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Chapter 261 Heart Flower

“What are you going to do about Fang Wanli?” Huang Hong asked.

The man in black shrugged and spread out his hands. “What else can I do? That person has such a special ability. His identity is always changing. His disguise technique has reached the point of perfection. It’s not easy to find him. Back then, I could only make this person work for me because his mentor owed me a favor and asked him to repay it.”

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“Then aren’t you afraid that such a person will be used by others to deal with you?” Huang Hong thought of something and said, “You have to know that if Fang Wanli disguises himself as your trusted aide, it will be easy for him to kill you!”

The man in black sneered when he heard Huang Hong’s words.

“His superb disguise techniques are indeed impossible to guard against, but there’s no need to be so afraid! Don’t worry, he can’t kill me! Huang Hong, you should focus on your own business! I came today to tell you that you only have a month left!”

With that, the man in black disappeared from the Huang family’s house.

Huang Hong stared at the other party’s departing figure with a sullen expression.

“Hmph, when I get the eagle chicks, you’ll have to beg me!”

When the man in black heard his words from afar, he sneered disdainfully and walked even faster!

There were always many delusional people in this world who always wanted something that didn’t belong to them.

Unfortunately, the ignorant him didn’t know that there was always someone better!

The shop had been cleaned up again and would open for business tomorrow.

Li Xiaoran took stock of the remaining things in the shop to see what else she needed to add.

In addition, Li Xiaoran also checked Yuan Cheng’s income records during the new year. After confirming that there were no problems, she placed the account book aside.

“You must be tired! Come and have a cup of tea! I made this tea. Try it!” Seeing that Li Xiaoran was done, Luo Cheng pulled her to a corner of the shop and pointed at the coffee table in front of him.

Li Xiaoran sat down and scooped out some water with a gourd. Then, she washed her hands and picked up the tea to drink.

After drinking a mouthful of tea, Li Xiaoran glanced at Luo Cheng in surprise.

“Looks like my tea suits your taste!” After Luo Cheng said this with a smile, he also picked up a cup of tea and drank it.

“Actually, I don’t know much about tea. I just like tea that tastes subtle and fragrant! If only there were some dried jasmine in this tea! This way, it will have a jasmine fragrance and taste better when brewed!” Li Xiaoran smiled as she took another sip.

“Add dried jasmine?” Luo Cheng felt a little baffled when he heard this suggestion.

“Wife, are you sure the tea will taste better with dried jasmine?”

“If you don’t believe me, you can try it!” Li Xiaoran suggested with a smile.

Luo Cheng thought about it and nodded.

“Since you’ve said so, I naturally have to give it a try!”

With that, Luo Cheng remembered something else and said, “We seem to have forgotten about someone for a long time!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately thought of Third Master Xue.

“Third Master Xue is still here?”

“Of course he is. He doesn’t have the ability to escape from my hands!” Luo Cheng said.

“Then has he suffered during this period?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

“Of course!” Luo Cheng thought of something and smiled happily. “I guarantee that you won’t recognize Third Master Xue when you see him later.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood.

“Are you taking me to see Third Master Xue?”

“It’s not that I want to bring you there. Third Master Xue said that he’ll only tell the truth if you’re around!” Luo Cheng said.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Then let’s go take a look! I also want to know why Third Master Xue came!”

After that, the two of them walked towards the Luo family’s house.

However, this time, Luo Cheng didn’t bring Li Xiaoran back to the house. Instead, he went to the forest behind the house.

“Are you bringing me to the wine cellar?” Li Xiaoran looked in the direction and asked in confusion.

“No, I asked Ziyang to get us a garden. Just follow me!” Luo Cheng smiled and turned to look at Li Xiaoran.

“Garden?” Li Xiaoran was even more puzzled when she heard this. “Haven’t the peach trees you planted been cut off? What flowers can there be?”

“You’ll know when you come with me!” Luo Cheng walked over with a smile, then he held Li Xiaoran’s hand and walked forward.

They walked through a forest, past the wine cellar where the wine was hidden, and then a few steps ahead. Their vision suddenly lit up.

Pink and purple flowers dotted the mountains, as if they had entered a paradise.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran was mesmerized by the beautiful scenery.

The flowers were blooming like a piece of brocade, lavish and gorgeous.

“These are Magnolias. Only Magnolias can bloom so beautifully without being too over the top. It makes people marvel at the beauty of nature. As far as I know, Magnolias symbolize love for nature!” Li Xiaoran marveled at the beautiful scenery in front of her and couldn’t help but approach the beautiful flowers.

“Actually, there’s another allusion to Magnolias. It’s called the flower of appreciation! It symbolizes gratitude, sincerity, romance, and pure love. Back then, when I first saw these prosperous and blooming Magnolias in the mountains, I was deeply mesmerized. Later, I learned that this flower was called Magnolia and what it symbolized, so I liked it even more. All these years, I’ve been searching everywhere and planted many Magnolias here. I wanted to have a Magnolia garden and stroll in it with the person I love!” Luo Cheng looked at the Magnolias around him and then smiled at Li Xiaoran.

Reaching out, Luo Cheng smiled and said, “Wife, are you willing to accompany me for the rest of my life? We’ll enjoy the scenery of this mountain and garden, as well as all the other wonders in life!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she smiled and placed her hand in Luo Cheng’s.

“I’ll repeat the same thing. As long as you don’t leave me, I’ll be with you for the rest of my life! I’ll admire flowers with you, go up the mountain with you, and do whatever you want with you!”

As soon as he finished speaking, they clasped hands and strolled around happily.

After getting tired of walking, Luo Cheng brought Li Xiaoran to a straw hut and sat down in the courtyard with a straw mat.

“By the way, aren’t we here to see Third Master Xue? Where is he?” Li Xiaoran remembered something and asked.

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“Third Master Xue, come out! Do you want me to invite you out?” Luo Cheng said with a smile when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

As soon as he finished speaking, someone walked out of the straw hut.

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Li Xiaoran looked at Third Master Xue in disbelief.

Previously, Third Master Xue had an extraordinary aura and looked like a hot shot.

At this moment, he looked like a malnourished refugee.

“Husband, we didn’t torture him into this state, did we?” Li Xiaoran asked in surprise.

When Luo Cheng heard his wife’s words, he was immediately amused.

“I’m not that heartless! Third Master Xue was poisoned by something that actually made him lose so much weight.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at Third Master Xue and indeed realized that his body was abnormally weak.

“What exactly is going on?”

Third Master Xue sat down while panting and poured himself a glass of water.

After drinking some water to moisten his throat, Third Master Xue spoke.

“Since the two of you are here, I won’t hide it from you two! After I met you two last time, I was curious about why you two knew so much. Very few people knew about those things, but you two knew! So I asked around to find out who you two were!”

At this point, Third Master Xue smiled bitterly.

“I’ve been a curious person all my life. The two of you piqued my curiosity, so I couldn’t sleep well until I found out who you two were!”

“Speaking of which, I have a few capable friends, so I asked them for help, and in the end, I really found your whereabouts. I was angry when you captured me for interrogation, so I sowed discord the moment I saw you guys.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she didn’t say anything and continued to stare at Third Master Xue.

“During the new year, you ignored me and refused to let me go. Naturally, I felt resentful. Later, I heard that you guys had gone out and that Luo Ziyang was alone, so I thought of a way to escape. I would pretend to be poisoned, so Luo Ziyang would bring me away from here and find a doctor to treat me! The plan was foolproof, but I never expected that the person who gave me the poison would actually give me a fake antidote.” At this point, Third Master Xue became agitated.

