Qin Clan Ancestral Hall in a fit of rage and despair, determined to use her life to ensure the Qin Family would never dare have the idea of selling her daughter again.

Her head throbbed painfully. Upon raising her hand to touch it, she found it was wound with bandages, likely to cover her injuries.

Mrs. Bai's last memories were jumbled and fragmented. After struggling to recall for a long time, she remembered hearing her daughter Er Niang's voice when she was about to end her life, causing her determined actions to hesitate. Beyond this, she recalled nothing!

Thinking of her daughter, Mrs. Bai suddenly felt a surge of urgency. She hadn't died, so would that mean her daughter might have already been sold to that filthy place by the Qin Family!

At the thought of this, Mrs. Bai became frantic. She abruptly sat up in bed, disregarding the dizziness and nausea that came with the sudden motion, and clung to the bedhead, trying to get out of bed, continuously calling out: "Er Niang! Er Niang! Er Niang..."

Qin Shuangshuang hurriedly rushed forward, grasping Mrs. Bai's hands, "Mother, Mother, I'm here, I'm alright!"

However, Mrs. Bai seemed not to hear Qin Shuangshuang's words. As soon as she saw Qin Shuangshuang, she hugged her tightly. It took quite a while before she released her and then anxiously examined Qin Shuangshuang from head to toe. Seeing Qin Shuangshuang not appearing hurt, she breathed a sigh of relief, but in a blink, she tensed up again, anxiously clutching at her daughter.

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Qin Shuangshuang wanted to comfort Mrs. Bai, but it was no use. Mrs. Bai still looked anxious, and she grabbed Qin Shuangshuang, ready to rush outside, saying hurriedly, "It's not going to work. Initially, I thought that if I died, the clan would certainly not let those beasts sell you into such a place, but now that I'm not dead, it's uncertain. I must take you and escape! We must escape immediately!"

"Mom! Mom!"

Qin Shuangshuang held tight to Mrs. Bai, who had already put on her shoes and was trying to pick her up and run, "Mom, Mom is fine now. Those people can't harm us anymore. We've escaped from our hardships; we're safe now! From now on, no one can bully us, no one can sell me anymore..."

Qin Shuangshuang embraced Mrs. Bai tirelessly and soothed her, gradually calming her emotions. Slowly, Mrs. Bai's previously tense body softened, and she hugged Qin Shuangshuang back, crying softly.

Mrs. Bai is a kind and gentle person, always wanting to be kind to others. Even though the Qin Family bullied her, Mrs. Bai thought that if she was more compliant and patient, she would eventually touch their hearts, and life would get better.

However, Mrs. Bai's kindness only brought increased bullying; her own daughter was to be sold into a brothel! The phrase "a woman becomes strong for her child" is perfectly embodied in Mrs. Bai.

While Mrs. Bai could endure the excessive torment from the Qin Family, she could not tolerate anything involving her daughter, which led to her outburst!

After crying thoroughly, Mrs. Bai regained sanity and noticed there was still an Eldest Lady in the room. Finding herself crying like this in front of someone other than her daughter made her blush with embarrassment!

Seeing Mrs. Bai calm down, Qin Shuangshuang took the initiative to recount the events that happened while Mrs. Bai was unconscious. As expected, Mrs. Bai's first reaction upon hearing the story was relief, and she felt joyous despite the issue of being expelled without anything. As long as she could leave the Qin Family, she was willing to pay money!

Having comforted Mrs. Bai, Qin Shuangshuang pulled the Eldest Lady closer and said to Mrs. Bai, "Mom, since we've left the Qin Family, I think you should quickly set up a household with daughters, and I want the Eldest Lady to be registered under your name as your daughter, so we will be the three of us, mother and daughters, from now on."

After speaking, Qin Shuangshuang sought confirmation from the Eldest Lady, "Do you think it's a good idea?" The Eldest Lady was more than willing; of all the Qin Family, only Mrs. Bai and Qin Shuangshuang truly cared for her, and she was overjoyed to call Mrs. Bai her mother!

Setting up a household with daughters requires a trip to the government office, something that can't be rushed. After her excitement subsided, Mrs. Bai returned to reality and began calculating how to earn some money.

The three of them had already received the severance letter, agreed to leave with nothing, which means they now have no relation to the Qin Family and can happily treat

them as strangers without any gossip. However, it also means they can't take even a needle or thread from the Qin Family.

Their current predicament is that they have no money, no changing clothes, and nothing necessary for living. The biggest problem is, they have nowhere to stay. The village chief is kind-hearted, but they can't impose on others and cause trouble!

Neither Qin Shuangshuang nor the Eldest Lady would take advantage of others' kindness or act brazenly!

Mrs. Bai thought about learning from the idle women in the village, taking laundry jobs in the town. Her embroidery skills were good, so she could sell small items to embroidery workshops.

