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### Chapter 231 Not Tricked

“That’s right. Little Yue’er, come, let’s play sandbag!” Li Xiaoqing walked forward first and extended her hand.

Little Yue’er looked at Li Xiaoran and received her encouraging gaze.

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“I’m Sister Xiao Qing, Sister Ran’s biological sister! Little Yue’er, don’t be afraid. Come and play with us!” Li Xiaoqing said warmly.

When she heard that Li Xiaoqing was Xiaoran’s sister, Little Yue’er had more trust in her.

Just like that, under Li Xiaoqing and Little Huzi’s lead, the group of people brought Little Yue’er to play.

Du Yue, who was originally a little timid, finally smiled happily under everyone’s lead.

Seeing that Little Yue’er had the childish look she should have, Li Xiaoran finally heaved a sigh of relief.

“Are you worried about her?” At this moment, Luo Cheng, who had disappeared for a while, came to Li Xiaoran’s side and asked.

Li Xiaoran nodded when she heard her man’s voice.

“Children at this age are gullible! They can’t tell right from wrong, and don’t know how to resolve their sadness. When they’re bullied, they don’t know what to do. They only think that they’re not good enough, so others don’t like her and don’t want to play with her.”

“There are also some children who are traumatized and hurt by these things, which become scars that they will carry for the rest of their lives and will be recalled from time to time in the future. In serious situations, these things can cause children to become psychologically unstable. They will also view everything pessimistically, take revenge on others, or hurt themselves!”

Luo Cheng didn’t expect Li Xiaoran to say such a thing, so he was stunned.

“Not everyone will turn out like that!”

“That’s right. Not all children will be like this. There will be a small number of determined children who grow from difficulties and ordeals. The more they suffer, the braver they will be. They will turn those suffering into motivation and push themselves to improve! However, it’s undeniable that in the future, those children will still be heavily scarred. Even when they grow up and have the ability to protect

themselves, they will still have childhood nightmares deep in their hearts!" Li Xiaoran said as she looked at Luo Cheng.

"Can I ask you a question? Why do you enter that dream every time you're injured? Why did that ice cave become your nightmare and why were you always trembling in that dream?" Li Xiaoran asked bluntly.

Luo Cheng's face paled in an instant. He didn't answer or retort.

"Some things need a lifetime to heal from! Luo Cheng, don't be afraid. Face that dream! Only by facing it bravely and walking out will you no longer be trapped by that ice cave!"

With that, Li Xiaoran turned around and went to a few elders who were talking.

She was going to ask about Little Yue'er's family!

Little Yue'er was already heartbroken. As time passed, she would gradually recover under the care of her new friends.

However, Little Yue'er's family was also very important. The most important thing was for the adults to guide the child appropriately and give her a sense of security.

"Wait, don't ask. I can get someone to investigate what you want to know!" Luo Cheng suddenly caught up and grabbed Li Xiaoran's hand. "Besides, I have something to ask you for help with!"

When Li Xiaoran heard that Luo Cheng needed her help with something and that Luo Cheng would help her investigate Little Yue'er's situation, she nodded.

After informing Li Xiaoqing and Little Yue'er, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng went back.

When they reached home, Luo Cheng brought Li Xiaoran to a very remote room.

When she opened the door, she saw someone tied up in the room.

On closer inspection, it was a familiar person.

"Why is he here?" Li Xiaoran exclaimed.

The person was none other than Third Master Xue, whom Li Xiaoran had seen before.

However, this time, Third Master Xue wasn't blindfolded. Instead, he looked up at Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

"He came here himself! I wasn't at home just now because he lured me out!" Luo Cheng stared at Third Master Xue and said, "I asked him why he was here, but he refused to say anything. He only said that he wanted to see you!"

"See me? Why?" Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng in confusion.

"I made a deal with your man. I have a favor to ask you!" Third Master Xue looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she sneered.

“Impossible, you’re sowing discord! Third Master Xue, I really didn’t expect you to be such a person! I know my man very well. He wouldn’t make a deal with you!”

Third Master Xue raised his eyebrows and glanced at Luo Cheng before continuing to sow discord. “If that’s the case, why would your man bring you over without telling you?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she glanced at Third Master Xue.

“There are some things he doesn’t have to say for me to understand!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran dragged a chair over and sat a certain distance away from Third Master Xue.

“Let me guess. You didn’t just come to ask me for help this time! If possible, you also wanted to capture me!” Li Xiaoran looked at Third Master Xue and said firmly.

When Third Master Xue heard Li Xiaoran’s words, his pupils dilated, and then he laughed.

Li Xiaoran ignored Third Master Xue and turned to look at Luo Cheng.

“Why do you want to know?”

“It’ll be the same as usual. I’ll interrogate him while you watch!” Luo Cheng replied.

Li Xiaoran nodded and moved the stool to the corner. She watched as Luo Cheng moved a stool and sat in front of Third Master Xue.

“Why did you try to capture my wife?” Luo Cheng stared at Third Master Xue and asked.

“You believe everything I say?” Third Master Xue looked at Luo Cheng and replied with a smile.

“Tell me!” Luo Cheng said. “Or let’s change the question. How did you determine our identities?”

Third Master Xue still remained silent.

To Third Master Xue, it was fine as long as he didn’t speak.

However, he had underestimated Li Xiaoran. Even if he didn’t speak, Li Xiaoran could still sense his emotions very clearly.

“Husband, if he doesn’t want to say it, just leave him here! It’s almost time to make dinner! Don’t let an outsider affect our mood!” Li Xiaoran stood up and said.

Luo Cheng nodded and stood up. Then, the two of them were about to leave together.

“Wait!” Third Master Xue was a little anxious when he saw that these two people really planned to abandon him here.

“Ignore him. Leave him alone for a while!” Li Xiaoran said.

Luo Cheng nodded and left with Li Xiaoran.

At this moment, Zhao Xiu and Li Shun also returned with smiles on their faces.

It seemed that they had a lot of fun in the village today!

## Chapter 232 Change of Address

New Year's Eve.

The dishes were all served. They were sweet, sour, spicy, and salty. There were all kinds of flavors.

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The six of them sat in a circle. A few pups were also lying on their stomachs and gnawing on the large meat bones that belonged to them.

It was a festive holiday, so everyone brought out their wine.

The men drank grain wine while the women drank fruit wine.

"Today is the last day of the year. After tonight, tomorrow will be the first day of a new year! I hope that everyone will find success in their pursuits in the upcoming year!" As the head of the family, Luo Cheng picked up his wine bowl and blessed everyone.

When the others heard this, they smiled and nodded. Together, they picked up their wine bowls and drank.

After that, everyone picked up their chopsticks and started eating.

Li Xiaoran looked at the happy family with a smile on her face.

This year, she transmigrated and became Li Xiaoran.

This year, she went from being a substitute to finding a way out for herself. In the end, with Luo Cheng's help, she brought her entire family out of the misery brought by the Li family!

This year, she set up her own noodle stall. Later on, with Luo Cheng's help, the noodle stall became a shop!

Moreover, in this year, she met Luo Cheng, a man worthy of her spending the rest of her life with.

He hoped that everything would go smoothly in the next year, that his family would be safe, and everything would be fine!

After making this wish, Li Xiaoran glanced at everyone and started eating.

