

The Hunter 431

Chapter 431: Wrong Direction

“If this algae is by the sea, we have to go to the sea to search! It will take too long to go back and forth!” Luo Cheng shook his head as he said with a frown.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at Wu Qinghe.

“Wu Qinghe, divine again. Try to find out where we can find the centipede algae! ”

Wu Qinghe nodded and quickly took out his copper coins to divine.

“Hahaha, we’re quite lucky. We can find it here! We can find it after walking a hundred meters towards the southwest!”

Southwest, two miles?

As soon as this data came out, Li Xiaoran immediately thought of something.

Wasn’t two miles away from the Luo family’s house the official road?

Could the centipede algae they needed be found by the official road?

“Hurry up and take this painting to the side of the official road to hang it. Then, ask anyone who passes by. We might be able to find it!” Li Xiaoran urged.

Luo Ziyang understood and quickly picked up the painting on the table.

“Sister-in-law, draw a few more paintings and let Zi Cheng bring them over.

We’ll ask around when the time comes!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and began to draw again.

Seeing this, Luo Cheng followed over to take a closer look. Then, when Li Xiaoran was drawing the second painting, he also picked up a pen and paper to draw.

With Luo Cheng’s help, the two of them were much more efficient at painting.

Soon, a group of people appeared by the official road with the painting of centipede algae and started asking questions.

The results did not disappoint them.

Just as the sun set, Liu Zhongyi’s escort agency passed by the official road with another pile of goods.

Seeing Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng by the pipe, Liu Zhongyi quickly went forward to greet them.

“Xiaoran, why are you by the official road?”

When Li Xiaoran saw that it was Liu Zhongyi, she quickly walked forward.

“Uncle Liu, you came at the right time! You’ve traveled extensively, so have you seen this kind of seaweed?”

Liu Zhongyi looked at the drawing in Li Xiaoran’s hand in surprise.

“Girl, are you a fortune teller?! I happened to escort people to the sea this time and brought some seafood back. I think we might have the thing you’re talking about!”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was delighted and quickly asked about it.

“Uncle Liu, is this true? Hurry up and take it out for me to see. We’re going to use this to save lives!”

“Take a look and see if it’s like this!” Liu Zhongyi took out some seaweed from the kelp.

Li Xiaoran found seaweed identical to the centipede algae and carefully identified it.

“That’s right! Uncle Liu, you’ve helped us a lot!” As Li Xiaoran spoke, she shouted at the people who were still looking for centipede algae, “Come over quickly. I found the centipede algae!”

When the group heard Li Xiaoran’s words, they quickly ran over.

After confirming it, Luo Cheng could not be bothered to thank Liu Zhongyi. He immediately rushed back with the thing.

Li Xiaoran paid Liu Zhongyi.

Liu Zhongyi did not accept it.

“It’s just some seaweed. Why are you being so polite with me?! Since it’s used to save lives, it’s a merit. I’m happy to help!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Liu Zhongyi’s words, she did not insist anymore.

“Then I won’t stand on ceremony with you! The next time you’re free, my husband and I will treat you to a meal!”

“Sure. I love good food!” Liu Zhongyi agreed.

After that, Liu Zhongyi and his buddies brought the goods home, while Li Xiaoran quickly went back to see Luo Cheng’s progress.

As soon as she reached the door of the pharmaceutical room, she heard cheers coming from inside.

“Hahaha, success, success!”

After Li Xiaoran walked in, she saw three men hugging each other while jumping up and down.

Seeing that they were so happy, Li Xiaoran leaned against the door and watched the three giddy men.

After the initial excitement, Luo Cheng was the first to discover Li Xiaoran’s existence.

Seeing her looking at him with a smile, Luo Cheng quickly ran over.

“Wife, I’ve succeeded. I’ve developed the antidote for the poisonous peony!”

Seeing Luo Cheng’s happy expression, Li Xiaoran reached out to hug her man.

“I heard you guys! My husband is the best!”

Luo Cheng was stunned for a moment. He did not expect Li Xiaoran to hug him at this moment.

However, he only hesitated for a moment before carrying Li Xiaoran up.

“I’m really overjoyed. I’ve been studying this poisonous peony for many years, but I’ve never been able to find a way. This time, I relied on Wu Qinghe’s divination to help me confirm three herb ingredients. However, I can’t be sure of the last herb.

Fortunately, you’re my lucky star. You immediately helped me find the most important thing! If not, I wouldn’t have been able to find it even if I studied it for ten or twenty years!” Luo Cheng said to Li Xiaoran in an excited voice.

“Silly, don’t put the credit on me. If you hadn’t been diligent in your research in the early stages, you wouldn’t have been inspired even if I had mentioned the centipede algae. I can only say that this is the will of the heavens! The heavens saw your diligence, so they made Wu Qinghe and me appear at this moment to help you develop the antidote for the poisonous peony!” Li Xiaoran was sincerely happy for Luo Cheng.

None of the research results were discovered by accident. They were all developed by countless researchers through countless failures.

Therefore, this antidote was an affirmation of Luo Cheng’s previous efforts.

“Brother Luo Cheng, Sister-in-law, stop praising each other. Hurry up and make the antidote, then send it to Miss Shu!” Wu Qinghe thought of Shu Ruyue, who was lying on the bed, and urged.

Luo Cheng calmed down and let go of Li Xiaoran. Then, he said, “Go rest first.

I’ll make the antidote! When Miss Shu is safe and sound, we’ll celebrate!”

“Alright! I’ll make your favorite dish to reward you!” Li Xiaoran nodded and gestured for Luo Cheng to get busy.

After that, Luo Cheng and the others got busy again.

They already knew the formula for the antidote. Now, it was time to make the antidote.

Wu Qinghe knew nothing about herbs and did not know how to deal with herbs, so he left with Li Xiaoran.

Two hours later, after the antidote was made, Luo Cheng and Luo Ziyang handed the pill to Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran fed Shu Ruyue some warm water after she put in the pill.

Along with the warm water, Shu Ruyue instinctively swallowed the pill in her mouth..

Chapter 432: Is He All Right?

After waking up four hours later, Shu Ruyue felt as if she had slept for a long, long time.

When she opened her eyes again, she found a circle of people standing around her.

Everyone stared at Shu Ruyue, startling her.

However, the poison in her body had just been detoxed and she did not have much strength. At this moment, her body could not move at all.

“What are you doing? You’re scaring me!” Shu Ruyue shouted.

“Hahahaha, she’s really awake! It seems that there’s no problem with this antidote!”

Wu Qinghe clapped happily.

The others also smiled happily.

Whether they were sincerely happy or not did not require much confirmation, because she could sense it.

Shu Ruyue could feel that everyone was sincerely happy that she had woken up. Memories of before she fainted appeared in mind and she understood everything.

“The poison in my body has been detoxed?”

Li Xiaoran nodded with a smile. Then, she walked over and asked, “The poison has been detoxed, but there’s still some remaining poison. You still have to take medicine for a few days. But don’t worry, in a few days, you’ll be back to normal. You’ll be the female warrior Miss Shu again!”

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran’s words, her eyes lit up and a bright smile appeared on her face.

