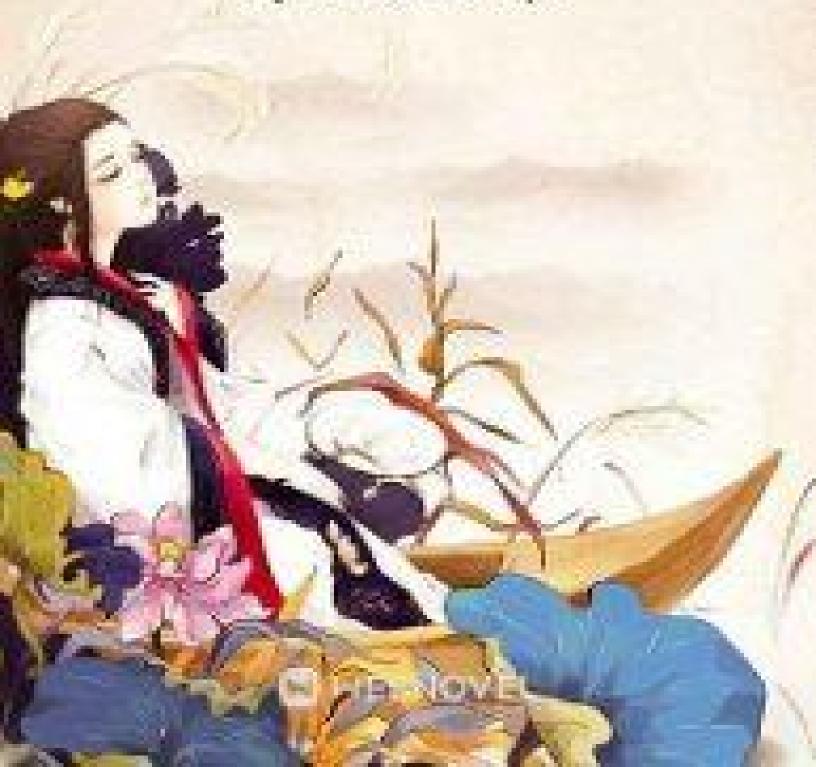
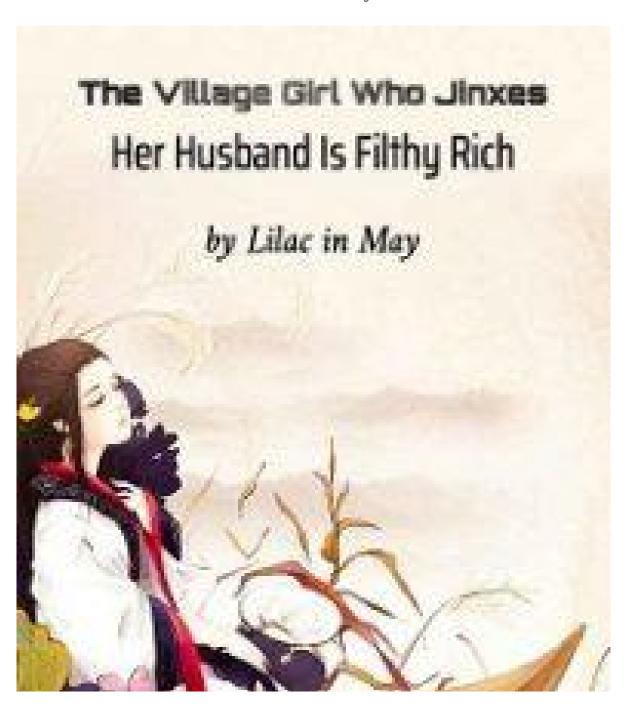
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### Chapter 501 - Selling Threshing Machines

Lin Laoliu's question seemed to be natural.

First of all, Lin Laoliu and Lin Laosan were blood brothers, which was Lin yuelan's paternal grandfather. They were relatives and elders, so it was only natural for them to want some benefits.

However...

Lin yuelan stared at him with a sharp gaze and rejected him directly, "No!"

Lin Yuelan's refusal made the onlookers burst into laughter.

Of course, this kind of laughter was mostly derision.

Lin Laoliu suddenly felt that he had lost all his face.

He was an elder and Lin yuelan's paternal grandfather. He had asked for something because he thought highly of her, but she had actually rejected him, causing him to be laughed at by everyone.

Lin Laoliu immediately pulled a long face and said in a very bad tone, "Girl, do you know who I am? I'm your great-great-grandfather, yet you dare to disrespect your grandfather and elders. Who taught you this?"

Lin yuelan's sharp eyes immediately shot over, and she said with a slightly cold expression, "grandfather? Hmph, you should also go and ask your good third brother if he acknowledges me as his granddaughter.

"Besides, if you really think you're my elder, have you ever given me a single piece of food or clothes in the past three years?

"None. If that's the case, what right do you have to say that I'm disrespectful to my elders and you? Now that you want some benefits, you're treating yourself as my elder and my grandfather. You're really shameless!"

Lin yuelan's words were very impolite, and it could even be said that she had really been disrespectful to her elders.

Hearing Lin yuelan's complaint, the surrounding people were surprised.

Because no matter what she had done in the past, Lin yuelan's words were very disrespectful and unfilial.

Everyone despised and hated those who were disrespectful and unfilial.

However, Lin yuelan knew how to farm and had new tools for farming.

To them, this was very tempting.

Compared to condemning her for being unfilial, it was more important to keep their family from starving and to get benefits.

Therefore, at this moment, no one was a fool to scold Lin yuelan for being rude to Lin Laoliu. Of course, only those old guys who took advantage of their seniority felt that Lin yuelan had gone too far.

However, Lin yuelan didn't care about what they thought.

Lin Laoliu was so angry by Lin yuelan's words that he leaned back. He pointed at Lin yuelan angrily and shouted, "Bastard, you're disgraceful and disrespectful to your elders. You'll be struck by lightning!"

"Lin Laoliu, shut up!" Lin Yiwei was immediately annoyed when he heard Lin Laoliu scolding Lin yuelan. "Why don't you take a look at yourself? Do you act like an elder? You're cursing a child just because of a small disagreement. Don't you feel ashamed?"

But to be honest, anyone with eyes could see that Lin Yiwei was obviously protecting Lin yuelan and was biased toward her.

Of course, because it involved benefits, no fool would point it out now.

Lin Laoliu was also furious. His face was livid as he yelled at Lin Yiwei, "Lin Yiwei, it was this girl who disrespected me first. Are you going to ignore the facts? Don't you think it's unfair?"

Lin yuelan sneered, "Fair? Lin Laoliu, what is fair? Is it fair for me to offer the things in my hands with both hands? However, Lin Laoliu, why should I give you my things? Don't tell me that you have something good in your house that you want to share with everyone? However, I remember that your family killed a pig the day before yesterday. The other villagers have never seen a single piece of pork from your family!"

"Pfft!"

Someone immediately laughed.

Someone from the Lin family Village chimed in, "that's right. His family killed a 200-pound pig, and we thought they would treat everyone to a pig feast. In the end, we didn't even see a single strand of pork."

According to some of the village's customs, whenever a family killed a pig, they would keep some parts of the pig that were not easy to sell and treat everyone to a meal. The more generous families would give away some of the fatty meat.

Lin Laoliu and Lin Laosan were brothers. When they killed pigs, they often didn't invite everyone to a pig feast. However, when they went to other people's houses to have a pig feast, they brought their families along. They were the people who came the fastest and ate the most.

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Many people did not say anything on the surface because of the friendship between the villagers, but they were secretly uncomfortable in their hearts.

Now that they were pointed out by a child, everyone immediately joined forces to face a common enemy. One after another, they started to criticize them.

"Their families are always like this." This person teased.

"Sigh, how thick is their skin? They hide their treasures and go to someone else's house to freeload food and drink."

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It was one thing for Lin Yiwei to criticize him, but all the villagers who came here were mocking and looking down on him. Lin Laoliu could no longer keep his face. He glared fiercely at Lin yuelan and snorted at her, "Hmph!" Then, he left dejectedly.

He really didn't have the face to stay and listen to these villagers mock and despise him.

Lin Laoliu's departure wasn't a big deal to the people here. On the contrary, they felt that it was better for Lin Laoliu to leave. It would prevent him from thoroughly offending Lin yuelan.

Human nature pursued its own interests.

In the face of benefits, any unpleasantness or discomfort could be put aside, and an alliance could be formed.

Lin Changfeng from the Lin family Village looked at the threshing machine and suppressed his excitement. He rubbed his hands together and asked shyly, "Little girl, your threshing machine looks really good. Can you lend it to me? Oh, no, I'll rent it. Is that okay?"

At this moment, their hearts lit up, and they immediately looked at Lin yuelan with hope. Of course, they hoped that Lin yuelan would agree.

Even Lin Yiwei's heart skipped a beat when he heard about renting a threshing machine.

However...

Lin yuelan shook her head and said, "No!"

Hearing Lin yuelan's refusal, everyone's heart, including Lin Yiwei's sank. They were secretly disappointed.

The purpose of this threshing machine had already been shown. Of course, he also hoped that his family members would not be so tired. Most importantly, it harvested quickly. This way, it would prevent the harvested rice from sprouting and molding because they did not have time to grind it down.

Therefore, everyone's interest in the threshing machine was inevitable.

When Lin yuelan said she won't borrow or rent the machine, they were disappointed.

"However, I can make another one!" Just as everyone was feeling disappointed, Lin yuelan immediately said.

Everyone's disappointed eyes lit up again.

However, what was the meaning of that?

Lin Yiwei was the chief and had the best relationship with Lin yuelan. He asked, "girl, what do you mean?"

Lin yuelan said, "I'll build a new threshing machine and sell it to you, Grandpa village chief. Then, you'll rent it out to everyone. Whoever wants to use it can rent it from you. What do you think?"

Her current threshing machine was not to be lent out or rented. She hated it when others touched her things.

Lin Yiwei immediately reacted and nodded excitedly, "yes, yes, of course!"

When the Lin family villagers heard that Lin yuelan was going to make a new one and sell it to Lin Yiwei, they were all excited.

It was better to rent a threshing machine from Lizheng than to rent one from Lin yuelan. After all, they were still somewhat afraid of Lin yuelan.

"Miss Lin, how much is this threshing machine?" Zhou Shu from the Zhou Family Village immediately asked.

The Lin family Village had a threshing machine, but they couldn't rent one from the Lin family Village. The best way was to have one in the Zhou Family Village.

"Thirty taels!" Lin yuelan said.

When they heard 30 taels, they all gasped. That was too expensive!

"That's too expensive! Thirty taels are enough to buy a cow!" Immediately, people began to discuss.

Although the threshing machine was fast, she couldn't ask for such a high price.

Zhou Shu furrowed his brows and pondered for a while before saying, "this is a little too expensive!"

Lin yuelan looked at everyone's expressions and knew that no one would accept such a price. After all, to them, 30 taels could buy a small cow, two mu of high-grade land, three mu of medium-grade land, and six mu of low-

grade land. If they had to pay for these 30 taels, they would rather work hard and rub the grains with their hands.

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Lin yuelan smiled faintly and said, "Uncle, you only see the part about it that is expensive, but not its value? For example, the weather. We all know that the weather is hard to predict. It might be sunny today, but it might rain tomorrow. It might rain for a few days at once. If you don't thresh the cut rice and let them pile up, I believe you know what the consequences are.

"As a result, the grains would sprout and grow moldy. In this way, half a year's hard work would be in vain. Not only would it be in vain, but if the tax was not paid, the whole family would have no food, right?

"However, with this threshing machine, as long as you harvest the rice on the same day, you can completely thresh it. Everyone, look at my family's five mu of land. I can confidently tell everyone that in just one day, all the rice can be threshed, and tomorrow, all the rice can be pulled out to dry!"

Lin yuelan was clearly promoting her products.

Of course, what Lin yuelan had said was the truth.

After hearing Lin yuelan's words, everyone started to think about it.

Thinking about it, the weather was the most unpredictable thing when harvesting rice. It was very likely that the sun was up in the morning and the weather was gloomy in the afternoon.

In the event that the rice was not threshed, then it could grow moldy and sprout.

Without this half a year's harvest, they would not be able to pay taxes. If they did not pay taxes, they might have to be forced to do labor. If these strong men were gone for three years, what would happen to the family's fields without them?

In that case, thirty taels were really not expensive.

Zhou Shu nodded and then asked nervously, "Miss Lin, can you make one for our Zhou Family Village?"

Lin yuelan raised her eyebrows and asked, "can you make decisions for the Zhou Family Village?"

Zhou Shu nodded and said, "sure. My father is the village chief of the Zhou Family Village!" Zhou Shu introduced his identity.

Lin yuelan was a little curious. The Lin family Village chief's eldest son was thick and honest. The Zhou Family Village chief's son also looked like this. Were the chief's sons all big and thick?

Of course, Lin yuelan was only complaining in her heart.

She nodded and said, "as long as you don't have any scruples about me, I can make one for you!"

She told them so much, of course, to sell the threshing machine.

Of course, Lin yuelan wouldn't let go of anything that could make money.

This threshing machine only used iron to make gears, which required some capital. The fuel and tung oil also required some capital. The wooden boards were transported directly from the back mountain without any cost. Adding the labor costs and so on, the total cost was less than two taels of silver.

She had sold it for 30 taels and earned 28 taels, but Lin yuelan didn't feel guilty at all, because this item was worth the price.

"But how long can this threshing machine be used?" Zhou Shu asked worriedly. After all, such an expensive item could not be used for only half a year. If the machine couldn't be used again during the next year's harvest, it would not be worth it.

Lin yuelan replied, " at least ten years. I can guarantee that it can be used for more than ten years. If there are any problems during the first three years of use, I can repair them for free. But after three years, if there are any problems and problems, you'll have to pay for the repair fees. Of course, I won't ask for an outrageous repair fee. I'll only charge according to the actual size of the problem!"

Lin yuelan finished her words in one go.

These words shocked the others.

Ten years?

She even promised to repair it for free for the first three years.

Such a good thing?

In that case, thirty taels for a piece was equivalent to three taels of silver a year. And these three taels of silver were spread out among every family, which was simply a matter of dozens of Wen. It was really not expensive.

When Zhou Shu got this answer, he was even more ecstatic. He laughed loudly and said, "that's great!"

After saying this, he immediately looked at the basket with the small sickle.

"Can you sell me a few of these small Sickles?" After trying out the use of the small sickle, Zhou Shu naturally wanted one since he had to harvest his own rice first.

It was a small gear sickle. At first glance, it was not a complicated thing. If he took it to the blacksmith's shop, those Masters would definitely be able to make it.

Therefore, Lin yuelan didn't think that this thing could be sold for money. However, since he asked, Lin yuelan said generously, "you're the second customer of the threshing machine, so I'll give you a discount. I'll give you three small sickles!" The first customer was, of course, Lin Yiwei.

When Zhou Shu heard this, he immediately said in joy, "really? Thank you!"

Lin yuelan nodded. "two threshing machines. It will take a few days. How about this? Come to the Lin family Village to get the goods in five days!"

With so many people, they were experienced in making threshing machines. Other than the time needed to forge the gears, sawing wood and assembling the machines were not a problem.

Therefore, it was not a problem to get two threshing machines in five days.

After observing for half a day, everyone had figured out the use of these things. Their curiosity slowly faded. After all, it was the busy harvesting season now, and they still had work to do.

Hence, the crowd gradually dispersed.

Of course, there were still some people who stayed, but their eyes were still eagerly staring at the threshing machine.

In less than half a day, Lin yuelan had threshed all the rice in her field.

It really surprised everyone.

This was too unbelievable.

Guo Bing had been bending over for a long time while cutting the rice, so he got up and stretched his back. Then, he was immediately shocked by the situation in front of him. "How can they be so fast?"

When Guo Bing said that they were fast, he was referring to the speed of the threshing machine.

Guo Bing immediately turned to Doctor Zhang and said excitedly, "Doctor Zhang, Doctor Zhang, isn't this a little too fast?"

This was a miracle.

Based on his understanding, threshing rice for a family of five would take three to four days. However, this thing only took half a day. It was too fast!

In the future, when this thing was promoted, the people of Long Yan Kingdom would have more time to do other farming work. Most importantly, they could harvest and thresh all the rice before the weather changed, which would greatly reduce the losses of the people.

Doctor Zhang also straightened his back. His wrinkled face was filled with joy as he repeatedly nodded. "not bad, not bad!"

It was unknown if he was praising the threshing machine or Lin Yuelan.

The onlookers were stunned for a long time. Then, their minds turned.

Five days later, their village would have a thresher. They had to rent it as soon as possible so that they could prepare their own harvest.

Just as Lin yuelan had said, she only used a day to harvest and thresh the rice. Once again, she surprised the people who had been paying attention.

As for the straw, it could be dried in the field and then stored to be used as grain for their own cattle.

By the time they had transported the grains and all the farm equipment back home, the sky had just turned dark.

Hearing that Lin yuelan had returned home, Lin Yiwei immediately came to find her.

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Lin Yiwei had come to Lin yuelan not only for the threshing machine but also to ask her about farming.

Today, Lin yuelan had harvested nearly 41 stones of grains from her five mu of land. In total, one mu of land was eight stones of grains. Such a good harvest was unprecedented. It shocked everyone and made them very excited. Such a good harvest was twice as much as the harvest of those who knew how to farm.

This... This was simply shocking!

Today, Lin Yiwei also came to find Lin yuelan with great excitement.

Lin Yiwei took out some silver and handed it to Lin yuelan. "Girl, here's my 30 silver."

Lin yuelan took the silver and returned it to Lin Yiwei. She blinked at him and said with a smile, "Grandpa village chief, you're the first customer. There's a half-price discount!"

Lin Yiwei was shocked. "really?" The price was reduced by half all of a sudden. Was there really such a discount? Lin Yiwei thought that this was an excuse for Lin yuelan not to charge him a high price.

Lin yuelan nodded seriously, "yes, Grandpa village chief!" In all conscience, she wanted to give Lin Yiwei a threshing machine for free, but she knew that as the chief, Lin Yiwei would have to borrow or rent it to everyone in the village. Lin yuelan did not want to let the villagers take advantage of it. Besides, if the villagers knew that Lin Yiwei got the threshing machine for free, they would definitely do something about it.

This was how petty people took advantage of others.

Lin Yiwei didn't refuse and took back the fifteen taels of silver.

After taking back the silver, Lin Yiwei rubbed his hands nervously. He looked like he was in a difficult position. He wanted to say something, but he could not.

Lin yuelan directly asked, "Grandpa village chief, just say what you want to say!"

Lin Yiwei hesitated for a while and asked, "Lan 'Er, I heard that your family had harvested 41 stones of grain from your five mu of land, right?"

Lin yuelan nodded and replied, "yes."

It was one thing to hear about it, but it was another thing to confirm what he had heard.

Lin Yiwei's body trembled. He was so excited that he could not control himself. He said, "It's true, it's actually true! Good, good, that's great. Such a good harvest is unprecedented!

"Lan 'Er, your harvest is so great that it will definitely shock the entire Ning An town. Oh, no, it may even shock the world. Girl, in this way, you will definitely be the focus of all forces, then they..." The' they 'that Lin Yiwei was talking about was, of course, Jiang Zhennan and the others.

For the past four to five months, they had hidden their names in the Lin family Village. They must have had their reasons. Now, the yield of this acre had attracted the attention of all the major forces. It was obvious that the sudden appearance of the military-like men in the Lin family would also attract attention.

Wouldn't that attract even more trouble?

Lin yuelan could sense Lin Yiwei's worry. She shook her head and said, "Grandpa village chief, don't worry. Although we don't know which forces will be attracted, we'll deal with them when they come. We'll talk about it when the time comes!"

However, she was calculating in her heart. Based on the speed of information transmission in ancient times, it would take about two months to travel from the Lin family Village to the capital. After that, those people would carry out some investigations before returning to the Lin family Village. It would take at least two to three months. So, she needed half a year to prepare herself.

Half a year's time was enough!

Although Lin yuelan said so, Lin Yiwei was still a little worried. They were just a small Lin village. He was afraid that they wouldn't be able to withstand the attention of too many forces. Although he had a family in the capital, they were weak.

Jiang Zhennan saw Lin Yiwei's worry and came out to say, "Village chief, don't worry. As long as I, Jiang Zhennan, am alive, I will protect the Lin family Village!"

After hearing Jiang Zhennan's promise, Lin Yiwei was slightly relieved.

He believed in Jiang Zhennan because everyone in the world knew about Jiang Zhennan's character. Jiang Zhennan's promise was a promise that was worth a thousand taels of gold, and it was more important than his life.

Lin Yiwei nodded and said, "General, the Lin family Village will be in your hands from now on!" Their roots were in the Lin family Village, and they couldn't allow anyone to destroy them. As the chief of the Lin family Village, protecting the village was his duty.

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Jiang Zhennan said seriously, "Village chief, please don't say that. I'm the one who brought trouble to the Lin family Village, so it's my responsibility to protect the Lin family Village."

