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Chapter 341: Debate

“If you’re here to eat, we welcome you. If you’re here to make things difficult for us, please leave!” Li Xiaoran said directly.

Li Xiaoran was wearing very ordinary clothes today. Because she had to work in the shop, she was naturally unwilling to wear good clothes and dirty them.

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Therefore, these people treated Li Xiaoran as an ordinary woman and didn’t care.

“It’s just a small shop, but you actually dare to chase customers away. You really don’t know your place!” The scholar who mocked Liang Jiabao at the beginning said disdainfully.

When Liang Jiabao heard these people’s words, he was immediately angry.

These people could say anything they wanted about him, but they shouldn’t have mocked Sister Ran.

“Min Weiping, you’re just a lackey. You only know how to suck up to others. Why are you here pretending to be so high and mighty?! Apologize to Sister

Ran quickly, or I’ll teach you a lesson today!”

“What can you do to me? You plagiarized someone else’s article, but you still have the cheek to criticize me here!” Min Weiping sneered and looked at Li Xiaoran. “No wonder you’re so protective of her. This countryside woman is quite pretty. Could it be that you have an affair with this woman?”

As soon as he finished speaking, a slap landed on Min Weiping’s face.

Before he could come back to his senses and see who had hit him, he felt the world spin. Then, he was thrown out of the shop.

It turned out that Luo Ziyang had come over after hearing the commotion. As soon as he heard that Min Weiping was spouting lies, he attacked.

After dealing with one, Luo Ziyang looked at the other scholars.

“We—we didn’t swear at her!” One of them who had been silent said. The others were also shocked. When they saw Luo Ziyang walking over, they retreated.

Luo Ziyang glanced at these people and said coldly, “If you want to eat, eat.

Don’t even think about bullying our people in our shop! Apologize to them!”

Two of them wanted to explain that they didn’t bully Liang Jiabao and Li Xiaoran, but when they remembered that they had also blocked Liang Jiabao’s way previously, they could only lower their heads and apologize.

“I’m sorry. We were too rude!” they said.

When Liang Jiabao heard their apology, he looked dejected.

“I accept your apology, but there’s something I have to make clear. I, Liang Jiabao, have never plagiarized anyone. No matter how others slander me, I haven’t done it. I have a clear conscience. You’re all my classmates, so you should be able to distinguish right from wrong. What I experienced today might be what you will experience in the future. That’s all I have to say. Take care!”

With that, Liang Jiabao retreated to the side and focused on his work.

Li Xiaoran glanced at Liang Jiabao and walked over.

“You’re all students, so you should be sensible. You can’t just look at things on the surface level. I believe you can sense that the matter isn’t as simple as it seems on the surface. In the future, you’ll all become officials. If you’re really that simple-minded, you might be schemed against!”

With that, Li Xiaoran said to Bai Shu, “They’re customers. This matter is over.

Auntie Bai, come over and greet them. See what they want to eat!”

Bai Shu nodded and walked forward. She welcomed them to a table and began to ask the students what they wanted to order.

For some reason, after thinking about what Liang Jiabao and Li Xiaoran had said, they felt a little uncertain.

After ordering some signature sliced noodles, the group continued to ponder over it.

Min Weiping, who had been abandoned outside the shop, had just stood up despite the pain when he saw Luo Ziyang standing in front of him.

“Kid, you have to know that there are some people in this world that you can’t afford to provoke! Because there are many people who look very ordinary, but the faction behind her can kill you! If you know what’s good for you, go in and apologize now. Otherwise, I won’t let you live to see tomorrow!” Luo Ziyang looked down at Min Weiping and warned.

Min Weiping was someone who took advantage of situations. Seeing that Luo Ziyang was powerful, he naturally didn’t dare to act rashly. He could only quickly nod and bow before returning to the shop to apologize to Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran didn’t want to argue with these students, so she let this matter slide.

After that, Min Weiping also ordered a bowl of sliced noodles and sat there waiting to eat them.

Seeing that the matter at the shop had been settled, Li Xiaoran turned around and called Liang Jiabao.

“Liang Jiabao, follow me to the back. I have something to discuss with you!”

When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran's words, he washed the last bowl in his hand and placed it aside. Then, he washed his hands and followed Li Xiaoran to the courtyard at the back.

When Changsheng, who was studying, saw Li Xiaoran and Liang Jiabao coming over, he quickly poured them a cup of tea and continued practicing calligraphy.

After staying here for a while, Changsheng started to help out whenever he could.

Every time Li Xiaoran wanted to talk to someone, she liked to come to the courtyard at the back and sit down. Changsheng had seen it often and understood the pattern.

Therefore, every time he saw Li Xiaoran bring someone over, Changsheng would take the initiative to pour tea.

Li Xiaoran looked at Liang Jiabao and saw the sweat on his face, so she said softly, "Wipe your sweat and drink some water first. I have something to ask you!"

Liang Jiabao seemed to have guessed what Li Xiaoran wanted to ask, so he took out a handkerchief and wiped the sweat off his face. Then, he drank some water to moisten his throat and took the initiative to speak.

"Sister Ran, are you going to ask me what happened to make me want to stop studying?"

Li Xiaoran nodded and replied softly, "Actually, when the old village chief found me, I guessed that something must have happened to you in the school that made you unwilling to study. The reason I agreed to let you come over to work is to give you a break. Perhaps you'll be able to figure it out at some point. After all, it's not easy to earn money in this world. Since you're good at studying, why do you have to choose the worst path for yourself?!" At this point, Li Xiaoran paused and thought of something.

"It's just that I never expected that the reason you don't want to study anymore is that you're disappointed in the school and the dynasty!"

When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran's words, he immediately looked up at her.

"Sister Ran, how did you know?"

"I guessed it. Coupled with what you said to that group of people today, I understand something! Tell me, what exactly happened?" Li Xiaoran looked at Liang Jiabao and asked.

Liang Jiabao calmed down from the shock, then composed himself and smiled bitterly..

Chapter 342: Explosive News

"Actually, I didn't want this to happen either! Before this, I only wanted to study hard and bring glory to my family, but I really didn't expect to experience the corrupt nature of officialdom before I even stepped into it!" Liang Jiabao said.

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“Sister Ran, I can’t tell you the details. I can only give you a summary! Do you know Pei Xuanxin, who Li Yan married?” Liang Jiabao suddenly changed the topic to the Li family.

Pei Xuanxin? Li Xiaoran thought of something and nodded. “I’ve heard of him, but I’ve never seen this person. What’s wrong? Is your encounter related to him?”

“It can be considered a little related! Sister Ran, do you know that our town has a few students with good scores this time? Other than Pei Xuanxin, who is publicly acknowledged as a talent, everyone else is considered an unmotivated slacker. However, they did well on the village examination, so although everyone is unconvinced, they didn’t say anything!” Liang Jiabao said.

Initially, Liang Jiabao didn’t take this matter to heart, but less than a month before the examination, two of his classmates suddenly found Liang Jiabao and made a request to him.

It turned out that these two students had a way to get the questions for the village examination beforehand and hoped that Liang Jiabao could answer them.

Liang Jiabao found it very strange. These two classmates usually relied on their family’s power and didn’t study at all.