“Really? That’s great! I thought I was going to die this time! I didn’t expect the heavens to be unwilling to accept me. Since I survived a calamity, it seems that I’m quite lucky!”

When Wu Qinghe saw Shu Ruyue, he wanted to ask why she had blocked the sword for him, but he swallowed his words.

“Miss Shu has just been detoxed, so her body is still weak. Miss Shu, you can only eat porridge on the first day. On the second day, you can add some minced meat and vegetables to the porridge. On the third day, you can only eat a small amount of rice and meat dishes!” Luo Cheng reminded.

“Yes, yes, yes. A pot of porridge has been cooked in the kitchen. I’ll get someone to bring it over for you now!” Li Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“I’ll go!” When Wu Qinghe heard this, he quickly ran out and snatched the porridge.

As she watched Wu Qinghe run out, Shu Ruyue thought of something and asked, "Is Wu Qinghe alright?"

"It's fine. He hasn't slept well these past few days. He either stayed by your side or helped my husband and the others study the antidote! You really scared him!" Li Xiaoran explained with a smile.

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran's words, she pursed her lips! "You're a grown man. It's just poison. What's there to be frightened about?!" Li Xia couldn't help but laugh when she heard Shu Ruyue's words.

"You were poisoned with very lethal poison, the kind that almost killed you! You were lucky. Anyone else wouldn't have been so lucky! Tell me, with your luck, how could he not have been frightened?!"

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xia's words, she subconsciously looked at Li Xiaoran.

"It's true. Have you heard of the seven great poisons? You were poisoned by the poisonous peony, which is ranked fifth among them and has no antidote to date!" Li Xiaoran confirmed.

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran's words, her pupils dilated and her face was filled with fear. "Was it really a poisonous peony?"

Li Xiaoran nodded.

Shu Ruyue was shocked and finally understood why everyone was so happy to see her wake up.

"Does that mean you guys saved me from death?"

"You can say that! You're lucky that my husband was already developing an antidote for the poisonous peony. He, Ziyang, and Wu Qinghe studied it for a long time. In the end, they really had no choice but to rely on Wu Qinghe's divination ability to determine the herbal ingredients one by one. Then, they happened to encounter the last key herb, so they developed the antidote and saved your life!" Li Xiaoran said.

When Shu Ruyue heard Li Xiaoran's words, she immediately gaped.

After hearing about the shocking antidote development process, Shu Ruyue felt that she was really lucky to have survived!

"The porridge is here! Everyone, make way!"

Wu Qinghe ran over with a bowl of porridge as he shouted.

Everyone quickly made way for him to bring the porridge to Shu Ruyue.

"Shu Ruyue, have some porridge!" Wu Qinghe looked at Shu Ruyue as he said nervously.

Seeing this, Li Xia thought of something and sat next to Shu Ruyue. Then, she helped Shu Ruyue up to let her drink the porridge.

Actually, Shu Ruyue didn't want to trouble other people.

But she had no choice. She didn't have any strength left, so she could only accept everyone's kindness.

"What are you waiting for? Can't you see that Ruyue doesn't have the strength to hold the spoon? Hurry up and feed her!" Li Xiaoran received Li Xia's hint and immediately understood, so she reminded her with a smile.

Wu Qinghe came to his senses and quickly picked up the spoon. Then, he scooped some porridge into the spoon and fed it to Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue was also stunned. She never thought that the person feeding her porridge would be Wu Qinghe.

"What are you waiting for?! I've tried this porridge before. It's not hot. It's warm. The temperature is just right for you! Hurry up and eat it, so you can have more strength!" Wu Qinghe urged when he saw Shu Ruyue in a daze.

After Shu Ruyue glanced at Wu Qinghe, she finally opened her mouth to eat.

Shu Ruyue, who had been hungry for a long time, found the porridge delicious.

She ate spoonful after spoonful and quickly finished the bowl of porridge.

Wu Qinghe wanted to scoop another bowl, but Luo Cheng stopped him.

"She can't eat anymore. Her stomach is very weak now. She can only eat one bowl at a time! After letting her drink the medicine we brewed previously, let her rest! She can eat porridge when she's hungry next time."

Wu Qinghe knew about Luo Cheng's superb medical skills, so he did not dare to disobey him.

"Shu Ruyue, drink the medicine! I'll get someone to keep the porridge warm for you. Let me know when you want to eat it!"

Shu Ruyue nodded and drank the medicine that Zi Cheng brought over.

After eating and drinking medicine, Shu Ruyue was tired.

This time, Li Xia stayed.

Wu Qinghe wanted to stay, but Luo Cheng called him away.

This kid had stayed up for a few days, so he had to go rest now. After being reprimanded by Luo Cheng, Wu Qinghe went to rest..

Chapter 433: New Business

After sleeping, Shu Ruyue woke up feeling much more energetic.

After eating an extra bowl of porridge, she could walk on her own now.

Seeing this, Li Xiaoran was impressed with her good health.

If it were her, she would definitely be bedridden for a long time after this.

With Shu Ruyue as an example, Li Xiaoran suddenly felt that it was time for her to improve her physical fitness.

Previously, Luo Cheng had taught Li Xiaoran some body-strengthening movements. Although she practiced them often, she did not really take exercising that seriously.

Now that she wanted to practice seriously, her improvement was very fast.

While Shu Ruyue was recuperating, Li Xiaoran settled Li Xia and her son down.

Li Xia was good at doing business and could keep track of accounts.

Therefore, such a rare talent naturally had to be used.

The two shops by the official road were considered small-scale, so it was a little overkill to leave Li Xia there.

It would be even more inappropriate if she was placed in the farmstead.

Luo Cheng's farm was used to settle some veterans who had gone up the mountain and was filled with men, so it was not suitable for Li Xia, a woman, to live there.

After thinking about it, Li Xiaoran felt that she had to start some other business.

The easiest target customer group to earn money from was naturally women.

Li Xiaoran no longer wanted to do food business. Instead, she wanted to venture into another industry.

Selling daily necessities was also very profitable.

For example, soap, shampoo, skincare products, and so on.

Li Xiaoran had once made soap during science class in the past, so she knew how to make it.

As for shampoo, she had tried to make some herself out of personal interest.

She even used the shampoo made from soap horn. The effects were very good.

In order to make the shampoo smell better, Li Xiaoran also added some aromatic plants to the shampoo.

The shampoo was aromatic and effective at cleansing hair.

As for skincare products, Li Xiaoran had never tried them before, but she had checked online in the past and knew what materials to prepare and how to make them.

Therefore, she only needed to make it again and test the effect.

Li Xiaoran planned to get the soap out first.

After Luo Cheng was done and came to look for Li Xiaoran, he saw her cooking something he had never seen before and pouring it into a wooden box.

"Wife, what are you looking at?"

“I’m making soap!” Li Xiaoran replied.

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he walked over and helped her. “This liquid can be made into something that can wash clothes?” Luo Cheng asked curiously.

“Yes! This has to be frozen in an ice cellar. After it takes shape, it can be taken out and cut into pieces. This is soap, which is used to wash clothes! Washing clothes with soap is much easier than washing clothes with a mallet!” Li Xiaoran explained with a smile.

Luo Cheng had washed clothes before, so he knew that it was very difficult to wash clothes.