If Liefeng hadn't asked Lin yuelan for help, if Lin yuelan hadn't saved them, if they hadn't followed her to the Lin family Village, perhaps Lin yuelan would still have been content with living in a corner, quietly living as an ordinary farmer's daughter, and the Lin family Village would still be an unremarkable village. However, all of this had changed because of their arrival.

He knew that Lin yuelan was showing off her abilities because she wanted to prove that she could lead the farmers to wealth and provide them with food and clothes. She would make those who wanted to deal with her think twice before they act.

Although Lin yuelan had said she saved them for three hundred thousand taels of silver, he knew that she had a tough mouth but a soft heart. She had worked hard to protect everyone.

Jiang Zhennan pondered for a moment before he turned to Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Yue 'Er, believe me. I will never let those people bring trouble to you, the village chief, and the Lin family Village. I will not let them have the slightest chance to hurt you!" His expression was very serious, and his eyes were very determined. He was making a promise to Lin yuelan.

The meaning of his words was obvious. He would definitely be able to return to the capital during this period. As long as he returned, he would have the ability to protect Lin yuelan and the Lin family Village.

Lin yuelan nodded at Jiang Zhennan and replied, "well, you must remember what you said. If you break your promise, you should know the consequences!" The meaning of these words was that if Jiang Zhennan returned to the capital and completely forgot about his promise, Lin yuelan would definitely chase them all the way to the capital!

Jiang Zhennan and the others knew very well that she had this ability, so they would never think that Lin yuelan was just joking and boasting.

After getting Jiang Zhennan's promise, Lin Yiwei temporarily put his worries aside. However, he had another purpose for coming today.

Lin Yiwei said awkwardly, "Lan 'Er, before your rice was harvested, everyone thought that you would have a harvest of more than seven stones. I didn't expect that you would have a harvest of more than eight stones. Such a harvest has amazed all of us. Many people have come to me to ask for advice on how to ... How to farm."

His words were already very tactful. In fact, when those people squeezed into his house, they obviously had a strong tone and wanted to force Lin yuelan to hand over her family's farming methods for free.

Lin yuelan smiled, but her eyes were sharp. She asked softly, "Grandpa village chief, I'm afraid those people are trying to force me to hand over those methods for free, right?"

Lin Yiwei's expression immediately became awkward, but he quickly said, "Lan 'Er, don't worry. I won't let them get your method for nothing!" This meant that there was a reward.

Lin yuelan nodded and asked sharply, "then what am I getting?"

Lin Yiwei choked and asked, embarrassed, "then, what do you want them to exchange for it?"

Lin yuelan's right hand gently stroked the Jade bracelet on her left hand. In fact, she was communicating with Little Green in her mind, asking him to find out what these people had in their hands. She didn't want the most expensive things, but only the most valuable things.

A moment later, Little Green sent back a message. Lin yuelan said seriously, "Grandpa village chief, tell them I can teach them my farming method, but I have to specify what they have to offer in exchange. How about it?"

Lin Yiwei was also in a difficult position, but then he thought about it. Most of the people in the Lin family Village were poor farmers. They knew what valuable things or family heirlooms they had, so he was not worried that Lin yuelan would ask for a sky-high price.

After thinking for a while, Lin Yiwei made a decision and nodded. "Yes!"

After Lin Yiwei left, Jiang Zhennan asked with some doubts, "miss Yue 'er, as long as you teach one person this farming method, he can teach the others. There's no need for them to come to you one by one to learn, right? Are they willing to pay the tuition fee and pay for it?"

They had been involved in farming from the beginning to the end. He felt that it was not difficult at all, as long as they followed the steps.

So, wasn't Lin Yuelan's method a bit silly?

Lin yuelan nodded with a smile and said, "You're right. They might do that! However, "She pointed it out sharply, "This would only happen if the person who learned it from me first were selfless.

"However, the reality was that human nature was selfish.

"If your family is poor, I can pity you and sympathize with you. But if your family suddenly becomes better than mine, it will attract jealousy. Therefore, people will not share valuable knowledge for free. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

Jiang Zhennan frowned slightly and asked, "You're saying that the first person who learns it may not be able to teach it to the best of his ability even if he receives the tuition fee? This is because he's worried that the person who learns it from him will do better than him and earn more than him. Is that right?

"So, those people would rather spend more money and directly learn from you?"

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "That's right!"

This was human nature!

## Chapter 506 - Becoming Enemies With The Yan Family

It was just as Jiang Zhennan had said, and it was just as Lin yuelan had expected.

Other than Lin Yiwei, Lin Yuelan did intend to collect tuition from others when they taught others.

If it was someone else but Lin yuelan, they would have definitely scolded them, turned hostile, and fought with them. This was equivalent to taking their jobs. How could they not resist?

However, Lin yuelan wasn't interested in the money. Moreover, she could accurately grasp the hearts of these villagers, so she wasn't in a hurry at all.

There were two people who came to Lin yuelan's house to study. One was the local landlord, the Yan family, and the second was the rich villager, Lin Changzhi.

Lin yuelan sternly rejected the Yan family.

Back then, when she had transmigrated, and her original host had died, the main culprit was the Yan family's youngest son, Yan Xiaoyong.

If it wasn't for Yan Xiaoyong's loathing of Lin yuelan, giving each of them a copper coin to beat up the host...

From Lin Xinlan's point of view, she had to thank Yan Xiaoyong for being able to reincarnate as Lin yuelan.

However, when she accepted this body, she also accepted her memories and all her emotions.

She, Lin Xinlan, was already Lin yuelan, and Lin yuelan was her.

Lin yuelan's past, present, and future were all connected to her.

As such, Yan Xiaoyong, the initiator of Lin yuelan's death, had to bear most of the responsibility.

Therefore, as Yan Xiaoyong's educators, the Yan family bore the brunt of the responsibility and was also fully responsible for Yan Xiaoyong.

No one from the Yan family had come to apologize to Lin yuelan since the incident.

Now, hearing that Lin yuelan's family had a good harvest and had a farming method, he was the first one to come and ask for it.

The Yan family's steward's face darkened as he asked sternly," the Yan family offered a hundred taels of silver to buy your method, and you're actually not selling? One has to know that one hundred taels are an income that even a few years of farming will not be able to achieve. I'm giving you a hundred taels now because I think highly of you. Don't be ungrateful when I give you face!" If he hadn't heard that her family had a good harvest, his master wouldn't have bothered to send him here.

The Yan family was the landlord and had more than a hundred mu of land, of which thirty mu were planted by their own family. Of course, with their living conditions, they did not need to personally farm the land. They only needed to hire long-term workers.

The remaining one hundred mu of land was rented to the Lin family Village or other villages. He only needed to collect 40% rent for each mu. In a year, the grain he collected occupied the entire granary.

The Yan family's current plan was, if there were really a yield of eight stones per mu, he would take back all the fields that he had rented out and plant them himself. Of course, all the grain he received would be sold for money.

At this time, one Jin of rice was at least twelve Wen or at least fifteen Wen. One stone of rice was 106 Jin. In total, one stone of rice could be sold for

thirteen to eighteen taels.

One and a half stones of grains could be turned into one stone of rice. Therefore, if one mu of land could yield eight stones of grain, one could get five stones of rice. In this way, one mu of land would at least earn 60 to 70 taels of rice. After paying the taxes, one mu of land could earn at least 40 taels of rice.

This was three times more than before.

In the past, he could only earn five or six taels of silver from one mu of land. That was why he was willing to rent the land. But now, it was obvious that it was more cost-effective for him to farm. So, he planned to take back all the land after he got Lin yuelan's farming method.

However, no matter how much he thought about it, he had never thought that Lin yuelan would refuse to sell him the method.

He was really infuriated.

Lin yuelan looked at the Yan family's steward, whose face was livid with anger, and said with a poker face, "who do you think the Yan family is? Do I need to serve you? Steward Yan, please! I don't care about the one hundred taels!" She had more than 30000 taels of silver in her interspace, so she didn't care about the 100 taels.

When steward Yan heard Lin yuelan's order, he immediately felt embarrassed. He glared at Lin yuelan and said angrily, "Hmph, don't you regret it!"

After saying that, he planned to leave in a huff.

Just as he turned around and took a few steps, Lin yuelan's clear and stern voice rang in steward Yan's ear. She said, "steward Yan, go and tell your master that every injustice has its perpetrator, and every debt has its debtor. The Yan family owes me, Lin yuelan, a life, and I will get it back sooner or later!"

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Steward Yan's departing footsteps came to a halt. Then, he staggered out of Lin yuelan's house with stiff limbs.

Lin yuelan's words were to remind the Yan family that Yan Xiaoyong had harmed Lin yuelan once, so Lin yuelan would definitely take revenge.

"What did you just say?"

"Did she really say that?" a deep middle-aged man's voice rang out from within the black brick wall.

Steward Yan said carefully, "old master, that's what the jinx said. She also said that our young master owes her one life, and he must pay with his life!" Steward Yan said, adding oil to the fire.

"You bastard!" After taking the teacup, he slammed it on the table and shouted, "who does she think she is? How dare she try to take my little treasure's life! She didn't even know if she had the ability to do so! Does she really think that the Yan family is easy to bully?"

The Butler rolled his eyes and said with a worried expression, "then, master, now that Lin yuelan is not willing to sell the method to us, what should we do? Do we really have to hand the young master over to her?"

"Hmph," Yan Lin said with disdain, "even if we can't buy it from her, we can buy it from someone else!"

The Butler was stunned for a moment. He immediately reacted and gave Yan Lin a thumbs up. He smiled and said, "master, wonderful, wonderful!"

That's right. The Yan family definitely wasn't the only family that coveted Lin yuelan's method of farming. Therefore, as long as there was a second

family that could buy Lin yuelan's method, they could buy it at a lower price and make sure that the person couldn't hide anything because he knew the consequences of hiding it from the Yan family.

However, they had never expected ...

Lin yuelan told the public, "I, Lin yuelan, am the enemy of the Yan family. Anyone who buys the method from me and sells it to the Yan family will be my enemy. You will bear the consequences!"

Lin yuelan's words shocked all the villagers. Even the Yan family didn't expect Lin yuelan to be so ruthless.

Bear the consequences?

No one knew what the consequences would be, and it was because they didn't know that they were even more afraid and fearful.

This was because there was a saying in the village that Lin yuelan was the jinx and anyone who opposed her would not have a good end.

Therefore, for the sake of their family, they definitely wouldn't dare to brazenly sell the method they bought from Lin yuelan to the Yan family at a high price.

However, it was only natural that some greedy people in the dark wanted to trade in private.

However, could they really hide from Lin Yuelan?

Hmph Hmph ...

The second one was Lin Changzhi.

Lin Changzhi was one of the wealthier Lin families in the Lin family Village. Back then, Lin yuelan had wanted to buy the land at the back mountain, but he had wanted to delay it and raise the price. In the end, with a small threat from Lin yuelan, he obediently sold the land at a huge loss.

He could have sold it for 16 taels per mu, but he had only sold it for four taels per mu.

He had suffered a loss, but he could only grit his teeth and swallow it down. After all, he was the one who had caused this.

This time, he was so eager to find Lin yuelan and buy this method because he had other plans.

Firstly, because his family was rich, they naturally had more land. Although it wasn't as much as the Yan family, it still had thirty to forty mu. Thus, his thoughts were the same as the Yan family. As long as he bought the method and the harvest really reached eight stones per mu, the money earned from this mu would be three to four times more.

Second, he wanted to take the initiative to buy Lin yuelan's method and then sell it to the other villagers at a high price. He knew people wouldn't buy from Lin Yuelan because she was a jinx.

All in all, Lin Changzhi was also a calculative person with some business sense.

Lin yuelan looked at the satisfied Lin Changzhi, and the corners of her mouth curled up. Then, she asked sarcastically, "uncle Changzhi, how much are you going to pay?"

Lin Changzhi stretched out his hand without saying anything. Lin yuelan's eyes lit up, and she immediately said in 'surprise', " five hundred taels? That's great. Uncle Changzhi, I heard that your family is very rich, but I didn't expect you to be so rich. Alright, five hundred taels. Give me the money first, and I'll tell you how to farm immediately, okay?" Her sparkling eyes made her look like an innocent child who didn't understand the world.

When Lin Changzhi heard what Lin yuelan said, the words he wanted to say were immediately stuck in his throat. He couldn't hold it in, and his face turned red.

He had clearly meant five taels of silver. How did it become five hundred taels of silver from her mouth? His entire savings only amounted to five hundred taels.

He forced a smile on his face and said with a stiff expression, "Girl, I'm afraid you misunderstood. I said five taels of silver!"

Lin yuelan immediately made a dazed expression, but then she reacted and said angrily, "Lin Changzhi, are you playing with me? Five taels of silver. I can't believe you can say that. Do I look like someone who lacks five taels of silver?"

In her heart, she was cursing, 'how shameless. Does he really think that I am a child that can be fooled?'

Lin Changzhi's face paled at Lin yuelan's words. If it wasn't for the fact that he wanted to buy her farming methods, he would have left immediately. He wouldn't be angry at a little brat like her.

"Fifty taels!" Lin Changzhi said through gritted teeth.

Lin yuelan still shook her head, "no!"

Lin Changzhi's face was ashen as he gritted his teeth again and said, "five hundred taels is too high. Give me another number, and I'll consider it!"

Lin yuelan looked at Lin Changzhi's ashen face and thought of what Little Green had found in his house.

Then, Lin yuelan opened her pink lips ...

### Chapter 508 - The Spirit River Can Actually Die?

Lin Changzhi still found it unbelievable. He had never expected that Lin yuelan would want a black stone used to build his kitchen stove in addition to a hundred taels of silver.

This made him very confused. However, what made him terrified was how Lin yuelan knew that there was a stone in his kitchen stove.

Could it be that Lin yuelan had secretly gone to his house without him knowing?

Even though Lin Changzhi had these doubts and some fear in the depths of his heart, the method that he thought would really cost five hundred taels only cost one hundred taels and a piece of scrap stone. Such a surprise still drowned out his previous doubts and fear!

In the space, Lin yuelan stared at the black, oval-shaped stone that was about 10 centimeters long and asked little greenie suspiciously, "little green, is there really a Jade with spiritual Qi in it?"

Xiao Lu's two small sprouts curved and said, "Yes, Master. The spiritual Qi in this Jade is very rich. It's a high-quality Jade."

Hearing Little Green's words, Lin yuelan no longer had any doubts.

She placed the stone on the table, then stretched out her right arm and spread her fingers. Her expression was serious as she stared at the stone without blinking. Then, her entire arm was immediately surrounded by a faint blue light. It was in the shape of a Z or an N, or like the fork of a tree branch, or even the shape of broken glass ...

If someone were to see this, they would definitely scream in surprise. This was clearly the appearance of lightning.

That's right. This was Lin yuelan's lightning ability.

The size of the lightning ability could be controlled by her will.

At this moment, Lin yuelan was using her lightning power to split the stone.

There were no tools to cut the Jade, so Lin yuelan could only use her lightning ability to press the shape of the Jade inside and discharge the electricity from the outer layer.

After using the lightning, Lin yuelan's palm pressed the highest point of the stone. Then, light blue lightning surrounded the black stone.

A moment later, the black stone cracked into pieces, revealing a fist-sized clear green jade in the middle. It was glowing with green light.

Lin yuelan was shocked to see such a Jade full of spiritual energy.

It was actually a piece of Emerald!

Whether it was the past world, the modern world, or the present world, this thing was a priceless treasure!

Lin yuelan retracted her ability, her face full of joy. She held the Emerald in her hands and stared at it. This huge surprise made her so happy.

Seeing Lin yuelan's surprised expression, Little Green fanned its leaves and pointed at its sharp sprout. "master, quickly throw it into the spring!"

The spring that Little Green was talking about was the spirit River in the space. Since it was a River, there must be a source, right?

The liquid that flowed out of the spring was Spirit Water. Spirit Water could cure all diseases and restore all life.

The spirit river must be maintained by something with the spirit Qi.

The so-called spirit Qi was the Qi that was formed after absorbing the essence of the sun and moon.

Therefore, the Emerald that had been cut out now had spiritual energy after thousands of years of collecting the essence of the sun and the moon.

Hearing Little Green's words, Lin yuelan immediately recovered from her surprise and said to Little Green with some reluctance, "Little Green, must we throw it into the spring?"

She really liked this thing.

"You must!" At this moment, Little Green said very seriously, "master, although this little spring appeared at the same time as me, it doesn't mean that it will always be here.

"Previously, in order to have you reborn in this era, the river and my power are drained. That's how you can travel through time and space for thousands of years without being torn apart by the huge magnetic field when you pass through the time tunnel.

"The space and my ability will change according to the level of master's ability, but little spring ..." little green bent its little bud and said in a sad tone, "little spring will not change. Most of the spiritual energy it consumed before is exhausted. It has to be replenished. The spring is very weak now. If we can't find something to supplement it with Qi, it will become weaker and weaker, and eventually, it will die!"

# Chapter 509 - The Spirit River Actually Died?

Lin yuelan was shocked, and she couldn't believe it!

Her eyes widened as she stared at Little Green in disbelief. "D-death?"

She never knew that a River could actually die!

She had never thought that the spirit River in her space would die!

Ever since she came to this world, she had been overjoyed to see Little Green and the space. This spiritual spring could cure people, plant vegetables, make wine, and so on. She had taken it for granted and had been very happy to use it. She had never thought that it would run out.

"Little Green, why didn't you tell me this before?" Lin yuelan asked in surprise.

Little Green lowered its head and said guiltily, "master, little spring told me not to tell you. He was afraid that you would feel burdened! Master is very happy now. Little spring, little space, and Little Green don't want master to be unhappy!"

If their master knew that little spring was getting weaker and weaker because of her, she would definitely be very sad and hurt. This way, she would be happy, which was what they wanted to see.

"Why?" Lin yuelan was confused, "why are you so good to me?"

After the apocalypse, little green and the space had become her dual abilities.

However, she couldn't understand why Little Green and the space would choose her, who was so ordinary.

"Because you're our master!" Little Green replied in a serious tone.

Lin yuelan was still confused, "why did you choose me as your master? You should know that I was just an ordinary woman back then, wasn't I?"

Little Green was dumbfounded by the question.

"We don't know," he said blankly. Ever since we woke up, we realized that you're our master!"

Doomsday had arrived, the beginning of all destruction!

Everything in the world had a counter to each other!

And their arrival represented the rebirth of all living things.

However, from the moment they woke up, they had become Lin yuelan's dual abilities, and Lin yuelan had become their master.

Until now, they still did not understand why they had chosen Lin yuelan as their master.

However, they were the spirits of all living beings. They believed that Lin yuelan became their master for a reason. It was the arrangement of the heavens, a fate that was destined.

They didn't understand it now, but they might know in the future!

Lin yuelan didn't know what to think after hearing Little Green's words.

However, she just felt like crying. She was so touched that she wanted to cry!

Lin yuelan said with tears in her eyes, "Little Green, I really have to thank you, Little Space and Little Spring. I won't ask you why you chose me, but I'm really, really grateful to you. You are my family. So, if there's any change in the future, especially if you feel uncomfortable, you must tell me, understand?"

At this point, Lin yuelan's attitude became serious. She criticized Little Green harshly and said, "little spring, you're getting weaker and weaker, so weak that you might ... If we didn't get this emerald from Lin Changzhi, were you planning to never tell me about little spring?

"Do you want me to live in guilt and sadness every day?"

Little Green immediately shook its bud and explained, "master, it's not like that. We just didn't want you to be sad. That's why we wanted to hide it from you! We know we were wrong now. Master, please forgive us!"

When Lin yuelan heard Little Green and the rest admit their mistakes, she said seriously, "it's good that you know your mistakes! If you had told me earlier that the little spring needed Jade with spiritual energy, I would have done my best to find the Jade that the little spring needed."

"But, master, isn't it hard to find Jade with spiritual energy?" Little Green said worriedly.

It was difficult for Little Green to find it even if he mobilized all the plants and animals.

Therefore, Little Green was not willing to tell Lin yuelan about this.

If it had not felt the faint Qi emitted by the black stone in Lin Changzhi's house this time, little spring might have disappeared.

Lin yuelan reached out and gently stroked Little Green's two green leaves. She said firmly, "no matter how difficult it is to find, I will definitely find more and better Jade with spiritual energy! Money can do many things. As long as you can offer a good price, I believe many people will offer these things."

Little Green immediately understood.

Lin yuelan wanted to use the money to collect all the jade and jadeite in the world!

To their master, it was not difficult to earn money. Moreover, with them as her golden fingers, it was even easier.

Little Green's sharp tips immediately bent, and it said firmly, "yes, we all believe in master! We promise that we won't hide anything from master in the future!"

Lin yuelan gently stroked little green and said, "that's good!"

After that, she threw the priceless Jade into the spirit River without hesitation.

In an instant, Lin yuelan felt as if the spirit River had regained some vitality.

The corners of Lin yuelan's mouth rose slightly as she said, "I'm afraid Lin Changzhi doesn't know that the unremarkable stone in his house has helped us a great deal!"