Perhaps it was because she had drunk wine, but after dinner, Li Xiaoran's face looked pink, as if she had applied a layer of blush.

After that, everyone moved from the table to the fireplace. As they talked, they warmed themselves and waited for the new year.

Li Xiaoran got up to go to the bathroom halfway through.

When she returned, she found Luo Cheng waiting outside.

“You have to pee too?” Li Xiaoran asked with a smile when she saw Luo Cheng.

“No. I was just worried about you, so I followed you here to protect you!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and said.

“Oh really? Didn’t you say that as long as I’m in our house, I’ll be very safe?” Li Xiaoran deliberately made things difficult for Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment, then smiled.

“All right then! I won’t pretend anymore. I just wanted to see you!”

With that, Luo Cheng walked over and hugged Li Xiaoran.

“Not just look at you, but also hug you!”

Perhaps because he had drunk wine, Luo Cheng revealed his true emotions at this moment.

Li Xiaoran could sense Luo Cheng’s feelings, so she also reached out and hugged him.

“Luo Cheng!”

“Yes?”

“Husband!”

“Yes!”

“I hope that next year, you can forget everything that made you unhappy and sad, that you can look forward to the future again and enjoy your life!” Li Xiaoran said in Luo Cheng’s arms.

Luo Cheng nodded, the corners of his mouth curling up slightly.

“I’m enjoying my happiness at this moment!”

When Zhao Xiu and Li Shun walked out, they happened to see the two people hugging under a tree.

After watching the beautiful scene in front of her with a gratified expression, Zhao Xiu immediately pulled her man away.

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng walked back hand in hand, the others happened to be roasting sweet potatoes above the fire.

“You guys still want to eat roasted sweet potatoes today?! Aren’t you guys afraid of overeating?! We’ll have dumplings later. Can you guys eat them all?” Li Xiaoran teased.

Everyone looked over and saw the two of them holding hands.

Everyone laughed, but said nothing. They just laughed.

Li Xiaoran blushed from the laughter and wanted to break free from Luo Cheng’s grip.

Luo Cheng didn't give Li Xiaoran a chance at all. Instead, he pulled Li Xiaoran back to sit by the fireplace.

"It's fine. Father and Mother are just too happy! As for Xiao Qing and Ziyang, they're jealous of us. That's why they're laughing!" Luo Cheng said.

As soon as he said this, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu looked at Luo Cheng in surprise.

In the past, Luo Cheng used to call Li Shun and Zhao Xiu his parents-in-law. Why did he address them as his parents today?

As if knowing what Li Shun and Zhao Xiu were surprised about, Luo Cheng shifted his gaze from Li Xiaoran to the two elders.

"Father, Mother, I know I should call you father-in-law and mother-in-law. It's just that now that our family lives together, we're a family! When I was young, my mother passed away early, and my father didn't care about me, so I left the family. Now that I've married Xiaoran, I finally understand the feeling of having a family! Therefore, New Year's Eve is a good day to bid farewell to the old and welcome the new! I want to call you Father and Mother. In the future, Xiaoran and I will take care of you two!" Luo Cheng said his plan.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu were stunned.

One had to know that Luo Cheng's words basically expressed his desire to marry into the family.

Only a son-in-law who married into the family would call his parents-in-law his parents!

"Son-in-law, do you know what you mean? Others will say that you married into the Li family." Li Shun was kind and couldn't help but remind him.

Luo Cheng shook his head and said, "Father, we've been living together for a while. You should know my personality. I'm not the kind of person who follows the rules at all. Those rules are not worth mentioning compared to my comfort. As long as we don't care about these things, do we have to mind what others say?"

Zhao Xiu was very moved. For Luo Cheng to make such a decision, it meant that he had already treated them as his biological parents.

This child looked like he was intimidating, but he was a compassionate person.

"Husband, this is the children's wish. Let's agree! Just as Luo Cheng said, no matter what others say, we won't lose anything! Besides, it's our blessing to have such a good child like Luo Cheng to take care of us!" Zhao Xiu expressed her attitude.

"Also! My brother calls you two Father and Mother, so I also have to call you two Father and Mother! I was originally an orphan. Now, thanks to you guys, I have a family! I hope Father and Mother can acknowledge me!" Luo Ziyang said with teary eyes when he saw this scene.

Li Shun's heart softened and he nodded quickly. He took Luo Cheng's hand with one hand and held Luo Ziyang's hand with the other. Then, he nodded.

"Alright. You're all my sons! You're our blessing!"

"That's great. I have two more brothers! But should I call them my brother or brother-in-law in the future?" Li Xiaoqing was a little confused.

"Call him brother-in-law!"

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Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng said together.

As soon as they said this, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng looked at each other and smiled.

"Yes, your brother-in-law is still your brother-in-law. Don't call him anything else!" Li Shun said.

### Chapter 233 As Long as You Don't Starve

For a moment, the fireplace was buzzing with chatter!

With cries of "Father", "Mother", "Brother", "Sister", and so on. The scene was in chaos.

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"I've always wished that I had a brother! This way, whenever I'm bullied, I can go home and complain to my brother and let him teach those people who bullied me a lesson! I really didn't expect that I can actually fulfill my childhood wish now! It seems that this is a good sign! I'll definitely get what I want next year!" Li Xiaoqing said happily.

"Don't worry, you can look for me in the future! If anyone dares to bully Xiao Qing, I'll teach them a lesson!" Luo Ziyang immediately straightened his back and acted like a good brother.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she was immediately amused.

Luo Cheng also smiled at his family by the fireplace, then used the tongs to pick up wood and place it in the fire.

Third Master Xue, who had been forgotten in the room, was cold and hungry!

"Someone, come and save me! Give me something to eat and drink! It's New Year's Eve. Since you guys are feasting, you have to make me something delicious!" Third Master Xue shouted weakly.

Unfortunately, no one paid attention to him no matter how hard he shouted!

Not even a worm had appeared, let alone a human!

At this moment, Third Master Xue knew he had encountered a ruthless person this time! If he had known earlier, he wouldn't have made this trip!

Why did he have to come here to suffer torture instead of celebrating the holidays?!

Thinking of this, Third Master Xue started shouting again.

"I'll tell you! I'll tell you anything! Someone, come quickly! I'll tell you anything. Really, come and ask me!"

On the other side, when the secret guard heard Third Master Xue's words, he brought the message over.

Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran after receiving the secret guard's news.

"The person over there caved in. Why don't we go take a look?"

Li Xiaoran immediately thought of the person she had forgotten.

"It just so happens that the sweet potatoes in this fire are almost roasted. Let's bring one over to him! I don't want to go now. It will affect my mood too much. Let's leave him there for another two days! We have to enjoy the holidays!"

"Alright, I'll get someone to send him some food, water, and the blanket I used in the snow last time." Luo Cheng nodded and had an idea.

"Yes, as long as he doesn't starve to death and freeze to death!" Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "Let him sow discord. We have to make him suffer a little! By the way, don't give him too much. Just give him enough for him not to starve to death!"

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran's words.

His wife was really a little cute!

But he liked it!

Therefore, this was the most down-and-out New Year's Eve in Third Master Xue's life!

If Third Master Xue knew that he had received such treatment because of his sharp tongue and attempt to sow discord, he might have regretted it!