Although washing a few clothes was not a big deal for martial artists, it was very difficult for women who did chores all year round.

Every family knew how to wash clothes, especially those who worked in the fields. It took them a lot of effort to wash clothes.

“Are you going to run a business selling this?” Luo Cheng asked after thinking of something.

After Li Xiaoran injected the soap liquid into the mold, she closed the lid and turned to look at Luo Cheng. “That’s right! I plan to open a soap workshop and sell soap to earn money! Not only soap, but I also plan to sell shampoo. In the future, we can use them to wash clothes and shower! They’re very effective at cleaning! ”

Luo Cheng felt that this business idea was very good, but they were going to the capital now, so they really did not have the time to prepare for this business!

Luo Cheng was afraid that Li Xiaoran would forget that they were going to the capital, so he reminded her.

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s reminder, she laughed.

“I know! The reason I want to make soap and shampoo at this time is to prepare for the future. I want to hand over the construction of the workshop to Li Xia and let her build this soap workshop. After we go to the capital to promote the business, the soap and shampoo can be sold!” Luo Cheng smiled when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Do you think Li Xia can set up a soap workshop?”

“I wanna try it! I think highly of Li Xia’s abilities. It’s won’t be a big loss for me if the workshop can’t be built, but I believe that Li Xia won’t let me down. When we return from the capital, Li Xia will definitely have the soap workshop established already!” Li Xiaoran said confidently.

Luo Cheng thought for a moment and reminded her, “Since you want to use Li Xia, you don’t have to appear in public yourself. This will save you a lot of trouble!”

When Li Xiaoran heard Luo Cheng’s words, she quickly understood.

“You mean, don’t let any outsiders know that I own this workshop?”

Luo Cheng nodded and said, "If the soap you make is really as good as you say, I think there will be many people who want to work in the workshop. You and I are from the village, so it will be very troublesome to choose people. If you let Li Xia interfere, things will be much easier. You won't have to worry too much about who to hire."

"Also, I think it's best to build your workshops separately. Don't produce everything in one place. Otherwise, the gains won't make up for the losses!" Luo Cheng paused and said, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket. This way, if anything happens, we can deal with it in time!"

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she felt that her man was right.

They couldn't produce everything in Hele Village. They had to build workshops elsewhere as well.

Those with discerning eyes would definitely take a fancy to the daily necessities they produced.

At that time, Hele Village alone would not be able to produce that much, so they would have to build a few more workshops.

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "We'll talk about this in the future! Let's build the workshop in Hele Village first! Fortunately, this village is also where I was born and nurtured, so I hope my fellow villagers also live a good life. Of course, I won't help just anyone. I'm not a fool. I won't help people who aren't worth it!"

"Alright, I'll get Zi Yan to secretly cooperate with Li Xia. However, this way, it won't be suitable for Li Xia and her son to live in our house anymore!" Luo Cheng thought of something..

Chapter 434: Li Xia's Plan

Li Xiaoran thought for a moment and said, "Then let Li Xia and her son stay at my parents' house! With Granny Qiu around, their safety can be guaranteed! As for the workshop, as long as Li Xia tells outsiders that it's her own business, it's fine! We're just like-minded friends!"

Actually, it was the safest for Li Xia and her son to live in the Luo family's home, but after Li Xiaoran left, only Luo Zi Yan would be left in the Luo family's home.

One was a divorced woman, and the other was a young man. If the two of them lived under the same roof, gossip would spread.

Living in Li Xiaoran's maiden family's house was different. Granny Qiu would be at home, so Li Xia and her son would not attract gossip if they moved in.

"I think it's best for you to discuss this with Li Xia and her son! From Li Xia's previous experience, I can tell that she is assertive. It's their own life, so I think it's better to ask for their opinion first!" Luo Cheng felt that this plan was inappropriate, so he reminded her.

Li Xiaoran came to a realization.

That's right. Li Xia should make the decision herself.

She could give suggestions, but she should not make decisions for Li Xia.

After figuring this out, Li Xiaoran picked up the things she used to make soap with and went to look for Li Xia.

Li Xiaoran did not beat around the bush and directly explained her need for Li Xia to build a soap workshop.

Li Xia asked many questions. She asked about what soap was first, then asked about the construction requirements of the workshop. In the end, she agreed.

"Xiaoran, although I've never done this before, I can guarantee that I'll do my best to build the workshop!" Li Xia said excitedly.

Previously, Li Xia was already disheartened.

After all the consecutive blows, she really felt mentally and physically exhausted.

But after meeting Li Xiaoran, everything changed.

She seemed to have been reborn and regained motivation again.

Li Xia believed that with such good materials, money, and the operating model provided by Li Xiaoran, if she did not build the workshop and operate it, she would be letting Li Xiaoran down!

"Sister Li Xia, I naturally believe you. Otherwise, I wouldn't have asked you to do it! However, there's something else that you have to decide for yourself.

When Ruyue gets better, I'll go on a long trip with my husband. Therefore, if you encounter any difficulties in building the workshop, just look for Zi Yan. He will help you resolve the problem. Now, I want to ask you, what are your plans for where you and Huai'er will live in the future?" Li Xiaoran asked.

"What I mean is that I can give you a few suggestions, but it depends on which one you're willing to choose!" Li Xiaoran told her about the arrangements she had thought of previously.

"Because I'm leaving, and Ruyue won't leave after she recovers, only Ziyang, Changsheng, Guan Kang, and you two will be left at home. I'm worried that the people outside will gossip about it, so I want you and Huai'er to move in with my parents. With Granny Qiu around, your safety will be guaranteed!"

Before Li Xiaoran could say the second solution, Li Xia said, "Xiaoran, I still have some savings, so I want to buy a piece of land in the village and build my own house. After all, Huai'er still has to get a wife after he grows up, so why don't we build a bigger house now? I heard that you built a shop on the official road. Can I buy a piece of land near the official road to build a house?! Transportation is convenient there, and there are many people buying and selling things. It'll be very convenient for us to live there!"

When Li Xiaoran heard Li Xia's words, she understood that she already had her own idea.

"There are many empty spaces on the official road, but those land all have landowners. If you want to buy them, you have to be mentally prepared, since they're quite expensive!"

Li Xia nodded and said, "I understand. Please help me ask around! It doesn't have to be big, as long as it's big enough to build a house and a vegetable garden!"

Seeing that Li Xia had already made up her mind, Li Xiaoran did not say anything else.

"Alright, since you've thought it through, I'll help you ask around! If your money isn't enough, you can tell me. I can lend you some first!" Li Xia smiled when she heard Li Xiaoran's words. "Don't worry, I definitely won't stand on ceremony with you!" When Li Xiaoran heard Li Xia's words, she also laughed.

"Since you want to build a house, tell me your requirements. Coincidentally, my husband's farmstead is still being built and the builders are all here. I'll tell them in advance and ask them to spare some manpower to build a house for you first!"

Li Xia accepted Li Xiaoran's kindness and said her requirements.

Li Xiaoran noted down her requirements as she listened.

When Old Master Guo found out that Li Xiaoran was helping her friend buy land to build a house, he asked how big it was going to be.