### Chapter 510 - A Priceless Treasure In The Junk

Lin Changzhi bought the farming method, and he sold it for ten taels.

However, all the Lin family villagers had heard that Lin Changzhi had bought the farming method for a hundred taels of silver and a black stone. With Lin Changzhi's shrewd and miserly character, how could he sell it for only ten taels of silver? He would at least sell it for fifty or even twenty taels of silver.

Therefore, everyone was certain that Lin Changzhi was only selling a part of it and hiding the other part. Moreover, this part that he was hiding was most likely the most important and crucial part.

Therefore, except for a few people who came to ask about it, the rest of the people looked at him with disdain and contempt.

These were all things that Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan had predicted.

Therefore, Lin yuelan was only indifferent and disdainful of Lin Changzhi's attempt to sell secondhand knowledge.

Seeing that Lin Changzhi had contributed a piece of priceless emerald, she would not be calculative with such a despicable person.

If he were to find out the truth one day, his expression would definitely be wonderful.

However, that piece of Jade had already been thrown into the spring.

In Lin yuelan's courtyard, after finishing their work, they had lunch and were resting.

Jiang Zhennan looked at Lin yuelan, who was looking at the pile of junk as if he was looking at a treasure. He frowned slightly and asked curiously, "Miss Yue 'er, what are these junk things? Why do you seem to treasure them so much?"

Guo Bing and the others were even more curious and confused. Guo Bing looked at Lin yuelan with a complicated expression and said, "Miss Lin, don't tell me you have a hobby of collecting junk."

As soon as he said this, everyone looked at Lin yuelan in horror.

Lin yuelan rolled her eyes and said to Guo Bing rudely, "You're the one who has a hobby of collecting junk. What do you guys know? These are all treasures. Don't be too surprised later!"

As she spoke, Lin yuelan took out a piece of framed white paper that was slightly defaced. She looked at Jiang Zhennan, blinked, and asked somewhat mischievously, "masked uncle, can you see that there's something in this white paper?"

Although Jiang Zhennan was the one who asked, Guo Bing and the others came over first and looked around. Other than some stains and black spots, they really couldn't see anything.

Guo Bing glanced at Lin yuelan suspiciously and said suspiciously, "Miss Lin, is there really something inside?"

Lin yuelan smiled but didn't answer. She pretended to be mysterious and said, "take a guess!"

Guo Bing rolled his eyes internally.

However, on the surface, he smiled and asked, "Miss Lin, we really can't guess. Why don't you stop playing riddles and just tell us the answer?"

Lin yuelan pouted. Then, her expression became serious. She instructed little twelve, "Go and get a bowl of water!"

Upon hearing that Lin yuelan wanted a bowl of water, everyone looked at her again. They suspected that she wanted a bowl of water to wash the stains and black spots on the white paper.

Little twelve quickly came over with the water.

However, just as everyone had guessed, Lin yuelan took the bowl of water and poured it on the white paper.

The crowd immediately exclaimed in shock.

Guo Bing immediately shouted, "Miss Lin, you can't be serious. You really took the bowl to wash ..." before he could finish the sentence, his expression immediately turned from shock to wild joy! "Heavens, this ... There's really something hidden here!"

The others were just as shocked as Guo Bing. They couldn't believe what they had just seen, especially Doctor Zhang and Lin Deshan, whose eyes were wide with shock.

"This ... This is a painting ..." Doctor Zhang said in a very agitated manner.

Lin Deshan looked at the peonies that were slowly emerging from the water. His hands were trembling, and there seemed to be tears in his eyes. He was also very excited as he said, "this is Feng Zhishui's mystery of peonies and butterflies!"

As soon as he said that, physician Zhang immediately chimed in, "that's right. This is Feng Zhishui's mystery of peony and butterfly!" Then, they gathered around the table and carefully examined the painting.

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Among these people, Lin yuelan, little three, little six, and little twelve had never heard of Feng Zhishui's great name. But to Lin Deshan, Doctor Zhang, and Guo Bing, Feng Zhishui's name was like thunder to their ears.

Little three asked in confusion, "who is Feng Zhishui?"

Guo Bing looked at the painting carefully and said, "Feng Zhishui was a great scholar of poetry and painting. He was a famous figure in my great-grandfather's generation. I've heard from my grandfather that every single one of Feng Zhishui's paintings would be fought over by all the influential and powerful families. This was especially true for one of his most recent works, the enigma of the peony and butterfly! It's regarded as a work with a sky-high price."

At this point, Guo Bing suddenly thought of something. He furrowed his brows and said with some confusion, "but according to the rumors, this painting was given to a good friend of Feng Zhishui's. Why would it appear in the corner of the Lin family Village? And what's even more ridiculous is that it was in the house of an ordinary farmer."

As soon as Guo Bing said this, there was some doubt and silence in the crowd.

However, at that moment, Lin Deshan suddenly burst into tears and started crying.

This gave everyone a huge shock.

What was wrong with Grandpa Lin? Why did he suddenly cry?

Lin yuelan's eyes glinted as she immediately said, "Grandpa, Feng Zhishui gave this painting to your family!" This was not a guess but a confirmation.

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, everyone was shocked and asked in bewilderment, "no way? Could it be such a coincidence?"

However, after crying for a while, Lin Deshan held the painting and said emotionally, "Lan 'Er is right. This painting is indeed the masterpiece that Feng Zhishui gave to my father!"

Although there were speculations and suspicions, hearing Lin Deshan's confirmation, everyone was even more surprised.

If Feng Zhishui was the one who gave this painting to Grandpa Lin's father, why would it be in the Lin family Village? Could it be that the Lin family Village was the ancestral home of Lin Deshan?

Guo Bing asked in shock, "Grandpa Lin, how did the painting end up here? And you're treating it like trash."

Lin Deshan wiped his tears and told the story.

He said, "My family used to live in Qingsheng city and opened Lin's medicine shop. Lin's medicine shop was the largest medicine shop in Qingsheng city. Back then, even though my father and Feng Zhishui had a 20-year age difference, they became best friends. When Feng Zhishui was 60 years old, he painted a masterpiece and gave it to my father.

"After my father received the painting, he would look at it and touch it every day.

"At that time, I was still young. I saw my father looking at a piece of white paper every day. I asked curiously, 'father, why do you look at this painting every day?'

"My father just smiled and said to me, 'son, this is a priceless treasure. In the future, you must keep it well for me!'

"At that time, I just nodded in confusion.

"However, forty years ago, when I was fifteen, my father was framed for his business and got into a lawsuit. After that, the Lin medicine shop was set up, and he was in huge debt. When the Lin family's servants saw that the Lin family was in dire straits, they all took the Lin family's valuable items and ran out. This painting went missing at that time. I searched for the entire Lin family, but I couldn't find it.

"I thought that I would never be able to find this painting again in my life. Who would have thought that this painting would appear in the Lin family Village, and then in front of me? The heavens have been kind to me!"

Everyone was silent after hearing what Lin Deshan said.

They didn't think that the usually optimistic and cheerful Grandpa Lin would have such a tough life.

They didn't even know how to comfort Lin Deshan.

A moment later, Jiang Zhennan asked Lin yuelan with a hint of hostility in his eyes, "miss Yue 'Er, which family does this painting belong to?"

"It's Lin Chong's family!" Lin yuelan said with a similarly cold expression. It seemed that they had let Er Gouzi off easy by making him a fool.

Lin Chong's house!

Everyone was stunned for a moment.

Then, they all looked at Lin Deshan.

"what's Chong Lin's father's name?" Lin Deshan asked.

"Lin Fuxiang!"

Lin Deshan was shocked when he heard the name.

"Lin Fuxiang?" Lin Deshan was in disbelief. "It's Lin Fuxiang!"

"Grandpa Lin, who was Lin Fuxiang?" Guo Bing asked in surprise.

Lin Deshan gritted his teeth and said, "he's my servant who has been serving me since I was a child. He's my playmate! When he was six years old, he joined my family. I treated him like a brother. I didn't expect that when the Lin family fell, he would immediately turn against me. Later, when the servants scattered and ran away, he also ran away.

"I didn't expect him to escape with this painting! He must have heard me say that this painting was a priceless treasure, so he stole it and exchanged it for money. In the end, no artist could understand this painting, so it wasn't sold and was left at home."

Lin yuelan said, "perhaps it was his retribution for stealing from his master's family. The next year, Lin Dexiang died of an illness, leaving behind an orphan and a widow to rely on each other! And this painting has gone around in circles and returned to you, Grandpa. Perhaps this is all fated! Grandpa, don't be sad! I'll return this painting to Grandpa!"

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, Lin Deshan was stunned for a moment and then immediately became excited. This time, he said with tears of joy and relief, "good, good, good!"

After this painting, she also obtained some treasures from these pieces of junk. Although they were not as valuable as the previous painting, they were all treasures that were worth more than a thousand taels.

Guo Bing was a little surprised. 'I thought these people were poor, but I didn't expect that there were priceless treasures hidden in the corner of their houses! What a pity! These people have no idea!'

Just as Lin yuelan and the others were happily discovering these treasures, the Yan family came to their door!

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## Chapter 514 - County Magistrate Zhou

In a single night, every village and every street in Ning An town was filled with two pieces of shocking news, and both of them were related to the Lin family Village.

The first was that the Lin family Village had a capable farmer who could produce eight stones per mu, and every farmer in the village could buy a farming method from her. The rich could buy it and bid according to their own ability, while the poor would buy using their items at home. It could be valuable or worthless. In short, it all depended on the person's mood.

It was said that some people bought it for a few taels, but some bought it for hundreds of taels. In short, the prices were different, and whether they sold it or not depended on the person's mood.

It was said that some people only used a piece of white paper to exchange for a farming method, and some people used a stone on the stove to exchange for a farming method. It was really worth it, and others were really envious.

Therefore, regardless of whether it was the villagers or the merchants, they all rushed to the Lin family Village.

Secondly, it was news of that capable person from the Lin family Village.

The capable person was Lin yuelan from the Lin family Village. She was a jinx. She jinxed her friends and her family, and even more so, her enemies.

Several families in Lin village had lost their lives because of her.

Her family was on the verge of being destroyed by her. What was even more infuriating and shameless was that she did not acknowledge her family, not even her own parents.

Such an unfilial daughter should be reported to the court and be struck by lightning.

But the strange thing was, why hadn't her parents sued her for unfilial piety?

However, of these two pieces of news, the villagers paid more attention to the first one.

This was because this concerned their own livelihood and the food and clothing of their entire family. Therefore, even though they were angry and criticized Lin yuelan, they had to endure it at this moment. After they got their hands on the farming method, they would ... would hit her when she was down.

On the other side, the villagers from Ning An town's surrounding villages all swarmed towards the Lin family Village.

On the other side of the county, Zhou Wencai had just returned home from a poetry meeting with his friends. When he passed by the study, he heard someone talking inside. His father was the county Magistrate of An Ding County, so it wasn't strange for people to visit him every day, be it for business or personal matters.

However, what made Zhou Wencai stop in his tracks was that he vaguely heard the words "Lin family Village" and "jinx".

And the only person in the Lin family Village who could be labeled as a jinx was Lin yuelan.

Zhou Wencai leaned against the door and listened for a while. Moments later, he frowned deeply.

It didn't take long for someone to come out from inside.

It was a chubby middle-aged man that he was not familiar.

When the man saw the young man standing at the door eavesdropping, he immediately panicked and asked, "Who are you?" His tone was obviously

guarded and vicious.

The person behind him walked over to take a look and immediately introduced him with a warning tone, "This is my family's kid, master Yan!"

Hearing this, Yan Lin was slightly relieved. Then, he raised his hand and said, "I'll leave this matter to you, County Magistrate Zhou."

County Magistrate Zhou stroked his beard and said, "No problem, no problem." Then, he shouted to the outside, "Someone, send the guest out!"

A moment later, a person who looked like a butler walked in. He made a gesture and said to Yan Lin, "master Yan, please!"

After Yan Lin left, the county Magistrate turned to Zhou Wencai with a Tiger-like face and said, "Come in."

The father and son stepped into the study room.

"How much did you hear just now?" County Magistrate Zhou asked seriously.

Zhou Wen shook his head and said, "I only heard you talking about Lin family Village and its jinx. I didn't hear anything clearly. "Immediately after, he asked doubtfully, "father, who is this person? Why are you suddenly interested in the Lin family Village and its jinx?"

County Magistrate Zhou was sitting on a stool, lightly tapping the table with a serious expression. He said, "recently, there's a new farming ability in the Lin family Village. One mu of land can yield eight stones. Have you heard of it?"

As a District Magistrate, although he wasn't a perfectly clean and honest official, he was also a good official who sincerely wanted to make some achievements and worry about the people.

Now that someone had presented him with an opportunity, he didn't want to miss it.

With this opportunity, he would definitely be promoted by the higher-ups and would not continue to live in this poor County with barren hills and turbulent rivers.

## Chapter 515 - County Magistrate Zhou

Zhou Wencai was somewhat taken aback when he heard his father's question. He asked, "Father, who did you hear that from? Could it be that person just now?"

There was some distance between Ning An town and the county government office, and the matter of Lin yuelan's eight stones yield per mu had only happened in the last two days.

If no one had specifically mentioned it to the district Magistrate, it would probably be four or five days later when they received the news.

It just so happened that Zhou Wencai had been in the county over the past few days and hadn't gone to Ning An town. Therefore, he didn't receive such news.

Therefore, when he heard the news, he was shocked.

One mu with eight stones, this result would shock the world.

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "that's right." County Magistrate Zhou doted on his only son.

Zhou Wencai immediately reacted and asked, "Dad, I heard you mention something about a jinx. According to what I know, there's only one person in the Lin family Village who is known as a jinx. Could this matter be related to her?"

If that were the case, it would be impossible for his father to deal with Lin yuelan, obtain the farming method, and claim credit for it.

That was because there was a great person living in that girl's house, and he could not tell his father about this. Otherwise, he would be going against

what he had promised her before.

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "that's right. The person who came just now was a landlord of the Lin family Village, Yan Lin."

"Then, father, why did he suddenly come to find you to tell you about that?" Zhou Wencai asked in puzzlement.

County Magistrate Zhou shook his head and said, "No. He said that one of his sons had gone missing, and it was very likely that he had been captured by the Lin family Village's jinx. And this jinx just so happens to be the family that can produce eight stones per mu."

"So, he wants to use you to arrest that person in the name of finding his son?" Zhou Wencai frowned tightly and asked, "Rhen, he can use this to take revenge. As for dad, you can obtain this farming technique from that person, right?"

If his father really had such a plan, it would be bad.

As expected ...

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and replied, "yes!" He was a County Magistrate, and as the local official, did he have to spend money to buy that method?

County Magistrate Zhou continued, "I also heard that the person is an unfilial daughter." At this point, County Magistrate Zhou paused for a moment, and there was faint anger on his face. "An unfilial daughter should be severely punished."

"So, father, you want to arrest that person for kidnapping and unfilial behavior, right?" Zhou Wencai asked in a serious tone.

"That's right." County Magistrate Zhou nodded in response.

Upon hearing this answer, Zhou Wencai secretly rejoiced that he had heard it while passing by. Otherwise, it was hard to say if his father would be in deep trouble. Zhou Wen took a deep breath and said to his father, "dad, I know the unfilial daughter you mentioned. Although she's a jinx and unfilial, father, "Zhou Wencai said to his father in all seriousness, "She has her reasons for being unfilial."

With that said, Zhou Wencai recounted Lin yuelan's unfilial acts.

In the end, Zhou Wencai took a sip of tea and said with some sympathy, "So, father, do you think that such a family really needs a twelve-year-old girl who hasn't even reached marriageable age to be filial?"

Upon hearing Zhou Wencai's explanation of the cause and effect, County Magistrate Zhou kept stroking his beard with a solemn expression. He said in disbelief, "so that's how it is?"

"That's right, father. It's like this." Zhou Wencai replied, "besides, father, although that child is only twelve years old, she has extraordinary talent. She's the one who's been planning and providing fresh improvements to the county. The Jinyun Pavillion in Ning An town has been converted into Lin Yue Pavillion's clothing shop, and it's developing so well because she's working with the boss of Lin Yue Pavillion. She's the one who designs new clothes every day. Oh, and most importantly, she's now the young master of Lin Ji pharmacy in Nang An town!"

Hearing his son tell him these things one by one, even if County Magistrate Zhou was calm, he could not hide his surprise.

If these things were done by a thirty or forty-year-old person, perhaps he wouldn't be surprised. However, the person who did all these things was a twelve-year-old child.

"Oh, Father, if the person who can produce eight stones per mu is really the jinx of the Lin family Village, then it's her." Zhou Wencai didn't wait for the county Magistrate to recover from his shock before he threw out another piece of shocking news. He continued, "so, father, do you think it's really good for you to do this?

"Yan Lin is self-centered and wants to take revenge on Lin yuelan. As for the consequences, it's none of his business as long as he achieves his goal. However, father, you're different, "Zhou Wencai said in all seriousness. "You're a local official. One wrong step might lead to irreversible consequences. You might even lose your official position and your life, father!"

"Is it that serious?" County Magistrate Zhou asked in surprise.

"Yes, father!" Zhou Wencai said, "You might not know this, but a powerful person lives in Lin yuelan's house. Therefore, our Zhou family has to be careful. Don't offend her easily!"

"Who is it?" County Magistrate Zhou asked in a serious tone.

"I'm sorry. I can't tell you now!" Zhou Wencai shook his head and said.

His father was not only a government official but also a member of the Zhou family in the capital. If he heard that the defender General was in the Lin family Village, he would probably send the news to the capital immediately. He didn't dare to predict the consequences of this matter, so he didn't dare to take the risk.

This time, County Magistrate Zhou was seriously considering this problem.

If his son couldn't even tell him, then it was very likely that there was an incredible figure in that family.

It was better for him not to offend them.

Then, he asked, "What should father do now?"

Zhou Wencai fanned himself twice with the fan and said, "we'll beat Yan Lin at his own game!"

### **Chapter 516 - Playing Along!**

In just a few days, Lin Yuelan had asked people to build a wood workshop!

The purpose of building this wood workshop was very simple. It was to build all kinds of wood to make furniture.

For example, there was the threshing machine and a wheelchair that had already been invented, and Lin Yuelan was planning to make a windmill for grain transportation.

However, she didn't plan to hire anyone to become a carpenter. Instead, she would purchase labor and train them herself to become the first batch of elite carpenters.

Of course, that would come later.

In the past few days, Lin yuelan had been busy collecting and drying grains while having people make threshing machines. Her biggest problem was dealing with waves of people. At the same time, she had been thinking hard about how to use a windmill to mill grains.

The structure of this windmill was a little more complicated than that of a threshing machine. What was more complicated was the internal structure of this windmill.

However, this time, Lin yuelan didn't go into seclusion for three days. Instead, she explained to Jiang Zhennan the appearance and function of the windmill in her memory. Jiang Zhennan understood these things with just a little bit of explanation. He was simply born to be a carpenter. However, he was a real God of War, the defender General of the Long Yan Kingdom.

"Damn," Lin yuelan knocked on Jiang Zhennan's agile hands and suddenly cursed, "masked uncle, you're going to steal all the jobs from the carpenters!"

Lin yuelan was amazed by his skillful cutting of wood, peeling, and removing the dregs.

She said, "Masked uncle, if you can't be a general one day, you can be a Carpenter. You can also live a good life."

Jiang Zhennan's cold face couldn't help but turn slightly red after being praised by Lin yuelan.

He said shyly, "Miss Yue 'Er, you ... You complimented me?"

Lin yuelan giggled and teased him, "masked uncle, are you shy?" She narrowed her eyes and looked at Jiang Zhennan's slightly red ears.

Just as Jiang Zhennan was at a loss of what to do after being teased, he suddenly heard little twelve shouting outside the door, "Miss Lin, boss, bad news, bad news ..."

From his tone, it was obvious that he was panicking.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan frowned at the same time. Then, Lin yuelan stood up and said to little twelve, who was running towards them, "brother little twelve, what's wrong?"

The wood workshop was located behind the yard, about one or two hundred meters away from the small thatched house. Little twelve was running from the front of the small thatched house to the back.

However, because he had trained regularly, this small distance did not cause him to be out of breath. However, he was still panting a little.

Little twelve said anxiously, "Miss Lin, something happened. That steward Yan said that the young master of the Yan family had gone missing. He's now here to ask us to hand over their young master. Their little young master is missing, and they're actually asking us for their little young master."

Hearing little twelve's words, Lin yuelan's clear brows turned, and she knew what the Yan family was planning.

She said, "let's go, brother little twelve. Let's go and take a look together."

As he spoke, he walked out of the door. Jiang Zhennan held a piece of wood, thought for a moment, and put it down. He immediately followed Lin yuelan and walked to the front room.

Before they reached the thatched cottage, they could hear the Yan family's steward shouting in front of the courtyard, "Lin yuelan, you wretched girl! Hand over our young master now! Otherwise, we'll report you to the court for kidnapping! You'll have to bear the consequences!"