Unfortunately, there was no medicine for regret in this world!

It was useless even if he regretted it now!

Third Master Xue widened his eyes when he saw the palm-sized roasted sweet potato and a bowl of water.

"What do you mean? You're giving me this on New Year's Eve?" Third Master Xue looked at Luo Ziyang in disbelief.

Luo Ziyang looked at Third Master Xue and said with disdain, "How well do you expect the food to be when you came uninvited? It's already good enough that I'm giving it to you! Why don't I take all of this away and throw you out to fend for yourself?"



“No, no, no!” Third Master Xue quickly grabbed the sweet potato and ate it in big mouthfuls. “I’ll eat it. I’ll eat it, alright?”

However, after taking two bites, Third Master Xue took another sip of water and said gloomily, “Eating sweet potatoes can at least fill my stomach!”

“I’ll let you eat and drink to your heart’s content, then let you think of some ways to sow discord to harm my brother and sister-in-law? Save it! You have to be content. You’re lucky we didn’t let you starve to death!” Luo Ziyang left after saying this.

Seeing this, Third Master Xue quickly ate the sweet potato and drank some water before taking the opportunity to run.

However, as soon as he ran out of the room, he fell to the ground weakly.

Footsteps sounded. Luo Ziyang, who had left, walked over again.

“Hahahaha, I knew you would misbehave! Let me tell you, you can move around in this room freely, but once you leave this room, this will happen! This time, I’ll move you back. The next time, if you run around, no one will help you! Take my advice. There are blankets and a toilet in the room. At least they can keep you alive! If you want to run out, see if anyone will send you back.”

With that, Luo Ziyang dragged Third Master Xue in and threw him to the ground.

After a while, Third Master Xue finally felt the strength in his body return, so he sat up and thought about it.

Should he try again?

He really wanted to try!

However, when he thought of Luo Ziyang’s warning, Third Master Xue hesitated again.

If he really fell there again and no one came to bring him back, wouldn’t he have to freeze outside all night?

Forget it. Even if he wanted to try, it shouldn’t be at night. It should be during the day!

After making up his mind, Third Master Xue learned his lesson and quickly wrapped himself in two blankets. Then, he planned to use his mental prowess to offset his hunger!

Why did he feel even hungrier after eating a roasted sweet potato?

God! Even if he had committed a sin, God should be the one to punish him!

They shouldn’t punish him like this!

Third Master Xue was starving so much that he felt like he was about to hallucinate!

Now, he was willing to eat anything to fill his stomach! He was going crazy from hunger!

Soon, it was midnight.

Li Shun, Luo Cheng, and Luo Ziyang went out to take out the firecrackers that had been prepared and started lighting them.

By the fireplace in the house, Zhao Xiu brought Li Xiaoran and Li Xiaoqing to set up a pot holder. Then, she placed an iron pot and began to boil water to cook the dumplings.

There was a crackling sound outside, then the people in the house smiled!

The new year was new. Their lives would get better and better in the future!

After the firecrackers stopped, the dumplings were ready.

At this moment, everyone had taken their bowls and chopsticks and were sitting around the pot, waiting for the dumplings to cook.

Finally, the pot of dumplings was ready. Zhao Xiu used a bamboo ladle to scoop all the dumplings.

After they each had a large bowl, everyone started eating.

"I tasted dates!" Li Xiaoqing bit into a dumpling and shouted happily.

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Everyone congratulated Li Shun, Zhao Xiu, and Luo Ziyang.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran ate dumplings wrapped in coins.

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"In that case, we will all be very lucky this year! Some will have smooth-sailing lives, while some will earn a lot of money from doing business!" Li Xiaoqing said with a smile.

"That's right! This is a good sign!" Zhao Xiu also said happily.

The entire family laughed along.

After the dumplings were finished, Li Shun and Zhao Xiu took out their New Year's money.

It wasn't much. The children got six copper coins per person.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran looked at each other and smiled. Then, they each took out two money bags made of red cloth.

"Father, Mother, this is the money Luo Cheng and I want to give you!"

Li Xiaoran handed the money bag in her hand to Zhao Xiu, while Luo Cheng handed the red money bag to Li Shun.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu didn't expect to get filial piety money. They froze for a moment before putting away the money bag.

"Alright, we'll also accept filial piety money this year!" Li Shun couldn't stop smiling.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran smiled and each took out a smaller money bag.

“Ziyang, Xiao Qing, this is your New Year’s money!”

With that, the two of them handed over the small money bag again.

Luo Ziyang and Li Xiaoqing didn’t expect to get New Year’s money.

“You guys haven’t married yet, so you naturally have New Year’s money!” Li Xiaoran explained with a smile.

When Li Xiaoqing and Luo Ziyang heard this, they happily put away the money bags.

After eating the dumplings and giving out New Year’s money, it was midnight. Everyone was sleepy.

After boiling hot water and washing up, everyone returned to their rooms to rest.

When Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng arrived outside their room, they said goodnight to each other and returned to their rooms.

Everyone in the Luo family slept well that night.

Even the uninvited guest, Third Master Xue, was sleeping soundly!

He had no choice. He was hungry, but had nothing to eat. He could only go to sleep, in hopes that he would dream of some delicacies!

The next morning, the sun actually came out.

However, the house was quiet. Everyone was still asleep.

After a year of work, they could only relax these few days, so everyone slept in.

At noon, everyone got up one after another.

There was a saying that people shouldn’t eat rice on the first day of the new year, so everyone simply ate sliced noodles in the morning.

As soon as they finished breakfast, they heard the children who had come to visit.

The group quickly brought the melon seeds, peanuts, and candies, then ran outside to receive the guests.

Luo Cheng was well prepared this time. Not only did he prepare all the things, but he also gave every child who came two copper coins.

As soon as he opened the door, he saw Little Huzi standing at the front with Little Yue’er. They were wearing new clothes and had happy expressions.

The group of children bowed to everyone and even muttered words of blessing.

Hearing the children’s laughter, the group was overjoyed.

Li Shun and Zhao Xiu each grabbed melon seeds and peanuts, then stuffed them into the children’s pockets.

Luo Ziyang and Li Xiaoqing were in charge of giving candy to the children.

As for Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, they gave the children two copper coins.

Just like that, they filled the childrens' bags!

"The bags are full!" Many children shouted happily now. "In the past, we didn't fill the bags even after we went around the entire village for New Year's greetings. Our bags got filled up at this one place!"

"That's right! Luo Cheng's family will definitely become rich this year! I remember when I was six years old, I met a generous person when I went to my maternal family's house. Later on, that family became rich and their lives became better and better!" Another little boy said loudly.

"Alright, thank you for your blessings! We're going to be rich this year!" Li Xiaoran smiled happily when she heard these innocent words.

"Sister Ran, you'll become more and more beautiful!" Little Yue'er blushed as she said what was on her mind. "After I went back yesterday, I told my mother what you said to me. My mother said that I was lucky to have met you. You're my benefactor! Sister Ran, I'll repay you in the future!"

Li Xiaoran looked at Little Yue'er, who had already become more outgoing, and was happy for her. Squatting down, Li Xiaoran reached out and touched Little Yue'er's head.