However, Mrs. Bai knew those earnings were small; the real money-maker was Qin Shuangshuang.

It's just that in this season, there aren't many wild fruits or goods from the mountains, the main income is from chopping firewood and selling it in town. Luckily, this task, though tough for others, is easy for Qin Shuangshuang; otherwise, Mrs. Bai would be reluctant to let her do it.

But distant water can't quench present thirst. Even if there's a way to earn money, their immediate crisis still needs resolving! Without money, food and shelter become issues. Seeing her mom worried, trying to figure things out, Qin Shuangshuang took out a bulging, coarse cloth purse from her bosom.

Opening the purse, three shiny, round ingots, each weighing ten taels, spilled out! Mrs. Bai and the Eldest Lady, who was worried with her, widened their eyes and were so shocked that they couldn't even close their mouths!

After the shock, Mrs. Bai's first reaction was to find something to cover the silver, then, with a furrowed brow and without any joy, she asked sternly, "Where did you get this silver? Did you... did you..."

Mrs. Bai knew her daughter was extraordinarily strong, even a man couldn't beat her, so she feared the money might have been stolen by Qin Shuangshuang.

The last part, no matter what, Mrs. Bai couldn't vocalize, but tears welled up in her eyes. She knew her daughter was always sensible and obedient, and if she really did such a thing, it would be for her mother's sake, but she absolutely didn't want her daughter to commit such an immoral act!

Seeing Mrs. Bai's reaction, Qin Shuangshuang understood her mother's misunderstanding and hurriedly explained, "Mom, what are you thinking? I earned this money properly."

Then Qin Shuangshuang recounted how she met Fang Zhongyi, caught a male deer, and asked him to help sell it. The Eldest Lady, who went through the whole process afterward, corroborated Qin Shuangshuang's story, finally erasing Mrs. Bai's bad assumptions.

Although she no longer doubted the origin of the money, Mrs. Bai still had concerns, "I know venison is very expensive, but it's only worth a little over ten taels of silver. How did your deer sell for thirty taels?"

"Mom, you're talking about the price of a dead deer. My deer was valuable because it was alive, and a male deer too."

"What's so special about a live deer? It's only so much meat, albeit fresher, but it shouldn't be twice the price." Mrs. Bai really didn't know why live male deers were so much more expensive.

Qin Shuangshuang had to continue explaining, "Mom, don't forget, deers have antlers, and a good set of antlers is worth more than ten taels of silver. This is a live deer; buy it and raise it well, and you can harvest antlers every year!"

Moreover, a deer can grow two sets of antlers a year; calculate how much profit this deer could bring the buyer. Thirty taels is not expensive at all; it's actually a bargain! If we weren't unable to sell in the county, and if the buyer hadn't pressured us, this deer could have easily sold for fifty taels!"

Now Mrs. Bai understood; not only wasn't her daughter overcharging for the thirty taels, but she had actually lost a lot. It's just that her nature wasn't to haggle, so she gave Qin Shuangshuang a couple of awkwardly comforting words before turning cheerful again. With these thirty taels in hand, their predicament was basically solved!

While the three were planning what to buy for living necessities and considering who in the village might have extra rooms to rent to them, Aunt Hao frowned, pushed open the door, and said to the three, "There's a bit of trouble; I need to ask the Second Lady to go to Uncle Qin's."

Aunt Hao referred to Uncle Qin as Mr. Qin! As soon as she spoke, Mrs. Bai, Qin Shuangshuang, and the Eldest Lady all felt their hearts sink!

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Mrs. Bai, somewhat resistant, said to Aunt Hao, "What is the matter that requires Shuangshuang to go? We have already severed ties with that family!"

Aunt Hao sighed and reassured Mrs. Bai, "Sister, don't worry, it's nothing serious. It's just that Shuangshuang gave the madam who came to buy people and those thugs a

beating, didn't she? Shuangshuang is in the right, and that madam wouldn't dare to make trouble for her. Even if she dared, we wouldn't let Shuangshuang suffer."

Aunt Hao then soothingly patted Qin Shuangshuang's head and continued, "That madam and a few thugs got injured and are causing a fuss, demanding Uncle Qin's family pay up. They claim it's fraud as Uncle Qin's family sold the girl without informing about Shuangshuang's immense strength, which injured them. They demand Uncle Qin's family cover their medical expenses and an additional ten taels of silver."

Mrs. Bai frowned slightly. Having finally severed ties, she hoped never to interact with that family again, unwilling for her daughter to go there, so she complained, "What does that have to do with our Shuangshuang? Why should she have to go there?"

Aunt Hao sighed, "Originally, Shuangshuang wouldn't have needed to go. But you know what kind of people they are after all these years of dealings. They refused to bear responsibility, claiming Shuangshuang was the one who injured them, so she should pay!"