“It was also at that moment that I understood that my good friend secretly wanted to kill me! And the people who saved me were the people I had treated as enemies, you guys!”

Third Master Xue was smiling, but anyone with a discerning eye could see the bitterness in his smile.

Li Xiaoran could sense that Third Master Xue's emotions were genuine, so she couldn't help but sigh.

"It was Yu Baifeng who gave you the poison and antidote, right?!"

When Third Master Xue heard Li Xiaoran's words, the sadness in his eyes disappeared and was replaced by shock.

"How did you know? I didn't tell anyone about this. Only I knew!"

"There are only a few people who can make you so sad. Cui Niang and Yu Baifeng are the only ones I know. Cui Niang is a ruthless person to begin with and she's capable of doing evil things. Therefore, you wouldn't be shocked if she poisoned you. Although you would be a little sad, you definitely wouldn't be this sad." Li Xiaoran looked at Third Master Xue as she said her deduction.

"Yu Baifeng is different. If I'm not mistaken, she probably gave you the feeling that she's a gentle, considerate, and kind woman. She usually treats you very well! She makes you trust her wholeheartedly, so you're not on guard against what she gives you at all. That's why you fell for it so easily."

As soon as Li Xiaoran finished speaking, Third Master Xue's smile became even more bitter.

"Yes! I really didn't expect her to harm me! I don't understand why she did it!"

"Then you should ask her! Take good care of your body and ask her when you go back! However, I have to remind you that if you go back, you might encounter more trouble!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

How could Third Master Xue not know this? That was why he thought of asking Luo Cheng for help.

"Now, the only people I can ask for help are you guys!" At this point, Third Master Xue laughed self-deprecatingly. "I never expected that the people I once trusted would be the ones who backstabbed me! And the two of you, who were once foes, have become people I can rely on. I really didn't expect things to change so drastically!"

"How can we help you?" Li Xiaoran asked in confusion.

When Third Master Xue heard Li Xiaoran's words, he didn't answer but looked at Luo Cheng, who was sitting on the other side.

"You two can help me with a lot of things! The first thing you can help me with is detox!"

When Luo Cheng heard Third Master Xue's words, he tidied his clothes and smiled.

“Why should I help you?”

When Third Master Xue heard Luo Cheng’s words, he knew that it was time to discuss the main point of the conversation.

If he couldn’t offer something that satisfied Luo Cheng at this moment, the other party might not help him.

“Because of this!” Third Master Xue said as he took out a crystalline jade pendant.

This pendant was very special. It was actually an emerald cabbage-shaped pendant.

As soon as this thing appeared, Luo Cheng was stunned.

At this moment, Luo Cheng became very emotional, letting Li Xiaoran sense his emotions clearly.

“How did you get this thing?” Luo Cheng’s voice was hoarse.

When Third Master Xue heard Luo Cheng’s question, he sighed.

“My father gave it to me! He said that this thing can only be taken out under one circumstance!”

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

However, Third Master Xue stopped there and had no intention of continuing.

Luo Cheng stared at the jade-carved cabbage with mixed emotions.

After some time, Luo Cheng finally came back to his senses.

“Don’t worry, I’ll help you! However, Third Master Xue, you have to remember that from now on, you and I have nothing to do with each other. Don’t appear in my life again. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being ruthless!”

When Third Master Xue heard Luo Cheng’s words, he didn’t look happy at all.

“You’re really unwilling to forgive and forget?”

“Shut up!” Luo Cheng suddenly shouted as he stared at Third Master Xue coldly. “Isn’t it pointless? Don’t you think it’s too late to forgive and forget now? The trauma will always exist!”

With that, Luo Cheng took the jade cabbage pendant and pulled Li Xiaoran away.

Chapter 263 Each Look

Li Xiaoran could sense the sadness in Luo Cheng’s heart. She didn’t say anything and only silently accompanied Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng kept pulling Li Xiaoran up the mountain aimlessly.

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After walking for an unknown period of time, Luo Cheng brought Li Xiaoran to sit under a tree.

“My mother was originally just a girl from a humble family who lived a carefree life. But one day, her family fell on hard times and she was sold by his family.” Luo Cheng suddenly had the desire to confide in her.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she walked over and held Luo Cheng’s hand.

“But the heavens seemed to have played a big joke on her! After she was sold by her family, she was saved halfway. And this person was my father. My father saved her unintentionally, but my mother felt that my father was her benefactor and had always been by my father’s side in order to repay him. Once, my father was poisoned and needed a woman to detoxify him, so my mother volunteered to detoxify him. Later on, I was born!” Luo Cheng said as a tear fell from the corner of his eye.

“No one felt happiness over my birth! That’s why my father didn’t like me when I was young. Because of my existence, my father was constantly reminded of his stupidity at that time. He fell into someone’s trap, which gave my mother a chance to become pregnant with me!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she suddenly felt sorry for him.

No matter what, Luo Cheng was the most innocent one!

Besides, Luo Cheng’s mother had saved his father back then! Why did Luo Cheng’s father blame their child for his own mistake?

On the other side, Luo Cheng took out the jade cabbage pendant and rubbed it with his finger.

“My mother also has this jade cabbage pendant. Actually, this jade cabbage pendant isn’t worth much because this jade isn’t high-quality jade to begin with. Back then, when my mother was sold by her family, her family lied and said that they were just playing a game with her. In the future, someone will go to her with the jade cabbage pendant and the family will be reunited. Unfortunately, my mother didn’t await the family reunion!”

With that, Luo Cheng sneered.

“After that, I experienced a lot of things! During my most difficult times, no one brought out the jade cabbage pendant. When I was still a child, I kept hoping that my family would appear in front of me and take me away from that desolate home. Unfortunately, no one appeared from the beginning to the end.”

“Now that I’ve become stronger and can protect myself, this jade cabbage pendant actually appeared! How ridiculous is this?! When I needed them back then, they refused to appear no matter what. Now that they need me, they appeared in front of me. Why?” Luo Cheng asked coldly, “Why should they appear just because they want

to? Why should I definitely help them just because they took out the jade cabbage pendant?! It's already good enough that I didn't kick them when they were down!"

Li Xiaoran could feel the pain and unwillingness in Luo Cheng's heart.

Anyone would yearn for kinship and for someone to love them.

However, when Luo Cheng needed the love of his family the most, those people didn't appear.

Now that Luo Cheng could protect himself, his so-called family appeared.

He asked Luo Cheng for help the moment he appeared. How could Luo Cheng tolerate this?!

Li Xiaoran couldn't counsel Luo Cheng at this moment. She could only walk over and hug him tightly.

"You still have me! I'll definitely be here when you need me!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he gently leaned his head on Li Xiaoran.

At this moment, Luo Cheng felt a sense of warmth surge into his broken heart. The pain from before had decreased substantially.

That's right! Now, he had a family, people who would stay by his side!

"Let me hum a song for you!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and started humming softly.

Li Xiaoran hummed some therapeutic music she had heard in the modern world.

Because she heard it often, she learned how to hum it.

As expected, music was the best therapeutic treatment. After Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's humming, he calmed down and the sorrowful feeling gradually disappeared.

There was no need to remember the pain forever. The past was in the past, so there was no need to recall it, which would only hurt himself, from time to time.