"Don't spend these two copper coins after you bring them back. Let your mother make a small bag for you and put it in it. Keep it every day in the future! It will be your lucky charm and bring you good luck! I don't need you to repay me. I just need you to grow up healthy and happy! Got it?"

Little Yue'er smiled and nodded.

"Thank you, Sister Ran!"

After Li Xiaoqing distributed the items, she ran in to wash her hands while everyone was talking and ran out again.

"Father, Mother, I went out to play with Little Huzi and the others!"

Li Shun and the others nodded and watched the children leave.

"This is the first time I've seen Xiao Qing run out to play so happily! In the past, she was unwilling to go out to play during the new year!" Li Shun sighed.

"How could she go out at that time? Everyone else wears new clothes and has delicious food. What did your daughter have?" Zhao Xiu rolled her eyes at her man and said.

When Li Shun heard this, he immediately realized that he had said something wrong and quickly coaxed his wife with a smile.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran couldn't help but laugh. Then, she thought of something.

“What’s the situation with the Li family now?” Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and asked.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he thought about it for a moment.

“It’s a hot mess!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately burst out laughing.

“I can imagine! It’s fine as long as they don’t disturb our house!”

When Luo Cheng heard this, his expression immediately became strange.

“Why? Does the Li family really want to cause trouble at our house?”

“Of course they want to. The Li family has never been good people. If they bullied your family like that in the past, how can they be willing to let us off?! However, every time they have any ideas, I get someone to teach them a lesson!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran was enlightened. She was wondering why the Li family was so quiet. It turned out that Luo Cheng had secretly dealt with them.

“Then what does the Li family want to do this time? Make you look unnatural?”

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “Actually, it’s the second branch of the Li family!”

“Second Uncle? Li Wei?” Li Xiaoran was immediately puzzled when she heard Luo Cheng’s words.

Ever since she transmigrated, her second uncle’s family had had a very low presence.

## Chapter 235 Avoiding

“What do they want to do?” Li Xiaoran couldn’t guess their goal, so she asked directly, “They definitely don’t want money. Otherwise, you wouldn’t have a strange expression on your face!”

Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

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“You feel like a worm in my stomach. You always know what I think!”

Li Xiaoran gave Luo Cheng a knowing expression and asked again.

“Stop beating around the bush and tell me what’s going on.”

“Didn’t you say that you wanted to spend the holidays happily? Why don’t we talk about it after the New Year?” Luo Cheng said when he saw Li Xiaoran’s anxious expression.

“No, tell me now! If you don’t tell me now, I won’t be able to spend the holidays happily. I’ll keep thinking about this!” Li Xiaoran said indignantly.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran really wanted to know, Luo Cheng immediately told her.

It turned out that after Li Wei and his wife saw that the life of the third branch had improved after Luo Cheng had married Li Xiaoran, so they were envious.

Li Wei originally wanted to go to town to find a job and bring his wife and children away from the Li family.

Unfortunately, his plan was ruined by Luo Cheng and he was forced to return to the village to take care of the two elders.

However, his eldest brother’s family was really unreasonable. Now, they were always either scheming or slacking off.

If this continued, they would follow in the footsteps of the third branch and be enslaved.

Li Wei was a planner!

Since he couldn’t work in this town, he decided to work on the official road.

If it weren’t for winter, Li Wei would have set up a stall already.

“Then my second uncle has his eyes on our shop?” Li Xiaoran immediately guessed something.

“That’s one of the reasons. Your second uncle is very smart and has made two plans!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said with a smile, “Your second uncle wants to take over the stall you previously set up and use it. Of course, it’s not bad if they can rent one of our shops to do business. They won’t rent it for nothing and will give us money. It’s just that they won’t give it to us until they earn money!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately laughed.

“As expected of the Li family! On the surface, they seem better, but it’s all just surface level!”

“That’s right! I don’t know where your second uncle gets the nerve, but he thinks we should give him a favor.” Luo Cheng said sarcastically.

“My father is soft-hearted, so I’m afraid he’ll agree to it!” Xiaoran thought of something and said worriedly.

Seeing Li Xiaoran’s worried look, Luo Cheng reached out and smoothed the frown between her eyebrows. Then, he said softly, “Perhaps Father will be soft-hearted, but he won’t agree to just anything! Wife, if you don’t believe me, let’s watch together! Give Father a chance to prove himself!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was amused.

“Why do I feel that you’re more like Father’s biological child than me?!”

“Aren’t I his biological child now? People say that a son-in-law is half a son. I’ve already called him father and made up for the other half, so I’m naturally his biological son!” Luo Cheng said with a smile.

“Husband, I’ve only realized now that sometimes, in terms of shamelessness, I pale in comparison to you!” Li Xiaoran teased.

“There are many things where you’ll suffer if you’re not thick-skinned, so it’s better to be thick-skinned!” Luo Cheng thought of something and said meaningfully, “If I weren’t thick-skinned, how could I have brought my wife’s family safely out of the Li family and married her?”

“Why do I feel that this can’t be done just by being thick-skinned? The key is that my husband was smart enough to grasp the Li family’s weakness and force them to back down step by step.” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“Thank you for your praise! I deserve it!” Luo Cheng accepted Li Xiaoran’s praise calmly.

Li Xiaoran was really at her wit’s end regarding her shameless husband!

Just as the couple was chatting and laughing, Li Shun, who was going to the village, was stopped by his second brother, Li Wei.

“Third Brother, your life is getting better and better. Why didn’t you think of visiting Father and Mother? After all, Father and Mother have raised you for so many years. You should go back and visit!” Li Wei persuaded with a hypocritical look.

Li Shun looked at his second brother. He was the same as he remembered.

No, he had changed! At least, the way he looked at him had changed!

In the past, his second brother never envied him. He only looked down on him.

Now, Li Shun saw envy and jealousy in his second brother’s eyes.

At this moment, Li Shun was very clear-headed. He was so clear-headed that he saw through Li Wei’s intentions at a glance.

“You’re talking about filial piety with me at this time? Father and Mother’s kindness to me has already been more than half offset when Father married our family off. The remaining half was repaid when we left! Why? Are they regretting it now? However, everything has already been stamped! If you can’t remember them clearly, I can help you recall them!” Li Shun said coldly.

Li Wei was shocked when he heard Li Shun’s words.

Not only had Li Shun’s appearance changed, but even his personality had changed so much.

In the past, his third brother would always work with a bitter expression. He wasn't as eloquent and coherent as he was now!

"Second Brother, do you think I've changed a lot?! Actually, there's no need to be surprised. If your family had been married off and you didn't get a single cent when you left the family, you'll become like me! Second Brother, I'll treat what happened in the past as the past and write it off. But if you still want to hang around in front of me, don't blame my son-in-law for dealing with you!" Li Shun left after saying this, leaving Li Wei standing there in a daze.

On Zhao Xiu's side, she was about to go talk to He Hui when she was stopped by Zhang Hong.

Zhao Xiu ignored Zhang Hong, but Zhang Hong chased after her.

"Third Sister-in-law, are you looking down on me because your family is doing well? Didn't you hear me calling you?" Zhang Hong stood in front of Zhao Xiu and said while panting.

"I'm sorry, there are so many people in this village. How would I know that you're calling me?" Zhao Xiu replied with a fake smile.