When he heard that they were going to buy land near the official road to build a house, Old Master Guo looked troubled.

"Xiaoran, as you can see, more and more people are doing business at the pipeline now. It's already like a small market. Now, the land near the official road has become very pricey. The place you want to buy isn't like before! The land price is much more expensive now!" Old Master Guo told her the truth.

"Village Chief, don't worry. I've told Sister Li Xia everything you said. It's fine as long as the price is fair and not sky-high! Why don't you help us ask around and see which villager is willing to sell it?!" Li Xiaoran said.

With Li Xiaoran's assurance, Old Master Guo knew what to do.

"Alright, I'll ask around. I'll give you an answer tomorrow morning!"

Li Xiaoran nodded and went to look for Chen Xiang to hand over the construction of Li Xia's house to him.

Chen Xiang naturally agreed. As long as they bought the land, they could start construction immediately.

Speaking of which, Chen Xiang had taken on a lot of work from Luo Cheng, so everyone worked together harmoniously.

Therefore, when Li Xiaoran came looking for him again, Chen Xiang agreed readily.

After Li Xiaoran thought about it for a moment, she said, “Mr. Chen Xiang, it’s not easy for a woman like Li Xia to support herself, so don’t ask for too much money!”

“Don’t worry, you guys are old customers after all, so the price won’t be too high!”
Chen Xiang nodded with a smile.

Li Xiaoran believed in Chen Xiang.

Things went smoothly for Old Master Guo as well.

After he asked three families that day, one family was willing to sell land.

Li Xia was lucky. This family’s daughter-in-law was about to give birth, but the family was struggling to make ends meet.

If they sold the land now, they could afford nourishment for their daughter-in-law!

Chapter 435: Live Where?

After Li Xia received the news, she immediately went to look for Old Master Guo to buy this piece of land.

However, building a house also took time, so Li Xia finally decided to move to Li Xiaoran’s family’s house for the time being.

After the house was built, they would move in.

Just like that, the matter of Li Xia’s settlement was resolved.

In the blink of an eye, five days had passed. After Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng calculated the time, they realized that it was about time to head towards the capital.

Shu Ruyue hadn’t fully recovered, but she could sit in a carriage.

Therefore, on a rainy morning, Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran left with Zi Cheng, Zi Cheng, Wu Qinghe, and Shu Ruyue.

Shu Ruyue’s house was not far from the capital and was along the way, so she followed them.

After all, Shu Ruyue still needed to go back and recuperate.

She could not stay in the Luo family’s home forever!

Therefore, after thinking about it, she decided to go home first.

Although Wu Qinghe was a little reluctant, he knew that they would eventually part.

Besides, it was not like they could not see each other again after today.

When the matter in the capital was settled, they could still look for Shu Ruyue. The journey was smooth because Luo Cheng had arranged everything in advance.

When they arrived at the capital, it was the day after the general examination.

At this moment, Shu Ruyue had already gone home, so only Zi Cheng, Zi Zheng, and Wu Qinghe were following Luo Cheng.

The five of them were dressed as merchants.

This was the first time Li Xiaoran had come to the capital.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran, who had grown up in the modern world, had seen many big cities and the prosperity of modern society, so she was not surprised by the prosperity of the capital.

However, when Li Xiaoran reached the capital, Li Xiaoran suddenly felt a little dazed.

She wondered if the capital she was in now would still be like the capital she had seen hundreds or thousands of years later.

Time changed things.

Could the space-time she had transmigrated to be the space-time she was in?

No one could answer this question, so Li Xiaoran did not know the answer.

“Madam, what are you thinking about?” Luo Cheng asked when he saw that Li Xiaoran was distracted.

After Li Xiaoran came back to her senses, she shook her head and said, “It’s nothing. I just feel that the capital is very prosperous! I’m amazed!”

Luo Cheng glanced at Li Xiaoran, but felt that Li Xiaoran was not telling him the truth.

He was not blind. Li Xiaoran was not amazed at all. Instead, she looked nostalgic. Could it be that she had been to the capital before?

Thinking of something, Luo Cheng asked,

“Have you been to the capital before?”

Li Xiaoran nodded when she heard Luo Cheng’s question.

“I’ve been to the capital in my dreams. Does that count?” Luo Cheng immediately laughed when he heard this.

“Of course it counts!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s answer, he immediately smiled.

How could he have forgotten that Li Xiaoran had the ability to enter dreams? She might have seen the capital through other people’s dreams.

How else could she explain the fact she knew a lot of things that none of them knew?!

“By the way, husband, where are we staying?” Li Xiaoran thought of something and asked.

At the mention of this, Luo Cheng’s smile gradually faded. Then, he said in a low voice, “Although I’ve already been removed from the family free, my residence from back then is still there. Since

my scumbag father wants to cut off my paths, why don't we stay in the seventh prince's residence?!" Li Xiaoran frowned when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Will we have to abide by many rules? Will there be a large number of servants following us?"

Upon hearing Li Xiaoran mention her worries, Luo Cheng smiled again.

"Don't worry! There are only some people left there to watch over it. There are fewer than ten people, so you don't have to worry. Besides, you're the female head of the household, so your words are the rules. As for the royal family, there's no need to follow their rules. Anyway, we're not members of the royal family. Just follow your own wishes! I can protect you!"

Li Xiaoran was stunned when she heard Luo Cheng's words.

"Husband, you're the best!" With that, Li Xiaoran kissed Luo Cheng's cheek. "Let's go to the prince's residence! This is the first time I've ever lived in a prince's residence!"

Seeing Li Xiaoran's excited look, Luo Cheng also became happier.

"Since you're so excited, let's go now! Zi Cheng, let's go to the Seventh Prince's residence!"

When Zi Cheng, who was driving the carriage outside, heard Luo Cheng's words, he immediately waved the whip in his hand and drove the carriage towards the Seventh Prince's residence.

When they arrived at the Seventh Prince's residence, Li Xiaoran alighted from the carriage and sized up the residence carefully.

It had to be said that although no one had lived in it for many years, the residence still looked very decent.

The clusters of flowers that appeared at the corner of the wall bloomed beautifully.

Zi Zheng walked forward and knocked on the door.

Soon, a deep voice came from inside.

"Who is it?"

"Uncle Qiu, open the door! It's me, Zi Zheng. Young Master is back!" Zi Zheng replied.

As soon as he said this, hurried footsteps sounded and the door opened.

A middle-aged man with white hair looked at Luo Cheng, who was standing outside the door.

"Seventh Young Master, Seventh Young Master, are you really back?"

When Luo Cheng saw Uncle Qiu's red eyes, he nodded with a smile and said,

"Uncle Qiu, it's me. I'm back!"

“Sigh, it’s good that you’re back! I’ll open the door now and welcome you home!” Uncle Qiu said as he quickly opened the door of the residence.

Luo Cheng nodded as he instructed, “Zi Cheng, drive the carriage in through the side door!”

Luo Cheng nodded and drove the carriage to the other side.

Luo Cheng held Li Xiaoran’s hand as he walked in through the door with Zi Zheng and Wu Qinghe.

This scene was witnessed by many people.

In less than 15 minutes, many people in the capital received the news.

The expelled Seventh Prince was back!