Why did they suddenly change their ways? They even took out many questions and asked him to answer them to help them study.

At first, Liang Jiabao didn’t care. He even did a few papers for them.

In Liang Jiabao’s opinion, these two classmates might have suddenly come to their senses and wanted to study hard, so they came to ask him for help.

In order not to delay his classmates from studying, Liang Jiabao simply sent the papers he had finished to his classmates first. This could save them time.

Unexpectedly, as he passed a long corridor, he heard the voices of his two classmates not far away.

Just as Liang Jiabao was about to call out, he suddenly heard the other party mention his name.

Driven by curiosity, Liang Jiabao secretly approached to eavesdrop on what his two classmates were saying.

In fact, in a pavilion not far from the long corridor, not only were the two classmates Liang Jiabao was looking for gathered there, but there were also several rich playboys as well.

“Liang Jiabao might still be stupidly helping us answer the questions! He doesn’t know that the questions he’s answering now are the questions we spent a lot of effort to get,” a fat student said proudly.

“Don’t tell him yet. After he answers them, he’ll naturally understand. But at that time, he’ll be in the same boat as us. He won’t be able to escape even if he wants to. We can use this to threaten him to follow us to the capital for the examination. This

way, we won't have to worry about the examination!" Another arrogant student said coldly as he ate his fruit.

"That's right! Just like this time, Young Master Qi and Ai Mingze used studying as an excuse and tricked Pei Xuanxin into going to the capital with them to take the examination! When the results of this examination are out, we'll bring glory to our ancestors again!" The fat student said proudly.

"Pei Xuanxin is a little stubborn. If he finds out before the exam, won't Young Master Qi and the others have wasted their efforts?" A hedonistic son who was in ill health due to getting drunk all the time and womanizing asked.

"Hey, don't worry. I've investigated everything clearly. Young Master Qi has already secretly made a deal with Pei Xuanxin's wife. Wouldn't men become muddle-headed if someone he was intimate with tried to befuddle him?" As he spoke, the fat student smiled meaningfully.

When Liang Jiabao heard this, he felt as if he had fallen into an ice cave and all his strength had been sucked out.

At this moment, he didn't dare to move or even breathe. He could only hide quietly so that the group wouldn't discover his whereabouts.

After those people left, Liang Jiabao waited there for a long, long time. He only walked out of his hiding place when it was almost dark.

"After I went back, I fell sick. With this illness as an excuse, I said that I didn't have the energy to do questions for them and asked them to find someone else. The two classmates who found me seemed to have seen through my refusal and said with a smile, "Since you're unwilling to help, forget it!"

"It was also from then on that I was targeted everywhere. Later on, a series of my essays and poems were plagiarized. I knew that these people were taking revenge on me and forcing me to submit. I was dejected, but I was afraid that they would force me to become like them, so I ran home. I refused to study anymore and only said that I got a headache from studying," Liang Jiabao explained.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she gasped a few times.

She had thought of many possibilities, but not this.

"This is not a small matter. This is cheating! These people are really gutsy!" Li Xiaoran said in surprise and worry, "If they dare to do this, there must be some sort of powerful faction behind all of this. In that case, this year's examination results definitely won't be fair!"

Moreover, according to these people, these things might not have only happened this year. Perhaps it had happened in the past few village examinations.

Thinking about it carefully, Li Xiaoran finally understood why Liang Jiabao ran straight home.

“In that case, the other party might not let you off! Liang Jiabao, think about it carefully. If you run back, won't it be easier for the other party to control you? If they threaten you with your parents, won't you be forced to be in the same camp as them?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and reminded him.

When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran's words, his expression immediately changed.

“I don't think so!”

Seeing that Liang Jiabao was frightened, Li Xiaoran comforted him.

“You've been back in the village for many days! Perhaps I'm just overthinking!”

Liang Jiabao's worry didn't decrease. Instead, he felt that what Li Xiaoran said was very likely to happen.

“Sister Ran, what do you think I should do? What if those people really threaten me with my parents?”

Li Xiaoran thought about it carefully and said, “This hasn't happened yet, so don't scare yourself! Let me ask you, is there anyone in your grade who has better grades than you and is also from a poor family?”

Liang Jiabao thought about it carefully and nodded.

“Yes, there are two other classmates who seem to be on par with me, but I know that those two are actually better than me.. It's just that they usually don't show it!”

Chapter 343: Taking the Opportunity

At this point, Liang Jiabao smiled bitterly.

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“Perhaps they already noticed that something was fishy in the school, so they've been hiding their strength since the beginning. I'm the only one who hasn't hidden my true strength. I was even smug that I always did better than them!”

At this point, Liang Jiabao recalled what Li Xiaoran had said to those students previously and immediately understood.

“Sister Ran, if only I had heard what you said to them earlier. At least I wouldn't have encountered such a thing!”

When Li Xiaoran saw Liang Jiabao's dispirited expression, she shook her head.

“Not necessarily. Even if you had met me earlier, you might not have listened to me, just like the group of students in the shop might not have listened to what I said to them. Many things are predestined. Perhaps you’re destined to experience such a calamity before you can be reborn and reach the peak of your life!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran immediately thought of something.

“Liang Jiabao, these students came in a carriage with some attendants and servants. They don’t look like they’re on an outing!”

When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he glanced at the group of people outside and said aloofly, “They’re probably here to send someone off because one of the students has a wealthy background and doesn’t plan to participate in the examination now. Instead, he wants to study abroad!”

“Study abroad?” When Li Xiaoran heard this, her eyes lit up and a thought immediately appeared in her mind.

“Liang Jiabao, go study abroad too! You can avoid these people!” When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he pondered seriously.

“Since you’re afraid that those people will force you to board their pirate ship, why don’t you use the excuse that you have a headache from reading books to go study abroad?! To the outside world, just say that you’re looking for a famous doctor to treat your illness, but in fact, you’re going out to hide from trouble. Don’t tell your parents about this and let them follow you. It just so happens that reading ten thousand books and traveling ten thousand miles will yield different results. At that time, you’ll be more confident when you come back to participate in the village examination!” Li Xiaoran said her suggestion.

“But if I come back to take the village examination, I’ll definitely be targeted by those people!” Liang Jiabao said anxiously.

When Li Xiaoran saw Liang Jiabao’s worried expression, she smiled.

“Why haven’t you figured it out yet? Time can let the matter die down and give you time to think of a solution. After you come back after a year, say that you injured your brain and can barely keep up with your studies. Others already know how to hide their strength, so why don’t you know how to hide your strength? Control your score. You can’t be too outstanding or too bad. Just be average. At that time, no one will notice you!”

When Liang Jiabao heard Li Xiaoran’s explanation, he was immediately enlightened.

That’s right! What he lacked now was time.

He wanted to hide his abilities like the other two classmates, but there was no chance to. Everyone knew about his grades.

However, after studying abroad, he would have an excuse to hide his strength.

Why hadn't he thought of this before?

"Sister Ran, thank you so much!" Liang Jiabao immediately became excited and stood up to bow to Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran accepted this bow calmly and said to Liang Jiabao, "It just so happens that after the students came to insult you today, you can go home now and complain to your parents. You can persuade them to bring you out to look for a doctor. Remember, no matter what, stay outside for a year before coming back."