"Hey, Third Sister-in-law, you know I'm calling you now, right?!" Zhang Hong said when she heard Zhao Xiu's words.

"I wonder why you stopped me?"

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Zhang Hong looked at He Hui and hesitated.

"Hey, look, there's a carriage over there. It looks like a rich family!" Zhao Xiu suddenly looked in the other direction and said in surprise.

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When Zhang Hong heard this, she immediately turned around to take a look.

Taking advantage of this opportunity, Zhao Xiu passed Zhang Hong and pulled He Hui away.

"Where is the carriage? There's clearly no carriage!" Zhang Hong looked around quizzically and turned around.

However, Zhao Xiu and He Hui had already run far away.

Even if Zhang Hong wanted to chase after them, she couldn't. She stomped her feet in anger.

"Zhao Xiu, what are you so proud of? You were just lucky enough to be married off to your son-in-law's family! Without your son-in-law, Luo Cheng, who do you think you are?" Zhang Hong cursed loudly.



When He Hui heard this, she frowned and couldn't stand it anymore.

Just as He Hui was about to speak up for Zhao Xiu, she was stopped by Zhao Xiu.

"If a dog bites you, will you bite the dog back? Let's hurry up and slip away! I know the Li family better than you. If she gets the chance to pester us now, we really won't be able to escape! In the future, when you encounter the Li family, you have to be like me. If you can slip away, you have to create an opportunity to slip away. You can't let them have the chance to pester you!" Zhao Xiu spoke from her experience.

When He Hui heard this, she immediately trembled.

"Are they that scary?"

"That's right! Listen to my advice. If you can, stay away from them for the rest of your life! That's a smelly latrine pit. Anyone who touches it will leave with a stench!" Zhao Xiu said.

He Hui remembered Zhao Xiu's words and went back to remind her man and child.

It was also because of Zhao Xiu's words today that He Hui and her family avoided a huge problem in the future.

Li Wei and Zhang Hong both returned in defeat. When the couple reached the door, they bumped into each other.

"Husband, how are things on your side?"

Li Wei shook his head and said dejectedly, "Before I could say anything, my third brother scolded me!"

"Same here. Third Sister-in-law is as slippery as a loach. I couldn't even stop her!" Zhang Hong said gloomily.

"It's fine. Let's go back and think about it. There will be a way!" Li Wei could only say this in the end.

As soon as the two of them entered the house, Aunt Li was already waiting in the courtyard.

"You went to look for your third brother? Where is he?"

Li Wei frowned when he heard his mother's words.

"Mother, what are you talking about? We just went out for a walk! It's the first day of the new year. If we didn't go out for a walk, wouldn't we be cooped up at home?"

When Aunt Li heard Li Wei's words, she immediately frowned.

"Don't say such things to me. Let me ask you, did you see your third brother?"

"I did! It's just that when Third Brother saw me, he warned me to stay away from him. Otherwise, his son-in-law might beat me up! Mother, do you really think Third Brother

is still the same Third Brother who was at your mercy in the past? You and Father were wrong. Eldest Brother was wrong too. Even I was wrong! Third Brother is completely different from before! I'm afraid the things you've planned will go down the drain!"

With that, Li Wei pulled his wife, Zhang Hong, back to his room.

When Aunt Li heard her son's words, she was very angry.

"Impossible. He's is my son. I'm his biological mother. How can he still be holding a grudge? Hmph, he doesn't even know to bring some good things to show filial piety to me and his father during the new year. He's simply too rebellious!"

Aunt Li cursed, but she was plotting something inside.

On Li Shun and Zhao Xiu's side, they didn't mention anything about what happened in the village today.

Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran had long learned from the secret guard how the two of them handled it.

Seeing that her father was smiling at her mother, Li Xiaoran couldn't help but sigh. "I really didn't expect Father and Mother to become so tough! What I didn't expect was that the two of them would deal with it the same way. They didn't let the Li family say what they wanted at all. Also, Father, I never expected my father to threaten them by saying that you would beat them up!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's sigh, he smirked slightly.

"People change, especially people like our parents, who have been suppressed for a long time. Once their resistance is awakened, they will become very different! Besides, have you thought that our days running the noodle stall have been in vain? There were so many people coming and going every day. There were all kinds of people. Businessmen naturally can't choose their customers, so they can only change themselves."

"Your father and mother are naturally different after being trained in that kind of environment! Isn't there a saying that even three days is enough to change a person? They've also begun to transform during this period of time! It's just that we've been with Father and Mother all this time, so we didn't see the change in them. But others can tell at a glance!"

Li Xiaoran felt that this change wasn't bad. At least, they wouldn't be bullied anymore.

Of course, Li Xiaoran understood why the old couple wanted to hide these things.

After all, it was the new year. It was better to let everyone be happy.

Soon, it was the second day of the new year.

On the second day of the new year, a married daughter would return to her maiden family.

Previously, Zhao Xiu had wanted to go back to her parents' house to take a look, so Li Xiaoran was already prepared.

Originally, Luo Ziyang could have gone with them, but Third Master Li was in the house, so Luo Ziyang could only regretfully stay at home with Big Yellow and the others to look after the house.

Apart from that, there were still chickens to feed at home, so they needed someone to stay at home.

The bags were placed on the ox cart. The group dressed in warm clothes, then brought a few blankets to cover themselves.

The group set off just after dawn.

There was no choice. This place was a distance away from Zhao Xiu's family's house. The earlier they set off, the earlier they could arrive.

By the time Li Lan and Li Yan rushed back to the Li family's house, Li Xiaoran and the others were already on the way to Eagle Village, in Jiangzhong County.

Li Yan barely slept last night. After all, she was too excited.

She wanted to hear the villagers discussing Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran as soon as she returned to the village so that she could know how miserable they were.

Unexpectedly, as soon as she reached home, she was caught by her mother.

"Yan'er, why did you only bring these things when you returned to our family? Why didn't you bring some money back?" Wang Ying complained as she touched her daughter's clothes.

"Mother, why have you become so gauche? How can a daughter bring money back whenever she returns to her family? Your actions really embarrass me!" Li Yan said with disdain.

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During this period of time, Li Yan also had a scholarly aura to her because Pei Xuanxin had helped tutor those young masters.

As a self-proclaimed scholar, she was already certain that she would go from rags to riches in the future. Therefore, when she returned to visit her parents, she had a look of disdain.

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At the same time, Li Wei and Zhang Hong's eldest daughter, Li Lan, who was already married, returned with her one-year-old grandson and son-in-law, Wu Duan.

After putting down the things, Li Lan frowned when she saw the mess in the Li family's house.

After handing her son to Wu Duan, Li Lan brought her mother in the room to chat.

“Mom, how did this house become like this? In the past, when I came back, the house was clean. Now, it has really become a mess! Look at the ground in the dam. Is that a place a person can stand on?”

Zhang Hong looked at her daughter and sighed.

“Don’t you realize that I’ve aged a lot? Even my hands have become much rougher.”

Only then did Li Lan notice her mother’s situation.

Compared to the mother in her memory, there was indeed a huge difference!

“Mother, how did you become like this? Can’t Third Aunt do such a simple thing like cleaning the house?”