There was an uproar in the capital.

As Luo Cheng walked, he introduced the places to Li Xiaoran.

“This is where I used to practice martial arts. Look, these martial arts training stakes are still here!” Luo Cheng saw a wooden stake array under a big tree and thought of something.

“Did you master those martial arts techniques here?” Li Xiaoran asked curiously.

Luo Cheng shook his head and narrowed his eyes as he said, “I only practice on this martial arts pole when I’m in a bad mood! I practice in order to train my focus and control my emotions!”

Chapter 436: Problem with the Room

At this moment, Li Xiaoran sensed Luo Cheng’s emotions and walked forward while holding his hand.

Luo Cheng felt a sense of comfort from Li Xiaoran and reached out to pat her hand as he smiled at her to indicate that he was fine. After that, the group went to the main courtyard.

The room was clean and tidy.

Even though no one lived there, it seemed to be occupied.

When Luo Cheng saw the familiar arrangement, the disgust he had felt in the past was gone.

Perhaps his mental state had changed, so when he returned to this place, his thoughts and emotions had changed as well.

“Husband, is this where you used to live?” Li Xiaoran looked around and asked.

When Li Xiaoran saw this room, she frowned.

“This room gives people a desolate feeling. There’s no warmth at all. The color is also very depressing. How could you live in this sort of room?!” When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he immediately looked up at her.

“Li Xiaoran, what do you mean?”

“Husband, the environment has a huge impact on people, especially those who stay in their rooms for a long time. It will affect their emotions. Look at the color of your furniture, the color of these curtains, and the placement of these things. These all give off a depressing feeling. Living here for a long time will affect your emotions greatly. Your mood will become gloomy as well!” Li Xiaoran explained.

When Luo Cheng heard this, his expression darkened.

No wonder he had been so antisocial in the past, especially after moving to the Seventh Prince’s residence. His temper had become much more irritable and he had many negative thoughts. Fortunately, he didn’t like this place, so he moved out! If he hadn’t moved out at that time, the consequences would have been unimaginable!

Uncle Qiu, who was following Luo Cheng and Li Xiaoran, was shocked when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

This residence was originally the residence given to the seventh young master by the emperor.

After the seventh young master obtained it, there had not been much change to it.

Speaking of which, he had arranged for the servants to decorate this room back then.

Could it be that those servants had been instructed by someone else to set it up like this?

Before Uncle Qiu could figure it out, he heard Luo Cheng speak.

“Since Xiaoran feels that the decoration is bad, I’ll have to trouble you to redecorate it!”

Li Xiaoran nodded in agreement.

“Uncle Qiu, this is my wife, Li Xiaoran. She’ll be the female master of this residence in the future!” Luo Cheng took the initiative to introduce Li Xiaoran.

When Uncle Qiu heard this, he immediately cupped his hands and bowed to Li Xiaoran.

“Greetings, Madam!”

“Uncle Qiu, there’s no need to be so polite. I’ll decorate my husband’s room later. I need some things, so I’ll have to trouble you to prepare things according to the list I write!” Li Xiaoran said with a smile.

When Uncle Qiu heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he said, “Madam, feel free to ask for anything!”

Li Xiaoran nodded and asked Uncle Qiu for a pen, paper, and inkstone. Then, she wrote down what she wanted.

On the other side, Luo Cheng and Uncle Qiu started talking.

“Uncle Qiu, there’s something I have to tell you first. No matter what her background is, she’s not someone others can insult. If I find out that anyone has neglected her or

disobeyed her orders, don't blame me for disregarding our past relationship!" Luo Cheng instructed.

When Uncle Qiu heard Luo Cheng's words, he knew how important Li Xiaoran was to Luo Cheng. "Young Master, don't worry. I'll definitely remind the people in the residence!" At this point, Uncle Qiu thought for a moment and asked another question.

"Young Master, do you want me to tell the royal family that you're back this time?"

"There's no need. The people from the royal family should have received the news! You don't have to worry about it. You just have to take care of our accommodation, and transportation. I'll make arrangements for the rest!" Luo Cheng instructed.

With Luo Cheng's orders, Uncle Qiu knew what to do.

Li Xiaoran finished listing what she needed on the list.

As soon as Uncle Qiu saw the bold handwriting on the paper, he understood that the Madam in front of him wasn't an idiot, but a capable person.

At least, it was rare for a woman to write so well.

Soon, everything was ready.

Uncle Qiu even brought a few servants to help Li Xiaoran.

Two hours later, the room Luo Cheng used to live in looked brand new.

There was no longer that depressing vibe. Instead, there was a sense of peace.

The pots of green plants and a jar of koi fish in the house added some vitality to this peacefulness.

After she walked in, she immediately felt a little satisfied.

Even if she was a little anxious, this peaceful vibe would dispel all her negative emotions and help her calm down.

"Madam, you're amazing! There are just some small changes and some things have been added, but the entire room feels brand new! The previous room felt so lifeless. After your modifications, this room feels much more cheerful!" Uncle Qiu said with admiration.

"It's nothing!" Li Xiaoran said with a smile, "Uncle Qiu, is the food ready? I'm a little hungry now!"

Uncle Qiu came back to his senses and nodded. "The food is ready! Zi Cheng asked the chef to make a table of dishes. They're ready now!" When Li Xiaoran heard this, she looked at Luo Cheng.

"Husband, I'm hungry! Let's go eat!"

"Sure!" Luo Cheng nodded and held Li Xiaoran's hand as they walked towards the dining area.

After eating her fill, Li Xiaoran took a hot shower and changed into clean clothes.

Luo Cheng still had many things to deal with, so Li Xiaoran returned to her room to rest.

Perhaps it was because he didn't see Li Xiaoran, but Luo Cheng felt uneasy, so after dealing with a few things, he stood up and brought everyone to a side room in the main courtyard to talk.

As soon as the window of the side room was opened, they could see the situation of the room where Li Xiaoran was sleeping in. They could also see who had entered and who had come out clearly.

In the end, Luo Cheng's unintentional action saved Li Xiaoran's life.

An old servant secretly came to the room where Li Xiaoran was sleeping.

Luo Cheng was drinking water from his teacup when he glanced towards the window and saw the sneaky old servant. His expression darkened..

Chapter 437: For Her Good

When the old servant came to Li Xiaoran's side, Li Xiaoran was still sleeping soundly.

Because of the rushed journey, Li Xiaoran felt that she had not had a good rest.

Now that they were in the capital, she naturally had to have some good sleep.

The old servant called out to Li Xiaoran a few times. Seeing that Li Xiaoran was asleep, she smiled smugly.

She took out a dagger from her sleeve to stab Li Xiaoran.

Unfortunately, just as the dagger was about to stab Li Xiaoran, the secret guard who was secretly protecting Li Xiaoran had already grabbed the old servant's wrist and the dagger fell.

The secret guard grabbed the dagger with his other hand and tapped the old servant's acupoint to mute her. Then, he carried the old servant out without disturbing the sleeping Li Xiaoran.

Luo Cheng also arrived at the door. Seeing that the secret guard had subdued the old servant, he nodded at him.

The secret guard threw the old servant into the courtyard and handed the dagger to Zi Cheng. Then, he disappeared and continued to watch over Li Xiaoran in secret.