Liang Jiabao nodded and said gratefully, "I understand. I'll go back now!"

"Wait!" Seeing that Liang Jiabao was about to leave, Li Xiaoran stopped him. "Even if you want to leave, you have to take your salary before leaving. Also, when you go out, you have to pretend to be very sad and angry. Along the way, you have to tell everyone what happened to you today. The more people who know, the better. You have to reveal your indignant attitude and say that you will definitely find a doctor to treat your illness and make those who mock you regret it in the future!"

When Liang Jiabao heard this, he understood what Li Xiaoran meant and nodded.

"Also, after the village examination, you can participate in the general examination. As for the situation regarding the general examination, don't worry about it for the time being. As long as you don't become someone else's gun and don't get dragged down by others, it's fine. Do your best on the examinations, so your opportunity won't be snatched away by others. Even if there are people cheating on the examination, there were people who passed the examination without cheating. Therefore, you just need to focus on this group of people!" Li Xiaoran looked at Liang Jiabao and said.

"There are many things that we can't resolve when we're weak, but we can accumulate strength! Only when we become stronger can we change the unfairness of this world! All the best!" In the end, Li Xiaoran said encouragingly.

Liang Jiabao nodded and left with the salary Li Xiaoran had paid him.

Like Li Xiaoran had instructed, Liang Jiabao cursed all the way and revealed how he had been mocked by his classmates in the shop. He seemed indignant and clamored to go overseas to find a famous doctor to treat him.

What happened next was just as Li Xiaoran had said. The Liang family thought about it and felt that they couldn't give up on Liang Jiabao's educational future. Liang Jiabao's parents packed their bags and left with Liang Jiabao to find a famous doctor the next day.

When Li Xiaoran spoke to Liang Jiabao, she didn't avoid Changsheng, but Changsheng, who had experienced the coldness of the world, could understand what Li Xiaoran meant.

At this moment, Changsheng secretly swore that he must not let down the people who treated him well. He was still too young now, so he could only hurry up and learn more things to improve himself.

Only then could he be as powerful as Sister Ran, Brother Luo Cheng, and Brother Ziyang when he grew up.

After Li Xiaoran sent Liang Jiabao off, she turned around and looked at Changsheng with satisfaction.

The reason Li Xiaoran didn't avoid Changsheng when she said these words previously was actually to let Changsheng learn the cold reality of this world.

Only by seeing through the coldness and darkness of this world could he strive towards a brighter future with determination.

"Changsheng!" Thinking of this, Li Xiaoran called out.

Changsheng looked over and asked, "Sister Ran, what's the matter?"

"Just remember what you heard today. Don't tell anyone. Got it?"

Changsheng nodded, knowing that Li Xiaoran didn't want him to cause trouble.

"Sister Ran, I understand.. Don't worry!"

Chapter 344: Delivering Himself

With Liang Jiabao gone, there were fewer people in the shop.

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However, this time, some people took the initiative to look for her.

The people who came were none other than old acquaintances of Li Xiaoran and the others.

Looking at the two brothers kneeling in front of her, Li Xiaoran was amused.

"Luo Wenchao, Luo Wenbiao, what are you two up to?"

Luo Wenbiao glanced at his brother, Luo Wenchao, but said nothing.

On the other hand, Luo Wenchao said calmly, "Li Xiaoran, I know it's a little unkind of us to do this, but we really want to work for you! We've thought about it carefully. Instead of slacking off every day and not knowing what to do, we might as well work with you."

With that, the brothers kowtowed three times to Li Xiaoran.

"Please, just bring us brothers along! You're orderly and upright. Following you and your husband is the best choice!"

Li Xiaoran quickly dodged and said, "Alright, alright, but can you speak properly? What do you take my place as? A temple? Just a casual bow can make your wishes come true!"

Seeing that the brothers still were not getting up, Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Since you're so sincere about working for me, stand up quickly and dust off your clothes. Then, go change your clothes, wash your hands, and come in to work!"

When Luo Wenchao and Luo Wenbiao heard Li Xiaoran's words, the brothers looked at each other and froze for a moment.

"You don't want to work anymore?" Li Xiaoran looked at the brothers and raised her eyebrows.

"Yes, yes!" This time, the Luo brothers quickly stood up and ran to the right to brush off the dust on their bodies and knees. Then, they followed Li Xiaoran to the back of the shop to wash their hands and faces.

Li Xiaoran placed soap by the sink, so after the brothers washed their faces and hands with soap, they followed Bai Shu and the others to work.

It had to be said that with two more young boys, everyone felt much more relaxed with less of a burden.

This time, no matter how many customers came, they would be able to handle it.

On Kang Zheng's side, he had been looking for a good place to build a house for the past few days, but he didn't see any suitable land.

Zhao Xiu thought of something and said, "There's an empty space not far from where we built the house. It's not a bad place to build a house. That piece of land is a little small, but it's more than enough for the two of you!"

"Auntie, is that true? Why don't you bring me over to take a look later?" Kang Zheng, who was working, asked in surprise.

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother's words, she remembered something.

That piece of land seemed to be the land of a lonely old woman in the village. Later on, after this old woman passed away, she used her land to cover the cost of the burial, so this piece of land became the village's.

"No one has ever wanted that piece of land, and it's not suitable for farming. It's too small for constructing a house, so it's not a bad idea to buy it!" Li Xiaoran said.

"Since you said it's not bad, I won't go take a look. I might as well go and buy that piece of land from the village chief now!" Kang Zheng said impatiently.

"Don't be anxious. Even if you buy it now, you won't be able to find anyone to build a house for you anytime soon! Take your time. When my parents' house is built, you can also find Uncle Chen to build a house for you!" Li Xiaoran suggested.

“Actually, we can buy it now. We can arrange Chen Xiang to help build it at the same time! Now that Chen Xiang has a lot more craftsmen, it’s still possible to free up some manpower to build your house!” Luo Ziyang thought of something and said with a smile.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Ziyang’s words, she thought of what had happened previously, so she asked, “Chen Xiang recruited all those craftsmen?” Luo Ziyang didn’t hide it from Li Xiaoran. She nodded.

“That’s right! Chen Xiang is quite popular and is very fair. He treats his craftsmen very well, so everyone is willing to follow him! Sister-in-law, the Han family is furious and is in a very bad situation now!”

Speaking of this, Luo Ziyang was delighted!

The Han family had always schemed against his brother. Now, they had finally gotten their retribution!

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

“If that’s the case, Ziyang, you have to keep a close eye on the Han family! According to my understanding of the Han family, they will definitely do something else. They might target us: Luo Ziyang nodded when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

He had been guarding against this, so he asked his buddies to keep an eye on them recently.

Once the other party made any moves, he would quickly receive the news.

After Kang Zheng received the news, he brought Wen Lu to take a look at the piece of land Zhao Xiu had mentioned previously.

After the couple saw it, they were very satisfied. Then, they went to look for Old Master Guo to buy the land.

That piece of land wasn’t suitable for farming, so it was very cheap.

After buying the land, Kang Zheng and Wen Lu went to look for Chen Xiang to discuss the construction of the house.