“You’re far away, so there are some things that I didn’t have the time to tell you! Your third uncle and third aunt were married off by your grandparents and even separated from the family! Now, there’s only your father and uncle in this family! Once your third uncle and the others left, almost all the work in the family fell on me. Look, it’s only been a short while, but I’ve already aged a few years!” Zhang Hong said with red eyes.

Li Lan was stunned by this sudden news. After coming back to her senses, she quickly asked, “What exactly is going on?”

Zhang Hong didn’t hide anything and told her everything that had happened in the past few months.

After Li Lan heard this, it took her a long time to process the news.

She really hadn’t expected so much to happen at home after just a year.

Her cousin Li Xiaoran married a hunter, and her other cousin, Li Yan, actually married a poor scholar.

This wasn’t the end. Zhang Hong emphasized that when Li Xiaoran married Luo Cheng, not only did they set up a noodle stall, but their business was also good enough for them to open a shop by the pipeline.

Zhang Hong grabbed her daughter's hand as she complained bitterly!

"Your father and I were thinking that since Li Xiaoran and the others don't want to set up a stall anymore, why don't they give that noodle stall to us? Your father and I will run the business. It's just that we haven't found a chance to ask your third uncle and the others! Your third uncle and the others were probably hurt by the previous situation, so they might not be willing to help us! Tell me, they already have a few shops by the pipeline. Why can't they give that noodle stall to us? Isn't this a win-win situation for everyone?"

Li Lan's heart skipped a beat when she heard that Li Xiaoran had actually built a few shops by the official road.

Speaking of which, although Li Lan had a son and finally established herself in the Wu family, they were struggling financially.

Wu Duan had a few older brothers above him and a few younger brothers below, so the entire family lived together and the living situation made her rather uncomfortable.

Therefore, the couple had always wanted to save some money to move out.

Previously, Li Lan and Wu Duan had thought of many ways, but it was useless. Now that they heard that Li Xiaoran had a shop, Li Lan began to plot.

After carefully asking about Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng's family, Li Lan went out to see her man.

At this moment, Wu Duan was playing with his son on the road in the village. He already looked impatient.

Seeing that Li Lan had finally come out, Wu Duan said with a dark expression, "Look at your family's house! Is that courtyard a place where people can set their feet? There's a trench inside and outside the house. Our baby wants to vomit when he smells it!"

Li Lan also knew that her family was indeed unreasonable, but there was no need to fuss over these things now. It was better to talk about important things first.

Li Lan brought her man and child to a quiet place and told them what she had learned from her family.

“Husband, think about it! They’ve built so many shops, so they definitely need someone to take care of them. Instead of letting an outsider take care of them, why don’t you and I take care of them? This way, when we take care of the shops, not only will we have a place to stay, but we can also do a small business outside the shops. Think about it. According to Mother, this shop has a good business and many people come and go. Wouldn’t it be easier for us to do business and earn money?”

When Wu Duan heard this, he was tempted.

“In that case, it’s indeed a good idea!”

“So go to the village later and find out more about that shop. When everything is settled, we’ll go find my cousin!” Li Lan said excitedly.

“I think this matter is still a little difficult! Are you on good terms with your cousin?” Wu Duan asked.

When Li Lan heard her husband’s words, she looked around and lowered her voice. “I’ll go and ask. Little Ran will definitely agree! You have to know that I saved her life back then! Because I saved her life this time, she should agree!”

When Wu Duan heard that there was such a thing, he immediately laughed.

“Then this matter is considered settled! Why don’t we go and find out now?! After we find out, we can go straight to your cousin’s house to take a look. The earlier we settle this matter, the earlier we can go home and tell our parents!”

Li Lan thought about it, hesitated, then finally nodded.

Hence, the couple carried the child and walked towards the drying field in the village.

However, to Li Yan and Wu Duan’s disappointment, when they went to the Luo family, they heard that Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng weren’t at home but at Third Aunt’s house.

“Why don’t we come back in a few days?! I really can’t stay in your family anymore! Wife, even if you don’t think for me, you have to think for Bao’er!” Wu Duan said unhappily.

Li Lan hesitated, then finally nodded and went home alone to say goodbye.

Li Yan also came in high spirits and left in low spirits. She wanted to see Li Xiaoran make a fool of herself, but there was no news at all.

Could it be that Luo Cheng wasn't seriously injured in this life?

At the thought of this possibility, Li Yan rubbed the handkerchief in her hand until it was wrinkled!

She really didn't believe that Li Xiaoran could always be so lucky!

Chapter 238 Busybody

Li Xiaoran, who was being schemed against, was very happy at the moment.

Because she actually met someone selling strawberries on the way to her grandmother's house.

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The sweet strawberries were delicious in her mouth.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran stopped the woman who sold strawberries and got out of the car.

"Auntie, how much are you selling these strawberries for?"

When the woman heard this, she immediately looked at Li Xiaoran in confusion. "What are strawberries?"

"Uh, isn't those strawberries in your hand?" Li Xiaoran was stunned by the question. She squatted down and took a strawberry to take a closer look. "That's right. It's a strawberry. The smell is the same!"

When the woman saw Li Xiaoran take her things, she immediately understood.

"So that's what you're talking about! It's not called strawberries here. We call them snake fruits.

Are you really going to buy them?"

Li Xiaoran picked up the strawberry in her hand and examined it again.

"Can I try it? Don't worry, I'll pay for it!"

When the woman heard Li Xiaoran's words, she immediately smiled.

"It's just a fruit, so why can't I try it?! Try it first. If you like it, I'll sell it to you. There's no need to pay for it," the woman said when she heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"Sigh, you're not even sure what fruit it is. Why are you eating it?" Seeing this, Luo Cheng reached out to stop Li Xiaoran.

"Don't worry, this snake fruit's name sounds scary, but it's not poisonous. If you don't believe me, I'll eat it in front of you!" The woman really wanted to sell these snake fruits. After all, her family needed money. If she could sell them now, it would be much more convenient than going to the market to sell them.

As she spoke, the woman casually chose a snake fruit and ate it.

"Don't worry! This fruit is really edible!"

As she spoke, Li Xiaoran placed the strawberry in her mouth and ate it.

The familiar taste made Li Xiaoran beam with joy.

"That's right. This is the taste! Auntie, how much are these strawberries? I'll buy them all!"

The woman smiled when she heard Li Xiaoran's words.

"I only sell it for six copper coins a catty at the market. There are ten catties in this basket. Give me fifty copper coins!"

Li Xiaoran thought about it.

“Auntie, look, we didn’t bring anything with us when we went out. Why don’t you sell this snake fruit to me along with the bamboo basket?! I’ll give you 60 copper coins!”

This basket was woven from bamboo by her family, so it was worthless.

Therefore, when Li Xiaoran said that, the woman agreed.

After taking out the copper coins and counting 60 copper coins, Li Xiaoran asked Luo Cheng to take the strawberries away.

Before leaving, Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of something and said.

“Auntie, have you offended someone recently?”

When the woman heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she was stunned.

“That’s impossible! I’m either working at home or working in the fields. How can I offend anyone?!” The woman said with a puzzled expression.

When Li Xiaoran heard the woman’s words, she sensed the emotions around her, so she said, “Have you had a fight with anyone recently?”

When the woman heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she became wary.

What was wrong with this woman in front of him? She kept saying strange things. Could it be that she bought his things with ill intentions?