Luo Cheng walked up to the old servant and asked someone to undo her mute acupoint. Then, he asked softly, "Tell me! Who sent you?"

Seeing that the matter had been exposed, the old servant didn't say a single word.

"Looks like you're not afraid of me extorting a confession from you! Do you think I can't do anything to you just because you won't say anything? How naive!" Luo Cheng sneered before looking at Zi Zheng.

"Bring her away. You guys can interrogate her however you want as long as you don't kill her!" Luo Cheng said angrily.

Zi Zheng nodded. Before the old servant could speak, he tapped her mute acupoint again and took her away.

Wu Qinghe thought of something and looked at Luo Cheng.

“Brother Luo Cheng, I’ll follow you! I think our random divination method was very useful last time. Why don’t I try it during the interrogation? We might find out about something unexpected!”

Luo Cheng also knew how powerful Wu Qinghe’s divination was, so he nodded and let him follow Zi Zheng for the interrogation.

When Li Xiaoran woke up, she saw Luo Cheng reading a book beside her, so she sat up with a smile and hugged him.

“Have you settled your matters, husband?”

“No, I just missed you, so I came to watch over you!” Luo Cheng put down his book and looked at Li Xiaoran.

“We haven’t even been separated for that long!” Li Xiaoran said in confusion.

“No, we were almost separated by death!” Luo Cheng shook his head and said.

Li Xiaoran was very smart, so when she heard Luo Cheng’s words, she immediately understood.

“Someone tried to harm me while I was sleeping?” Luo Cheng nodded.

After confirming this, Li Xiaoran suddenly laughed.

“I really didn’t expect to become your burden and weakness!”

“No, you’re not a burden. You’re my Achilles heel!” Luo Cheng said firmly.

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

Li Xiaoran went over and kissed Luo Cheng’s face.

“Don’t worry, husband. I’ll try my best not to become your weakness!”

Luo Cheng raised his eyebrows when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

“Then what are you going to do?”

“Let me think about it!” Li Xiaoran said as she walked around the house.

“Prepare some medicine or hidden weapons for me to protect myself. Or let me soak in some medicine bath to make me immune to poison. Or find some skilled female guards who can dress up as maidservants to follow me!” Luo Cheng laughed when he heard Li Xiaoran’s words.

What Li Xiaoran was thinking was what he was thinking as well.

“Don’t worry! Skilled maids and servants will be by your side soon. In the future, you have to bring them along whenever you go out. You can’t let them leave your side. As for those self-defense things, I’ve also asked someone to prepare them for you. They’ll be sent over tomorrow! As for the other matters, you can do whatever you want! Trust me. I can protect you!” Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran as he said.

“Of course I believe you can protect me! But I have to train myself as well!” Xiaoran thought of something and said.

“Don’t worry, someone will teach you self-defense!” Luo Cheng smiled and said, “I gave you a lot of protection, but it’s better to have a way to protect yourself as well. There are indeed many benefits to training yourself!”

Luo Cheng actually didn’t want Li Xiaoran to work so hard, but he agreed with Li Xiaoran.

It was best for her to have a way to protect herself just in case.

He was a human, not a god. If he couldn’t handle it, he could only rely on Li

Xiaoran to save herself.

Luo Cheng also knew that after Li Xiaoran learned self-defense skills, she would have a higher chance of survival once she encountered danger. For this sake, he had to be ruthless and make Li Xiaoran suffer more.

Li Xiaoran clearly agreed with Luo Cheng’s arrangement.

The next morning, after Li Xiaoran finished eating, she began her survival studies.

She would learn some theoretical knowledge first before learning wilderness survival skills in the later stages.

Li Xiaoran cherished this opportunity and studied hard.

First, she had to recognize some common herbs for treating wounds. Then, she had to remember some simple prescriptions.

This old master taught her some very useful things.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran was eagerly learning the knowledge imparted by her old mentor.

In the afternoon, a martial arts expert taught Li Xiaoran some self-defense skills, as well as the way to use hidden weapons and self-defense tools.

Just like that, Li Xiaoran began her painful yet happy days.

At this moment, the news that the Seventh Prince had returned to the capital with the farmer he had married had already spread throughout the capital.

The emperor, who had long heard about this news, returned to the imperial study after the morning court assembly and suddenly asked.

“Xiao Dezi, do you think he will take the initiative to enter the palace if I summon him?”

When Xiao Dezi heard the emperor's words, he smiled and poured some tea for him.

“Your Majesty, Seventh Prince can't come in. Have you forgotten?”

Only then did the emperor remember that the Seventh Prince had been kicked out of the family and he sighed.

After that, the emperor didn't mention the Seventh Prince again.

Just as Xiao Dezi thought that this matter would pass, the emperor suddenly stood up.

“Xiao Dezi, I heard that Tianxiang Restaurant has created a few new dishes. Come try them with me!”

Xiao Dezi was shocked.

Over the years, the emperor had actually left the palace several times already.

However, he always disguised himself when he went out, so no one outside the royal family noticed.

Every time the emperor left the palace, Xiao Dezi accompanied him.

However, this had always frightened Xiao Dezi..

Chapter 438: Taking the Opportunity to Taunt

In the end, Xiao Dezi could only help him leave the palace.

While Li Xiaoran was still studying hard, Luo Cheng wasn't idle either.

After he returned, he realized that there were many more spies outside the residence.

However, he didn't mind. Instead, he continued to deal with his matters in the residence.

He wasn't anxious at all!

As for the royal family, Luo Cheng had not thought about how to face them yet.

At least, before Li Xiaoran could protect herself, he wouldn't come into contact with the person in the palace.

However, things didn't go as planned.

Just as Luo Cheng was about to bring Li Xiaoran out to eat some food, he realized that there was actually someone inside.

Li Xiaoran looked at the middle-aged man in front of her curiously. For some reason, she wasn't able to sense his emotions.

This was the first time in so many years that Li Xiaoran had met someone she couldn't sense any emotions from.

Looking at the other party and then at Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran suddenly understood something.

No wonder she felt a sense of familiarity when she looked at the person in front of her. So that was what was going on.

To be honest, Li Xiaoran wasn't prepared at all.

Presumably, the fact that this person was here wasn't a coincidence!

After thinking it through, Li Xiaoran smiled.

"Sir, did we come to the wrong private room? Or did you go to the wrong private room?"

The emperor looked at the little girl in front of him and studied her for a long time before answering coldly.

"I don't know. I just happen to like this private room!"

When Luo Cheng heard this, a mocking expression appeared on his face. Just as he was about to say something, Li Xiaoran reached out and pulled his sleeve. "Husband, since we met in a private room, it can be considered fate! Why don't we share a table?!"

With that, Li Xiaoran looked at the middle-aged man in front of her.

"You don't mind, do you?"

"What if I mind?" The emperor rolled his eyes and asked Li Xiaoran.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she laughed.

"If you mind, please go out and turn left or right. There are still many private rooms in the restaurant, so you can only leave! After all, this private room was arranged for us by the shop. No matter what, your opinion is not important at all!"

With that, Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng to sit down and waved at the stunned waiter outside.