After calming down, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran lay on the grass and admired the Magnolias on the tree.

"I never realized that Magnolias were so beautiful. They're just simple petals, but they're pleasing to the eye and make me feel much calmer!" Li Xiaoran looked at the blooming flowers as she marveled.

As Luo Cheng admired the beautiful flowers, his imagination ran wild.

After Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran away angrily, Third Master Xue sat on the straw mat dejectedly.

At this moment, footsteps sounded. Third Master Xue thought that Luo Cheng had returned, so he quickly looked up.

In the end, the person who came wasn't Luo Cheng, but Luo Ziyang.

"Your brother asked you to come?" Third Master Xue asked.

Luo Ziyang shook his head and kept his eyes on Third Master Xue.

“Who are you? Tell me your true identity!”

When Third Master Xue heard Luo Ziyang’s words, he immediately smiled bitterly.

“What other identity can I have?! I don’t! If I said that I only recently found out that I was related to your brother, would you believe me?”

“I believe you! So tell me!” Luo Ziyang came to Third Master Xue and sat down facing him.

As Third Master Xue stared at Luo Ziyang, he froze for a moment. Then, he asked, “Do you have wine?”

“There’s no wine, but there’s tea!” Luo Ziyang said as he brought over a teapot and poured a cup of tea for Third Master Xue.

Third Master Xue picked up his teacup and drank a glass of water. Then, his eyes became glazed.

“When I was born, I only had a crippled father. I didn’t know what my mother looked like. I only knew that my father seemed miserable all day long and worked his butt off to support me. Later, as I grew up, I realized that my father would take a portrait out and look at it in the dead of night!”

“I thought my old father was looking at my mother’s portrait, so I secretly took that portrait out while he was out. In the end, I saw a young woman. I also always thought that this young woman was what my mother looked like when she was young, so I was surprised when I met Luo Cheng because Luo Cheng looked a lot like the woman in the painting!”

“I thought that Luo Cheng and I were brothers, and that he was the child of my mother and someone else! So I searched for Luo Cheng and asked about him!”

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“But after asking around for a long time, I only found Luo Cheng’s whereabouts and didn’t find out about his past. At this moment, my father saw the portrait of Luo Cheng that I asked someone to draw, so he hurriedly brought me back home!” At this point, Third Master Xue picked up his teacup and took a few more sips of tea. “It was also at this time that I realized that Luo Cheng and I weren’t biological brothers! Because the portrait in my father’s hand was his biological sister’s portrait!”

Luo Ziyang’s expression didn’t change when he heard this. He simply poured another glass of water for Third Master Xue.

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“Then what’s with the jade cabbage pendant?”

"I didn't hide it from my father and told him about Luo Cheng. After my father found out about this, he told me some things about the family and then gave me the jade cabbage pendant! My father said that unless it was absolutely necessary, I shouldn't take this jade cabbage pendant out because my father actually has a deep sense of guilt towards my aunt!" Third Master Xue said, "Actually, I didn't plan to say it in the beginning. I just wanted to see Luo Cheng and find out what his relationship with my aunt was!"

"Then why are you taking it out now?" Luo Ziyang stared at Third Master Xue and asked.

"Why? Because I need Luo Cheng's help now!" Third Master Xue said with a bitter smile.

Luo Ziyang looked at Third Master Xue and thought of something. Then, he said, "From my understanding of my brother, he won't help you!"

When Third Master Xue heard Luo Ziyang's words, he immediately felt despair.

"Why?"

"There isn't a reason for everything in this world! If there was a reason for everything, there wouldn't be so many unfair things in this world! Third Master Xue, if you ask why, who will my brother ask?" Luo Ziyang sneered.

"Why should he help you? Because of the jade cabbage pendant you brought? Or because of the aunt you mentioned? Or because you're cousins? But why should he?"

"Where did you guys, his relatives, go when my brother was at his most difficult time? Even if you couldn't help, you could have stayed by his side, right? But where were you guys? Now that my brother doesn't need relatives anymore, you guys came out of nowhere when you guys didn't contribute at all. You still want him to help you? Why? Because you're shameless?"

With that, Luo Ziyang stood up and left.

No wonder his brother was so angry. If it were him, he would be very angry too.

Family members also needed to contribute in order to maintain their relationship.

They contributed nothing, but appeared when he was needed.

Why would he want such a relative? To cause trouble for himself?

When Luo Ziyang walked out angrily, he saw Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran walking down the mountain.

"Brother, Sister-in-law!"

Luo Cheng glanced at Luo Ziyang and nodded. "You got the information out of him?"

Luo Ziyang nodded, then told him what he had asked.

Luo Cheng didn't say anything.

"Give him the pill in my vine box and send him away!"

"Brother! That medicine took you a lot of effort to make!" Luo Ziyang said with some distress.

"It's fine. I think it's worth it to use a pill to sever a relationship! Tell him that this pill will be exchanged for the jade cabbage pendant in his hand. From now on, we'll be strangers!" Luo Cheng said.

Luo Ziyang understood Luo Cheng's intentions. He nodded and left.

After Luo Ziyang left, Li Xiaoran asked curiously, "You really know medicine?"

When Luo Cheng heard that Li Xiaoran was doubting his medical skills for the umpteenth time, he immediately laughed.

"Wife, why don't you believe that your husband has good medical skills?"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she sized Luo Cheng up carefully.

"You're really not lying to me?"

"Why would I lie to you? Is there any benefit to it?!" Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran's suspicious expression as he said.

"That's good. If you really know medicine, our family won't have to worry about medical treatment in the future!" As Li Xiaoran said this, she suddenly thought of something. "You made the medicine you gave me when I hit my head previously?"

"That's right! The effect is not bad, right?!" Luo Cheng nodded.

"Also, when my father was injured, he used the medicine you gave him, right?! No wonder my father said that he recovered quickly. So it's because he used your medicine?" Li Xiaoran thought of something else.

Luo Cheng nodded with a smile once again.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran pounced over and hugged Luo Cheng.

"That's great, husband! I really didn't expect your medical skills to be so brilliant. Teach me in your free time so I can at least prescribe medicine for myself when I'm sick in the future!"

Luo Cheng didn't expect Li Xiaoran to take the initiative to throw herself at him at this moment.

After reaching out to hug Li Xiaoran, Luo Cheng pretended to ponder over it.

"I'll have to consider it!"

“What’s there to consider?! Just agree! I’m very smart. I will definitely master it very quickly! I don’t have to master any profound medical skills. I just need to learn some basic medical skills!” Li Xiaoran couldn’t help but wheedle.

“You already have me by your side, so why are you insistent on learning these things?! It’s not that I’m unwilling to teach you, but learning medicine is very tiring. First, you have to recognize herbs and remember the medicinal properties of herbs. Then, you have to memorize a lot of pulse information, as well as extraordinary meridians, acupuncture points, and so on. These are all very basic things. In the end, you also have to identify and prescribe medicine. The dosage of medicine has to be adjusted to the appropriate amount. Are you sure you want to learn medicine?” Luo Cheng asked again.

Li Xiaoran was stumped by Luo Cheng. When she heard that she had to learn so much, she immediately stressed.

“Forget it! Just teach me a few prescriptions for emergencies! This way, even if I encounter danger, I can detoxify myself and protect myself!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s suggestion, he thought about it carefully. “This is a good idea! I’ll think about what to teach you!”