Li Xiaoran naturally sensed the woman’s suspicion and looked amused.

“Auntie, I don’t have any ill intentions, nor do I want to harm you! Didn’t you notice? Along the way, someone was following you! At first, I thought that person just happened to be walking along the same path as you. But now that you’ve stopped, that person is hiding not far away and waiting. That’s why I suspected the other party’s intentions and asked if you’ve offended someone?”

When the woman heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she subconsciously looked in the direction she had come from.

However, the path she had taken was empty.

At this moment, the woman didn’t know if she should believe Li Xiaoran.

“Auntie, I know you won’t believe me now. But if the other party is targeting you, won’t it be very dangerous for you to be off guard? Why don’t you follow us?! You don’t have to go too far. There’s someone hidden behind the big rock you passed just now. Follow us and take a look, then you’ll know!” Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and finally said.

The woman thought for a moment and decided to listen to Li Xiaoran.

After all, it was better to be safe than sorry!

If someone really came for her and had ill intentions, how could she, a woman, defeat them?

Just like that, the people in the ox cart and the walking woman moved forward.

On the ox cart, Li Xiaoran carefully sensed the emotions of the person hiding behind the big rock.

The other party definitely had ill intentions. There was no doubt about that.

That was why Li Xiaoran interfered and brought this woman along.

Finally, when they reached the big rock, the person quietly turned to the other side.

The woman walked over but didn’t see anyone, so she looked at Li Xiaoran in confusion.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and looked at Luo Cheng.

With just a look, Luo Cheng knew what Li Xiaoran was thinking.

Then, Luo Cheng jumped and ran to the other side of the stone. He grabbed a man and threw him over.

“Ouch!” A pained cry sounded. The woman’s expression changed when she heard it.

Because the woman knew who this man was just by his voice.

“Fang Wanli, you’re actually here! Do you know how many people want to catch you and skin you alive?!” The woman glared at the man and gritted her teeth.



When Li Xiaoran's family heard this, they looked at the man in front of them in shock.

For the woman to say such a thing, it seemed that the man in front of them had definitely done something heinous.

"Hmph, Kang Dandan, you're just lucky to encounter these people who helped you. Otherwise, I would have captured you and sold you today!" The man on the ground snorted as he endured the pain in his leg.

Li Xiaoran looked at the other party carefully. As expected, he looked fierce.

Ever since Zhao Xiu heard the name Kang Dandan, she felt that this name was very familiar, but she couldn't remember it for a moment.

"Yes, I'm lucky. If I hadn't met them today, I would have been in serious trouble. Unfortunately, you're unlucky. I'll bring you back today and see how everyone deals with you!"

After Kang Dandan finished speaking, she cupped her hands and thanked Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng.

"Thank you for saving us. Please help me tie this person up and send him to Haizi Village. This person cheated people out of their money and harmed hundreds of families in Haizi Village and the surrounding villages. Therefore, please help me send this scourge to our village!"

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When Luo Cheng heard the woman's words, he immediately asked, "Since he has harmed so many people, why don't you send him to the authorities?"

"It's not up to me to decide whether to send him to the government. This person is extremely cunning. Ever since the incident, all of us have been looking for him, but we couldn't find him at all. If not for the fact that I encountered you guys today, I wouldn't have known that this scourge was actually beside us!" Kang Dandan looked at the man on the ground angrily.

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While they were talking, Fang Wanli looked around and suddenly scattered a handful of powder. The sudden scene caught the group of people off guard. At this moment, they all had no strength left.

Fang Wanli stood up smugly and then looked at the group with disdain.

"Hmph, you want to capture me, Wanli? Dream on! Kang Dandan, if not for someone paying me to kidnap you and sell you, do you think I would have come to capture you? But this isn't bad. I only wanted to capture you, but I didn't expect a few others to come to me as well! This time, I'm going to be rich!"

"Really?" a voice said. "If you want to get rich, you'll have to ask me about my sword!"

Luo Cheng, who had pretended to be tricked, appeared beside Fang Wanli.

At some point, he had drawn his sword and placed it on Fang Wanli's neck.

The smile on Fang Wanli's face froze, and then he immediately begged for mercy.

"Please let me go! I schemed against you guys because I was blinded. As long as you let me go, I'll give you all my money. I have a lot of money!"

Without saying a word, Luo Cheng reached out and tapped Fang Wanli's acupoints. At the same time, he took out a rope and tied this man up.

After that, Luo Cheng took out a porcelain bottle and knocked out the cork. Then, he waved it in front of everyone's noses.

A chill surged into their noses, and the strength they had lost seemed to return.

"I didn't know before I came out, but I encountered such a thing the moment I came out. People are really sinister. We really can't even guard against it!" Li Shun had learned another lesson.

Zhao Xiu pursed her lips and said nothing.

As Li Xiaoqing watched everything in front of her, she felt the urge to become stronger.

Previously, she had thought that with strength, she wouldn't be afraid.

In fact, strength alone wasn't enough.

It seemed she still had a lot to learn.

Learning about self-defense and how to use her brain was the only way to avoid many dangers.

"All of you, sit on the ox cart! I'll walk with this person! Send him to Haizi Village first!" Luo Cheng said.

No one had any objections. The matter was settled.

Zhao Xiu called Kang Dandan into the carriage. Li Shun sat in front to drive the ox cart, while Luo Cheng escorted Fang Wanli at the side.

"Where are you guys going?" Kang Dandan had noticed Zhao Xiu when she got into the carriage, so she asked.

"I'm a girl who got married from Eagle Village. Today is the second day of the new year, so I came back to visit my family!" Zhao Xiu asked.

As soon as she said this, Kang Dandan thought of something and said in surprise.

"You're Zhao Xiu, the eldest daughter who married out of Mr. Zhao's family, right?"

Zhao Xiu looked at Kang Dandan with a puzzled expression. "You know me? I thought you looked familiar before, but I can't remember who you are."

"Sister Xiu'er, of course you find me familiar! I'm that tomboy from the Kang family. When I was young, I despised myself for being a girl and always pretended to be a boy."

"Once, I competed with someone else to see who was the boldest, so I ran to a big tree at the edge of the cliff and climbed up. In the end, I slipped and fell down. I was hung by a thick branch and suspended over the cliff. The other children were shocked. It was you who quickly ran back to the village and called someone to save me!"

Kang Dandan spoke excitedly.

When Zhao Xiu heard this, she immediately remembered.

At that time, she was about to get married. She didn't go out much in the past. But that day, she suddenly wanted to go up the mountain to pick up some firewood, then she saw such a dangerous scene. She hurriedly ran back to the village to call for help.

"So it's you!" Zhao Xiu smiled.

"It was me! After I was saved, I was too frightened. My grandma found a woman in the village to calm me down. Later, I stayed at home for more than ten days. When I was allowed out again, it was already a month later. At that time, you were already married!" Kang Dandan said with emotion.

Zhao Xiu didn't expect that after so many years, the little girl hanging on the cliff would actually be married now.

"You're already married? How long have you been married for?" she asked.

"Not long ago. I only married him a few years ago! At that time, something happened to my husband. He originally wanted to break off the engagement to avoid harming me. It's just that I felt that my husband was a responsible person worth marrying, so I married him! Speaking of which, this matter has something to do with Fang Wanli!" Kang Dandan sighed.