Upon hearing this, Mrs. Bai was instantly furious, her face turning red with anger. She retorted, "How outrageous! If their family hadn't tried to sell my daughter, would she have fought back?! Should I have let my daughter be sold into a place like that without resistance?!"

Mrs. Bai was very emotional, not just angry at that family, but also disgusted and sad, as those people were once their own flesh and blood.

Aunt Hao hurriedly said, "Sister, don't worry, everyone understands there's no reason to say such things! Not just you, but none of us would allow it.

Even the madam said it was Old Chen who urged her to quickly capture you without mentioning your immense strength, deliberately deceiving her. Therefore, it's Uncle Qin's family who should pay. Asking Shuangshuang to go there is just to confirm the madam's words."

Just as Aunt Hao finished speaking, a few elderly of the clan, respected figures in the village, arrived. Everyone promptly stood, a bit puzzled, until one elderly explained, and suddenly everyone understood.

It turned out that the village chief originally intended for Qin Shuangshuang to go. However, concerned about the Qin Family's morals, he worried they might scapegoat her. So, he had the respected elders come to inquire directly, sparing Shuangshuang from going.

Qin Shuangshuang was naturally grateful for the village chief's thoughtful actions and quickly recounted everything that happened, including Old Chen and Little Chen's parting words.

Until nightfall, the village chief's family hadn't returned. That night Aunt Hao brought food, a large communal meal, as the entire village was embroiled in debate over the punishment for the Qin Family, with no consensus. Some clan elders, whose families were learned, insisted on expelling the Qin Family from the clan.

Expulsion was too severe a punishment, and most villagers were ambivalent. Though the Qin Family's actions were frowned upon, they hadn't directly affected others, leaving people hesitant to drive them to such an extreme!

Despite heated debates, Qin Shuangshuang knew the outcome would be only a punishment and not expulsion. In her previous life, her mother actually died, and she went mad for three years, yet the final punishment was only for the Qin Family members to take turns hulling rice for ten years.

Ultimately, the issue with the madam was resolved, with her extracting fifty taels of silver from the Qin Family!

Old Chen, heartbroken, lay in the courtyard cursing and sobbing, calling Qin Shuangshuang a wretched child deserving of divine punishment and the madam a vile, heartless creature, using unspeakable words...

The language was so vile that no one could repeat it. Even the village chief and clan elders couldn't tolerate it, repeatedly scolding with no effect. Those fifty taels taken by the madam were like a dagger to Old Chen's heart!

Qin Shuangshuang felt a bit of malicious joy, calculating that amount was about a third of the Qin Family's wealth, explaining Old Chen's breakdown.

In the dead of night, the village chief's family returned. After washing with hot water prepared by Qin Shuangshuang, the village chief spoke with Mrs. Wang about the final decision regarding the Qin Family's punishment.

As Qin Shuangshuang expected, the result was the same as in her past life, with the Qin Family members taking turns hulling rice for ten years, plus an additional year for Old Chen's punishment, totaling eleven years!

It was already very late, so Qin Shuangshuang, the eldest lady, and Mrs. Bai stayed overnight at the village chief's house.

Early the next day, Mrs. Bai, along with Qin Shuangshuang, spoke to the village chief about establishing a separate household for Mrs. Bai, registering the eldest lady and Qin Shuangshuang as her daughters, and their plan to find a house and move out.

The village chief was quite supportive of registering a separate household and marking the eldest lady under Mrs. Bai's name, saying the eldest lady's character was just like Mrs. Bai and Qin Shuangshuang, inherently righteous and naturally meant to be family.

Regarding their intention to move out, initially the village chief and Mrs. Wang were opposed, unconcerned for their safety as the village had no real troublemakers, and Qin Shuangshuang's reputation for immense strength was well-known, deterring anyone from making an issue.

The main concern was they had nothing—only clothes on their backs without even more to change. Moving out without solutions for eating, sleeping, and cooking would be impractical!

It wasn't until Qin Shuangshuang showed them the thirty taels of silver she earned from selling deer, that the two agreed. In these times, many families' savings amounted to only thirty to fifty taels, so her savings weren't too meager!

Though the move was approved, the village chief and Mrs. Wang didn't allow them to move immediately, instead planning to help acquire necessary living items like pots, pans, clothes, and bedding before them moving.

Knowing they would soon be managing their own household, the mother and daughters were full of energy, hiring Uncle He's ox cart to visit the town, spending nearly seven taels in one sweep gathering all required items! The most expensive purchase was a large iron pot, costing as much as 800 coins!

Buying things was the easy part, just a matter of spending money, but finding a rental proved tough. Many places didn't meet their standards. Aunt Hao's home had ample space but was too close to the Qin Family, which both Qin Shuangshuang and Mrs. Bai staunchly refused. Finally, Mrs. Wang had a flash of inspiration and remembered a place!