“Then it’s a deal! Don’t go back on your word!” With that, Li Xiaoran stood on her tiptoes and kissed Luo Cheng’s cheek with a smile as she said, “I’ve made my mark. It’s a deal!”

Luo Cheng was stunned by Li Xiaoran’s kiss. When he came back to his senses, he offered her the other cheek.

“I want another kiss here!”

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran immediately kissed him again.

This time, Luo Cheng was satisfied.

“Whatever you say! I’ll definitely satisfy you!”

Chapter 265 A Letter

“Here, swallow it!” Luo Ziyang brought the medicine that Luo Cheng had made to Third Master Xue.

Third Master Xue looked up at Luo Ziyang.

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“What medicine is it?”

Seeing that Third Master Xue clearly took advantage of Luo Cheng but didn't know anything and even asked about medicine, Luo Ziyang felt frustrated.

To be honest, Luo Ziyang really felt sorry for his brother.

But his brother was right. It was best if their ties could be severed with this pill.

"It's up to you whether you want to eat it or not. If you want to walk out of here, take this medicine! My brother said that this medicine will be exchanged with your jade cabbage pendant. From now on, you have nothing to do with him. Even if you encounter him again in the future, treat him as a passerby!"

With that, Luo Ziyang put down the medicine and turned to leave.

"By the way, after you take the medicine, you can leave! No one will stop you!"

With that, Luo Ziyang left.

Third Master Xue looked at the pill in front of him and already understood something.

Although he had obtained what he wanted, he wasn't happy at all at this moment.

He had bought his life with the jade cabbage pendant.

He knew better than anyone what this meant.

He knew what Luo Cheng meant.

He didn't acknowledge their family at all.

Forget it! They owed him anyway.

Thinking of this, Third Master Xue picked up the medicine and consumed it.

Not long after, Third Master Xue felt pain in his stomach and quickly rushed into the latrine by the straw hut.

As a stench emanated, Third Master Xue felt his body become more and more relaxed.

After the poison in his stomach was excreted, Third Master Xue felt his internal strength return.

Third Master Xue was delighted and his eyes lit up.

Previously, he felt that he wouldn't live long after being poisoned by that.

The poison was too powerful. It couldn't be seen from the outside, but the poisoned person could feel the poison spreading throughout his body.

The clear feeling of death approaching really drove him.

When he thought of this, ruthlessness flashed across Third Master Xue's face.

It was time for Yu Baifeng to give him an explanation!

Thinking of this, Third Master Xue went to pack his things.

Actually, he had nothing to pack, but before he left, he wanted to say something to him.

Luo Cheng probably wouldn't see him again, but there were still some things he had to say.

Fortunately, there was a pen and paper in the straw hut, so after Third Master Xue was done grinding the ink, he picked up the pen and wrote quickly.

After the letter was written, Third Master Xue waited until the ink on the letter was completely dry before stuffing it into the envelope. Then, he wrote some words to Luo Cheng.

After using something to press it down, Third Master Xue looked around reluctantly and finally left.

While facing the light and feeling the warmth of the sun, Third Master Xue felt very calm.

There were some things he had to ask about to get an explanation for his cousin and himself.

After this matter was over, if he was lucky enough to survive, he would definitely come back!

After Third Master Xue left, Luo Cheng also obtained the letter he had left behind.

However, Luo Cheng didn't open the letter for a long time.

"Read it! You'll regret it if you don't! You can't make up for your previous regrets, but at least you won't have any regrets in the future!" Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng and said.

With that, Li Xiaoran excused herself and left to cook.

Luo Cheng looked at the letter in his hand and took many deep breaths. In the end, he decided to open it.

"Luo Cheng, I know that my father owes my aunt an apology! It's just that he no longer has the chance to repent! I also know your intention of using medicine to exchange for the jade cabbage pendant. You don't want to have anything to do with us, nor do you want us to appear in your life. I understand all of this! If I can come back alive, I'll go through the ends of the earth with you! As a son, I should pay back the debt my father owes. Whether you accept it or not, in my heart, you're my cousin! Thank you, cousin! You gave me a motive to live on!"

After Luo Cheng read this, he held the letter in his hand and looked out at the sun for a long time.

Finally, Luo Cheng put this letter away and his emotions returned to normal.

Li Xiaoran didn't ask if Luo Cheng read the letter or not in the end. Instead, she made a bowl of pot potatoes.

The potatoes were peeled and fried in vegetable oil. Then, some salt, chili noodles, peppercorn noodles, and cumin powder were added. Finally, a handful of spring onions and ossuary were sprinkled on for seasoning. It smelled so delicious that it made the children drool.

Li Shun, who was making cabinets at the side, was immediately attracted by this aroma.

After putting down the tools in his hand, Li Shun went to wash his hands and searched for the source of the aroma.

"Daughter, what are you cooking?"

When Li Xiaoran heard her father's voice, she laughed.

“Father, I’m making pot potatoes! There’s a pot here. I’ve already seasoned it. Try it first!”

As soon as she finished speaking, Zhao Xiu and Li Xiaoqing, who had gone to the village, also came to the kitchen.

“Sister, what are you cooking behind our backs?” Li Xiaoqing rushed in and asked.

“I didn’t eat it behind your backs. I thought about how you and Mother would be back soon, so I made this for you guys to try?! I plan to add pot potatoes to our shop’s menu. This is more filling and convenient to eat.” As Li Xiaoran spoke, she took out a few plates and scooped some for everyone.

When there was delicious food, they naturally didn’t forget their family. Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang were quickly called over, then everyone ate together.

“I didn’t expect potatoes to be so tasty after being fried!” Luo Ziyang fell in love with the taste after taking a bite. “We’ve eaten potatoes and taros in the past, but unfortunately, they were all boiled or steamed. They’re not as tasty as fried potatoes!”

“How can it not taste good? It was fried with a lot of oil!” Zhao Xiu said with heartache.

Although there was no shortage of oil at home now, Zhao Xiu still felt that it was too wasteful to fry potatoes with lard.

“Then are we still selling this?” Li Xiaoqing, who was eating with her head lowered, suddenly looked up and asked, “Pot potatoes are really delicious!”

Li Xiaoran didn’t think about how expensive lard was, so after her mother said it, she also thought about the problem of oil.

They naturally couldn’t use lard to do business. Then, should they consider using vegetable oil?

“Father, are there many people planting rapeseed in our village this year?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

“There’s a lot! In Sichuan, apart from lard, we also eat a lot of vegetable oil. Vegetable seed oil is much cheaper than pork!” Li Shun replied.

Chapter 266 Fishy

Li Xiaoqing thought for a moment and asked, “Father, do you know how much oil the oil mill produces?”

Li Shun thought for a moment and replied, “I heard that a catty of vegetable oil can produce one or two taels of oil!”

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“A tael of oil?” Li Xiaoran frowned when she heard this number.

If she remembered correctly, in modern times, a catty of vegetable seeds could produce three to four taels of oil.

Why was there only one or two taels of oil here?! Could it be that the people from the oil mill had embezzled it?

Luo Ziyang thought of something and said, “Actually, it’s more than that. We can produce two taels of oil. However, the oil mill has to split half of the oil that was fried, so we gave one or two taels of oil to the person who brought the vegetable oil.”

“No way? The oil mill asked us to pay for the oil?!” Li Shun’s eyes widened in disbelief.