"Auntie, did Fang Wanli also cheat your husband of his money?" Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

Kang Dandan shook her head and said, "Fang Wanli wasn't so bad back then. Actually, at the beginning, Fang Wanli was a good person. Something happened to my husband's family, and Fang Wanli was the one who kept helping! It was precisely because Fang Wanli was a good person in the past that so many of us fell for his trick and were scammed out of so much money!"

When Kang Dandan said these words, she didn't lower her voice. Fang Wanli, who was walking at the side, could naturally hear her.

What puzzled Li Xiaoran was that Fang Wanli actually revealed a mocking expression.

The emotions he revealed at this moment were also disdainful, as if these things had nothing to do with him.

This shouldn't be the case! If Fang Wanli was really a good person in the past, he shouldn't have reacted like this when he heard Kang Dandan mention the past!

Perhaps noticing that Li Xiaoran was looking at him, Fang Wanli quickly restrained the emotions on his face and lowered his head.

Li Xiaoran sized him up and then retracted her gaze.

On the other side, Kang Dandan continued, "Sigh, forget it. Let's not talk about these things. I get angry just thinking about it! Fang Wanli was very reliable in the past, but now, he's a scumbag. This time, he really harmed too many people!"

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As they spoke, the ox cart arrived at Haizi Village.

This place wasn't far from Eagle Village, where Li Xiaoran and the others were going. It would only take fifteen minutes by ox cart.

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Because the ox cart had brought a lot of things, Luo Cheng asked Kang Dandan to call people from the village. When the time came, they would hand Fang Wanli over to the people from Haizi Village and continue on their way.

Kang Dandan also knew that Zhao Xiu and the others were going back to visit their families, so she nodded and quickly returned to the village to call for help.

Soon, when the young men in the village heard that they had caught Fang Wanli, they ran over.

After negotiating with the other party's village chief, Luo Cheng handed him over and they continued on their way.

"What do you think the people of Haizi Village will do with Fang Wanli?" Li Shun asked as he drove the ox cart.

No one went home because they didn't know what Fang Wanli had done.

"The village chief will send him to the government office!" Luo Cheng replied, "When I called them over previously, I specifically told the village chief!"

Li Xiaoran knew that Luo Cheng wasn't a meddlesome person, so she was a little puzzled.

"Husband, why did you tell him that?"

"I keep feeling that Fang Wanli is very sly. The people in the village might not be able to handle him." Luo Cheng voiced his opinion.

"I think he's a little strange too! His reaction is too strange!" Li Xiaoran recalled her previous suspicion and said.

"In any case, this has nothing to do with us. Let's not talk about it!" Zhao Xiu suddenly said.

For some reason, Zhao Xiu felt unhappy when she saw Fang Wanli.

Since Zhao Xiu had said so, the others didn't say anything else.

Before long, the ox cart finally arrived at Eagle Village.

From afar, a village loomed in the mountains.

At this moment, it was already lunchtime. Smoke rose from every house.

Zhao Xiu looked at her maiden family, which she had not returned for several years, and suddenly burst into tears.

"Don't cry. I was useless in the past. I couldn't even bring you back! In the future, if you want, we can come back every year!" Li Shun comforted his wife.

"I'm fine. I just miss home!" Zhao Xiu shook her head and quickly wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes with a handkerchief.

Li Xiaoqing and Li Xiaoran leaned against Zhao Xiu and comforted their mother in this way.

Zhao Xiu recovered in a while and patted the sisters' hands.

"It's fine! Let's go, I'll bring you guys back to the family!"

As soon as Zhao Xiu gave the order, Li Shun raised his whip and the carriage headed towards Eagle Village.

Eagle Village was called Eagle Village because there were many eagles living in this village.

In Eagle Village, they didn't even dare to raise chickens outside. They could only raise them in cages.

There was no choice. If the chickens were raised outside, they would be captured by the eagles as food.

Later on, the people in the village started raising many wild rabbits to feed the eagles. From then on, the eagles and the people of Eagle Village lived in harmony.

"Why do the villagers raise eagles?" Luo Cheng asked in confusion as he looked at the eagles soaring in the sky.

When Li Xiaoqing heard this, she immediately laughed.

"Mom, see, Brother-in-law asked this question the first time he comes to Eagle Village too, like us!"

Zhao Xiu and Li Shun also laughed.

“Actually, when I first came here, when I saw so many eagles, I asked this question too!” Li Shun said awkwardly.

Zhao Xiu smiled and explained directly, “I heard from the older generation that when the dynasty changed, there were rebels who wanted to hide in Eagle Village. Those people wanted to use Eagle Village as their home base, but they were strongly resisted by the villagers. Seeing that the villagers were about to lose, a large group of eagles rushed down to peck and scratch at the rebels. In the end, they chased those rebels out of the village!”

“Later, there were also several dangers in Eagle Village, but they were all resolved with the help of the eagles. From then on, the ancestors of Eagle Village treated the eagles as the guardians of the village and raised more wild rabbits to feed the eagles. Actually, my family wasn’t living in Eagle Village in the past, but we accidentally came here. We thought that this place was very good, so we wanted to settle down here.”

“At that time, the village head summoned the eagle down with a whistle and let our family pass by the eagle one by one. After everyone walked past, the eagle didn’t attack our family, so the village head agreed to let our family stay! In the words of the village, as long as you obtain the approval of the eagles, you can enter the village and settle down in the village!”

At this point, Zhao Xiu remembered something.

“By the way, we still have to walk in front of the eagles later! Because this time, we brought Luo Cheng with us. Luo Cheng is a stranger, so the eagles have never seen him before!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, his heart skipped a beat.

Actually, not only Luo Cheng, but even she was considered a stranger.

After all, the soul in this body had been replaced. She wondered if the eagles would recognize it.

“Luo Cheng, don’t be nervous! As long as they don’t have any ill intentions towards the village, the eagles won’t take the initiative to attack!” Zhao Xiu was worried that her son-in-law would worry too much, so she reminded him.

“Mother, don’t worry. I understand!” Luo Cheng nodded, indicating that he had no problem.

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother’s words, the nervousness in her heart dissipated a little.

After all, she wasn’t hostile to Eagle Village. She was also a kind person, so there should be no problem.

Soon, the ox cart arrived at the entrance of the village.

When the people guarding the village entrance saw an ox cart approaching, they hurriedly ran out.

One of the middle-aged men looked at Li Shun and Zhao Xiu carefully and suddenly thought of something.

“Zhao Xiu has returned to her maiden home!”

“Uncle Tazi, I haven’t been back for so many years. You still recognize me?” Zhao Xiuying smiled and shouted when she heard the familiar voice.

“That’s right. I’d recognize you no matter what!” The middle-aged man laughed.

“Uncle Tazi, call me over later! I brought her something good this time!” Zhao Xiu smiled and said.

“Alright! Then I won’t stand on ceremony with you! However, girl, you know the rules of the village. Come down and let the eagles recognize you!” Zhou Ta began to get down to business.

Zhao Xiu nodded and said to the family.

“Come! Tie the ox’s reins to this stake. Let’s go down and line up. We’ll let the eagles recognize it later!”

They all nodded and got out of the cart.

After Li Shun and Luo Cheng tied up the ox cart, they stood in line at the back.