The manservants below followed suit. "hurry up and hand over my young master. Hand him over. Otherwise, we'll report this to the officials!"

"Sure, go ahead and sue me," Lin yuelan said from a distance. The crowd automatically made way for her when they saw her. "I'd like to see how you're going to make me pay for this baseless accusation!"

As soon as he saw Lin yuelan, steward Yan's eyes narrowed. Then, he snorted at Lin yuelan, "Hmph, how can there be no evidence? You said in public that you would take my young master's life. Now, my young master is missing. If you didn't capture him, who else could it be? Otherwise, why would my young master disappear for no reason?"

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"Bullshit!" Doctor Zhang was furious. "Doesn't your young master have long legs? Why can't he just run away?"

When Butler Yan heard his young master being scolded, he also said angrily, "My young master's limbs are fine!"

"Since your young master's limbs are fine and he can run and walk, he could have walked away on his own. What does it have to do with my girl?" Doctor Zhang's words were a little rough.

However, when dealing with rude people, he would also use the same rudeness to fight back.

"how is it none of this wretched girl's business?" steward Yan tried to defend himself. "my young master disappeared after she gave the word that she would take my young master's life.

"Now that my family's young master is missing, of course, it's this wretched girl's fault."

In any case, he would just put himself on the victim's side and delay for a time until those people came.

Lin yuelan looked at the overbearing Butler and the group of servants behind him and sneered, "Hmph, I think it's your dereliction of duty. You lost your young master, and now you're pushing the blame on me, right?"

As she spoke, she glanced at Butler Yan's guilty gaze and continued, "Why don't you go to other places to look for your young master, such as the river, the mountains, and so on? Instead, you came directly to my house to ask for him. It looks like you are trying to frame me for your negligence and mistakes so that you can absolve yourself of all responsibility!"

"You're talking nonsense!" One of the manservants couldn't take it anymore and immediately retorted, "our Butler said that the young master disappeared because he was kidnapped by you!"

When Lin yuelan heard this, she struck while the iron was hot and asked with a smile, "Oh, so your Butler told you. But, did your Butler see me kidnap your young master with his own eyes?"

She immediately asked a sharp question, "if Butler Yan really saw me kidnapping the young master of the Yan family, then may I ask when, where, and how do I kidnap your young master? Why didn't steward Yan stop me at that time? Or is it because he's afraid of death, so he doesn't dare to come forward to stop me?"

A servant who was afraid of death and disregarded his master's safety could be punished or beaten to death by the master at will!

As soon as Lin yuelan spoke, the arrogant steward Yan's face turned pale. Then, he flew into a rage out of humiliation and shouted at Lin yuelan, "You wretched girl, shut up!" He could not answer any of those questions.

If he couldn't answer, it meant that he had wronged Lin yuelan. If he answered, the disappearance of the young master would prove that he was a servant who had failed at his job.

Hence, no matter what he did, it would be extremely disadvantageous to him.

Therefore, while he was arguing with Lin yuelan, he was very anxious. He thought to himself, why aren't the officials from the county office here yet? If this dragged on, there would probably be more loopholes, which would really be disadvantageous to them.

Lin yuelan noticed that steward Yan's eyes kept darting out, and a sharp glint flashed in her eyes. She asked coldly, "steward Yan, who are you waiting for?"

Butler Yan immediately panicked. He immediately pretended to be an arrogant man and said, "Hmph, my young master is missing.

"Of course, we have to report it to the government!"

"I'm afraid you're not asking the authorities to find him but to directly arrest Miss Yue 'Er, right?" A sneer appeared on Guo Bing's handsome face as he continued, "it seems that you came here directly because you were well prepared!"

"Hmph!" Steward Yan has nothing to say, so he can only snort to boost his momentum.

Guo Bing saw his arrogant attitude and immediately wanted to teach him a lesson in anger.

Just as he was about to make a move, a young man's loud and deep voice came from outside, "Is this Lin yuelan's house?"

Hearing the sound, everyone turned to look.

It was a few bailiffs in official uniforms.

Some of the more timid people immediately took a few steps back or shrank to the side, directly giving way.

The people did not fight with the officials.

These villagers had spent their entire lives working in the mud. They were obviously in awe and afraid of the officials. It was somewhat like an instinctive reaction.

Seeing that the bailiffs had really come, steward Yan eagerly went up to them with a face full of smiles. He looked particularly fawning and polite. He cupped his hands and said to the two bailiffs, "Are you two looking for Lin yuelan?"

Without waiting for the two bailiffs to reply, he pointed at Lin yuelan and said loudly, "It's her, it's her. She's Lin yuelan. Officers, please take her

away."

A tall bailiff was puzzled when he heard steward Yan's words. "Why do we want to capture her?"

As soon as he said this, steward Yan, the group of manservants, and the onlookers who really thought they were here to capture Lin Yuelan were all stunned.

Steward Yan thought that the two bailiffs had made a mistake, so he reminded them again, "My Lords, I am the steward of the Yan family. Yan Lin is my master. Now that our master's most precious son is missing, all the evidence points to Lin yuelan. We have already reported this to the authorities, right?"

However, he didn't know if these two officers were pretending to be stupid or if they were really stupid.

The tall bailiff immediately shouted doubtfully, "What Yan Lin from the Yan family? We don't know anything about him."

The smile on steward Yan's face froze. Then, he asked, "Aren't you here to catch Lin yuelan?"

When the two bailiffs heard this, they immediately rebuked him with a serious expression, "Who the hell are you? Who told you that we're here to capture Lin yuelan?"

Then, without waiting for the crowd's reaction, the two of them went straight to Lin yuelan and said very respectfully, "Miss Lin, our family's Lord would like to invite you to his house!"

The crowd was dumbfounded!

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The bailiff's polite invitation surprised everyone present.

What was going on?

According to steward Yan's words, the disappearance of their young master had a lot to do with Lin yuelan. If they had reported it to the authorities, then these people should have come to arrest her. Why were they so respectful and polite now?

It was really strange.

Steward Yan was so angry that his face turned ugly, but no one cared about him.

When Jiang Zhennan heard that the county Magistrate was looking for Lin yuelan, he immediately stood in front of Lin yuelan and asked sternly in a strong and imposing manner, "Why is your County Magistrate looking for miss Yue 'Er?"

Although their attitude and tone towards Lin yuelan could be considered respectful, there must be a trick behind this.

In particular, the magistrate might have heard that Lin yuelan was a capable person who could produce eight stones of grains per mu.

Although he was a general, he was well aware of the deception and cunningness of the Imperial court. When there were benefits, some people would directly tempt or even threaten, and some would use underhanded means to directly seize things by force and so on.

Now, Lin yuelan was a great treasure in front of this County Magistrate. She could either become a huge treasure bowl for him to accumulate wealth or an important means for him to be promoted.

Therefore, the magistrate must have wanted to get something from her. Perhaps it was just for show. Once Lin yuelan entered the court, he would secretly imprison her and try to get the farming method from her. Then, he would either sell it or report it.

The two bailiffs looked at Jiang Zhennan's sharp and terrifying aura and were shocked. This person's aura was extraordinary. One look and they could tell that he was not a simple person.

Before they had come, their eldest young master had repeatedly instructed them to be polite and respectful to Lin yuelan and her guests, especially to a man with an imposing aura and an extraordinary bearing.

It seemed that the young master was talking about this person.

When the two bailiffs thought of this, their eyes met. Then, the taller bailiff immediately bowed to Jiang Zhennan and said very politely, "Brother, please rest assured. My Lord, County Magistrate Zhou, has heard that miss Lin is a capable farmer and would like to invite miss Lin to the manor for a chat!"

This person's words directly stated the reason for inviting her, which was to make clear County Magistrate Zhou's attitude and that he would never harm Lin yuelan.

This time, without waiting for Jiang Zhennan to speak, Lin yuelan said directly, "Alright, brothers, I'll go with you to see County Magistrate Zhou!"

In her heart, she was secretly speculating that county Magistrate Zhou's polite and open attitude was most likely due to Zhou Wencai's efforts. After analyzing the pros and cons, she made such a move.

After all, Zhou Wencai had met Jiang Zhennan in the Lin family Village and had guessed his identity.

Otherwise, County Magistrate Zhou, as a member of the capital's Zhou family, would definitely eat Lin Yuelan up.

Lin yuelan agreed to go to the county government with the two bailiffs. Jiang Zhennan frowned and said worriedly, "Alright, I'll go with you!"

The two bailiffs looked at each other and were immediately put in a difficult position. "This ..." After all, their master had only ordered them to invite Lin yuelan over. Now that they had brought one more person back, they didn't know if their master would be angry.

However, when he thought of the eldest young master's attitude earlier, he seemed to know this person's identity and was very respectful.

Then, the two of them nodded. "Alright then!"

Just as the four of them were about to leave,

"Wait a minute." seeing that the situation in front of him wasn't quite right, steward Yan immediately panicked. Thus, he couldn't help but stop them. "officers, our young master has clearly gone missing, and the culprit is this person. Why aren't you arresting her? Instead, why are you so polite to the criminal?"

In his heart, he was grumbling to himself. This was clearly different from their original plan.

His original idea was for his old master to find the county Magistrate and use Lin yuelan's farming method as bait. Then, they would hide Yan Xiaoyong and charge Lin yuelan with kidnapping. At that time, the county Magistrate would arrest Lin yuelan for kidnapping. This way, no one would know that the actual purpose of County Magistrate Zhou's arrest was for the farming method in her hands. The Yan family had negotiated with the county Magistrate that after the county Magistrate obtained the farming method, he would give it to the Yan family.

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As for Lin yuelan, as long as their young master didn't appear in the Lin family Village, she would definitely be imprisoned. Their goal was for County Magistrate Zhou to imprison her.

Such a plan could really be said to kill three birds with one stone. First, they would take revenge on Lin yuelan. Second, they would obtain the method of farming. Third, they would curry favor with the county Magistrate. In the future, with the county Magistrate taking care of the Yan family, they would no longer have to be afraid of anything in An Ding County.

It was supposed to be a beautiful thing, but why didn't it develop according to their plan?

The county government did come, but they didn't arrest her. Instead, they invited her in a very polite way, and it was for the sake of farming.

This was beyond their expectations.

Butler Yan panicked. However, he still thought that the officer who came to arrest her had made a mistake, so he wanted to remind him again.

When the two bailiffs heard steward Yan's words, they furrowed their brows, expressing their dissatisfaction.

Immediately, the tall bailiff said unhappily, "What arrest? We didn't receive any report, so how can we arrest anyone? Besides, you're just saying that this child kidnapped your young master without any evidence, and we're going to arrest her? Also, why don't you take a look at how small she is? How could she kidnap your young master? Don't accuse people."

Steward Yan's face turned pale, and the panic on his face was obvious. He opened his mouth and was about to say something to explain himself when the slightly short and thin bailiff waved his hand and said impatiently, "Alright, alright. If you want us to arrest her, you can bring the evidence."

Then, he smiled at Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Lin, let's go."

Lin yuelan, however, smiled and said to the two bailiffs, "brother officers, can I report a case?"

The two bailiffs were taken aback, and their hearts went numb. They felt that they had miscalculated in coming to the Lin family Village.

However, the tall bailiff immediately smiled and said, "sure. I don't know what miss Lin wants to report and who she wants to report?"

Lin yuelan pointed at steward Yan with her little hand and said with a serious expression, "I want to sue the Lin village's Yan Jiayan for slander and false accusation!"

When the two bailiffs heard this, their foreheads instantly started to sweat.

Was she taking revenge?

The two bailiffs immediately said courteously, "Miss Lin, if the facts of your case are true, we can immediately arrest him and bring him back to the court!"

When steward Yan heard this, he was so angry that he instantly stomped his feet. His face turned red from embarrassment as he pointed at Lin yuelan and shouted, "you're talking nonsense! There's no such thing! You're the one who's framing me!"

He had no idea how things had developed to this point.

Not only did he fail to frame her, but she was also accused of framing him.

Lin yuelan looked at steward Yan and sneered, "Hmph, steward Yan, you say I'm framing you? Fine, I'll use evidence to speak!"

Then, without waiting for steward Yan's response, she said to the two bailiffs, "Big brother officers, please come with me to the Yan residence. The truth will be revealed!"

The two bailiffs looked at each other again. After some thought, they said, "Alright, miss Lin. We will follow you to the Yan residence. If the truth is really in the Yan family, then we will not say anything and take them away. But if it's really as this person said, that their young master's disappearance has a lot to do with you, then we can only arrest you." He pointed his finger at steward Yan and changed the topic, warning him with a stern expression.

This meant that if the young master of the Yan family had really disappeared, and it was as the other party had said, then they would have to handle this matter fairly.

Lin yuelan didn't panic at all. She nodded and replied, "Okay!"

Hearing their conversation, steward Yan cursed in his heart!

They wanted to use Yan Xiaoyong to frame Lin yuelan, so they let Yan Xiaoyong stay in a side courtyard in the county town for a period of time so that he would not appear in front of the Lin family village again.

At this moment, they had yet to move Yan Xiaoyong!

Steward Yan was secretly anxious. He gave a look to the manservants behind him to be more alert and ran back to the Yan residence to report.

However, there was indeed a quick-witted servant who received steward Yan's eye signal. He wanted to retreat and run back to the Yan residence while no one was paying attention.

However, he had only taken one step when he realized that he could no longer move.

Jiang Zhennan flicked the yellow beans with a calm expression and followed them to the Yan residence.

Seeing that the servant had suddenly stopped in his tracks, steward Yan was so angry that he revealed a fierce look. He glared at him a few times and gave him a big slap. Then, he wanted to walk a few steps faster and return to the Yan residence first to hide Yan Xiaoyong.

"steward Yan, you're walking so fast. Are you trying to lead the way for us?" Steward Yan had only taken a few quick steps when Lin yuelan said with a smile, "Actually, you don't have to lead the way, steward Yan. We all know the way to the Yan residence."

Everyone could see how wide and open the road from the village to the Yan residence was.

"So, you should just come with us. Otherwise," Lin yuelan changed the topic and said half-truthfully, "Everyone will think that you were rushing back to inform them and then hide the so-called victim. Don't you think so, officers?" Lin yuelan asked in an innocent tone.

The two bailiffs nodded and said, "yes. You, come with us!" They pointed at steward Yan.

Steward Yan could only follow them to the Yan residence with a bitter expression.

They arrived at the Yan residence.

"Father, I want to go out and play. I want to go out and play. Why won't you let me go and play?" The arrogant voice that the Lin family villagers were familiar with rang out.

# **Chapter 520 - Lin Yuelan Goes To The County Town**

Hearing the familiar voice of the little tyrant of the Lin family Village, what else could people not understand?

The Yan family was just spouting nonsense and framing Lin yuelan for kidnapping Yan Xiaoyong.

They all knew that Lin yuelan had refused to sell the farming method to the Yan family because of what had happened a few months ago. She had even said that she wanted Yan Xiaoyong to pay with his life. Thus, it was understandable that the Yan family held a grudge against Lin yuelan and had framed her.

However, even if they wanted to frame him, they should not do it so brazenly, okay?

They locked him up in their own courtyard and then told the public that Lin yuelan had kidnapped Yan Xiaoyong. Did they really think these bailiffs were fools?

Indeed, the two bailiffs were not fools.

When they saw the strange expressions on the villagers' faces, they knew that the child's voice that came from the house's courtyard was the one who was accused of being kidnapped by Lin yuelan.

The two bailiffs' faces darkened. They quickly walked to the gate and kicked it hard.

However, the door had been bolted from the inside, so the two of them did not kick it open. Instead, it stunned Yan Lin, who was drinking tea and basking in the sun, and Yan Xiaoyong, who was crying and making a scene in the courtyard.

Yan Lin's face darkened when he heard the loud knocking. "Who is outside?" he asked sternly.

Without waiting for a reply from the people outside, Yan Xiaoyong's eyes turned, and he immediately said, "Father, I'll go open the door. It must be uncle Butler and the others."

Then, before Yan Lin could react, Yan Xiaoyong had already run over and opened the door.

When Yan Xiaoyong saw the two tall men standing in front of him, dressed in red uniforms and holding a large knife, he was so frightened that his chubby body shivered. His face was a little pale as he asked, "Who are you?"

He had always been arrogant and domineering. Other than his father, he was always overbearing, but that did not mean that he was not afraid of bailiffs who walked around the streets with a big knives.

The two of them looked like the fierce-looking bailiffs on the street.

The two bailiffs glared at the fair and chubby boy, who looked like a pig. Their eyes turned fierce as they pointed at steward Yan and the group of people behind him. "you're their young master?"

Yan Xiaoyong shrunk his neck and replied softly, "Y-yes!"

Yan Lin sat there drinking tea. He was worried that the Lin family Village would see Yan Xiaoyong opening the door, but before he could stop him, the door had already opened.

However, when he saw the two bailiffs and steward Yan standing outside, his heart relaxed slightly.

However, when he stood up, he saw Lin yuelan and the villagers standing behind the two bailiffs.

Yan Lin's heart was in turmoil. Panic flashed across his face for a moment. Then, he walked over calmly and said to the two bailiffs, "You're here,

officers. Please come in!"

He immediately turned around and reprimanded Butler Yan sternly, "Butler, what are you doing? The two lords came, but you didn't come back to report to me first. When Lord Zhou learned of this, he would think that I've neglected his subordinates."

On the surface, Yan Lin's words sounded like he was reprimanding steward Yan, but in reality, he was hinting at his friendship with County Magistrate Zhou and that these two bailiffs should not act accordingly.

As Yan Lin said this, he naturally didn't know that even though County Magistrate Zhou had sent his people to the Lin family Village, it was completely different from his original plan.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have been so narcissistic as to hint at his friendship with County Magistrate Zhou.

When the two bailiffs heard Yan Lin's words, they frowned and asked sternly, "You are the Yan family head, Yan Lin?"

Hearing the question, Yan Lin frowned slightly in dissatisfaction. Then, he relaxed and nodded. "that's right. I'm Yan Lin, the head of the Yan family!" Then, he saw the group of people behind him and asked in confusion, "this is …"

The tall bailiff immediately replied, "We received a report from miss Lin saying that you guys fabricated some things to accuse her of kidnapping Yan Xiaoyong. The facts had proven that Yan Xiaoyong was standing there perfectly fine. The truth is right in front of us. Yan Lin, let's go to the court!" As he spoke, he took out a pair of handcuffs and was about to put them on Yan Lin.

Yan Lin's heart skipped a beat, and his pupils suddenly contracted violently. This was clearly beyond his expectations.

When he saw that the shackles were about to be put on his head, he suddenly dodged and asked with a frightened and panicked expression, "

officers, I'm innocent. This is definitely a misunderstanding. I've been staying at home these days and didn't take a step out of the house. How could I have the opportunity to frame Lin yuelan? So, there must be a misunderstanding. Oh, right ..."

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At this point, he paused for a moment, and his eyes shot a fierce glare at steward Yan, who was standing next to the bailiff. Steward Yan saw the viciousness in Yan Lin's eyes, and his heart jumped. Immediately, a loud and heavy slap landed on his face.

"You dog slave!" Yan Lin shouted at steward Yan angrily. "I thought you were at home with your family when I didn't see you for the past few days. I didn't expect you to use my and your young master's names to frame someone. You're really bold!"

The intention of these words was very obvious.

He had used Steward Yan's family to threaten him and made him take all the responsibility.

After reprimanding steward Yan, Yan Lin immediately smiled apologetically at the two bailiffs and said, "brothers, I failed to control him and allowed him to do such a thing. I'm very sorry. However ..." Yan Lin's tone changed. "this dog slave of mine was also confused for a moment. On account that I know Lord Zhou, can you forgive him this once?"

Before the two bailiffs had come to the Lin family Village, their Lord and the eldest young master had instructed them to be polite to no one but Lin yuelan and her guests.

Of course, this did not include Yan Lin from the Yan family.

Although Yan Lin kept saying that he had a friendship with their Lord, the truth was that their Lord did not tell them about Yan Lin before.

Since there were no instructions, there was no need to be polite.

Therefore, there was no need to listen to Yan Lin's plea for mercy.

However, since this person had pushed the Butler out, and in fact, the Butler was the one who carried out this task, they had to take the Butler back to report and see what the Lord had to say.

The tall bailiff said, "A crime is a crime. There's no excuse like a moment of confusion."

As they spoke, they took the shackles and put them on steward Yan's hand.

When Yan Lin pushed steward Yan out to take the blame, and his family was threatened, his face turned pale, and his body trembled with anger. He wanted to be angry, but he didn't dare to. His expression was ugly, and he could only numbly let the two bailiffs put shackles on him.

After the two bailiffs had shackled steward Yan, they turned around and said apologetically but in a flattering manner, "Miss Lin, the case you reported has irrefutable facts. The criminal has been arrested. Is that alright?"

Upon hearing the bailiff's words, Yan Lin's expression was extremely ugly and twisted. The anger he was suppressing could be seen in his tightly clenched fists.

The way he looked at Lin yuelan was like a sharp cold knife, darkly shooting toward her. He wished he could cut her into a thousand pieces!