“This is actually the unwritten rule of the oil mill. People who don’t work inside don’t know about this at all. Usually, people who work in the oil mill sign contracts and can’t say anything about this. Otherwise, it will bring disaster to their family.” Luo Ziyang explained.

“How do you know so much?” Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Ziyang and asked.

“Because he used to work in the oil mill!” Luo Cheng explained for Luo Ziyang.

Luo Ziyang nodded and didn’t elaborate.

This was because the reason he had returned to the oil mill to work was to complete a mission arranged by his brother.

However, it was inconvenient to tell the Li family about this, so Luo Cheng explained without elaborating on the crucial points.

Li Shun and the others only thought that Luo Ziyang worked in the oil mill to earn a living, so they didn’t ask further.

Li Xiaoran was focused on something else at this moment.

Since the oil mill was so profitable, should they start a business focused on it?!

Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran gave Luo Cheng a look.

“Husband, there’s something I want to discuss with you! I can’t explain it verbally. I’ll draw it out for you!”

Upon seeing Li Xiaoran’s meaningful look, Luo Cheng nodded. After eating the last piece of pot potato in his bowl, he stood up and followed Li Xiaoran back to the room.

After they reached the room, Li Xiaoran looked around. After confirming that there was no one around, she asked softly, “Husband, where are the disabled soldiers you mentioned? When will they arrive?”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran mention this, he replied, “They’ll be here in a few days! However, I arranged for them to stay at the barren mountain. The houses there haven’t been built yet. We can only build wooden sheds for everyone to make do with first before we finish building a place for everyone to live!”

"I suddenly thought of a business idea. Why don't we build an oil mill?! I can increase the oil output of the oil mill to three or four percent!" Li Xiaoran suddenly looked at Luo Cheng and said.

"Yes, do whatever you want!" Luo Cheng subconsciously replied when he heard that Li Xiaoran wanted to start a new business. However, at this point, he suddenly stopped and looked at Li Xiaoran. "Wife, what did you say just now?"

"I said that I have a way to increase the oil output of a catty of rapeseeds to three to four taels!" As Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng's shocked expression, she said with a smile.

"Are you serious?" Luo Cheng asked in disbelief.

"Why would I lie to you?" Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows proudly. "However, we need someone with great strength to extract oil. When the time comes, we'll collect the rapeseeds ourselves and extract the oil directly. Then, we'll take them out to sell. This way, we'll give those injured soldiers an extra source of income, and we'll have another profitable business!"

"But those soldiers are all injured. I'm afraid they can't do any hard labor!" Luo Cheng thought of something and said worriedly.

"Husband, you don't have to worry about that! As long as there are workers, I'll think of a way to solve this problem. At that time, they won't have to spend too much effort to extract oil from the rapeseeds!" Li Xiaoran said confidently.

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

"If that's the case, then the barren mountain I bought previously is just right. It's more than enough to build an oil mill."

"Of course, in addition to the construction of the oil mill and finding workers, someone has to buy rapeseeds. We have to consider all of this. Also, we have to find an accountant in advance!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and said, "I suddenly realize that we're short of manpower!"

"Don't worry, we'll have more people soon!" Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran's worried expression as he said with a smile, "We'll have as many as you want!"

"Do you think we should hire a few people to work at our shop?" Li Xiaoran suddenly said, "Actually, there are some people in the village who are quite nice. Their families are very financially burdened, so it's good that we can help them!"

"Just do as you see fit!" Luo Cheng didn't care about these things.

In the past, he had thought it was fine. Now, he felt the same.

If any workers slacked off, he didn't mind confronting them.

He believed that after what had happened previously, the people in the village had already understood that he wasn't to be trifled with.

Therefore, Li Xiaoran could do whatever she wanted. Even if she caused trouble, Luo Cheng would help her deal with it.

It just so happened that his fist had been itching recently. Since he couldn't go up the mountain to hunt, he might as well beat up the people who came knocking on his door.

With Luo Cheng's words, Li Xiaoran immediately knew what to do.

Now, her shop was short of manpower.

In the future, she would have to sell pot potatoes and fast food.

They needed people to help wash the vegetables, serve customers, and get food.

However, it would definitely be too much to handle for the few of them. They felt like they were lacking people everywhere.

After everything was settled, Li Xiaoran went to look for her mother.

She had to find a nimble woman to wash the dishes.

She naturally had to leave the task of hiring workers to her mother, Zhao Xiu.

After all, Zhao Xiu knew the situation in the village the best.

Zhao Xiu knew who were struggling to get by in the village and which women were efficient.

When she heard that her daughter wanted to hire more workers, Zhao Xiu knew what to do.

Zhao Xiu thought for a moment and asked, "Daughter, tell me how many people you want to hire and what you want them to do! How much will they be paid?! I only know who to look for after you tell me all this!"

Li Xiaoran calculated carefully and gave her the data.

"We have to recruit a total of five people. As for the salary, let's start with 60 copper coins a month!"

"Isn't 60 coins too much?" Zhao Xiu was shocked and asked.

"Is 60 coins too much?" When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she thought for a moment and said, "Why don't we pay everyone 40 copper coins a month first? When the time comes, we'll pay some bonuses according to everyone's performance. The diligent ones will give ten more copper coins."

Chapter 267 Coldhearted

Zhao Xiu thought for a moment and did the math.

One person cost 50 copper coins, and five people cost 250 copper coins. This wasn't a small expense!

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The previous profits of the noodle shop seemed very high, but that was the result of the family working their butts off.

If everyone's salary was included, it would cost a lot of money.

At the thought of this, Zhao Xiu's heart ached again.

"How about recruiting two people? We can do our own work at home!"

"Mother, if you didn't say it, I wouldn't have remembered! Although it's a family business, we have to pay everyone a salary in the future. The salary has to be distributed directly to everyone every month, and then the profits will be calculated. Don't feel rueful over this money. When our shop's business booms, we'll earn back all the money!" Li Xiaoran seemed to have seen through Zhao Xiu's thoughts and persuaded her with a smile.

Since her daughter had already said so, Zhao Xiu didn't say anything else, and she started mentally screening candidates.

At the same time, in a house in Hele Village, a man and a woman were arguing fiercely.

A little girl was trembling in fear. She curled up in a corner and looked at the two people arguing in front of her with teary eyes.

"If you have the ability, give birth to a son for me. You gave birth to such a useless daughter and even stopped others from giving birth to a son for me. Why are you so heartless? You want our family to have no descendants?!" The man pointed at his wife with a ferocious expression and scolded her ruthlessly.

When the woman heard the man's words, her face was filled with disbelief.

All the love between them in the past seemed so ironic now.

The man in front of her was no longer as gentle and considerate as before. All that was left was ferocity and disdain.

At this moment, she felt utterly disappointed.

"Pack up. I'll bring her back tonight!" The man finally said and turned to leave.

As the woman watched the man leave, tears fell.

The little girl, who had been hiding in the corner, ran out and wiped the tears off the woman's face with her little hand.

"Mother, don't cry!"

If Li Xiaoran were here, she would definitely recognize that this little girl was Little Yue'er, Du Yue.

As Du Yue's mother, Hu Xuefei, stared at her obedient and sensible daughter, she felt invigorated. She couldn't go on like this. If this continued, Little Yue'er would suffer!

Thinking of this, Du Yue made a decision.

"Little Yue'er, are you willing to live with me only?! In the future, we won't live with your father anymore. You can live with me!"