It just so happened that Li Shun and Zhao Xiu’s house was about to be completed. After the roof was up, they could basically end work.

At this moment, Kang Zheng was just in time to receive them, so Chen Xiang naturally agreed.

Because they were all acquaintances, Chen Xiang’s asking price was very fair. The next day, he started sending people to build the house.

“Great, when your house is built, we’ll be neighbors. It’ll be more convenient for us to visit each other in the future!” Zhao Xiu teased.

“Mother, you work in the shop all day long. You only want to rest after you go back. How can you have time to visit?!” Li Xiaoqing reminded her.

They all laughed at that.

“Sigh, my health is deteriorating day by day. There will be a time when I can’t work anymore. At that time, I’ll visit all the neighbors!” Zhao Xiu said.

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother’s words, she laughed.

As expected, Zhao Xiu looked a little haggard after this period of busyness.

Her body, which had recuperated previously, looked a little thinner now.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran remembered what she wanted to do previously, so she had a thought.

“Mom, the shop isn’t that busy now. Let’s go out for a walk!”

Zhao Xiu looked at her daughter’s expression and knew that she must have something important to tell her, so she nodded.

The others watched over the shop, while the mother and daughter left the shop together and walked towards the field.

When there was no one around, Li Xiaoran walked forward and held Zhao Xiu’s hand.

“Mother, I’ve never asked you what you like to do..”

Chapter 345: Overwork

“All these years, you’ve been working hard for Father, us, and this family, but I’ve never heard you say what you like. In the past, I didn’t dare to think about it. Now that I’ve grown up and Father has found a way to earn money, Mother, why don’t you think for yourself and do whatever you like?!” Li Xiaoran said softly.

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When Zhao Xiu heard her daughter’s considerate words, she felt that everything she had experienced in the past was worth it.

With a daughter like this, she should be content.

“Do you think I’m an eyesore working in the shop?” Zhao Xiu teased.

“Mother, you know that’s not what I meant! Working in the shop is too tiring, and your body can’t take it. I’ll find many more people to work for you in the future. You can also do what you want. Mother, you’ve sacrificed most of your life for us. It’s time to live for yourself!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Live for myself?” Zhao Xiu couldn’t help but feel dazed when she heard this.

She had been cared for by her parents when she was young. Even though she had a few younger brothers, they were especially sensible.

At that time, she only wanted her family to live a peaceful and loving life together.

Later on, after she married Li Shun, she endured the grievances for Li Shun's sake. She seemed to have gradually forgotten what she liked and what she wanted to do.

Now that her daughter suddenly asked this question, she couldn't remember what she wanted to do.

"Mother, you must have something you want to do. In the past, you didn't have the chance or time to do it, but now, you can! Why don't you think about what you want to do? If you want to do it, do it. Don't be afraid of causing us trouble. I hope you can find what you like and do what you want to do!" Li Xiaoran also sensed Zhao Xiu's confusion and encouraged her.

After that, the mother and daughter didn't return to the shop. Instead, they went straight to Li Shun's farm to help him farm and water the plants.

Zhao Xiu was distracted all day. Li Shun looked at her several times.

Just as Li Shun was about to ask what was going on, Li Xiaoran stopped her father and told him what had happened.

"I see. I was wondering why your mother looked so distracted! Then I won't disturb her. Let her think about it!" When Li Shun heard that, he gave up on asking.

At night, Zhao Xiu lay in bed and tossed and turned, unable to fall asleep.

Seeing his wife like this, Li Shun asked.

"What are you thinking about? Even if you can't think of what you like to do, you don't have to force yourself! Sleep first. Think about it tomorrow!"

Seeing that she had woken her man up, Zhao Xiu nodded and turned around to sleep.

However, Zhao Xiu still wasn't sleepy.

At this moment, Li Shun was already asleep and snoring from time to time.

Zhao Xiu couldn't fall asleep anymore, so she put on a shirt and sat in front of the window to look at the bright moon.

To be honest, Zhao Xiu's daughter's words today made her reflect on herself for the first time in her life.

What had she lived her life for?

She didn't even know her own preferences.

At this moment, Zhao Xiu felt like a failure.

Just like that, Zhao Xiu fell asleep in front of the window.

When Li Shun woke up in the middle of the night, he was shocked to see his wife sleeping in front of the window.

Li Shun called out a few times but didn't hear Zhao Xiu's response, so he touched Zhao Xiu's forehead.

Li Shun was shocked.

“Xiao Qing, Xiao Qing, hurry up and find your sister. Your mother is sick. Her forehead is burning!”

Soon, everyone in the house woke up. Li Xiaoran immediately found Luo Ziyang and asked him to take her mother’s pulse.

Luo Ziyang took Zhao Xiu’s pulse and said, “It’s fine. She just caught a cold and has a fever, probably because she’s been overworked for a long time. In addition, something has been bothering her, so she fell ill! My brother left me a lot of medicine. I’ll go get it now. Her fever will subside quickly after taking

Li Xiaoran heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Luo Ziyang’s words and asked him to get the medicine.

Soon, Zhao Xiu took the medicine.

After that, Li Xiaoran and Li Shun took turns taking care of Zhao Xiu. Four hours later, Zhao Xiu’s high fever finally subsided.

When Zhao Xiu woke up again, she felt lethargic and weak. As soon as she spoke, she was shocked by her hoarse voice.

“What’s wrong with me?”

When Li Shun saw that Zhao Xiu had woken up, he happily went to pour a glass of warm water.

Zhao Xiu felt very thirsty. When she saw the glass of water beside her mouth, she quickly drank it.

“Slow down. You had a high fever last night. Xiaoran and I waited for you for the entire night. Now, Xiaoran has gone to make porridge for you. Wait a moment. The porridge will be ready in a while!” Li Shun slowly raised the cup to make it convenient for Zhao Xiu to drink water as he briefly explained what had happened last night.

When Zhao Xiu heard that she had a fever, she was shocked. No wonder her throat was sore.

“Tell me, what can’t you figure out? Why did you have to lean against the window in the middle of the night?! You even fell asleep with a high fever!

When I saw that you were sick, I was almost frightened to death! Fortunately, Ziyang knows medicine and our son-in-law left medicine at home. Otherwise, you would have suffered!” Seeing that Zhao Xiu had finally woken up, Li Shun voiced his worry.

“Wife, don’t be like this in the future. You’re really scaring me! Look at you. In the past, your life was so bitter and tiring, yet you didn’t get any serious illnesses. Why are you sick now?!”

“Father, you should be happy that she had never been seriously ill before. Otherwise, whether or not you still had a wife to accompany you would be uncertain!” Li Xiaoran happened to come in with a bowl of porridge. When she heard her father’s words, she retorted, “Besides, she fell ill because she was too tired in the past. She can take

this opportunity to rest and recuperate!" With that, Li Xiaoran brought out the porridge and placed it in her father's hand.

"Father, Mother has sacrificed so much for you.. Now that Mother is sick, you should take good care of her! Here, feed Mother this bowl of porridge!"

Chapter 346: Pursuing the Matter

Li Shun knew that his daughter was defending her mother. He took the bowl happily and fed it to Zhao Xiu spoonful by spoonful.