He had thought that the plan would go smoothly. After all, he had already informed County Magistrate Zhou in advance.

But now, they didn't know what went wrong, but it actually caused them to suffer a double loss.

Lin yuelan ignored Yan Lin's murderous gaze and nodded innocently at the two bailiffs. "yes, officers. I just want to catch the culprit!"

She believed that once steward Yan was caught, the things he would spit out would definitely make Yan Lin bear the consequences. And these things

would definitely interest County Magistrate Zhou. For example, in order to force the tenant farmer to pay his debt, Yan Lin would forcibly take a good girl as a concubine and so on...

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan followed the two bailiffs and left. The one who left with them was, of course, steward Yan, who no longer had any freedom.

At the Zhou mansion, County Magistrate Zhou placed his hands behind his back and nervously rubbed them against each other as he paced back and forth in the hall.

On the top seat of the right side of the bench sat a young man in a blue embroidered robe.

Zhou Wencai was holding a cup of tea in his hand. He opened the lid and gently fiddled with it. Then, he took another sip and put down the cup. He said to County Magistrate Zhou, "my dear father, you've been walking here the entire morning. Aren't you dizzy and tired? Even I, your son, am tired and dizzy."

County Magistrate Zhou stopped in his tracks and looked at Zhou Wencai. He said worriedly, "Wen 'Er, the sun has already risen in the sky. It's already noon. Why hasn't Lin yuelan arrived yet? Will she think that I'm trying to harm her and refuse to come?"

After hearing Zhou Wencai's warning, he didn't dare to do anything improper to Lin yuelan. Therefore, Lin yuelan had the right to choose whether she wanted to come or not.

Zhou Wencai looked at his father speechlessly and said, "dad, did you forget that it takes more than two hours to travel from the Lin family Village to Ning An town by carriage? It takes at least four hours to travel from Ning An town to the county city. In that case, it will take at least eight hours to travel from the Lin family Village to the county city. So, father, you can sit down with peace of mind. We still have to wait for at least two hours."

And this was the time taken by the carriage. If they walked, they would need at least a day and a half.

As such, news from the Lin family Village would take two to three days to reach the county city unless someone had specially sent the message on a fast horse.

County Magistrate Zhou sat down.

However, once he sat down, he would drink some tea and raise his head to look outside.

After an unknown period of time, someone finally came to report and said, "Sir, we're back! They're back!"

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When the servant came over to report, County Magistrate Zhou was somewhat stunned. Zhou Wencai quickly stood up and even forgot to pick up the fan he usually loved. He strode out and asked anxiously, "Where are they now?"

The servant replied, "They are already in the courtyard."

The moment the servant finished speaking, Zhou Wencai saw Lin yuelan and immediately greeted her in joy, "Miss Lin, long time no see!"

When Lin yuelan saw Zhou Wencai, she chuckled without any surprise. "It's indeed been a long time, young master Zhou!"

Zhou Wencai smiled like a flower and said, "Haha, Miss Lin, I haven't seen you for such a long time. You're getting more and more beautiful. When I first saw you, you were so skinny and you didn't look like a twelve-year-old child at all. You were obviously seven or eight years old ... Now, your skin is tender and white, and your face is white with a tinge of red ..."

The more he spoke, the more Zhou Wencai suddenly felt a freezing cold air coming from his left, making his body shrink involuntarily.

Then, Zhou Wencai looked to the left beside Lin yuelan and noticed a tall, slender man in ice-blue clothes. He had sharp brows and a handsome face.

He noticed that the cold air was coming from his body, and what made others even more suspicious was that this man's body was also emitting a murderous aura, as well as a strong and overbearing aura.

In short, the two auras made Zhou Wencai feel somewhat familiar, as though he had encountered them before. However, he didn't remember clearly having never seen this man.

Jiang Zhennan had already felt uncomfortable when Zhou Wencai praised Lin yuelan for becoming more and more beautiful. Once he felt uncomfortable, he released a cold aura at Zhou Wencai.

Zhou Wencai's mind whirled a few times. When his gaze involuntarily drifted to Lin yuelan, he suddenly had a flash of inspiration as a guess emerged.

Could it be ...

Only then did Zhoucai Wen suppress the shock in his heart. Then, he asked with a calm expression, "Miss Lin, this is?"

Lin yuelan looked to the side and saw Jiang Zhennan's cold, solemn, and dignified face exuding an icy aura. It was no wonder that Zhou Wencai had noticed him so quickly.

She introduced him, "this is my friend, young master Nan Zhenjiang."

Nan Zhenjiang, Jiang Zhennan

So it really was him!

This time, Zhou Wencai's face revealed an obviously astonished expression.

What puzzled Zhou Wencai, even more, was that the legendary general Wargod wasn't disfigured. He wore a silver mask for a long time, causing outsiders to be unable to know Jiang Zhennan's true face.

Some people said that he had become an extremely ugly monster, so he had to wear a face to cover up his ugliness in case he scared people. Some people said that it was because he was handsome. As a general of an Army of hundreds of thousands of soldiers, this handsome face did not pose any threat to the enemy, so he wore a mask to increase his power and majesty. Some people said that he wore a mask to disguise himself, to make people think that he was unfathomable, not to be trifled with.

However, no matter what the rumors were, everyone was inclined to believe the first one. He was disfigured on the battlefield and was determined to be an ugly monster.

Therefore, whenever he appeared in any place with a mask on, his appearance would make children cry and women shriek in fear. They were all frightened, first by his intimidating aura and second by the rumors. The children were frightened, while the women were frightened by the aura and rumors.

However, in reality, no one had seen his true face.

Now that Zhou Wencai had finally seen Jiang Zhennan's true face, he would be lying if he said that he was not surprised.

Who would have thought that the general, who was rumored to be extremely ugly, would actually be so handsome?

However, no matter how surprised he was, he couldn't reveal Jiang Zhennan's true identity in front of everyone. Otherwise, not to mention Jiang Zhennan himself, even Lin yuelan would probably cut him.

Zhou Wencai hid his surprised and astonished expression. He wanted to perform well in front of Jiang Zhennan, but his facial expression had already stiffened, and the smile he revealed was a little awkward.

But even so, just as he was about to speak, his father's words rang in his ears. County Magistrate Zhou asked, "Wen 'Er, this is Lin yuelan, right?" County Magistrate Zhou's eyes brightened as he asked in confusion.

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Zhou Wencai nodded and replied, "Yes, father. This is Miss Lin, my friend. Miss Lin, this is my father. He's also the county Magistrate of An Ding County."

Lin yuelan greeted County Magistrate Zhou and said, "Hello, County Magistrate Zhou!"

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "girl, since you're here, let's talk inside!"

Immediately, Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan followed the Zhou father and son.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan sat down, and a moment later, a maidservant served tea.

After the maidservant left, County Magistrate Zhou impatiently went straight to the point. "little Lin, I heard that you are the Lin family Village's expert farmer who can produce eight stones per mu. Is this true?"

Lin yuelan smiled indifferently and said, "County Magistrate Zhou, if you are talking about the Lin family Village, then this is true. I am that expert who can produce eight stones per mu."

There was no need to hide this matter.

When County Magistrate Zhou heard Lin yuelan's words, he was surprised. The surprise on his face was also obvious.

He was surprised and puzzled by Lin yuelan's age.

A 12-year-old child was actually an expert in farming. No one would believe it.

However, the truth was just that.

County Magistrate Zhou's face was filled with surprise and suspicion. He said in disbelief, "But I heard from Wen 'Er that you are only twelve years old, right? A twelve-year-old child is an expert in farming. Little girl, is that believable?" As he spoke, his tone became stern. He slammed the teacup on the table and said sternly, "Lin yuelan, do you know the consequences of lying to me?"

Lin yuelan also put down her teacup. Her expression was calm and composed as she said to County Magistrate Zhou, "County Magistrate Zhou, everyone in the Lin family Village knows about this. I don't need to hide it, nor do I need to deceive anyone!"

County Magistrate Zhou asked again, "However, I heard that your family guests did everything. From the beginning to the end, they were the ones who participated in the farming, but you were free and at ease. You only moved your mouth from the side." Of course, these were the things said by Yan Lin, who wanted to frame Lin Yuelan.

However, all the Lin family villagers knew that some of Lin yuelan's guests didn't know how to farm.

It was simply impossible for people who did not know how to farm to produce a yield of eight stones per mu.

As for Lin yuelan, she started to farm when she was seven years old. Moreover, she said that she had come back from the dead and she had gained some extraordinary skills.

At this moment, County Magistrate Zhou's words were indeed full of doubts. Seeing Lin yuelan in person had given him too much of a shock. Therefore, he had never believed that a child could really produce a high harvest of eight stones per mu.

Lin yuelan still smiled calmly and said, "County Magistrate Zhou, a capable person doesn't have to do everything himself. Isn't it better to just let others listen to his command instead?"

Her words sounded like she was trying to elevate herself. More importantly, the people who listened to her command were the defender-general and the Lieutenant. It was as if she was belittling them and saying that they were incapable.

Zhou Wencai had just taken a sip of tea, but upon hearing Lin yuelan's words, he immediately spat it out in shock. Then, he coughed, but his eyes were secretly sizing up Jiang Zhennan. He was afraid that he would see him angry and the fury on his face.

However, the facts proved that Zhou Wencai was overthinking things. From the beginning to the end, Jiang Zhennan had been sitting beside Lin yuelan. He had pursed his thick lips and had a cold and expressionless face. It was impossible to tell whether he was happy or angry.

When County Magistrate Zhou saw his son's behavior, he sternly lectured him. "Wen 'Er, you even choked on your tea. You shouldn't be so rude in front of our guests!"

Zhou Wencai's face turned red as he said, "Father, I accidentally choked. &Quot; Then, he turned to Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Lin, young master Nan, please forgive my rudeness!"

Lin yuelan shook her head in amusement.

She didn't think that the Zhou family's eldest young master would be so easily shocked.

However, from this, one could also see the way the father and son got along. It looked like they exposed each other's shortcomings, but in fact, they had a good relationship.

Jiang Zhennan's cold face looked at the Zhou father and son. There was a moment of envy, but he quickly regained his cold expression.

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "County Magistrate Zhou, it's alright. You just choked a little. In the past, I've seen young master Zhou snatching food from other people's bowls." She was referring to the time when Zhou Wencai snatched the fish from Liu Qi's bowl at Yuelai Inn.

When County Magistrate Zhou heard Lin yuelan's words, he was stunned for a moment. Then, he immediately realized that Lin yuelan was telling him that she and his son had been very casual with each other and that they were like real friends.

County Magistrate Zhou quickly smiled and said, "alright. Little Lin is indeed a smart person!"

The atmosphere was no longer as serious and stiff as before. It was completely harmonious and lively, very much like a conversation between ordinary people.

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "then, I will have to ask County Magistrate Zhou. What are your thoughts on inviting me here?" Lin yuelan also asked directly.

County Magistrate Zhou had definitely not invited them over just because she and his son were friends.

Since that was the case, he might as well be more direct.

The atmosphere suddenly changed when she was asked this question. It seemed to become more serious.

County Magistrate Zhou and young master Zhou had never thought that Lin yuelan would be so direct and straightforward.

Therefore, for a while, the father and son were a little amazed.

However, County Magistrate Zhou quickly said, "little Lin, you're really smart. Since that's the case, I will not beat around the bush." Then, he said directly, "I want the method of farming!"

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Lin yuelan's straightforwardness and County Magistrate Zhou's straightforwardness could be considered a clash. It would depend on whose aura was stronger.

Lin yuelan was still calm and composed.

She held a cup of tea. The water in the cup instantly rippled, rising and falling.

After a few sips of tea, she put the teacup back on the table.

From the beginning to the end, she ignored the burning gazes of the other three people.

After that, she asked in a seemingly nonchalant and serious tone, "Then, County Magistrate Zhou, if you want the farming method, it's fine. But I wonder what conditions and benefits you can offer?"

She was asking for benefits so directly, which made County Magistrate Zhou apprehensive again.

He had never expected that a twelve-year-old child would ask for conditions and benefits.

Wasn't a farmer's daughter like her, who had never met anyone before and had no background or identity, supposed to take the initiative to offer this thing in order to ensure her safety?

But she ...

County Magistrate Zhou didn't know if Lin yuelan was a bold and fearless person, or if she was really naive.

After thinking for a while, County Magistrate Zhou threw the question back and asked directly, "Then tell me, what conditions and benefits do you want me to give you for you to be willing to hand over this method of farming?"

Lin yuelan shook her head and said calmly, "County Magistrate Zhou, I'm sorry. It's not that I don't want to pass this method on to you, but I have given it to someone else. So, if you want to use this thing to pave the way for you to get that person's commendation and get promoted and rich, I advise you to give up on this plan!"

Lin yuelan's words left the father and son of the Zhou family completely dumbfounded.

Lin yuelan had been haggling with them, negotiating terms and benefits. Why did she change her mind in the blink of an eye? what kind of twist was this?

His face was immediately filled with anger as he said sternly, "Lin yuelan, are you playing with me? You're just a village girl. How could you hand over the method to someone else? Are you trying to fool me?"

However, Lin yuelan said very calmly, "I'm sorry, County Magistrate Zhou. It's just that there's no need for me to lie to you about this matter, let alone play with you. It's just that I've already handed this matter over to someone else. As for the farming method you mentioned, I can offer it to you, but you can't offer it to that person."

Lin yuelan's words couldn't convince County Magistrate Zhou.

In his heart, he was certain that Lin yuelan wanted to sell this method to make a fortune, so she found an excuse to stop him from asking.

County Magistrate Zhou immediately reacted. He thought that Lin yuelan wanted him to offer more benefits and pay a higher price. Or, as Lin yuelan said, she intended to offer this method to someone else, which meant that she wanted to find an official with a higher position than him.

These were County Magistrate Zhou's thoughts. He didn't believe that at this moment, Lin yuelan had really given these methods to someone else. He just thought that she wanted to find someone who could give her more benefits.

Thinking of this, County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened, and he said angrily, "Lin yuelan, do you know the consequences of messing with me? You must know that although I'm a County Magistrate, making things difficult for you is simply a matter of moving a finger. I can get rid of you before you find someone more powerful than me. Do you believe me?"

As soon as County Magistrate Zhou said this, Jiang Zhennan's cold and serious expression immediately became even colder. His sharp eyes shot towards County Magistrate Zhou. This majestic aura made County Magistrate Zhou breathless and broke out in cold sweat. Even Zhou Wencai, who was leaning against him, felt as if the space was distorted. It was narrow and tight, and he couldn't breathe. His entire body was covered in sweat.

Only then did Zhou Wencai realize that such an awe-inspiring aura came from the defender-general opposite him. Furthermore, it was obvious that his father had angered Jiang Zhennan, so he didn't hide his awe-inspiring aura.

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Zhou Wencai wiped the sweat from his forehead again. When he saw his father's pale face, he immediately stepped forward to smooth things over. "Miss Lin, don't mind him. My father was just joking. My father has been a County Magistrate for a long time, so he naturally has the air of an official. Therefore, he will naturally be a little angry at the disobedience. However, he was only angry. He would never harm others for his own selfish reasons.

"Although my father isn't a perfect official, he's a really good official. He's a good official who has done many things for the people of An Ding County. He's a good official who has never harmed anyone.

"So, my father only said those words out of anger. He just wanted the tens of thousands of people in An Ding County to have a good harvest as soon as possible.

"Miss Lin, you're a magnanimous person, so please don't hold it against my father. I, Zhou wencai, would like to apologize to you for his mistake."

With that said, Zhou Wencai stood up before anyone could react and bowed to Lin yuelan apologetically.

His words were clearly directed at Lin yuelan, but in fact, they were directed at Jiang Zhennan.

To be honest, Lin yuelan was stunned by Zhou Wencai's speech. Then, Jiang Zhennan's face darkened. However, the one who was most surprised was his father, County Magistrate Zhou.

County Magistrate Zhou was able to become a County Magistrate by relying on his own abilities. Capable people were never stupid.

Furthermore, as Zhou Wencai's father, he was the person who understood Zhou wencai the most.

Therefore, he could clearly feel his precious son's anxious tone as well as nervous and uneasy attitude.

Therefore, his heart was in turmoil, and his thoughts turned several times. However, during this time, he clearly felt two sharp lights shooting at him, and his whole body ached.

He looked in the direction of the light with some doubt. Then, he was even more surprised.

The source of these two sharp glints was obviously the young man sitting next to Lin yuelan.

This man was handsome and had an extraordinary bearing. He had an overbearing aura and did not look like an ordinary farmer.

He then remembered that his son had told him that Lin yuelan's house had a group of guests, and these guests were all noble people in the capital. Therefore, they must not offend Lin yuelan and those guests.

So, could this man be one of the guests?

So, his son was so anxious because of this man and not because of Lin yuelan?

After thinking this through, County Magistrate Zhou secretly glanced at his son from the corner of his eyes. The hearts of father and son were connected, and they had a tacit understanding. When he secretly looked at his son, his son was also secretly giving him a look.

Therefore, the answer was self-evident!

County Magistrate Zhou immediately broke out in a cold sweat.

Then, his first thought was to remedy the situation.

Therefore, when he was about to speak, Lin yuelan spoke first.

Lin yuelan said, "County Magistrate Zhou, whether you believe it or not, I'm telling the truth. I don't want to explain, and I won't explain. If you really hold a grudge against me because of this, then I will take it.

"Of course. If you believe me, we can work together in another way!"

After saying this to County Magistrate Zhou, Lin yuelan immediately said to Zhou Wencai, "young master Zhou, what are you saying? I'm just a commoner, a village farmer's daughter. What right do I have to forgive an official like Magistrate Zhou?

"Besides, just like you said, Magistrate Zhou was angry because I said something too wrong. It was not his fault.

"Besides, Magistrate Zhou doesn't need my forgiveness at all. Otherwise, if word gets out, it'll damage Lord Zhou's dignity, don't you think so?"

This was clearly a very smart way of handling things.

It was very straightforward and neat. She understood that things weren't black and white, and her character was upright and unyielding.

She knew very well that Zhou Wencai's nervous and afraid attitude was because of Jiang Zhennan, who was beside him. She was merely using his power to her advantage.

Therefore, she wasn't too sharp or unyielding towards County Magistrate Zhou. She merely spoke as it was. As for Zhou wencai, she was giving him a warning and threatening look.

The warning and threat, of course, referred to Jiang Zhennan's current identity.

She knew very well that as soon as she and Jiang Zhennan left this place, the county Magistrate would definitely ask his son about Jiang Zhennan's identity.

Therefore, Lin yuelan's warning was directed at Young Master Zhou.

If he was not careful, County Magistrate Zhou's reputation would be ruined.

Zhou Wencai wasn't the only one who understood Lin yuelan's words. County Magistrate Zhou also understood what she meant despite his doubts.

Therefore, the county Magistrate looked at Jiang Zhennan with a surprised expression. He was even more confused about this person.

What was this person's identity?

Zhou wencai was well aware of Lin yuelan's intentions.

He looked at Lin yuelan in surprise and then at the general's serious and cold face. He immediately caught a glimpse of the general's stern warning look.

Zhou Wencai was so frightened that cold sweat broke out on both sides of his forehead.

He raised his hand and carefully wiped it. His face was a little red, and he said with an anxious smile, "Miss Lin, I'm too nervous. Please forgive me!"

Lin yuelan nodded and said jokingly, "young master Zhou, I'm not a ferocious beast. Why should you be afraid of me?" Then, she looked at County Magistrate Zhou and asked, "County Magistrate Zhou, what do you think of my suggestion just now?"

County Magistrate Zhou, "..."

Zhou Wencai, "..."

## Chapter 526 - The So-Called Cooperation

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, County Magistrate Zhou had mixed feelings.

He was the one who had threatened Lin yuelan, but in just a moment, they had been threatened! Moreover, he had been threatened to the point of being helpless.

Previously, he had heard his son say that this child was smarter than others and that he should not be too careless. Otherwise, he would fall into a trap. At that time, he had thought that his son was exaggerating.

No matter how smart she was, she was still a child.

There would definitely be negligence in this and that. However, in reality...

County Magistrate Zhou asked seriously, "What kind of cooperation is it?"

Since she had already handed over the farming method to someone else, there was no doubt that she could not cooperate with him on this matter.

Lin yuelan smiled faintly and said, "County Magistrate Zhou, I can promise you that as long as the farmers in An Ding County are willing, they can use my method to farm. I can't guarantee that the harvest will be more than eight stones, but as long as the farmers are diligent and serious, they can at least achieve a yield of four to five stones per mu."

County Magistrate Zhou's pupils contracted violently when he heard that. He was obviously in disbelief.

County Magistrate Zhou continued sternly, "Then what do you want me to do?"

Lin yuelan's words were hinting to County Magistrate Zhou that there were conditions to fulfill all of this.

Therefore, County Magistrate Zhou was also smart.

Lin yuelan said, "Lord Zhou, since you heard that everyone bought the method from me and not from someone else, do you know the reason?"

County Magistrate Zhou did not know about this.