When Little Yue'er heard Hu Xuefei's words, she tilted her head and thought for a moment. "Mother, isn't it difficult to raise me all alone?"

"No, don't worry. I'm capable enough to support you! As for this family, leave it to your father!" Hu Xuefei's gaze turned cold.

When Little Yue'er heard her mother's words, she nodded.

"Alright, I'm willing to live with you, Mother! I don't like Grandma, nor do I like my brother! Mother, my brother is very naughty. He always steals my food!"

Hu Xuefei reached out and touched Little Yue'er's head. This time, she was even more determined.

"Don't worry, Little Yue'er. He won't be able to snatch your things anymore!"

With that, Hu Xuefei brought Little Yue'er to pack some clothes and was about to leave.

"Mother, I'm going to say goodbye to Xiaoran!" Before leaving, Little Yue'er thought of something and said.

Hu Xuefei thought of the girl who gave Little Yue'er candy and comforted her gently. Thinking that they would never see each other again, she simply brought Little Yue'er to the Luo family's home.

Fortunately, when the mother and daughter came to the Luo family's house, they didn't bump into Du Wen, who had returned.

Otherwise, if Du Wen found out that Hu Xuefei was going to leave with Little Yue'er, he would definitely capture her and beat her up.

Speaking of which, the heavens favored compassionate people.

When Du Wen returned home and realized that Hu Xuefei and Little Yue'er had disappeared, he began to panic.

At this moment, Du Wen's old mother, Old Madam Du, walked back with her eldest grandson, Du Tianlang.

"Why are you standing here? What time is it? Why isn't smoke coming out of the chimney? Is your wife slacking off? Why? Does she have a problem with us raising our grandson? If she has a problem, give birth to one herself. Besides, our eldest son is gone. What's wrong with you, the uncle, raising your nephew?" Old Madam Du scolded loudly as soon as she entered.

When Du Wen heard his mother's scolding, he became even more frustrated.

“Mother, Du Xuefei ran away? I just went to the room to take a look. Her and Little Yue’er’s clothes are gone!” Du Wen shouted.

When Old Madam Du heard this, she was immediately dumbfounded.

What? Her second son’s wife had run away too?

Back then, after her eldest son had an accident, her eldest son’s wife abandoned the child and ran away. Even now, they hadn’t found her yet.

Now, her second son’s wife had run away and even brought that little girl away with her!

That little girl had been raised by the Du family for so many years. In a few more years, she would be able to be exchanged for betrothal gifts.

Old Madam Du was unhappy.

“You good-for-nothing, why are you still standing here? Hurry up and find her!”

When Du Wen heard this, he glared at Old Madam Du.

“Mother, I’m afraid you haven’t seen the current situation clearly! Your beloved eldest son is already dead, and you’re still relying on me to support you in your old age. Also, I don’t have a son, but that doesn’t mean I can’t give birth to a son! You cherish my eldest brother’s son, so raise him yourself. I’ll only raise my own son in the future!”

As he spoke, Du Wen thought of something and said fiercely, “Mother, remember, don’t call me a good-for-nothing anymore! If you really cross me, your good days will be over!”

With that, Du Wen ran out and asked around for Hu Xuefei and Du Yue’s whereabouts.

Because it was time for everyone to prepare dinner, almost no one saw Hu Xuefei and Du Yue.

Du Wen failed to find their whereabouts.

On the other side, Hu Xuefei and Du Yue knocked on the door of the Luo family’s house. Soon, Luo Ziyang opened the door.

“It’s you. Little Yue’er, why are you here?” Luo Ziyang asked when he saw that it was Little Yue’er standing outside the door.

Little Yue’er had followed Little Huzi and the others to the Luo family’s house to play with Li Xiaoqing, so she knew Luo Ziyang.

“Brother Ziyang, I’m here to say goodbye to Xiaoran!”

Luo Ziyang was stunned for a moment before looking at Du Xuefei, who was holding Little Yue’er’s hand.

“Oh, she’s at home. Come in!”

With that, Luo Ziyang welcomed the mother and daughter in.

Chapter 268 Mothers Are Tough

Seeing that Little Yue'er was here, Li Xiaoran smiled.

However, when she saw Hu Xuefei beside Little Yue'er, her smile faded.

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"Are you guys in trouble?"

Hu Xuefei didn't expect Li Xiaoran to ask her this.

Originally, family scandals shouldn't be aired in public, but for some reason, when she first saw Li Xiaoran, Hu Xuefei had a feeling that she should confide in this little girl in front of her.

"I plan to leave with Little Yue'er!" With that, Hu Xuefei reached out and touched Little Yue'er's head. "All these years, I've only been focused on doing my job as a wife, but I forgot that I'm also a mother. In the past, I neglected Little Yue'er too much, but today, I realized that I should be more considerate of her!"

When Little Yue'er heard her mother's words, she snuggled close to Hu Xuefei.

"Mother, I like being with you! I don't like Grandma, Father, or Brother!"

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she understood that something must have happened.

"Xiao Qing, get two glasses of water and some snacks!"

When Li Xiaoqing heard her sister's shout, she agreed and went to prepare.

"Since you're guests, come in and sit for a while! You're leaving anyway, so there's no hurry. I like Little Yue'er very much. Why don't you two stay at our house for the night and think about it before deciding where to go tomorrow?! I think you two haven't thought of where to go yet, right?" Li Xiaoran invited with a smile.

Hu Xuefei was stunned for a moment. While she was still hesitating, she felt her daughter pull her sleeve.

She looked down and saw Little Yue'er looking up with eagerness on her face.

"Mother, let's stay at Sister Xiaoran's place for the night! I like Sister Xiaoran!"

Seeing that her daughter wanted to stay, Hu Xuefei nodded without hesitation.

"Sorry to disturb you all!" Hu Xuefei said gratefully.

"It's no bother! Our family likes Little Yue'er very much!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile and welcomed them in.

Li Xiaoqing prepared some tea, fruits, and snacks.

After sending the things over, Li Xiaoqing brought Little Yue'er to the courtyard to enjoy refreshments while playing.

"Can I call you Aunt Hu?" Li Xiaoran asked after seeing Hu Xuefei take a sip of water.

“Sure!” Hu Xuefei nodded.

“Aunt Hu, my name is Li Xiaoran. My husband’s surname is Luo. You can call me Madam Luo. Please forgive me for asking, but after you leave with Little Yue’er, what are you going to do for a living?” Li Xiaoran asked.

Hu Xuefei also knew that Li Xiaoran had good intentions. Coincidentally, she was also a little uneasy, so she said her plan.

“To be honest, my father is actually a scholar. I’ve been learning how to read and count from my father since I was young, so I’m good at accounting. It shouldn’t be difficult for me to make a living as an accountant!”

When Li Xiaoran heard about Hu Xuefei’s ability, her heart skipped a beat.

What a coincidence. An accountant? She was short of an accountant!

However, her residence was too close to Little Yue’er’s father and grandmother’s place. This was a problem!

Li Xiaoran suddenly thought of the barren mountain construction Luo Cheng had mentioned previously. They were short of manpower now.

However, they were all disabled soldiers who had retired, so it wasn’t appropriate for Hu Xuefei, a woman, to live there with a little girl!

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and asked, “Aunt Hu, to be honest, I need an accountant and a lot of workers. I wonder if you’re willing to stay!”

Hu Xuefei was stunned for a moment, then thought of something. “Do you need manpower at the shop?”