"Send in your shop's signature dishes! By the way, I want to eat boiled fish, spicy chicken, roasted duck, red braised pork, fried tofu, fresh rabbit, and roasted lamb chop!"

When the waiter heard Li Xiaoran's order, he was dumbfounded.

He understood the names of all these dishes, but he didn't know how to cook them! He had never heard of these dishes before!

"I'm sorry, but we don't have these dishes!"

When Li Xiaoran heard that there were no such dishes, her face was filled with disappointment. Then, she pouted at Luo Cheng pitifully.

"Husband, I want to eat spicy food. Without chili, my life is boring!"

Luo Cheng was originally in a bad mood when he saw his scumbag father here, but when he saw that Li Xiaoran wasn't afraid of his scumbag father at all and even gave him a hard time, the anger in his heart dissipated.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was even wheedling in front of his father, Luo Cheng was overjoyed.

“Don’t worry! I know you want to eat spicy food. I’ve already asked Zi Cheng to cook it. You can eat your favorite food later!” Luo Cheng said dotingly. When Li Xiaoran heard this, her eyes lit up and a big smile appeared on her face.

After kissing him, Li Xiaoran said happily, “Thank you, husband. You’re the best!”

Before Luo Cheng could say anything, the emperor could no longer tolerate it.

This was the woman his seventh son had married? She was simply too brazen.

He actually kissed his seventh son in public and in front of him, the emperor. How shameless.

“What are you doing? Do you have any manners at all?” The emperor glared at Li Xiaoran and scolded her with disdain.

As expected, women from the countryside were so vulgar.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, her gaze landed on the emperor’s face and she reached out to hold Luo Cheng’s shoulder.

“Husband, it’s obvious that this man isn’t someone easy to get along with. Even if he stays to share a table with us later, we can’t share the food with him! Look at him. He doesn’t have any tactfulness at all. We have a good relationship and want to enjoy some time to ourselves, but he’s scolding us here! How disrespectful!” Li Xiaoran said with disdain and vigilance.

When Luo Cheng heard this, he almost laughed out loud.

Luo Cheng was very happy to see his scumbag father get insulted.

Holding back his laughter, Luo Cheng reached out and patted Li Xiaoran’s head gently.

“Don’t stoop to his level! This man is very pitiful. He married a wife but still has countless concubines, so he doesn’t know what love is, nor will he experience having someone stay by his side for the rest of his life. Therefore, he’s very pitiful. Show mercy and let him try some delicacies he hasn’t eaten before!”

As soon as he said this, the emperor was furious.

This little brat was too big for his britches.

All these years, he had not returned to see his father even once.

When he finally took the initiative to come back this time, the emperor thought that he had finally remembered him, his father. Unexpectedly, this kid came back to anger him to death.

“How dare you? Is our master someone you can criticize?” Xiao Dezi walked forward and scolded loudly.

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she was immediately displeased.

After letting go of Luo Cheng, Li Xiaoran pointed at Xiao Dezi’s nose and cursed him.

“Who are you? Who do you think you are? You’re clearly just a lap dog. You really think too highly of yourself! We booked this private room. You guys barged in for no reason, and it’s already kind of me not to hold you guys responsible, but you guys are actually being rude here! Let me tell you, if you anger me, I won’t care if you’re an old person or not.. I’ll chase you out! You guys are really pushing your luck!”

Chapter 439: Innuendo

As the saying went, one had to look at the owner before hitting a dog.

Xiao Dezi was being pointed at and scolded by Li Xiaoran was like a slap to the emperor’s face.

At this moment, the emperor’s expression was very sulky.

This was the first time Luo Cheng had seen his scumbag father so insulted, so he was secretly overjoyed.

The emperor seemed to have noticed Luo Cheng’s gloating look and he looked at him.

“Is this how you treat your father, seventh son?”

When Li Xiaoran heard this, she let go of Xiao Dezi and looked at the emperor.

Seventh son? Father?

After Li Xiaoran’s guess was confirmed, she was even more furious.

The person in front of her had not fulfilled his duty as a father since her husband was young and had abandoned him.

Moreover, the man in front of her had caused much trouble when her husband didn’t need his care anymore!

“There’s a saying that goes, a crooked stick will have a crooked shadow. Like father, like son!” Li Xiaoran said as she looked at Luo Cheng. “Husband, if we have a child in the future, you have to accompany him more. Don’t ignore him, because a child needs his parents’ company the most when he’s young. When children grow up, even if the children’s parents want to compensate their children, the children won’t need that kind of companionship anymore!”

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he smiled and nodded. “Don’t worry, although my father isn’t a good father and abandoned me when I was young, I’ll be a very responsible father. I’ll guard you alone and our children. I’ll accompany them as they grow up and raise them with all my heart. At least, they’ll have what other children have!”

When Luo Cheng said this, he looked straight at his scumbag father.

“I don’t want to regret neglecting my children when I’m old. I believe that if I treat my son sincerely, after he grows up, he will definitely care about me!”

When the emperor heard Luo Cheng's words, his anger dissipated and he fell silent.

At this moment, the waiter brought in a large table of food.

As dishes were served one after another, the air was filled with a spicy smell.

Li Xiaoran was satisfied and hungry.

Before the emperor could say anything, Li Xiaoran pulled Luo Cheng to wash his hands before sitting down to eat.

As the waiter looked at the emperor, who was sitting at the side, he hesitated for a moment. In the end, he also placed bowls and chopsticks for the emperor and Xiao Dezi.

After doing all this, the waiter immediately slipped out without giving the group of people in the private room a chance to speak.

When Li Xiaoran saw this scene, she couldn't help but laugh.

This waiter sensed that the atmosphere in this private room wasn't right, so he ran away after serving the dishes.

After scolding the current emperor, Li Xiaoran's mood improved.

After taking a bite of the spicy fish, Li Xiaoran had a look of enjoyment!

"Sigh, husband, this chef's boiled fish tastes even better than mine! As expected, there's always someone better. Before we go back, let's kidnap this restaurant's chef!"

As soon as she said this, Xiao Dezi mocked her.

"Do you know who owns this restaurant? You want to kidnap the chef? You're delusional!"

Li Xiaoran looked at Xiao Dezi and the smile on her face disappeared. "If you disturb my good mood again, I'll chase you out!"

When Li Xiaoran had a straight face, she was quite intimidating.

At least, when Xiao Dezi saw Li Xiaoran like this, he immediately didn't dare to say anything else.

However, Xiao Dezi looked at the emperor aggrievedly, in hopes that the emperor would punish this bold woman.

However, the emperor was still deep in thought and didn't notice them bickering.

After Li Xiaoran ate it, she thought of something, so she scooped a spoonful of Mapo Tofu and placed it in the emperor's bowl.

"Try this tofu! This is an ingredient that you people in the capital don't eat often. At least, you won't taste this often! This is called Mapo Tofu. It tastes spicy and delicious, so it's suitable for an old person like you. It won't break your teeth!"

With that, Li Xiaoran pointed at the spicy chicken not far away.

“Look at this dish. It’s also spicy and delicious, but after the chicken is fried, it’s very chewy. An old man with bad teeth like you won’t be able to chew it. It’ll be pointless if you can’t chew the meat!”