Yan Lin didn't know what the truth was. He couldn't buy the method, and Lin yuelan had cut off all the methods he could find or buy from other people in the Lin family Village. Therefore, Yan Lin had no idea why everyone bought the method from Lin yuelan and not from others who bought it.

Since he didn't know, he couldn't tell County Magistrate Zhou.

Although County Magistrate Zhou did not answer directly, the puzzled expression on his face was enough to explain everything.

Lin yuelan said bluntly, "because anyone who buys the method from me will get a kind of potion that I specially made for the growth of rice.

"The medicinal water can guarantee a yield of more than six stones per mu."

County Magistrate Zhou was shocked.

There was such an inside story.

Lin yuelan continued, "In the beginning, no one believed that they could buy the real method from another person, so they came to me directly. However, as more and more people bought it, everyone understood that in order to have a high harvest, the potions in my hands were indispensable. And they can only buy it from me."

County Magistrate Zhou's face was solemn and he didn't say anything. He knew that this wasn't what Lin yuelan wanted to tell him. He also knew that

what she was going to say next might be the key.

County Magistrate Zhou's guess was right.

The following words were the key to Lin yuelan's words. This was also the real reason why she had entered the county city to see County Magistrate Zhou.

Lin yuelan said very seriously, "Lord Zhou, I can give you the method for free, but for the medicinal liquid in my hand if you want a better harvest, you have to go to the Lin family's medicinal shop to buy it."

County Magistrate Zhou was a little surprised. "the Lin family's medicine shop?"

The sudden mention of the Lin family's medicinal shop made County Magistrate Zhou a little confused.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "the Lin family's medicine shop was handed over to me by my grandfather. It's now in Ning An Town. I'm planning to open a branch in the county, County Magistrate Zhou. This is another cooperation between us. You can sell these methods or give them to the farmers in An Ding County for free to improve their living standards and improve your political achievements, but, "Lin yuelan changed the subject," I need your guarantee that all of this only happens in An Ding County!"

County Magistrate Zhou was taken aback. "What do you mean?" he asked.

Lin yuelan said, "It's simple. I want all of this to be kept a secret until that person hands the method to the higher-ups."

County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened when he heard this. He gritted his teeth and said, "Lin yuelan, you want me to seal the mouths of all the people in the county? Do you think that's possible? "Even if it was a small town, he couldn't block all the news. Not to mention, this place was much larger than a small town in terms of area and population.

Besides, the neighboring counties were only a stone's throw away from each other. Many people were related to the neighboring counties. It was impossible to guarantee that they would not talk about such a topic.

In short, in the end, sealing the mouths of the entire County's people was simply a more difficult task than ascending to heaven.

This little girl was actually whimsical and wanted him to do this.

It was simply too infuriating.

At this moment, Zhou wencai also felt that this was impossible.

He asked very seriously, "Miss Lin, you want to seal the mouths of all the people in the county but this seems to be impossible. Do you have any ideas to prevent the news from leaking out?"

County Magistrate Zhou once again looked at his son in a daze, not knowing what he meant by this.

Lin yuelan said, "Young master Zhou, prevention is better than cure, don't you think?"

The father and son didn't know what kind of riddle Lin yuelan was playing.

Zhou Wencai's mind went blank for a moment before he quickly reacted and said rather modestly, "Miss Lin, what do you mean?"

Lin yuelan replied, "it's very simple. Lord Zhou can give an order for An Ding County to compete with the other counties to determine the best agricultural County and the top ten best farming experts. If An Ding County is selected as the best agricultural County, then the tax of the entire County can be lowered by 50%. The top ten best farmers will be rewarded with 300 taels, 150 taels, 100 taels, and so on. When it involves their own interests, anyone will protect their favored secrets. Lord Zhou, don't you think so?"

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, the father and son were simply dumbfounded. Even Jiang Zhennan lowered his eyes, revealing a look of surprise. "Are you saying that I should lie to my own people?" County Magistrate Zhou asked sternly, after he regained his senses.

The competition with other counties, the rewards for the best farming expert, and so on were all matters of little importance. If he was exposed, how would he explain himself as the official?

Lin yuelan thought for a moment and said, "With my methods, the farmers of An Ding County would win. Then, you can reveal that it's because the other counties didn't have the farming method exclusive to An Ding County. Lord Zhou, what do you think of this?"

This would explain why the people of An Ding County didn't show off their new farming methods to the people of the neighboring counties.

"Ah, this method is really awesome!" County Magistrate Zhou didn't answer, but Zhou wencai was already excited.

During the competition, people would be guarded against their competitors. Who would talk to him about their own resources without any scruples when they were on guard?

County Magistrate Zhou thought it through and immediately smiled as he stroked his beard. "not bad, not bad."

But then he asked again, "Than the silver reward ..." He didn't want to provide that money.

He didn't want to, and neither did Lin yuelan.

Lin yuelan said, "Lord Zhou, you have to pay for this. You are the official!"

Then, without waiting for County Magistrate Zhou to react, she continued, "If you want me to fork out this sum of money, I can, as long as you agree to a small condition of mine."

County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened!

At this point, he didn't think that Lin yuelan's so-called small condition was really a small condition.

County Magistrate Zhou asked without changing his expression, "What conditions?"

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County Magistrate Zhou calmly asked Lin yuelan, "What condition?"

Lin yuelan said, "Lord Zhou, I've mentioned Lin's medicine Hall to you just now, right?"

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "That's right. If I remember correctly, you're the young owner of the Lin medicine Hall!"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "That's right. My grandfather has already given Lin's medicine Hall to me, so I have the responsibility to carry it forward. Therefore, in An Ding County, I would like to ask Lord Zhou to protect Lin's medicine shop. This is my only condition!"

Since the medicine shop sold things to treat patients, it was easy to be framed. She was often not in the county town. If she didn't come in time to deal with it and something big happened, it would affect the future development of the Lin medicine shop.

Therefore, instead of having such a worry, it was better to find a backer to deter those people from having any crooked thoughts and save unnecessary trouble.

She didn't want to be like those female protagonists who had traveled through time and space. She didn't want to hide her abilities. However, the premise was that she had to find someone with a strong background to cooperate with. Otherwise, if she wanted to do a big business with her own strength, she would definitely attract trouble.

Her plan was to hide part of it and expose part of it.

She had to tell the troublemakers sternly that she was someone with a strong background and that they shouldn't try to bully or frame her.

Of course, she still had to hide the businesses that needed to be hidden. This was just to increase her trump cards. Otherwise, if everything were exposed, she would be suppressed.

County Magistrate Zhou finally understood that Lin yuelan's so-called condition was to find herself a backer in An Ding County.

However, he had some doubts in his heart.

Logically speaking, the person who Lin yuelan had given the farming method should have a higher official position than him. In that case, why couldn't that person directly become her backer but instead make him her backer?

County Magistrate Zhou's shrewd eyes narrowed slightly, revealing a slightly strange look. He asked, "why?"

Lin yuelan's answer was simple and surprising. She said bluntly, "it's better to be in charge now!" Lin yuelan understood the doubts in County Magistrate Zhou's heart, so she decided to be frank. "That person is far away, so it's better to find someone right in front of you to protect you!"

Not only was County Magistrate Zhou a little stunned after hearing this, even Jiang Zhennan's expression, who was far away in the sky, suddenly became a little stunned, but then he became a little annoyed.

In County Magistrate Zhou's ears, Lin yuelan's words were true.

Jiang Zhennan suddenly felt that he could no longer live a peaceful life in the Lin family Village.

His heart was surging with excitement. He was eager to return to the capital as soon as possible. That way, he could openly become Lin yuelan's backer and not have to haggle and negotiate with a County Magistrate.

If he returned to the capital and restored his title as the defender-general of the state, with him protecting Lin yuelan, no one would dare to provoke her. Jiang Zhennan clenched his fists, and his veins were tense. He seemed to have made some kind of decision.

He couldn't just calmly wait for an opportunity to return to the capital. He had to return to the capital in the shortest time possible.

In just a short moment, Jiang Zhennan's thoughts had undergone a complete change.

However, the other three did not know that.

County Magistrate Zhou pondered for a moment and finally replied, "alright!" He stopped asking who that person was.

That was because even though his son knew the young man's identity, he chose to hide it from his father. This meant that the person's identity was not low.

Since that was the case, why should he offend the noble and lose the opportunity to cooperate with Lin yuelan?

He believed that as long as he was on good terms with Lin yuelan, that noble person would definitely remember this favor. Then, the chances of him returning to the capital would greatly increase.

The two sides had reached an agreement. Lin yuelan wrote down the farming method and handed it to County Magistrate Zhou. However, she warned him seriously, "Lord Zhou, please remember that these things can only be used in An Ding County. Otherwise, if that person knows that you want to steal the credit, even Gods can't save you!"

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Hearing this, County Magistrate Zhou's hand, which was about to take the paper, paused, and a burst of anger rose in his heart.

He had actually been threatened and warned by this little girl time and time again. It seemed that if he didn't show his power, he would be treated as a weak official.

Just as County Magistrate Zhou was about to fly into a rage, Zhou Wencai realized that the situation was far from good. He immediately took the paper and said with a laugh, "Miss Lin, don't worry. We're not people who go back on our words. Since I've promised you, I won't go back on my word!"

Then, he smiled at his father and said, "Father, why are you so angry? Miss Lin has always been direct, but she doesn't have any ill intentions."

After that, County Magistrate Zhou received a subtle look from his son. He could only suppress the anger in his heart and said in a strange tone, "alright, Lin girl!"

After the Zhou father and son sent Lin yuelan out, County Magistrate Zhou said to Zhou wencai in a stern voice, "come here!"

Then, Zhou Wencai made a face and unhurriedly followed County Magistrate Zhou into the study.

The moment County Magistrate Zhou entered the study, he asked sternly, "Zhou Wencai, tell me, who is the guest at that girl's house that she can treat me so fearlessly?" The thought of this made him angry.

Such a good opportunity to be promoted and make a fortune was right in front of him. However, in the blink of an eye, it all turned into bubbles.

Instead, he was threatened by that wretched girl.

He, Zhou Changsheng, had been an official for so long, but he had never been threatened like this before. This time, he was threatened by a young girl. When he thought of this, he couldn't help but be angry.

Zhou wencai knew in his heart that his father would definitely continue to pursue the matter.

But ...

Zhou wencai pouted his lips. He chuckled and asked, "father, who are you asking about? If you're asking about that girl, you already know the answer. She's the legendary jinx of the Lin family Village of Ning An Town, Lin yuelan."

"Shut up!" County Magistrate Zhou's face darkened as he shouted, "don't try to fool around with me."

Only then did Zhou Wencai turn serious. He said sternly, "father, I promised them that I really wouldn't tell. Otherwise ..." Otherwise, it would bring great trouble to the Zhou family. He did not say it out loud, but he believed that his father would naturally understand.

However, County Magistrate Zhou didn't want to be threatened by someone he didn't know about. This time, he had to get to the bottom of it. County Magistrate Zhou said in a deep voice, "there are only you and me here. So what if you told me? Who else would know?"

Zhou Wencai's expression turned rather helpless when he saw how determined his father was.

It seemed that he had no choice but to tell his father today.

However, when he thought of Jiang Zhennan's identity and the warning he had received from Lin yuelan in the Lin family Village, he did not dare to take this matter as a joke.

However, he quickly thought of something.

Then, he carefully asked his father, "father, did you notice the young man who came with Lin yuelan?"

County Magistrate Zhou said disapprovingly, "so what if I noticed? Although he has an extraordinary aura, he is just a farmer."

Zhou Wencai carefully asked, "then, father, did you notice what the person's name was when Lin yuelan introduced him to your son?"

"Nan Zhenjiang?" As soon as County Magistrate Zhou finished speaking, he immediately felt that something was wrong. "Nan Zhenjiang, Nan ... Zhenjiang, Jiang Zhennan ... Jiang ... Zhennan "

Jiang Zhennan, the defender-general of the state?

Then, he widened his eyes in shock and disbelief. He stuttered nervously and asked in disbelief, "could it be?"

Zhou wencai immediately placed a finger between his lips and said anxiously, "Shh, father. It's good that you know. You must not say it out loud."

After County Magistrate Zhou confirmed the answer, he was so frightened that he broke out in a cold sweat.

Although Jiang Zhennan was also a jinx in the capital, he was still the defender-general of the Long Yan Kingdom and had won the favor and trust of the Emperor.

In the capital, he could be said to be the Lord of thousands, second only to one person. Many princes and grandsons wanted to win him over to become their bargaining chip for the throne.

It was a pity that Jiang Zhennan was indifferent to everyone except the current Emperor. Even the third Prince, who had the highest prestige and the highest hope of being the Crown Prince, was completely ignored by him. The ministers, princes, and concubines were so angry that they gritted their teeth.

But how did such a person suddenly appear in the Lin family Village?

County Magistrate Zhou could not understand.

He asked in confusion, "Wen 'Er, how can you be so sure that he's that person? Didn't he always wear a ferocious silver mask in the legends? And if it was him, why would he be in the Lin family Village and become Lin yuelan's guest?"

Zhou wencai shook his head with a bitter smile and said, "father, I don't know. When I first saw him in the Lin family Village, he was indeed wearing a silver mask and had a murderous aura. Moreover, it seems that they didn't hide anything from me. Otherwise, they wouldn't have appeared in front of me. After that, they gave me a warning. Father, I can't let you gamble with our Zhou family."

County Magistrate Zhou finally understood why his son had hidden this from him and why Lin yuelan was so arrogant and fearless towards him, a County Magistrate. With such a powerful backer, who did she need to be afraid of?

"But why would he appear in the Lin family Village?" County Magistrate Zhou was eager to know the answer.

Zhou Wencai shook his head and said, "I don't know!"

### Chapter 529 - Jiang Zhennan'S Luck With The Ladies

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan did not return to the Lin family Village directly after leaving the Zhou mansion.

Looking at An Ding County, which was more luxurious and lively than Ning An town, Lin yuelan expressed her interest in strolling around and looking for a shop.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the joy and happiness on Lin Yuelan's face, and the corners of his mouth unconsciously curled up.

He could tell that although Lin yuelan looked steady and mature, she was always curious and happy about new things.

Jiang Zhennan looked at Lin yuelan, who was standing in front of an old man who was making sugar figurines, and said directly to the old man, " old man, make two sugar figurines!"

The old uncle happily replied, "alright! Young man, what kind of sugar figurine do you want to make?"

"One of me and one of him!" Lin yuelan was the first to laugh as she pointed at herself and then at Jiang Zhennan.

When the old man saw that Jiang Zhennan had no objections, he immediately agreed. "alright!"

Then, the old man observed the two of them for a moment before immediately lowering his head and starting to make sugar figurines.

Lin yuelan squatted down and stared at the old man's nimble fingers with great interest.

Jiang Zhennan also squatted down and stared at the old man's actions with a blank expression.

However, the combination of an adult and a child, one pretty and one handsome, quickly attracted some people's attention.

One of them was a woman in a bright red and green dress. Her oval face was covered in heavy makeup, and it was a terrible sight.

She stopped at the end of a street and looked into the distance.

A maidservant-like young girl asked carefully, "miss, What are you looking at?"

Then, she followed her young lady's line of sight and immediately saw a very handsome man squatting in front of the old man who was making the sugar figurine. The man was handsome and just happened to be her young lady's type.

"Xiao Lu, do you think I'm pretty?" miss Luo asked immediately.

The maidservant named Xiao Lu nodded and said, "Young miss, do you even need to ask? Who doesn't know that you're the most beautiful woman in An Ding?"

She was obviously forced to say that she was the most beautiful woman.

This woman was always dressed in colorful clothes and had heavy makeup on her face. Who knew if she was beautiful or not?

When the people beside her heard the servant girl's words, they secretly ridiculed her. Of course, to avoid trouble, they would not be so stupid to say it out loud.

However, their eyes were looking in the direction of the sugar figurine uncle, and their faces were full of sympathy and pity.

In An Ding County, who didn't know that the Chen family's young miss was man-crazy? as long as she took a fancy to a man, she would pester him.

No matter if the man were married or not, it would cause any man with good looks to run away in fear when they heard her name. They were afraid that they would not be able to rest in peace if she took a fancy to them.

Of course, there were some men who were interested in her family's money and willingly let her cling to them. But Miss Chen was only interested in the men who she couldn't get.

Unless she was really sick of that man, she would keep pestering him.

When this man saw the Chen family's eldest miss on the street, he even dared to stay behind so brazenly. They really admired his courage.

The Chen family's eldest miss had asked the servant girl if she was beautiful. After getting a positive answer, she began to coquettishly walk in the direction of the sugar figurine old man. Many people felt disgusted and wanted to vomit when they saw her actions.

"Young master, I dropped my handkerchief. Can you help me pick it up?" After the Chen family's eldest sister stood beside Jiang Zhennan, she deliberately dropped a handkerchief and then spoke to Jiang Zhennan in a coy voice.

Jiang Zhennan had never been approached by a woman before, and after he came to the Lin family Village, no woman had ever approached him either. Therefore, heignored the approach of this woman.

Miss Chen thought that Jiang Zhennan did not hear her, so she raised her voice and said shyly, "young master, I dropped my handkerchief in front of you. Could you please help me pick it up?"

However, Jiang Zhennan was still like a block of wood. He squatted there and stared at the old man making the sugar figurine seriously as if he did not hear the woman beside him.

He did not hear it, but Lin yuelan, who was on the other side of Jiang Zhennan, heard it.

She raised her head and looked at the woman. When she saw the woman's face that was painted red like a monkey's butt, she almost laughed out loud.

However, looking at this woman staring at Jiang Zhennan with infatuated eyes, she ignored the discomfort in her heart.

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Seeing the pink handkerchief in front of Jiang Zhennan, Lin yuelan's eyes rolled, and the corners of her mouth also raised into a mischievous smile.

She bent down and picked up the handkerchief. Then, she stood up and asked innocently, "Auntie, this handkerchief is yours. I'll return it to you!"

The person who should have picked it up didn't pick it up, but the person who shouldn't have picked it up did. This made the Chen family's eldest miss's face extremely ugly.

That servant girl often followed miss Chen and already understood her miss's mood.

At this moment, seeing her young miss's ugly expression, she naturally understood that she was angry at the child in front of her for picking up the handkerchief.

The servant girl immediately turned to Lin yuelan and said fiercely, "What does my young lady's handkerchief have to do with you? You don't have to pick it up!"

Hearing the girl's words, Lin yuelan showed an aggrieved expression and said innocently, "but you've been standing next to my brother the whole time, asking him to pick up the handkerchief. However, my brother is deaf and can't hear what you're saying. So, I was only helping him!"

When the Chen family's eldest daughter heard that the child in front of her was this man's younger sister and that this man was deaf, her expression changed even more. She took the handkerchief from Lin yuelan's hands in anger and said angrily, "why didn't you say that your brother is deaf?

You've caused me to lose so much face! Don't you know who I am? You dare to ignore me!"

A deaf person, no matter how handsome he was, he was still a good-fornothing, so she would not like him.

Being accused for no reason, Lin yuelan's expression became even more innocent and aggrieved. She said, "Auntie, how would I know that you wouldn't pick up your own handkerchief but would insist on my brother picked it up? But my brother can't hear you, so I can only pick it up for him as his sister. Also,"

At this point, the look in Lin yuelan's eyes became extremely sharp and angry. She reprimanded her in a stern voice, "Auntie, how do you expect me to announce to the world that my brother is deaf? It's already very pitiful that my brother is deaf. Do I have to add fuel to the fire and tell everyone I see that my brother is deaf? If you want me to be like this, auntie, your mind may not be too vicious!"

Originally, Lin yuelan only wanted to play a small prank on this woman, but she didn't expect that this woman would be so unreasonable and criticize her.

Of course, Lin yuelan wasn't willing to be bullied like this for no reason, so she had to refute sharply.

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, the girl immediately became furious. She said angrily, "you wild girl from the countryside, how can you speak like this? You actually said that my family's young miss is vicious. I think you're the vicious one!"

Miss Chen heard Lin yuelan calling her "Auntie" again and again. She was so angry that her blushed face turned ashen. What made her even angrier was that this hateful child had directly called her vicious.

How important was a person's reputation? if she was really labeled with a vicious reputation, how could she marry into a good family in the future?

Not marrying into a good family meant suffering, and this was something she could not stand.

Hehe, miss Chen, do you think you still have a reputation? Even if you weren't affected by the 'evil', you wouldn't be able to marry into a good family.

Ms. Chen was so angry that her chest was heaving up and down. However, when she saw the approving looks of the crowd, she was smart for once. She did not try to pressure them. Instead, she gritted her teeth and said to her servant girl, "let's go back!"

With that, she no longer looked at the handsome man and hurriedly left the place. Her servant girl naturally followed.

After the Chen family's eldest miss and her servant left, Jiang Zhennan stood up and looked at Lin yuelan with gritted teeth. He said, "Miss Yue 'Er, am I deaf in your eyes?"

As soon as Jiang Zhennan spoke, the people around him who were watching the fun were stunned.