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When Li Xiaoran saw her mother eating with a smile, she felt a little dejected and turned to leave.

"Did you see that? Your daughter feels sorry for you and is punishing me!" Li Shun looked at his daughter's departing figure and said happily.

Zhao Xiu looked at her daughter in amusement.

"That's right. I've served you all my life. It's time for you to treat me better! The daughter I gave birth to is naturally on my side!"

When Li Shun heard his wife's words, he nodded. "Yes, yes, yes. It's my turn to treat you well!"

As her parents were showing off their affection, Li Xiaoran went to the vegetable garden alone.

In the blink of an eye, Luo Cheng had been gone for seven to eight days. She wondered how things were going.

Luo Cheng, who Li Xiaoran missed, was in danger.

Because of the addition of the old beggar, Luo Cheng didn't have enough dry rations.

Although everyone had also hunted a lot of wild animals in the mountains, without dry rations to eat, no one couldn't take it anymore.

Luo Cheng thought about it carefully and prepared to go down the mountain to buy some dry food from a town not far away before continuing on his way back to the mountain.

As soon as they went out to buy dry food, they were hunted down.

These people attacked immediately.

Every move was ruthless. It was obvious that they wanted this group of people dead.

After five or six rounds of fighting, the group finally entered the deep mountains. Then, relying on Luo Cheng's experience, they finally shook off the pursuers behind them.

At this moment, Luo Cheng's arm had also been cut very deeply. Zi Yang was applying medicine to Luo Cheng's wound.

After the medicine was sprinkled, Zi Zheng took some white cloth strips and carefully bandaged Luo Cheng's wound.

"Young Master, which side are these people from? Why did the other party find us so quickly? We just appeared. Why did the other party catch up so quickly?" Zi Zheng asked in confusion.

Luo Cheng didn't speak, but his gaze landed on the old beggar not far away.

"Jing Laosi, tell me! What exactly is going on?"

The old beggar shrank his head, then muttered,

"Why are you asking me? I don't know either! You must have provoked someone you shouldn't have!"

"Old beggar!" Luo Cheng's gaze turned cold when he saw that the other party was still not telling the truth.

"I took the mountain road this time, so they couldn't have discovered our existence so quickly. Moreover, I never knew that such a powerful organization appeared in the martial world. They are assassins nurtured by an assassin organization. The person who provoked them was definitely you. Also, you might have been planted with some mark, so we were pursued the moment you appeared!" Luo Cheng looked at the old beggar and analyzed bit by bit.

The old beggar also knew that he was in the wrong because he also felt that those people were probably targeting him, and Luo Cheng and the others were implicated by him.

"I don't know either! I don't know what I did to attract a group of people to kill me."

The old beggar said gloomily, "Look at me. I was forced into the deep mountains and didn't even dare to beg anymore, but the other party still won't let me off. They recognized me the moment I appeared!"

Luo Cheng looked at the old beggar's aggrieved expression and calmed down. Then he thought about it.

"Think about it carefully. Have you done or encountered anything special in the past few months?" Luo Cheng asked after a moment.

The old beggar recalled carefully and finally shook his head. "I didn't do anything! I just walked around! As you know, I only care about wine and food. I didn't do anything else!"

As soon as he heard the mention of food, Luo Cheng's heart skipped a beat. He thought of something and asked, "Old beggar, what delicious food have you eaten recently? Is there anything special?"

Speaking of this, the old beggar immediately started talking.

“I’ve indeed eaten something special recently! As you know, beggars are best at making beggar’s chicken, but you’ll get sick of it if you eat too much of it. That’s why I’ve changed my diet recently. I ate roasted pork once. It tasted amazing!”

As soon as he heard that it was pork, Luo Cheng was alarmed.

One had to know that the things in his hand had also been found in pork and eggs.

“Did you taste anything strange when you ate the roasted pig?” Luo Cheng asked.

“Yes! There was actually a pig belly hidden in that roasted pig. At that time, I thought that the pig belly looked tasty, so I wrapped it in banana leaves and brought it back!” The old beggar said.

“Where’s the pig belly?” Luo Cheng realized that there was something wrong with it and asked, “Did you cut it open and eat it after you went back?”

“Yes! That pig belly was especially delicious. Later, I went to that shop to try roasted pig belly, but that shop owner refused to admit that he had roasted pig belly before and said that I must have remembered wrongly! How could I, a foodie, remember wrongly? I searched everywhere for a long time, but I couldn’t find the roasted pig belly I had eaten before.”

“You know what happened after that. In less than two days, someone suddenly appeared and chased after me to kill me. How could I have time to find roasted pig belly?!” the old beggar said gloomily.

“Was there anything in the pig belly?” Luo Cheng asked after a moment.

“How did you know there was something in the pig’s belly?” the old beggar asked with a puzzled expression. “There was a packet of spices or something hidden in the pig’s belly. I found them when I ate them and threw them away!” “Where did you throw those things?” Luo Cheng asked, realizing something.

“Where else could I have thrown it? I just left it by the roadside. By the way, a cow happened to pass by. After smelling those spices, it opened its mouth and ate them. At that time, I was glad that a cow could enjoy delicious food with me!” The old beggar said happily.

Luo Cheng looked at the old beggar sympathetically and finally understood something.

“Old beggar, is it possible that the thing you threw at the cow is the reason someone wants to kill you?!”

“How is that possible?” The old beggar jumped up. “Isn’t it just a bag of spices?

Is there a need to do this?”

“What if it wasn’t just ordinary spices?” Luo Cheng asked..

Chapter 347: News

The old beggar was dumbfounded when he heard this.

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“If it wasn’t ordinary spices, what else could it be?”

Luo Cheng looked at the old beggar’s dazed expression and couldn’t help but say, “It might be herbs or natural treasures!”

As soon as he said this, not to mention the old beggar, even Zi Zheng and Zi Cheng gasped.

“If that’s the case, then it makes sense for you to be hunted down!” Zi Zheng said.

“But what has this got to do with me? I didn’t eat those herbs. Didn’t that cow eat them?” The old beggar said with an innocent expression.

“Do you think that cow can escape the fate of being slaughtered?” Luo Cheng said coldly.

This time, the old beggar was stunned. “I have to go back and take a look. I want to see if that’s the case!”

With that, the old beggar stood up.

After taking a few steps, the old beggar thought of something and turned to look at Luo Cheng.

“Luo Cheng, I know you want to send me away, but this matter is indeed very important to me. I have to confirm it personally. As for the national treasures of Zhu Lan Kingdom, I believe you will definitely send them back. Although you’re quite ruthless, you care about the commoners! Therefore, I trust you!”

With that, the old beggar turned around and disappeared into the forest.

“Young Master, are we going to let the old beggar leave just like that?” Zi Zheng looked at the forest and asked.

“Let him go! He’ll cause us a lot of trouble if he follows us! Besides, I suspect that someone deliberately lured him to me. The old beggar probably sensed the other party’s thoughts and used this excuse to leave! After all, he’s not stupid. He was just deceived and fell for their trap!” Luo Cheng looked at the old beggar and sighed.

The old beggar was just like him. Hadn’t he been deceived by the Han family back then?