When the emperor heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he was furious.

This countryside woman had actually mocked him several times already.

Did she really think he was a pushover?

“That’s right. Father, try this Mapo Tofu too! You’re used to eating delicious food, so I believe you’ve never tasted this sort of food before!” Luo Cheng took the initiative to scoop a spoonful of Mapo Tofu into the emperor’s bowl before he could flare up.

After the emperor glanced at Luo Cheng, he started eating.

After the emperor took a bite of the Mapo Tofu, he felt that it was delicious and took a second bite.

At this moment, Li Xiaoran scooped another spoonful of rice.

“Don’t keep eating Mapo Tofu. It’s best to eat it with rice. ! This dish is a side dish! A mouthful of rice with Mapo Tofu will taste delicious!”

The emperor glanced at Li Xiaoran but didn’t speak.

“Don’t look at me! No one is perfect but no one is worthless either. You’re good at handling state affairs, but I’m good at enjoying life. Food is ranked at the top. Therefore, I’m more experienced than you in this regard. Try and see if I’m lying to you!” Li Xiaoran raised her eyebrows at the emperor.

When the emperor heard Li Xiaoran’s words, he ate the Mapo Tofu with rice.

The Mapo Tofu tasted even better than before.

After that, Li Xiaoran picked up food for the emperor with the serving chopsticks.

Li Xiaoran ate every dish first, then picked up a piece for the emperor with the serving chopsticks.

The emperor began to enjoy the meal according to Li Xiaoran’s eating method.

However, from the beginning to the end, Li Xiaoran didn’t pick up any spicy chicken for the emperor.

Seeing that Li Xiaoran was eating with relish, the emperor snorted to express his displeasure.

Li Xiaoran pretended not to hear him and continued to eat.

When Xiao Dezi saw this, he quickly took a pair of serving chopsticks and picked up a spicy chicken for the emperor.

After the emperor took a bite, he coughed violently!

When Xiao Dezi saw that the emperor was choking, he quickly poured a pot of tea for the emperor to drink.

However, before the teacup could reach the emperor, it was grabbed by a hand.

Li Xiaoran glanced at Xiao Dezi and said directly, "You can't drink tea!"

With that, Li Xiaoran placed a bowl of brown sugar noodles in front of the emperor.

"Sir, eat this! This will relieve the spiciness!"

When the emperor heard Li Xiaoran's words, he took the bowl of brown sugar noodles and ate it spoon by spoon.

As expected, the burning sensation dissipated bit by bit as the noodles entered his mouth.

After the bowl of noodles was finished, the emperor looked at Li Xiaoran.

Li Xiaoran quickly shielded the other bowl in her hand and looked at the emperor warily.

"Sir, look at yourself! You can only eat one bowl a day! You can't eat too much! I've already given you one bowl. Don't snatch the remaining bowl. Your son and I will share this!"

With that, Li Xiaoran glared at Xiao Dezi again.

"And you, remember next time! If he chokes on spicy food, he can't drink hot drinks because the more hot drinks he drinks, the spicier it will be. Instead, he'll feel even worse. You can give him cold food to eat, but not too much of it!"

Xiao Dezi nodded. Although he felt a little uncomfortable, he still remembered Li Xiaoran's instructions.

"Girl, you're so nosy! You're even trying to interfere in my matters!" When Li Xiaoran heard the emperor's words, she rolled her eyes.

"If you weren't my husband's father, do you think I would be willing to talk to you?!"

When the emperor heard this, he was enraged.

"So you toyed with me just because I'm his father?"

"Otherwise? Do you think it's because of the power in your hands or because of the throne? Can you be more far-sighted and broad-minded?! That palm-sized position under your butt can only sit one person. Why would I want to snatch such a position? Where else in this large world can't I sit?"

At this point, Li Xiaoran looked at the emperor pitifully.

"Only you and your silly sons think that this palm-sized throne is good stuff and all of them are fighting over it. I've seen stupid people, but I've never seen anyone as

stupid as you. Why would one want to sit in that position? To get up early every day and deal with funerals every day? Or to compete with the ministers? Or for the sake of those 3,000 harem beauties, who scheme against you every day. All of them want to give birth to a son and hope that you die young in order to make room for their son."

"Your job is clearly the most arduous one in the world, but everyone is still fighting to do it. You're even afraid that others will snatch it from you. Think about it. Isn't being the emperor just a job? Although you enjoy the best things, don't you contribute more than others? The gains don't make up for the losses!"

At this point, Li Xiaoran looked at Luo Cheng.

"Being able to eat three meals a day, having a lover that treats one sincerely, and family members that will help each other out is the best life one can have!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he nodded with a smile. "That's right. If I had a choice, I would rather choose the peaceful life of commoners!" When the emperor heard their conversation, he said nothing more.

Soon, the meal was over. Li Xiaoran and Luo Cheng were about to leave.

Before leaving, Li Xiaoran glanced at the emperor and suddenly said,

"Sirr, are you truly happy now? You already owe my husband a lot. Don't use him anymore! We'll come back to visit occasionally and let you enjoy the warmth of a family."

When the emperor heard Li Xiaoran's words, he looked at her in surprise.

"In this world, everything depends on reciprocation. We've shown you kindness, so can you reciprocate our kindness?" With that, Li Xiaoran left with Luo Cheng.

When the emperor heard Li Xiaoran's words, he was stunned.

The emperor sat in the private room for a long, long time.

After returning to the Seventh Prince's residence, Luo Cheng pulled Li Xiaoran to their room to lie down and rest.

"Li Xiaoran, you're too bold! You even dare to scold him. You're really bold!" Luo Cheng looked at Li Xiaoran as he said.

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

"Husband, after I vented my anger, my heart softened when I saw him! Actually, he's quite pitiful! However, pitiful people are also hateful. He asked for it!"

When Luo Cheng heard Li Xiaoran's words, he froze for a moment before laughing.

"Did you sense something?"

Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "He has some fatherly love for you, but there's too much estrangement between the two of you!"

At this point, Li Xiaoran thought of something and sat up as she looked at Luo Cheng. "Do you know? The most difficult thing to deal with in this world is family relationships. When we encounter outsiders, we're willing to be more understanding and kind. Because the other party is a stranger, we have lower expectations!"

"But when we're facing family members, we unknowingly ask for more. It's as if the other party is our family member, so he should treat us well or even better, but we forget that feelings are mutual. Even family members with blood ties will become more and more distant without emotional interaction!"

"Actually, there are many things in this world that aren't taken for granted. Even if the other party is your family, you shouldn't take contributions for granted. Therefore, after I calmed down, I wondered if everything would be different if we showed him some kindness."

"Is that why you invited him to dinner and picked up food for him? Is that why you were even willing to give him a bowl of brown sugar noodles when he choked?" Luo Cheng seemed to understand what Li Xiaoran was thinking. "You want to try another way to ease our father-son relationship?"

"That's right! Why do we have to go against the emperor? What's in it for us? Why can't we try to pull the emperor to our side? At least this way, we won't have to make enemies from all sides.. Wouldn't it be easier for us to deal with your ignorant brothers in the future?" Li Xiaoran nodded and said, "Sometimes, if we take another path, there might be an unexpected surprise!"