Didn't she say that this man was deaf?

However, could a deaf person hear others saying that he was deaf?

Knowing that her prank had angered Jiang Zhennan, she immediately stepped forward and smiled apologetically. "brother Nan, aren't I helping you solve your problem? Look, when your little sister said you were deaf, the master and servant pair immediately ran away so fast. Didn't I save you from trouble?"

After hearing Lin yuelan's words, the surrounding audience finally came to a realization and immediately praised her, "Wonderful! Little girl, your idea is really wonderful! In the past, why didn't those men who were fancied by the Chen family's young miss think of this trick?"

Damn, that woman was really a love-struck fool and a troublesome one at that.

Lin yuelan's interest was immediately piqued. She asked innocently and curiously, "uncle, who is this Miss Chen?"

The man who was asked was stunned.

There were actually people who didn't know about the Chen family's young miss's infamous reputation.

That person immediately explained to Lin yuelan, "this young miss of the Chen family is the only daughter of the owner of Chen's medicine shop. She is also the only successor of Chen's medicine shop."

Lin yuelan was even more curious when she heard that.

"Chen's medicine shop?"

"Yes, Chen's medicine shop is the largest medicine shop in An Ding County. It is said that it has a history of a hundred years. The reputation had always been high, but unfortunately, the owner never had many children. Especially in this generation, he only had one daughter, Chen Yulan, so she had always been pampered by Boss Chen. However, she became crooked due to the over-pampering. What a pity."

Those in the same industry were enemies. It seemed that the young miss of Lin medicine Hall, Lin yuelan, and the heir of Chen medicine Hall had become enemies on her first visit to the county.

#### Chapter 531 - A Meal

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan didn't take the incident of running into the young lady from Chen's medicine shop on the street seriously.

However, the people on the street who were watching the commotion immediately had a new topic of conversation.

There was a man who was fancied by the Chen family's young miss. In order to reject the Chen family's young miss, he actually pretended to be deaf and mute, and let his sister scare her away.

When Chen Yulan returned to the Chen Manor and learned from her servants that she had been tricked by the pair of brother and sister, her face turned livid with anger. Her expression was ferocious and twisted. She gritted her teeth and said, "What a pair of brother and sister! How dare they fool me?"

Then, she smashed the vases and paintings in the house.

"Men!" Chen Yulan angrily called for her servants, "investigate that brother and sister thoroughly. They dared to play with me, Chen Yulan, and embarrass me, so they'll have to pay the price! That man, I will definitely make him fall for me. As for that sister, I will chop her into pieces and feed her to the dogs!"

After Chen Yulan smashed the things and gave orders to her servants, the anger in her heart still hadn't subsided.

However, she could only suppress this anger for the time being and wait until she found the person before exploding.

As for Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, who had made Chen Yulan furious, they were each holding a sugar figurine in their hands and walking around the bustling streets of An Ding County.

There were many fun things to see, so Lin yuelan went to join in the fun. There were many good things to eat or drink, so Lin yuelan also went to try them excitedly, especially some of the special snacks. Lin yuelan ate them with great joy.

However, Jiang Zhennan did not feel good.

Although Lin yuelan was only 12 years old, her facial features and some parts of her body were not fully developed yet. However, her skin was tender and white with a blush, and her long hair was flying in the wind. She was very beautiful. One look and one could tell that she was a great beauty.

Therefore, many men stared at Lin yuelan with burning eyes, which made Jiang Zhennan feel very depressed. The expression on his face became even colder, and his eyes glared fiercely at those men who revealed lecherous looks. His whole body exuded a cold aura, which froze people three feet away. It made those men who wanted to approach Lin yuelan retreat immediately in fear.

As for the women on the street, Jiang Zhennan's strong, powerful, and masculine figure immediately made them drool. What's more, Jiang Zhennan was also handsome and tough. He was a very handsome man. He had a good figure and a good appearance. In addition, he had an extraordinary temperament. He was definitely not an ordinary person.

Such a man would make women go after him like ducks when he walked on the street!

Therefore, this scene appeared again.

Lin yuelan walked happily in front while Jiang Zhennan followed behind her unhurriedly. His eyes were deep and dark, like a dark abyss, making people nervous and afraid.

However, between him and Lin yuelan, there were always some women who were not afraid of death. They "threw "things in front of him, such as a handkerchief, a purse, or a sachet. In short, they threw away everything that could be thrown away.

Then, with a burning light in their eyes, they stared at Jiang Zhennan with a shy and coquettish look.

It was a pity that Jiang Zhennan was not only deaf but also blind!

No matter if the woman who lost something was ugly or beautiful, round or square, rich or poor, Jiang Zhennan turned a blind eye to them.

The women were so angry that they stomped their feet behind Jiang Zhennan's back, and they glared at him with either sad or resentful eyes.

However, no matter what these women did, Jiang Zhennan was completely unaware of all this.

Lin yuelan walked to the front of a restaurant called "food for heaven". She turned her head and waved at Jiang Zhennan, "brother Nan, I heard that this restaurant has a signature dish called fried duck. Let's go and try it!"

Jiang Zhennan's expression, which had been cold and exuded an icy aura the entire time, immediately softened. His cold voice had a hint of gentleness as he replied, "okay!"

He had brought some silver from the general's office, and he didn't lack money. It was enough to treat Lin yuelan to these things!

The women who followed Jiang Zhennan along the way were not willing to give up. When they saw Jiang Zhennan's obviously gentle expression, and his hoarse voice, which was full of charm, they were simply jealous to death.

#### Chapter 532 - A Free Meal

After the two of them entered the "food for heaven" restaurant, they immediately ordered a signature dish and some of the restaurant's specialties.

Because the business of this restaurant was quite good, Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan waited for a while.

However, when she saw the dishes, Lin yuelan lost her appetite.

This was because the so-called stir-fried duck meat was actually a layer of pig oil wrapped around the duck meat and then fried in a pot.

Because of the oil and the pan-fried food, it was quite fragrant and looked much more delicious than the other dishes.

However, for Lin yuelan, who was good at cooking, and Jiang Zhennan, who was used to eating all kinds of delicious food, this dish was hard to swallow.

After Lin yuelan took a look, she didn't even want to put her chopsticks in. Jiang Zhennan picked up his chopsticks and picked up a piece of slightly yellow duck breast and put it into his mouth.

However, as soon as it entered his mouth, he chewed and frowned. Then, he put down his chopsticks and sighed to Lin yuelan, "Miss Yue 'Er, this can't be compared with what you've made! It's really too unpalatable!"

Indeed, compared to Lin yuelan's dishes, which had all the colors, fragrances, and flavors, these dishes were all greasy and simply unpalatable.

When Jiang Zhennan said this, the waiter happened to hear it.

These two said their signature dishes were unpalatable. It was really infuriating.

The waiter ran over and suddenly scolded fiercely, "you two paupers! If you don't know how to eat and can't afford it, then don't order this dish. After ordering, you're still talking nonsense. I'm warning you, don't think that just because you gave a bad review to this dish, you can have a free meal here. Let me tell you, don't even think about it!"

Having been used to being a waiter in this restaurant, he also had some discerning eyes. He could judge the status of the guests based on their clothes or their extravagance. Then, he could customize his service attitude accordingly.

The waiter looked at Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. Although they were dressed neatly, they were dressed in coarse sackcloth. In addition, when they came in, they looked around curiously and did some disdainful actions. He immediately judged that these two were poor people who wanted to cheat for food and drink.

Therefore, it was impossible for his attitude to be respectful.

Hearing the waiter's scolding, Jiang Zhennan's face darkened. His sharp eyes shot a menacing glare at the waiter, and he shouted in a deep voice, "Apologize now!"

They were only here to eat, not to be humiliated.

Of course, they didn't want to eat the dishes if they didn't taste good. Of course, they understood that they had to pay for the dishes they ordered, regardless of whether they are or not.

However, Lin yuelan was humiliated.

This made him angry!

When the waiter looked into Jiang Zhennan's dark eyes, it was as if he would be sucked into the dark abyss. It made him feel afraid.

The waiter shuddered and snapped back to his senses. He did not dare to look into Jiang Zhennan's eyes. He lowered his head and said with a little

lack of confidence, "Why should I apologize? You ordered the dishes and didn't eat. You must be looking for an excuse not to pay. You want to eat without paying. Am I wrong?"

The scene where the waiter and the guest quarreled became boisterous at once.

The surrounding customers also put down their chopsticks and joined in the fun.

Perhaps this was human nature.

Whether it was in ancient times or modern times, people loved to watch the fun and gossip.

Jiang Zhennan did not argue with the waiter. He shouted sternly for the second time, "Apologize!"

This majestic aura made the waiter sweat profusely as if he was suffocating, and even the surrounding guests who were watching the show suddenly felt breathless.

After a moment of silence, the shopkeeper at the counter heard the commotion and immediately put down his Abacus. He walked over and broke the silence.

He took a look and immediately judged that the people at Jiang Zhennan's table were the guests who were arguing with the waiter.

He raised his hand and bowed to Jiang Zhennan. He asked humbly, "Sir, is there anything that you are not satisfied with?"

With a cold expression, Jiang Zhennan glanced at the dishes on the table with his eyes half-lowered and said very honestly, "these dishes are really terrible, especially this fried duck. It is so greasy. Can't I say that your food tastes bad? Does your waiter have to call us poor?"

After following Lin yuelan for a long time, Jiang Zhennan's cold and reticent character changed slightly. At least now, he would argue with

others. This was something that was meaningless to him in the past.

Upon hearing Jiang Zhennan's words, whether it was the shopkeeper, the waiter, or the people around who were watching the show, their expressions changed slightly. Especially the shopkeeper, his expression became even uglier.

No customer had ever said that their restaurant's signature dishes were not delicious, except for those who deliberately wanted to find fault with them. They wanted to eat but couldn't afford to pay, so they would say some bad things to get a free meal.

Therefore, the shopkeeper's thoughts were the same as the waiter's.

He changed his previous politeness and asked with a dark face, "Sir, you said that our dishes are not delicious. Why don't you ask the other guests whether the dishes are delicious or not?"

As he spoke, he immediately looked at the other guests.

These customers were more or less familiar with the shopkeeper, so they cooperated and replied, "this dish is obviously delicious."

The shopkeeper then turned to Jiang Zhennan and said, "Sir, you see, everyone says it's delicious, but only the two of you say it's not. So, we have reason to suspect that you're just looking for an excuse to eat for free!" He emphasized the last two words.

"Who is trying to eat for free?" A voice came from outside.

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A young man's voice came from outside the crowd.

Everyone looked at the source of the voice and was surprised.

When the innkeeper saw who it was, his arrogant and unforgiving expression immediately turned polite and fawning. He stepped forward and bowed slightly, saying to the person, "young master Zhou, what brings you here?"

Zhou Wencai replied with a smile that was not a smile, "shopkeeper Zhang, what are you saying? Isn't food for heavens a restaurant? What else do I come here for other than to eat? Do you think I'm here just to laugh at you?"

The moment Zhou Wencai's words left his mouth, shopkeeper Zhang's expression froze. He was unable to react in time.

Why did the words of the county magistrate's son sound so weird?

Did they offend young master Zhou before?

Manager Zhang thought to himself, but he still beamed at Zhou wencai and said, "Young master Zhou, I've embarrassed myself. It's just these two customers who ordered but didn't want to pay, so they're trying to find an excuse."

Zhou wencai continued to look at the two with a faint smile. He asked manager Zhang, "Oh, there's actually someone who dares to eat for free in this world? I'd like to see who's so bold."

It was just that the more shopkeeper Zhang listened to him, the more he felt that his words were a little strange. Although young master Zhou often came to eat and occasionally met one or two customers who wanted to dine and dash, his way of doing things at that time was to sit by the side and watch, not wanting to meddle in other people's business.

But now ...

Shopkeeper Zhang had a bad premonition.

However, before he could react, the development of the matter was completely beyond his expectations.

The moment Zhou Wencai finished speaking, the waiter pointed at Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan without waiting for manager Zhang's reply. With a disdainful and contemptuous expression, he said to Zhou wencai, "it's the two of them!"

Soon after, Zhou Wencai's reaction completely exceeded everyone's expectations.

When Zhou Wencai saw Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, his hand that was fanning paused. He immediately put on a dazed and surprised expression, but his surprise immediately turned into joy. He immediately closed his fan and walked toward Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan with a few steps. He said excitedly and happily, "Miss Lin, young master Nan, we're really fated. We've just separated, but we've met again in this restaurant in just a short while!"

Upon hearing Zhou Wencai's words and seeing his delighted expression, everyone was stunned, especially manager Zhang and the waiter, whose mouths were wide open in shock.

However, shopkeeper Zhang quickly reacted and asked carefully, "Mr. Zhou, do you know them?"

Zhou wencai replied without a second thought, " of course. They are my father's distinguished guests! Miss Lin, young master Nan, I've already

prepared food and wine in my residence. Would the two of you please follow me back to the Zhou residence for a meal?"

Zhou Wencai's words were like a Boulder being thrown into a calm lake, causing huge splashes. Following that, the waves surged.

They would never have thought that this man and woman, whom they had regarded as poor would actually be County Magistrate Zhou's guests. That's right, not young master Zhou's guests, but Lord Zhou's guests.

Shopkeeper Zhang and the waiter's expressions immediately turned into horror and panic.

Because they had just offended these two guests. The next moment, they found out that they were actually the guests of County Magistrate Zhou. This made them panic.

Although they were the restaurant's manager and waiter, their status was not high at all.

Shopkeeper Zhang and the waiter's faces immediately turned pale, especially the waiter's.

Previously, he had been able to insult Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan because they had no status or background. Now, in the blink of an eye, the two people whom he had originally looked down on had become high and mighty figures. This kind of impact simply made him feel like finding a hole in the ground to hide in so that he could escape from this terrifying scene.

After being stunned for a moment, shopkeeper Zhang came back to his senses. His face was very ugly and ashamed. He said to Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, "my two guests, it was my and the waiter's fault just now. The ignorant are innocent. Please forgive us for our recklessness and rudeness!"

As soon as he said this, Lin yuelan's expression didn't change at all. She just indifferently said to shopkeeper Zhang, "shopkeeper Zhang, how are

you ignorant and innocent?"

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She didn't want to make things difficult for them on purpose, but she was a little displeased that they were treated so badly earlier.

She was acting like a child now. A child who was bullied would definitely want to make a fuss, wouldn't she?

Shopkeeper Zhang wiped the cold sweat from his forehead and immediately bowed to the two of them with great sincerity. "my two guests, it was the waiter and me who looked down on us and offended you. Please forgive my recklessness and rudeness!" This time, it was obviously more clear and more sincere than the last time.

She took out an ingot of silver from her bosom. It was ten taels in total. She said to shopkeeper Zhang coldly, "shopkeeper, bill please!"

As she said this, she glanced at the food on the table that had not been touched. Then, she saw the beggars outside who were peeking in. She pointed at the food and said, "let the beggars outside eat these!"

Ten taels of silver for a beggar to eat ...

This was a blatant slap to the face of Shopkeeper Zhang and the waiter, as well as the reputation of the restaurant.

Didn't he say that they couldn't afford the food?

This was Lin yuelan's counterattack against them, and it was a heavy blow!

Shopkeeper Zhang was shocked, angry, and extremely nervous. He could only say stiffly, "okay!" He then instructed the waiter and shouted, "why are you still standing here? Go and give the food to the beggars outside!"

What an insult.

The signature dish of 'food is the heaven' was actually used to serve a beggar.

However, he knew that if he didn't do this, he would most likely offend County Magistrate Zhou.

Could a restaurant that had offended County Magistrate Zhou still survive in An Ding County?

Shopkeeper Zhang's face was bitter. He was secretly resentful that he had misjudged them. At the same time, he was even more resentful of the waiter. If he had not misled him, he would not have looked down on them and insulted them. Furthermore, it was heard by the son of County Magistrate Zhou.

The waiter was so scared that his face turned pale, and his hands trembled. He picked up the food on the table and carefully carried it out, not daring to say a word.

This scene caused the surrounding guests to feel bitter in their hearts.

Just now, they seemed to have agreed with shopkeeper Zhang and bullied these two people together. They worried that Lin Yuelan would remember this.

In fact, they were overthinking it.

Lin yuelan didn't take this matter to heart at all.

Humans were like this.

They used their power to bully others, looked down on others, bullied the weak and feared the strong, and so on. They were just instinctively choosing the side that was most beneficial to them.

Lin yuelan couldn't bring herself to continue eating.

She nodded at Zhou wencai and said, "thank you, young master Zhou. I'll accept your invitation!"

The group of people left just like that, leaving behind a group of surprised expressions.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan followed Zhou Wencai to the Zhou Manor once again.

This time, they were there to eat.

Looking at these dishes, they seemed to be all appetizing.

However, as soon as Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan picked up the food and put it into their mouths, they frowned slightly, but they still ate it without saying anything.

Naturally, Zhou Wencai understood the duo's expressions.

He had eaten Lin yuelan's cooking before. Unfortunately, he was in the county city and could not go to Ning An Town often.

Zhou Wencai said with a smile, "Miss Lin, young master Nan, I'm sorry."

Jiang Zhennan would not say anything, but Lin yuelan chuckled and said, "Young master Zhou, you're really too polite. I'm just a farmer's daughter. It's my honor to be able to have a meal at County Magistrate Zhou's house, even if it's a simple meal. Moreover, these dishes are all appetizing."

She was just saying that.

Zhou wencai was also very clear about this in his heart.

After the three of them had their meal, Zhou Wencai probed with a smile, "Miss Lin, your culinary skills are so good. Why don't you open a big restaurant in An Ding County?

"If you're worried about the funds, miss Lin, don't worry. the Zhou family can gather some money." Zhou Wencai said. The Zhou family didn't care

about this amount of money. Of course, this money wasn't embezzled by his father. Zhou Wencai had his saving, in addition to the income he earned from selling some calligraphy and paintings.

Lin yuelan didn't agree immediately. Instead, she asked, "I wonder what kind of benefits Mr. Zhou would like after providing a portion of the funds?"

Lin yuelan had always been very direct when it came to business.

She had already planned to open a restaurant in An Ding County.

However, she had an agreement with Liu Qi that she would not open a restaurant like his in An Ding County. Therefore, this restaurant had to be different from the Liu family's.

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Zhou Wencai was taken aback when he heard Lin yuelan's question.

But very quickly, a profound smile appeared on his face. He asked in return, "then, miss Lin, what kind of benefits do you think you can give me?"

Of course, he also needed benefits, whether it was connections or money.

The world bustled for profit!

Lin yuelan stretched out two fingers and said with a smile, "how about 20%? But it's only limited to the restaurants in An Ding County!"

He wanted money, but he wanted Jiang Zhennan's connection with her even more. At the same time, she also needed to rely on the Zhou family to support the restaurant's operations.

After all, out of all the officials in An Ding County, only County Magistrate Zhou had the highest authority.

With him as her backing, it would save her a lot of trouble.

Zhou Wencai was not a greedy person.

The main purpose of his suggesting Lin yuelan opens a restaurant this time was, of course, to build a good relationship and friendship with Jiang Zhennan. When he was recruited back by the main family in the future, he would also have a backer.

Zhou wencai nodded without any objections. "alright!"

Lin yuelan continued, "young master Zhou, other than opening a restaurant, I also plan to expand Lin's medicine shop to the prefecture capital. Whether it's the location of the restaurant or the medicine shop, I might have to trouble young master Zhou to help me find them. After all,

I'm not familiar with this place, and I've just finished harvesting in the Lin family Village. There's still a lot of things to do at home, so I don't have time to stay."

Lin yuelan's words had always been straightforward.

Since they had already formed a cooperative relationship, their interests were closely linked.

Zhou Wen instantly gasped upon hearing that.

He had left Ning An Town for some time and did not know how Lin yuelan was faring. However, he often kept in contact with Liu Qi through letters. Liu Qi would inevitably marvel at Lin yuelan in his letters, and at the same time, he would feel heartache for the money he had to give out. It was at least a few hundred taels a month.

However, opening a restaurant wasn't something that could be done with just a few hundred taels of silver. Thus, he had tentatively suggested gathering some funds for the restaurant. He hadn't expected Lin yuelan to agree so readily.

However, what surprised him was that Lin yuelan was planning to open a restaurant and a medicine shop at the same time.

This would require a huge expenditure.

How much money did Lin yuelan have?

After Zhou Wencai secretly took a deep breath, he nodded and replied, "I'll use my connections and have someone look for it!"

Lin yuelan replied, "mm, then I'll have to trouble young master Zhou."

Zhou Wencai said with a smile, "there's no trouble at all. I'm free anyway." But he had a lot of things to do every day, such as holding poetry meetings with friends, reciting poems, discussing the situation of the world with his father, and so on. He was quite busy.

Lin yuelan only nodded with a smile.

Then, Lin yuelan asked, "Young master Zhou ..."

"Wait," eldest young master Zhou was a little upset. He said unhappily," Miss Lin, I'm a few years older than you. You can call me big brother Zhou. Calling me young master Zhou feels a little awkward!" They seemed to have talked about this problem before.