Without the old beggar, Luo Cheng and the others didn’t have to be on guard all day. The journey, later on, was much faster.

When they left the mountains again, it was much more peaceful than the first time.

At least there was no one chasing after them as soon as they arrived in town.

This was the closest place to the capital.

Luo Cheng went straight to a wine shop. After taking a bunch of keys from the shopkeeper, he stayed in an ordinary house in town.

Everything was prepared in the house. Luo Cheng and the others could move in directly.

The people who took care of the house were also disabled veterans who had retired from the battlefield. They knew how to do things like sweeping the floor and cooking.

After taking a shower and washing up, Luo Cheng called the person-in-charge, Gan Xing, over and began to ask him some questions.

Luo Cheng had placed his men in some important places.

Clear Creek Town was no exception.

Clear Creek Town was considered the only way to enter the capital, so Luo Cheng didn't place all his forces in the capital. Instead, he settled in this small town to develop.

The person in charge of investigating Clear Creek Town was called Gan Xing. He was a student he had accidentally saved back then.

Although Gan Xing was a scholar, he had been good at gathering information over the years.

This was why Luo Cheng placed Gan Xing in Clear Creek Town.

"Tell me! Where is the envoy from Zhu Lan Kingdom now?" Luo Cheng looked at Gan Xing and asked.

Speaking of this, Gan Xing had a strange expression on his face.

"Coincidentally, the envoy from Zhu Lan is in Clear Creek Town!"

Luo Cheng was surprised by Gan Xing's words.

What a coincidence!

Previously, he was thinking about how to return the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom. Unexpectedly, the envoy of Zhu Lan Kingdom happened to appear here.

"Since they're already here, why didn't they enter the capital directly?" Luo Cheng asked in confusion.

"Young Master, speaking of which, it has something to do with you!" Gan Xing said with a smile.

"Why don't you just say it directly?! Is there a point in keeping us in suspense?" Luo Cheng looked at Gan Xing and asked directly.

"Young Master, the world outside is in chaos! I don't know who spread the news that the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom fell into your hands, but the people of Zhu Lan Kingdom asked the emperor to give the order to capture you and ask you to

hand over the national treasure. As long as you aren't captured by the emperor, they won't enter the capital!" Gan Xing said.

Luo Cheng froze, then pointed at himself.

"They want to capture me and bring me into the capital?"

Gan Xing nodded and stopped smiling. "According to the information I obtained, I'm afraid this information was deliberately leaked by the person above to force you to appear in the capital!"

Luo Cheng wasn't angry when he heard this. He simply sneered.

"In order to force me to submit, he really went all out! I don't understand. Back then, he ostracized me in every way he could and now that I've left the family, he wants to force me to return. No wonder my buddies are so worried about me! He's not my family at all, but a scourge who specializes in harming me!"

At this point, Luo Cheng thought of something.

"In that case, he'll probably receive the news soon!"

Gan Xing smiled and shook his head.

"How can that be?! I predicted that you might appear in the next few days, so I've already lured those people away. You don't have to worry. Just stay here! However, if you want to go out tomorrow, you have to disguise yourself!" Luo Cheng sighed when he heard Gan Xing's words.

"That's the only way! But I think I'd better settle the matter quickly and leave! I feel uncomfortable every time I come back to this place. As expected, the capital and I are mutually incompatible. Otherwise, why would I feel so angry every time I approach the capital?!"

"Then you should instruct me to help you! I wonder where the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom is? How should we return it to the people of Zhu Lan Kingdom?" Gan Xing asked.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said, "Let me think about it first! We have to think of a way to get the best of both worlds. It just so happens that the envoy from Zhu Lan Kingdom is here. We can arrange it tomorrow!"

Gan Xing knew that Luo Cheng had been traveling for so many days and was already tired, so he took his leave.

After watching Gan Xing leave, Luo Cheng sat at the desk in silence, but he was thinking about something.

Initially, he wanted to quietly return Zhu Lan Kingdom's national treasure. Unexpectedly, that person actually spread the news that he had stolen it.

It had to be said that that person was as high and mighty as ever. He had never been considerate towards him.

Did he really think that he could force him out by doing this? He wouldn't do as he wished!

Chapter 348: Backlash

Luo Cheng calmed down first, then went to his room to rest and fell asleep.

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He was indeed a little tired. He would get some rest and think about it tomorrow!

As soon as he lay down, Luo Cheng quickly fell asleep.

Li Xiaoran also went to bed early that day. However, just as the sky was about to brighten, she felt a familiar feeling.

Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng, who was in front of her, and muttered to herself.

"Husband, you're thousands of miles away. How can I enter your dream?"

Unexpectedly, as soon as she finished speaking, Luo Cheng also looked at Li Xiaoran in disbelief.

"Wife, you can enter dreams?"

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng's words, she was shocked.

"Husband, can you see me?"

"Yes, and I can see you quite clearly!" With that, Luo Cheng walked over and hugged Li Xiaoran. "Look, not only can I see you, but I can also hug you!"

Li Xiaoran still couldn't believe it. She touched Luo Cheng's arm with her hand and really felt it.

"What, what's going on?"

Seeing Li Xiaoran's puzzled expression, Luo Cheng told her about him previously entering her dream.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was even more shocked.

"You mean, you entered a dream and saw me getting drunk in front of your door?"

"That's right!" Luo Cheng nodded and repeated what Li Xiaoran had said. This time, Li Xiaoran's eyes widened and she was a little dumbfounded.

What was going on?

"Alright, since you don't know either, let's not think too much about it! This is good. At least I can enter your dream to tell you that I'm safe and talk to you!" Luo Cheng suddenly said happily.

Since his wife was very surprised, it meant that this was the first time she had heard of all this.

In that case, he was probably the first person to enter her dream.

Luo Cheng was naturally happy about this.

“Husband, how’s it going on your side? Are you safe?” After Li Xiaoran nodded, she thought of something and looked at Luo Cheng. Li Xiaoran noticed the bandaged wound on Luo Cheng’s arm.

‘What’s going on? Why are you injured?’

“It’s fine. It’s just a small wound. By the time I rush back, the wound would have already healed. Don’t worry!” Luo Cheng also noticed that his wound was still there, so he quickly comforted her.

“Then you should rest more. Hurry up and go back to rest! You’ll become weak every time you enter a dream!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said worriedly.

Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran back and shook his head. Then, he remembered what he was worrying about and asked, “Since I’m already here, there’s no hurry. Wife, your thoughts are always different from ordinary people’s. Why don’t you help me think of a way to resolve my current predicament?!”

“Alright, tell me!” When Li Xiaoran heard that Luo Cheng was in trouble, she wanted to help him.

Luo Cheng didn’t hide anything. He said that he only found out after arriving in the town outside the capital that someone had spread the news that he had obtained Zhu Lan Kingdom’s national treasure. His heartless father was forcing him to appear in order to capture him and bring him back.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she thought for a moment and a thought flashed across her mind.

“Husband, you’re at a dead end, but you still haven’t jumped out! Why can they do whatever they want? We don’t have to give in to them! Why do we have to return the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom to the people of Zhu Lan Kingdom? Why don’t we just give it to the emperor?! These things are also for the emperor anyway! As long as we send the things to the emperor secretly, everything will naturally be resolved!”

