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Chapter 445 Spreading the Word

Day turned to night, and then a new day dawned upon Locust Tree Village, bathed in silvery white. It seemed no different from any other day, yet there was a sense of unease in the air.

Cao Xiaojuan was particularly restless today, her mind seemed to be elsewhere no matter what she was doing. Ning Ge asked her several times, but her replies were all over the place.

"Ge Ling, do you miss home? Why don't you go back to Rong City first, and I'll come find you after the New Year?" Cao Xiaojuan asked him with a smile.

Ning Ge put on a stern face and said, "What's the matter, did your parents say something? I knew it, they never liked me."

"No, no, it's not like that," Cao Xiaojuan hurriedly explained, "They didn't say anything about you, I was just wondering if you were homesick, that's all."

For some reason, she felt a deep anxiety within her. Master Wei had suddenly assigned them to commit crimes on several roads, as if in a great rush, and she didn't understand why.

She was also afraid that Ning Ge would find out what she had been doing, afraid that he would...

If she could get Ning Ge to leave, that would be for the best. Otherwise, if something unexpected happened, how would he look at her?

Cao Xiaojuan was in turmoil.

Ning Ge snorted and stood up, saying, "I suppose they just think I'm no good, what else could it be? I can't be bothered with you. I'm going to town to make a phone call to my dad."

"Oh!" Cao Xiaojuan stood up too.

"No need to follow me, I'm annoyed and I can go by myself," Ning Ge threw over his shoulder.

Cao Xiaojuan's unease grew as she saw him getting ready to leave. She wanted to follow, but Ning Ge glared at her and she reluctantly stayed put.

Ning Ge left the house, and Cao Guigen came over to ask, "What's going on, where is he going?"

"He's going to town to call his family."

"No problems, right? Why didn't you go with him?" Cao Guigen frowned darkly, he never quite trusted Ning Ge, because he couldn't figure the young man out.

"He didn't want me to," Cao Xiaojuan said hesitantly.

Cao Guigen's expression grew even more sullen, his gaze deep and unreadable, reflecting neither joy nor anger. After a long pause, he said, "Drug his food tonight. It's best if nothing happens, but if anything does, hmph!"

Cao Xiaojuan's face blanched, her lips pursed tightly.

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In the temporary command tent, each person was at their station, ready for the assault to begin.

"Commander Qi, you have a phone call!" shouted the communications soldier, stopping Qi Taiguo in his tracks.

Qi Taiguo was startled, who would be calling him now?

Who could it be?

Picking up the phone, he greeted with a "hello," and the voice on the other end was deep and grave, "Is this Commander Qi?"

Qi Taiguo furrowed his brow, "Yes, it's me. Who are you?"

"Commander Qi, you're planning to raid the Village of Sin tonight, aren't you?" The tone on the other side was not one of questioning but of statement.

"Who exactly are you?" Qi Taiguo's face showed a flicker of concern.

"Listen closely, Commander Qi, the information I'm about to give you is crucial. Tonight, the Sinful Village will surface in three different places..." The voice over the phone grew heavier, "...the boss, Master Wei, will be leaving by boat from Aozi Bay."

What?

Qi Taiguo felt a surge of shock, gripping the handset tighter, he demanded, "Who are you really, and why should I believe you?"

"Believe it or not, that's up to you. Commander Qi, catching Master Wei would be a great feat for you. It's your gamble whether to take it or not. Master Wei is leaving at eleven ten. That's all!"

The call ended with a series of beeps as the line went dead.

"Hello? Hello? Hello?" After confirming the caller had hung up, Qi Taiguo was nearly ready to throw the handset.

Old Wei was planning to escape; what could this mean? Could it really be that someone tipped him off? If that was the case, why would there still be criminal activity planned?

And with such an anonymous tip-off from an unknown source, should he trust it?

Qi Taiguo was lost in thought.