Li Xiaoran nodded. “The shop needs people to do odd jobs that pay 40 copper coins a month. If you’re diligent, you’ll be rewarded with ten additional copper coins. Lunch is provided by the shop.”

“The shop also lacks an accountant, but I want to test your accounting ability. If possible, I’ll hire you. But before I hire you, I want you to sign a confidentiality contract with me. If you work here, you won’t be able to leave from now on. Of course, the salary will naturally be more generous, and I can even include food and accommodation for you and your daughter!”

When Hu Xuefei heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she pondered over it seriously.

Speaking of which, not to mention being a bookkeeper, working in the shop was a good idea in the first place.

Li Xiaoran was a good person and their shop was doing well. It was indeed the best place for them to stay.

The only downfall was that it was too close to Du Wen’s home.

Hu Xuefei was heartbroken over Du Wen, so she really didn’t want to live with that man anymore.

“When I brought my daughter out, I hadn’t divorced Du Wen yet. If I stay here, will I cause trouble for you guys?! To be honest, I’ve already been hurt by Du Wen and don’t want to live with him anymore! Now that he’s brought someone else back to give birth to a son, there’s no need for me to stay and work for him!” Hu Xuefei voiced her concerns.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she immediately understood something.

“Are you planning to divorce Du Wen?”

Hu Xuefei thought of something and gritted his teeth. “Yes, I want to divorce him and leave that house with Little Yue’er. I believe that with my own abilities, I should focus on raising Little Yue’er instead of letting her stay in the Du family while being ordered around like a maidservant by the Du family before being sold off for money!”

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, “Resolving this matter is very simple! I can find someone to protect you and your daughter, then follow you back to divorce Du Wen!”

Hu Xuefei smiled bitterly and shook her head.

“It’s useless. The Du family won’t agree to a divorce! After the Eldest Brother died, the Du family ordered Eldest Sister-in-law around like a servant and didn’t to treat her as a human. As a result, Eldest Sister-in-law couldn’t stand it anymore and secretly ran away. Back then, Eldest Sister-in-law also wanted to find her family to help her get a divorce. Unfortunately, the Du family refused and said that Eldest Sister-in-law would be a member of the Du family even if she died.”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she fell into deep thought.

“If that’s the case, I’m afraid it’ll be difficult for you to leave this time!” As soon as she finished speaking, there was a knock on the door.

“Hu Xuefei, come out. I know you brought my granddaughter here. Hurry up and open the door!” Old Madam Du’s voice came from outside.

Hu Xuefei immediately stood up and rushed out.

Little Yue’er was originally having fun with Li Xiaoqing, but when she suddenly heard her grandma’s fierce voice, she was immediately frightened.

Hu Xuefei rushed out and hugged Little Yue’er.

“Little Yue’er, don’t be afraid. I’m here!”

Chapter 269 Do You Think We’re Easy To Bully?

Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang also walked out when they heard the commotion. Seeing Li Xiaoran walk out, Luo Cheng glanced at her.

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng.

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“Do the people in this village think that we’re easy to bully? Why do they always look for us whenever someone goes missing?”

Luo Cheng laughed.

Li Xiaoqing also understood and quickly walked over to pat Hu Xuefei’s shoulder.

“Quick, don’t make a sound. Bring Little Yue’er and follow me!”

Hu Xuefei glanced at Li Xiaoqing and nodded. Then, she gestured for Little Yue’er to keep quiet. The mother and daughter followed Li Xiaoqing into the room.

On the other side, Luo Cheng looked directly at Luo Ziyang. Luo Ziyang nodded and, like last time, flew up the wall with a bamboo pole.

“Who are you? What are you doing outside our house?” Luo Ziyang asked angrily.

The people who came were none other than Old Madam Du and Du Wen.

There was also the village chief, Old Master Guo.

“It’s Ziyang! Someone saw the Du family’s daughter-in-law bring Little Yue’er into your house! So they came to ask!” Old Master Guo explained.

“Village Chief, are you guys really here to ask? Those who don’t know better would think that you guys are here to cause trouble for our family. Little Yue’er and her mother did come, but they’ve already left. They came to bid farewell and left after saying a few words to my sister-in-law!” Luo Ziyang said.

Hearing Luo Ziyang’s words, everyone was dumbfounded.

Indeed, someone saw Hu Xuefei walking towards the Luo family with Little Yue’er, but no one confirmed if Du Xuefei and Little Yue’er had left or not.

However, there were indeed two roads on the Luo family’s side.

One road led to the village., while the other had several exits. One led to the official road, and the other led into the mountains and another village.

If Hu Xuefei brought Little Yue’er into the mountains, it would definitely not be easy for them to find her.

“Why should we believe you? I’ll only believe you if you let us go in to look for them!”

When Luo Ziyang heard this, he immediately narrowed his eyes and said, “Who do you think you are? What do you take the Luo family as? You think you can come and go as you please?! I can even say that my family’s silver had been stolen by your family. Will you let me go in and look for it?”

With that, Luo Ziyang looked at Old Master Guo.

“Village Chief, is this how you uphold justice? Or should we invite the officials over to settle today’s matter? If you guys don’t find the Du family’s daughter-in-law in our family, how will the Du family give us an explanation?”

With that, Luo Ziyang said angrily, “What’s wrong? Whenever people in this village go missing, they come to our home to look for them? Previously, the Li family came to look for their people, and now that the Du family’s people have gone missing, they’re looking for us as well? Is the Luo family going to be responsible for anyone that goes missing in the village in the future? If that’s the case, shouldn’t the head of Hele Village be someone from the Luo family?”

These words were very harsh, making Old Master Guo feel embarrassed.

But on second thought, the Luo family’s anger was understandable.

Luo Cheng wasn’t someone to be trifled with and he also had ties with the government. Now that he had been wronged, it was normal for him to be angry.

Therefore, although Old Master Guo was embarrassed, he looked at Du Wen’s family and made a rational decision.

“Let’s go! The Luo family has already said that your wife left with Little Yue’er. You should bring people to chase after her!”

With that, Old Master Guo looked at Luo Ziyang.

“I’m really sorry for disturbing you guys today! As the village chief, I came here to help them ask around. As for the Du family’s unreasonable request, I definitely won’t support it!” With that, Old Master Guo left with the villagers.

Seeing this, Du Wen and Madam Du exchanged glances and quickly left as well.

Even the village chief didn’t dare to go against the Luo family, so Du Wen naturally didn’t dare to either.

On the way back, Old Madam Du complained, “Village Chief, why were you so lenient? He’s just a hunter. What are you afraid of?! I’m sure my daughter-in-law is in the Luo family’s home! As long as you call people in to look, you’ll definitely find her!”

Old Master Guo couldn’t take it anymore.

It was fine if the Luo family dared to show him attitude, but even this old woman from the Du family actually dared to blame him. Did she really think he was a pushover?

At this moment, Old Master Guo suddenly understood how the Luo family felt, so he looked at Old Madam Du with a long face.

“Are you telling me how to act like a village chief?”

Old Madam Du was startled by Old Master Guo’s sudden seriousness.

Du Wen was a tactful person, and he quickly pulled his mother back.

“Village Chief, don’t listen to my mother’s nonsense. She’s not quite right in the head. Don’t argue with someone who’s out of her mind! We’ll go find them ourselves!”

With that, Du Wen dragged his mother home.

When they returned to the Du family's home, Du Wen let go of Old Madam Du's hand.