At this point, Li Xiaoran laughed.

“You didn’t give this national treasure away, and no one saw that you obtained it, let alone have evidence that you took it. So what has this got to do with you? Even if your father wants to capture you, without this excuse, how can he capture you?”

Luo Cheng immediately laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“As expected, my wife is so smart. You helped me resolve a big problem so quickly! When I come back, I must thank you!”

“There’s no need to thank me. It’s fine as long as you come back safely! Many things have happened at the shop. When you come back, I’ll tell you! Alright, don’t stay in my dream for too long. I’m worried that you won’t be able to take it!” Li Xiaoran said.

“You too. After you come out of the dream, take the pill I left you. It can reduce your pain and help you recover quickly!” Luo Cheng was a little worried and reminded her.

Li Xiaoran nodded and left the dream.

At the same time, Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng woke up from their dreams.

It was already dawn outside.

The two of them got up and took some pills before lying back down to rest.

When he had recovered his strength and energy, Luo Cheng asked someone to call Gan Xing over. Then, the two of them discussed things in the study for a long time.

After everything was planned, Luo Cheng asked Gan Xing to arrange for people to carry out the plan.

Three days later, an extremely sensational event happened in the capital.

A famous bandit in the martial world was actually tied up and sent to the entrance of the court in the capital.

A box of things was actually delivered along with the bandit.

The court official, Yu Jingyuan, immediately asked someone to detain this bandit and bring the box of things to the palace to see the emperor.

Soon, the news that the bandit had stolen Zhu Lan Kingdom’s national treasure spread. Then, the chivalrous people captured the bandit and sent him to the temple with the national treasure.

When the envoy of Zhu Lan Kingdom heard this news, he quickly rushed to the capital to determine if these things were the national treasures of Zhu Lan Kingdom.

Luo Han, who had already met up with Luo Cheng in Clear Creek Town, smiled happily.

“Hahahaha! I really didn’t expect you to use such a move! I can guarantee that some people will be livid!”

Luo Cheng took a sip of tea and smiled slightly.

“It’s all thanks to my wife for helping me come up with such an idea!”

“Huh? She expected these things to happen?” Luo Han asked in surprise.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he realized that he had let it slip and explained.

“She naturally doesn’t have the ability to predict the future. It’s just that something she usually says reminded me and allowed me to think of a countermeasure!”

When Luo Han heard that, he immediately nodded. “I knew it. No matter how impressive she is, she can’t be that impressive! This matter is over, so what are you going to do next?”

"I'm going back home! I'm leaving tonight!" Luo Cheng thought for a moment and said.

"Aren't you going to stay a few more days?" Luo Han asked.

"No, this place makes me uncomfortable!"

Chapter 349: Born Here, But Can't Return

Luo Cheng really didn't want to stay in the capital for long.

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If not for the fact that this matter was important and involved the commoners of the two countries, Luo Cheng wouldn't have returned to the capital.

Now that the national treasure of Zhu Lan Kingdom had been returned and his predicament had been resolved, it was time to leave.

Luo Cheng had a feeling that if he didn't leave tonight, he wouldn't be able to.

Luo Han was stunned when he heard Luo Cheng's words. "Then I'll go with you! How do you plan to go back this time?"

"Let's return through the deep mountain route! Now, I keep feeling that the deep mountains are safer than outside!" Luo Cheng sneered.

Luo Han trusted Luo Cheng's instincts, so he nodded.

"Alright, let's go prepare now!"

"Don't worry, I've already asked Gan Xing to make preparations, including your share! When night falls, we'll leave in the carriage. When we reach the foot of the mountain, we'll get out of the carriage and go up the mountain!" Luo Cheng said confidently, as if he had expected Luo Han to follow him.

"You're even prepared for this? Were you planning to take me with you?" Luo Han asked, glaring at Luo Cheng.

"That's right. Previously, we left separately to confuse the enemy. If you go back alone now, those people might vent their anger on you!" Luo Cheng looked at Luo Han and reached out to wrap his arms around his neck. "We're buddies after all. I can't watch you get injured! Why don't you follow me to the deep mountains for a few days?!"

Luo Han glanced at Luo Cheng and lifted his arm.

"At least you have a conscience!"

After that, the two of them continued to eat and drink.

Because they had to move at night, the two of them went to sleep after eating and drinking.

When the moon rose, a carriage was already parked outside.

Luo Cheng, Luo Han, Zi Zheng, and Zi Yang got into the carriage with some luggage.

Soon, the carriage headed out of town and towards the forest not far away.

By the time they reached the foot of the mountain, four hours had passed.

Without resting, the four of them walked up the mountain in the moonlight. After walking for an unknown period of time, Luo Cheng led a group of people into a cave.

“Alright, we’re finally here. We can sleep in peace now. We’ll travel when we wake up tomorrow!” After Luo Cheng lit the firewood in the cave, he found a place to sit down.

Luo Han looked around the cave carefully and realized that it had been tidied up. He asked in surprise, “You prepared this place long ago?”

“That’s right! We found this cave here before leaving the mountain in case of emergencies. Who would have thought that it would really be useful?!” Zi Zheng replied.

When Luo Han heard this, he sat down and chose a place to lie down.

After running around for a few hours, everyone was a little tired.

Because Luo Cheng had slept already, he suggested that he be on night guard first and let the others rest.

Luo Han didn’t stand on ceremony and lay down to sleep.

However, after lying down, Luo Han didn’t feel sleepy. He simply sat up.

As soon as he got up, Luo Han realized that Luo Cheng wasn’t in the cave.

So Luo Han stood up quietly and walked out of the cave.

Luo Cheng was sitting on a rock outside the cave and staring at the darkness at the foot of the mountain.

“What are you looking at here? It’s dark down there. What’s there to see?!” Luo Han said softly as he sat beside Luo Cheng.

Luo Cheng didn’t turn when he heard Luo Han’s voice. He continued to look down.

“I’ve never looked at the night scenery in the capital so carefully since I was young. In my memory, those nights in the capital were cold. I’ve never slept soundly. Even if I slept, I had nightmares!”

Luo Han’s heart ached when he heard Luo Cheng’s words.

“You remember those nights?”

“Of course I remember! I remembered them in the past, I remember them now, and will remember them in the future. It’s precisely because I remember the coldness of those nights that I cherish the warmth I have now!” Luo Cheng said with emotion.

“My grandfather and father used to be very worried about you! If a person doesn’t have any warm memories, wouldn’t it be too pitiful to live all alone in this world?! Now that I think about it, my grandfather and father were overthinking! The heavens are fair. If you lose something, they will use other things to fill your vacancy!” Luo Han thought of something and said.

“Luo Cheng, do you know? You’ve really changed a lot! I don’t know how others feel, but I feel that you’ve changed a lot. The current you can at least be considered a person! In the past, you were just a wisp of a soul floating like duckweed without a root.”

When Luo Cheng heard Luo Han’s words, he smiled slightly.

“Floating duckweed will have roots, and so will I!”

“What are you going to tell Li Xiaoran? I’m talking about your background!” Luo Han looked at Luo Cheng and reminded him worriedly.

“I actually planned to tell her everything previously, but something happened later and I never found a chance. When I go back this time, I’ll make things clear to her. At least, I can’t let her marry me without knowing my true background! The person I want to marry should know everything about me!” Luo Cheng said truthfully.

“Are you sure Li Xiaoran can accept all this?” Luo Han asked.

“If she can’t accept it, then no one can!” With that, Luo Cheng stood up and pointed in the direction of the capital. “From the time I was born to the time I grew up, this place has chiseled a big hole in my body, making my heart ache while becoming more and more empty.”

With that, Luo Cheng turned around and faced the Sichuan direction. Then, he smiled and said, “I unintentionally married someone in that place. She was the one who filled the hole in my heart bit by bit and made my heart start to grow again!”

With that, Luo Cheng looked around at the darkness.

“I was born in the dark, sprouted in the dark, and grew up in the dark, but when I bloomed, I encountered sunlight. The rest of my life should be spent in the sunlight! Luo Han, if possible, I don’t want to come here anymore!” With that, Luo Cheng walked into the cave.

“Since you can’t sleep, keep watch!” A calm voice sounded from the cave.

Luo Han smiled as he looked down at the darkness. Then he laughed.

“The capital that others yearn for, dream of, and allow countless people to soar is actually despised by you!”

Chapter 350: Dowry From Her Mother

On Hele Village’s side, Zhao Xiu had already recovered after a few days of recuperation.

After resting for the past few days, Zhao Xiu finally thought things through.

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“What? Mother, you want to make jewelry?” Li Xiaoran widened her eyes and looked at her mother in shock.

Zhao Xiu also knew that her thoughts would scare her family, but this was what she wanted to do.

“I know this idea surprises you guys, but I really like making jewelry!” With that, Zhao Xiu took out a wooden hairpin from her pocket.

“I’ve never thought of making a gold or silver hairpin, but I can use wood to make hairpins! If someone likes it, I can also sell it for some money. Most importantly, this is what I like to do! This is a wooden hairpin I made in the past few days. Do you think it’s okay?”

Li Xiaoran took the wooden hairpin from her mother and looked at it carefully.

It had to be said that this wooden hairpin’s wood was very ordinary, but the hairpin was very exquisite and beautiful.

There was a blooming flower on the wooden hairpin simply, which Li Xiaoran was mesmerized by.

“Mother, is this Magnolia?” Li Xiaoran asked in surprise.

“That’s right! You like Magnolias, so I thought of making a hairpin for you. Your father made a set of furniture for you, so as your mother, I naturally have to express my love for you as well. Seeing that you like it, I’m satisfied!” Zhao Xiu looked at Li Xiaoran gently. “I hope my child will be like this wooden hairpin, beautiful and vivacious!”

The small wooden hairpin carried a mother’s blessing for her daughter.

Li Xiaoran held the wooden hairpin in her hand and smiled. “Thank you, Mother! This is the best hairpin I’ve ever received!”

With that, Li Xiaoran inserted this wooden hairpin into her hair.

As Zhao Xiu looked at Li Xiaoran standing in front of her with the hairpin she had made, she suddenly felt a lump in her throat.

“The little girl I raised for so many years is now married! It’s all my fault. In the past, I only cared about working and didn’t take a good look at you, nor did I accompany you as you grew up!”

With that, Zhao Xiu reached out and touched the top of Li Xiaoran’s head.

“Child! You’re very capable, much more capable than me. But I want to tell you that you’re a woman. When you’re tired and sad, don’t tough it out alone. You still have our family. We’re all your support. Whenever you’re tired, you’re welcome to come home. This time, we will protect you!” When Li Xiaoran heard this, tears fell from her eyes.

There were the Host’s emotions and Li Xiaoran’s own emotions.

“Mother, I know. The reason I’m so daring is because of you guys. As long as you guys are around, I can do whatever I want without any worries! It’s the same for you guys! If you guys want to do something, do it! Don’t leave any regrets for yourself! If you want to make jewelry, make jewelry. Don’t be afraid that you won’t be able to make it well. We’ll bear the responsibility for you!”

When Zhao Xiu heard Li Xiaoran’s words, she felt touched. The mother and daughter hugged each other and cried.

Fortunately, everyone was busy at this moment and only the mother and daughter were at home. Otherwise, the two of them really wouldn’t know how to explain to them.

After crying and wiping the tears off each other’s faces, the mother and daughter looked at each other and smiled.

“By the way, you said you would make snail noodles for us to eat previously! Why don’t we make it today?! For some reason, after hearing Old Madam Jin talking about the taste of snail noodles in the shop every day, I want to eat it too!”

When Li Xiaoran heard her mother’s words, she couldn’t help but laugh.

“Sure! I’ll prepare it now, but everyone is busy at noon. Let’s eat it for dinner! I happen to have time to make a pot of snail soup.”

“Is there enough snails at home?” Zhao Xiu thought of something and asked.

“There’s enough. I’ve raised a large pile. We can eat it in the next few days. Not only can we make snail noodles, but we can also make a large plate of spicy stir-fried snails for Father and Ziyang as a side dish when drinking, ” Li Xiaoran replied with a smile.

“That’s good! Then what do you want to prepare? I’ll help you prepare. After you’re done, let’s go to the shop to help!” Zhao Xiu rolled up her sleeves and started working.

“Mother, there’s no need. You’ve just recovered. Rest well! I’ll be ready soon. As for the shop, don’t go. Xiao Qing and Ziyang can handle it. We hired so many people to do things. They can handle it!” Li Xiaoran said.

“Can they really handle it?” Zhao Xiu asked in disbelief.

“If you don’t believe me, I’ll accompany you over to take a look later! Mother, I want to leave the shop to Xiao Qing to manage in the future!” Li Xiaoran told her her plan.

Zhao Xiu was shocked when she heard her daughter’s words.

“Xiao Qing is so young. You’re letting her handle these things?”

“That’s right. She has to gain experience! I originally wanted to give the shop to you directly, but later on, I felt that it was better to teach my sister how to run the shop. As long as she learns how to manage it, it won’t be a problem for her to open a shop in the future. After she gets married, we won’t have to worry about her livelihood!” Li Xiaoran said.

“It’s fine if it’s just a matter of management, but you can’t give the shop to us or your sister, Xiao Qing. No matter how close you are to a family member, there are times when you have conflicts. Don’t let your sister become dependent on you. To be honest, I also hope that your sister can be like you, independent and strong, and can handle many things on her own! It’s not that we don’t care about her, but only in this way can she live a better life in the future!” Zhao Xiu said earnestly.

From Li Xiaoran’s substitute marriage to their family being kicked out, Zhao Xiu suddenly understood many things.

Parents had to think of the big picture for their children’s sake.

Their eldest daughter, Li Xiaoran, could already fend for herself. They hoped that their youngest daughter could do the same.

After all, they would grow old and leave the world one day. They hoped that at that time, their children would be able to fend for themselves in this world.

Li Xiaoran nodded. She could understand her mother’s feelings.

“Mother, don’t worry! We’ll live a good life in the future! As long as we manage it well, everything will get better and better!”