"What are you doing? Who did you just say was crazy? I'm your mother! Do you know that? How can a son say that about his mother?" Seeing that there were no outsiders, Old Madam Du howled again.

"Mother, go ahead and howl. See if I'll indulge you! If you anger me, I'll leave too. I'll leave you and my brother's son to rely on each other. How about that?" Du Wen threatened fiercely.

This time, he hit a sore spot.

She could only count on him now. If he really abandoned her, how would she survive?

In order to make her life more comfortable and for her eldest grandson to grow up securely in the future, Old Madam Du could only shut her mouth and refrain from provoking her unfilial son anymore.

"Then what should we do now?" Old Madam Du finally asked.

"What can we do? It's impossible to find her, and I'm not in the mood to search for her! It's a good thing that she's gone. I can bring Cui Ying back to give birth to a son!" Du Wen had already figured it out.

She was just a woman. If she ran away, so be it. Anyway, he had another woman.

Cui Ying could help him give birth to a son and let his bloodline continue. Wasn't that perfect?

Therefore, Du Wen announced to the public that he had divorced Du Xuefei and married Cui Ying.

Du Xuefei received the news that they had divorced that night and immediately laughed maniacally.

After laughing, Du Xuefei thought of something and asked Li Xiaoran to send a letter to her family.

"Didn't Du Wen say that he would divorce me? My family can ask for the divorce letter! With the divorce letter, I won't be afraid of Du Wen anymore!"

Chapter 270 The So-Called For Your Good

"It's easy to get the divorce letter, but there's also Little Yue'er!" Li Xiaoran thought of something and reminded her.

"As long as Little Yue'er isn't found and captured by the Du family, it'll be fine! I don't believe that they can do anything to her if they can't even find her." Hu Xuefei looked like she was going all out.

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"If you want to work in the shop, Little Yue'er will definitely follow you. Sooner or later, she will be discovered by Du Wen!" Li Xiaoran didn't want to pour cold water on

Hu Xue, but there was a high chance that this would happen, so she had to plan everything in advance.

Hu Xuefei, who was still hot-headed just now, calmed down under Li Xiaoran's reminder.

That's right. She still had to stay here and work. Naturally, she couldn't fight them head-on. She had to think of a plan.

"Actually, resolving this matter is very simple!" Luo Ziyang suddenly said after listening for a long time.

Everyone looked at Luo Ziyang and waited for him to continue.

"You can get a divorce. Then, Little Yue'er will be sold to my brother's family. When Little Yue'er reaches the age of marriage, we can return Little Yue'er's indenture to her. Of course, if you don't believe me, you can also sign another contract. When Little Yue'er gets married, we'll return Little Yue'er's indenture!" Luo Ziyang said calmly.

"This is the only way to settle this once and for all, so that even if Du Wen wants to cause trouble, he can't do anything. After all, Little Yue'er would have already sold herself to the Luo family at that time!" Luo Ziyang explained.

For a moment, no one in the room spoke. Everyone was thinking about the feasibility of this method.

Hu Xuefei hesitated.

Yes, this was the best thing to do, but it was also risky.

This group of people looked very kind, but it would be easy for them to exploit Hu Xuefei and her daughter.

This concerned her daughter's life, so Hu Xuefei didn't dare to make a decision easily.

Yes, the group of people in front of him was indeed kind.

But who could guarantee that these people would be kind-hearted in the future?

Thinking of this, Hu Xuefei eventually shook her head and refused.

"Thank you for your kindness, but no! Little Yue'er shouldn't be a slave. The reason I brought her out is that I don't want her to serve others. I want her to grow up with freedom."

When Li Xiaoran heard Hu Xuefei's words, she was stunned.

That's right! Didn't they help Hu Xuefei and Little Yue'er because they wanted them to get out of trouble?

What was their goal in escaping their current family? Wasn't it for Little Yue'er to live a better life?

If Little Yue'er sold herself as a slave to avoid Du Wen, wouldn't Du Xuefei's original intention of leaving the Du family with Little Yue'er go down the drain?

“In that case, I’ll respect your choice! Don’t worry, we’ll send you and your daughter somewhere else safely tomorrow morning. This is all we can help with. The rest will depend on you and your daughter!” Li Xiaoran didn’t think that Du Xuefei wasn’t appreciative. Instead, she admired her ability to say no.

When Hu Xuefei heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she immediately heaved a sigh of relief.

Previously, she was really a little afraid that the Luo family would force them to stay.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, “Rest well tonight. You guys have to get up very early tomorrow. Ziyang, send Little Yue’er and the others to Linhe Town!”

Hu Xuefei thought for a moment. Although Linhe Town was a little far from her maiden home, it was safer.

If Du Wen went to her family’s house to look for her, she would definitely be walking into a trap if she brought Little Yue’er back.

Therefore, she definitely couldn’t contact her family. Instead, she had to bring Little Yue’er far away.

Linhe Town was far from Hele Village and her family’s home, so it was the safest place.

After thinking it through, Hu Xuefei knelt down with Little Yue’er and kowtowed three times to Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran.

“Thank you for your help. We’ll definitely repay you all in the future!”

Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng didn’t refuse and calmly accepted the three kowtows.

This was because Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng understood that these three kowtows would make Hu Xuefei and Little Yue’er feel more at ease.

The next day, just after dawn, Luo Ziyang left Hele Village with Hu Xuefei and Little Yue’er on the ox cart.

Li Xiaoran also got up early and watched the mother and daughter leave.

“You wanted to help them in the beginning, right? Why did you change your mind later? Actually, it’s safer for them to follow us!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran and asked in confusion.

“That’s right! In our opinion, we’re making the right decision for their sake. However, this is just what we think. Our kind intentions might not be the right choice for Hu Xuefei! Everyone has their own thoughts and decisions. Even if we have good intentions, we shouldn’t force our thoughts on others! They should choose their own future. No matter what, it’s the path that they chose!” Li Xiaoran said.

Actually, in this world, many people used the excuse that ‘I’m doing this for your own good’ to forcefully interfere in other people’s lives.

Not to mention anything else, many relatives are like this, aren’t they?

In the end, it's precisely because of the forceful interference under the excuse that 'I'm doing this for your own good' that many people suffered.

Sometimes, letting go is also a form of love and respect! If you want to become tougher and stronger, you have to experience hardships!"

With that, Li Xiaoran turned around and went back to do her own thing.

When Li Shun and Zhao Xiu heard this, they were stunned.

On that day, Li Shun couldn't concentrate on making cabinets.

After tossing the tools aside, Li Shun sat on a long bench as he stared out the window and thought about it for a long, long time.

The words his father-in-law, Zhao Huaishan, had said to him previously surfaced in Li Shun's mind again.

At this moment, Li Shun suddenly understood his father-in-law's painstaking efforts.

That's right. He was living a good life now. He didn't have to worry about food or clothes every day.

But was this really the life he wanted?

He also wanted his wife and daughter to have a loving family to shelter them from the wind and rain, instead of enjoying the happiness, warmth, and protection of his son-in-law and daughter without contributing.

At this moment, Li Shun understood many questions.

His daughter and son-in-law had already done a lot for them. Actually, he should have taken the responsibility for many things.

After figuring this out, Li Shun became even more determined.

Perhaps this path would be difficult. Perhaps his parents would come looking for trouble in the future.

However, he was no longer afraid of these troubles. He could resolve the trouble his parents brought him!