Lin yuelan nodded without hesitation and said, "alright, big brother Zhou. You don't have to call me to miss Lin, just call me Yuelan."

However, it wasn't appropriate for a man to call an unmarried girl by her name.

Zhou Wen thought for a moment and said, "I call Jiaying a younger sister. As for you and Jiaying, you're like sisters. Why don't I call you little sister yuelan?"

"Alright then!" Lin yuelan nodded.

Lin yuelan thought of another reason for coming to the county. She asked, "Brother Zhou, I have another reason for coming to the county this time. I want to hire laborers!"

This once again surprised Zhou Wencai.

"Hire laborers?"

"That's right. I want to hire laborers! We have a lot of fields at home, so I want to get some laborers to take care of these." Lin Yuelan said without hiding anything.

Previously, she already had this intention. However, her house was small, and there was no place to stay. Thus, she delayed the purchase.

However, now that the house was almost finished and she was in the county, she might as well get this done.

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Only then did Zhou Wencai put away his surprise and say in all seriousness, "there's an old camphor tree on the east side of the county Street. That's the laborers' market. We can go there and take a look. However,"

With that said, Zhou Wen paused and said hesitantly, "I think it's better to get official laborers. It just so happens that there are a few families in the prison that are waiting to be exiled. Why don't we go take a look?"

Lin yuelan raised her eyebrows and asked, "how many families?"

Zhou wencai nodded and replied, "there are three. Most of them have a criminal family member and were implicated. One family committed the serious crime of murder, which caused the massacre of an entire family. The other family protected them, and according to the laws of the country, this entire family was charged with the crime of protection. The other family was ordered to be sold as slaves by the higher-ups. As for the real reason, no one knows. As for the specific details, my father doesn't know either. The third family was found guilty of smuggling salt, which is a serious crime.:"

Zhou Wencai explained their situation one by one.

After hearing this, Lin yuelan lowered her head slightly and half-closed her eyes, deep in thought.

A moment later, she said, "Let's go to the cell and take a look first before we make a decision."

Why did Zhou Wencai recommend a criminal to Lin yuelan?

This was because these prisoners would only leave the prison with a death contract. They could not redeem themselves or escape with the official mark on their bodies. No matter where they escaped, the mark would brand

them. Once they were found, they would be sent to the government and punished.

As for the normal laborers, they sold their services. They were sold as slaves because their families were too poor and could not support them. These people could still redeem themselves as long as they had enough money. This would not foster loyalty because their goal would always be making money.

Therefore, getting inmate laborers would be more worth it.

Since Lin yuelan had decided to take a look at the families in prison, the other two naturally accompanied her.

As they conversed, Jiang Zhennan sat beside Lin yuelan in silence, acting as a guard in the background. Zhou Wencai occasionally felt the cold aura emanating from him. It gave him goosebumps.

When he heard that they were going to prison, Jiang Zhennan immediately stood up. Then, his tall and slender shadow completely covered Lin yuelan's petite body in the shadow, as if he wanted to envelop her in his own protection.

Zhou wencai felt a slight tremor in his heart.

It was because the rumors said that Jiang Zhennan had always avoided women.

But now, what was going on?

Zhou Wencai had been mumbling to himself in his heart, 'What's the relationship between Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan? One was in the capital, while the other was in the village. One was the defender-general of the state, while the other was a village farmer's daughter. However, the two of them knew each other and seemed to have a close relationship. What's going on?'

Of course, Zhou Wencai wouldn't foolishly ask.

After the three of them left the Zhou mansion, they went straight to the county government's prison cell.

Only then did Zhou Wencai bring them directly to the cells that held the three families.

When she opened the first cell, Lin yuelan saw a few angry gazes glaring at Zhou wencai and company.

One of the obese women was dressed in ragged clothes. The moment she saw Zhou wencai, she cursed angrily, "you dog, let us go! We're clearly innocent. On what basis are you sentencing us? We're going to sue you corrupt officials!"

The group of people behind the woman also roared with anger in their eyes, "dog official, let us out. Otherwise, we won't let you off even if we become ghosts!"

Zhou Wencai's face darkened as he shouted angrily at them, "your good son and grandson killed a family of three. Not only did you not turn them in, but you also hid the truth and protected the criminal. According to the country's laws, you are guilty and will be sentenced to be laborers."

The woman angrily shouted, "It's clearly that family of three who deserves to die. It's their fortune that my son has taken a fancy to their daughter. What right do they have to reject my son's marriage proposal? People like them don't deserve to live."

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When Lin yuelan saw the family's selfish, domineering, arrogant, and unreasonable looks, she shook her head at Zhoucai Wen and said, "let's go take a look at the other two families!" If she really hired these people, they would act more like masters. She didn't want to serve people.

Only then did Zhou Wencai take Lin yuelan to another cell. He ignored the family that roared angrily behind them.

The second family was imprisoned by the higher-ups.

As for the specific reason, neither County Magistrate Zhou nor Zhou Wencai knew.

However, since the higher-ups had requested, these people also had the official mark.

Lin yuelan looked at the family. They were still quiet, but their faces were ashen, and they looked like they had nothing left to live for.

Perhaps all prisoners would have such despair.

Lin yuelan looked at them and asked, " if I give you a chance to live freely, do you want it?"

Lin yuelan's question didn't only shock the prisoner but also Zhou Wencai. Jiang Zhennan was only slightly surprised before his expression immediately returned to its cold state.

As for why they were so shocked?

This was because Lin yuelan's words meant that after she hired them, she would have the opportunity to restore their status as commoners from official slaves.

This was a great temptation.

It should be known that after some buyers hired prisoners, they were equivalent to their slaves. It was very likely that they would be beaten and scolded for the rest of their lives. They were not even as good as a dog. The master would usually not let them go.

Therefore, it was almost impossible for them to be free.

Unless the buyer was a very kind person.

However, how many kind-hearted buyers were there?

But now, this person had opened her mouth and wanted to give them freedom. It would be strange if they didn't feel surprised.

Zhou wencai didn't expect Lin yuelan to have the thought of giving them freedom. She had the heart of a bodhisattva.

However, he knew very well that Lin yuelan was not a kind person. It was clear from how she treated the Lin family.

So ...

"What are your conditions?" Suddenly, a tall man with a beard stood up from the corner and asked. His sharp eyes did not dim even a little because of the official-laborer mark on his forehead.

Lin yuelan looked at the man and said with a faint smile, "loyalty!"

The normal laborers were forced into indenture due to poverty. Many of them were originally laborers, so they didn't have any heart to resist. On the other hand, these prisoners were originally young masters who fell from heaven to hell. They still didn't control their temper. Such people were naturally unwilling to be controlled.

The man thought for a moment and asked again, "what kind of loyalty do you want?"

Lin yuelan said, "the kind of person who would die without hesitation if I asked him to!"

Zhou Wencai gasped.

However, what kind of riddle were they playing?

These inmates couldn't resist their master's order, even if it were a death order.

Then why did Lin yuelan have to do something unnecessary?

The man asked again, "In that case, how long will it take for us to have such freedom?"

"Three years!" Lin yuelan said without hesitation, "however, you must be absolutely loyal to me within these three years. After three years, it's up to you to decide whether you want to stay or leave. If you leave, I'll return the contract to you. If you stay, I'll personally go to the court and change your status to commoners!"

He only needed to be an official laborer for three years, and he could regain his freedom.

This was a great temptation for those who had already been marked.

"However, if you have any intention of betraying me in the next three years, "Lin yuelan said sharply," you will be working for me for life. You will be my cows and horses for the rest of your lives. You will be whipped by me and live a life worse than death!"

As soon as Lin yuelan said this, except for the man who was talking to her, the others who were sitting or standing behind him immediately changed their expressions and became terrified.

"I've already told you the conditions. You can decide for yourself whether you want to follow me or not. I'll give you half a quarter of an hour to think about it!"

Zhou Wen was somewhat puzzled about choosing this family, but he wondered if Lin yuelan's promise of freedom to them was a little too impulsive.

However, before he could continue to think about this question, the man in the lead replied, "we agree!" however, "he suddenly changed the topic and said seriously, "you have to promise to get all of us!"

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Lin yuelan looked at the twelve or thirteen people behind the man. There were two or three young ladies with soft skin and tender flesh. Besides looking a little haggard, there were also two or three patients who looked like they were beyond cure because they had not been treated in time.

Lin yuelan replied straightforwardly, "Sure. As long as they can work, listen to me, and have the right awareness that they'll be working for me, it's fine." Lin yuelan pointed at the young ladies and young masters behind the man and said.

When the three men heard this, their faces immediately turned livid with anger. One of them looked at the thirteen or fourteen-year-old boy, and his face flushed red. He shouted at Lin yuelan in anger, "you ... You're going too far."

Lin yuelan looked at the furious young man with a faint smile and said lightly, "I'll give you a chance to be free if you want it. However, you should know that any freedom has a prerequisite and a price.

"I'm not a philanthropist. Since I've paid the price to get you, you should have the right awareness because you're no longer the young masters with servants and servants!"

Lin yuelan said sharply.

"So, whether you want to be free after becoming a slave or become a servant who can't lift his head for the rest of his life, that's your own choice."

The three men were embarrassed and angry, but they couldn't refute Lin yuelan's words.

What Lin yuelan said was the truth. They were no longer high and mighty young masters who had people serving them.

They had no meaning in resisting unless they chose to die and end all this pain.

However, if they died, they would really lose everything.

But they wanted to live.

The three of them didn't dare to make a sound. They could only lower their heads and remain silent with red faces.

The man glanced at them and said to Lin yuelan, "as long as I'm here, they must be obedient and loyal to you."

"Big brother!" The three men looked at the man with wide eyes.

The man's sharp eyes glared at his three siblings, and he shouted sternly, "don't you know the situation we're in?"

The three siblings lowered their heads again and could only stand there uneasily and helplessly.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "alright. I'll hire all of you. As for the premise, of course, it was enough as long as these people could recognize their own identities. And I can guarantee that I'll cure all of their illnesses!"

When the man heard Lin yuelan's words, he was obviously a little emotional. He said, "thank you. I, Wu Jinxia, will be loyal to the master, even if it costs me ten thousand lives!"

Lin yuelan nodded before asking Zhou Wencai, "I'll get them all!"

Zhou Wencai looked at the family's master and servant. Not only were they old, weak, sick, and disabled, but there were also these young masters with delicate skin and tender flesh. Could they be used for work?

Zhou Wencai's mind was filled with puzzlement as he persuaded Lin yuelan, "sister yuelan, why don't you consider it again? these people..." although he didn't finish his sentence, everyone present understood.

These people would be useless and a waste of money.

When acquiring laborers, one didn't necessarily have to buy a whole family. Most families would choose people according to their needs, such as young and strong men or beautiful maidservants. If a family had both young and old members, they might even go their separate ways and never see each other again!

Such an ending was the most unacceptable, most painful, and most helpless!

This was because the laborers did not have the power to decide whether they were a family or an individual.

Therefore, upon hearing Zhou Wen's dissuasion, everyone except Wu Jinxia looked at Lin yuelan nervously. They were really afraid that she would abandon them and separate them.

The people looked at Lin yuelan nervously.

In his heart, he was crying bitterly, 'if I knew this would happen, I would have kept quiet. What if she only wants Big brother and doesn't want us?'

Lin yuelan scanned the family's expressions before rejecting Zhou Wencai's good intentions. She shook her head gently and said, "there's no need to be picky. Since I promised him, I won't go back on my word. If they still have other thoughts after following me, I, Lin yuelan, have plenty of ways to deal with them."

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In fact, her main target was the man named Wu Jinxia.

In the future, as her career grew bigger and bigger, she couldn't do everything by herself. Therefore, she wanted to recruit another chief spokesperson besides the boss of Lin's medicine Hall. She would command from behind while he would execute her orders in front.

This man looked steady and mature, but there was ambition in his eyes. If such a person were trained well, he would be her right-hand man.

Therefore, Lin yuelan chose to get him. As for his freedom, it was indeed as she had promised. As long as he didn't have any intention of betraying her in the next three years, she would go to court and restore their status. After that, it was up to them to decide whether they wanted to stay or leave.

The Wu family had around 12 people. Lin yuelan didn't look at the third family.

Zhou Wencai had gotten his servants to arrange for two carriages.

One was a luxurious carriage, and the other was a handcart. Except for Wu Jinxia, who was Lin yuelan's coachman, the other twelve people were all squeezed into this handcart.

When Lin yuelan returned to the Lin family Village from the county, the people in the carriage once again caused a stir in the entire village.

The villagers thought Lin yuelan had pulled back beggars from the streets.

After that, when they found out that these people were actually government servants bought from the county government, they were both envious and jealous.

Those who could buy official laborers from the county government needed to have a strong background.

Therefore, it was obvious that Lin yuelan's trip would definitely be about the farming method. The county Magistrate had given Lin yuelan a reward, but it was also very enviable.

One must know that getting official laborers were at least twice as cheap. Most importantly, ordinary people could not do this.

But now, Lin yuelan had gone to the county and did this through her connections.

However, when the villager saw the old, weak, sick, and disabled men and women getting out of the carriage, his jealousy and injustice dissipated a little. He thought to himself, 'Hmph, I don't want this kind of official servant who can't work. Is the jinx blind? Didn't she know that these people are disabled and sick? These are all useless and money-wasting trash!'

The population had suddenly increased by more than a dozen people, so the courtyard of this small thatched cottage would definitely not be able to accommodate everyone.

It seemed that she could only put them in the workers' dormitory for now.

When Wu Jinxia saw a large building from afar, he was surprised.

Especially when the carriage was headed in that direction, he was even more shocked.

Could it be that this house belonged to their current owner?

If it really was her family's, then her family was really not simple.

However, when the carriage stopped in front of a small thatched cottage, he was slightly disappointed.

After all, before this, he had thought that the master was from a rich family and at least could make proper arrangements for his people.

"It can't be. Are we going to work in this broken house?"

Wu Jinxia's third brother, Wu Jinwu, couldn't stand the cart trip and immediately vomited the moment he got off.

After a while, when he finally felt less uncomfortable, he looked up and saw the tattered little thatched cottage. His pale face instantly became even paler. He couldn't bear the look of despair on his face and screamed in his heart.

"Miss Lin, who are they?" Little Six heard the commotion and quickly ran over to take a look. Unexpectedly, before he could get close to Lin yuelan, he heard a disdainful and disappointed voice. He immediately asked in confusion, "work? What kind of work are they doing?"

Then, he ran over anxiously and asked, "Miss Lin, are you and the boss alright?"

They had been at the court for a day, and their hearts had been in their throats for the whole day. Now that they had finally returned, they had brought back a group of strangers.

Lin yuelan shook her head and said, "We're fine."

Little Six looked around and did not seem to see his boss. He muttered to himself and asked, "Miss Lin, where's my boss? Didn't he come back with you?"

Lin yuelan pointed to the carriage shed and said, "He's there!"

This time, Little Six could clearly see where Jiang Zhennan was, but what he was curious about now was these strangers who had suddenly come.

"Miss Lin, who are they?" he asked again.

Lin yuelan said, "they're the official laborers I got!"

Little Six was surprised, but he didn't ask much.

Lin yuelan glanced at these people and pointed at six or seven men and women with haggard faces. She said coldly, "From tomorrow onwards, these few will work with you."

"What?"

"What?"

The first sound came from Little Six's surprised voice.

The second voice was Wu Jinwu's cry of disbelief.

What surprised Little Six was that these people, who looked so delicate, actually had to start working tomorrow.

Wu Jinwu's exclamation was because they did not expect that they would have to work the moment they started. It was their nightmare because they had never done any work before.

Wu Jinwu resisted and said, "no, I'm not in good health. I'm still sick. How can I work?"

Lin yuelan's eyes turned cold, and she told Wu Jinwu, "Since you don't want to start working tomorrow, I can send you back to your cell now!"

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Wu Jinwu was frightened by Lin yuelan's sharp eyes and vicious tone. He immediately shrank his neck, lowered his head, and blushed. He did not dare to resist at all. He was afraid that if he were to show even the slightest dissatisfaction, he would be sent back to prison by Lin yuelan. Then, he would be separated from his big brother, second sister, and third sister, and they would never see each other again.

Wu Jinmei, Wu Jinxia's eldest sister and Wu Jinwu's second sister, saw that the atmosphere was not right. She immediately pulled Wu Jinwu over. Although she looked a little panicked, she did not lose her calm. She slightly bent her legs to Lin yuelan and said, "I'm sorry, master. My little brother is not sensible. In the future, as his sister, I will teach him a lot and give him more advice."

Then, she turned to Wu Jinwu and scolded, "little brother, hurry up and admit your mistake to master. Apologize to master and promise that you won't make the same mistake again!"

Hearing Wu Jinmei's words, Lin yuelan raised her eyebrows. She now had a whole new level of respect for this woman, who had been pale and silent from the time she had been in the cell until the time she had been in the Lin family Village.

She clearly looked like she had nothing to live for just a moment ago, but in the blink of an eye, she actually changed her mind.

It was rare to see a woman with such self-awareness.

Wu Jinwu had been scolded by his sister and was ordered to apologize to Lin yuelan. He could only stand up and say to Lin yuelan in a low and nervous voice, "master, I'm sorry!"

Lin yuelan nodded slightly. 'Not bad. He's not that stupid!' If he still wanted to act like a young master after being scolded by his sister, she

would really consider whether to send him back.

Wu jinwu's face reddened. He wished there was a crack in the ground so that he could hide in it and escape from the abuse.

After Lin yuelan finished speaking to Wu Jinwu, she turned to look at the others and said sternly, "I don't care who you were in the past and what your status was. But now that you're in my territory, you have to put away all your airs. Everything is centered around me, the master. Or else ..."

Her eyes turned cold, and her sharp gaze swept across everyone. She said sternly, "for those who betrayed me, I will definitely make you suffer a fate worse than death. You must know that your Indenture contracts are all in my hands. Whether you live or die, it's all up to a word from me, your master!

"I've told you before that I'm not a philanthropist. I got you because I saw your value. As long as your value can create enough benefits for me, I'll give you your freedom. I, Lin yuelan, am a woman of my word.

"If there comes a day when all of you are of no value, that would be after you have betrayed me!"

Lin yuelan's sharp and powerful aura made everyone's hearts tremble.

They understood the meaning behind Lin yuelan's words.

This was because she needed absolute obedience and loyalty. Otherwise, they might end up in a miserable state!

She continued, "of course. As long as you work hard, you are my family. As long as it's my family, I won't mistreat them, and I won't allow anyone to bully my family. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

This time, it was even more shocking.

What did he mean?

A servant would actually become family?

But weren't they just servants?

The word "family" struck everyone's hearts.

From the moment they became official servants, they were ready to be dogs, very obedient dogs at the master's command.

Wu Jinhua, Wu Jinwu's third sister, had been expressionless the entire time from the prison to the Lin family Village. It was as if she had isolated herself from the rest of the world, the kind of numbness and silence that a person would have when they were immersed in their own world.

In the outside world, she was like a ragdoll that could be manipulated by others, causing people to feel heartache and pity.

However, when she heard the word family, she suddenly stood up and asked excitedly, "can you really do it? Can we really become a family?"

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Her home and family had become her hope.

Their parents had passed away due to shock, leaving the four of them behind. However, in a single day, they had become prisoners who would never have freedom.

As prisoners, even if they were siblings, they could not have any attachment, they could not be family members who supported each other, and they could only be a servant of low status.

Even though the whole Wu family had been obtained by Lin Yuelan, this person still called them servants and did not treat them as ordinary people.

But now, this person was saying that they could become family. This was such a surprise.

Lin yuelan nodded and said seriously, "I've told you, what I want is loyalty. As long as you're loyal, we'll be family. In a few years, I'll be able to restore your freedom. So, it's up to you to make your own choice."

Wu Jinmei, Wu Jinhua, and Wu Jinwu looked at each other in surprise, then bowed to Lin yuelan and said, "Greetings, master!"

This bow showed their sincere admiration and respect for Lin yuelan.

Wu Jinxia, who had been watching from the side, also smiled when he saw his siblings figure it out.

He also bowed in respect to Lin yuelan and said, "Wu Jinxia greets the master!"

When the others saw their previous master, they bowed to Lin yuelan regardless of whether they were old, weak, sick, or disabled, they all stepped forward and bowed to Lin yuelan.

They used to be servants of the Wu family, so of course, they would follow their old masters to serve their new masters.

Lin yuelan nodded in satisfaction, "not bad!"

Then, she said, "since you've entered the Lin family, whatever your last names were in the past is in the past. So, you have to change your names. When you regain your freedom, you will regain your original family name and name!"

The previous servants of the Wu family didn't have much to say. After all, they used to have a name. It was just that after entering the Wu residence, the Wu family had to rename them.

There wasn't much of a difference.

But the four Wu siblings were different.

They were originally the young masters and daughters of a large family, and they were famous. Now that they were suddenly asked to change their names, this feeling was really mixed.

Wu Jinxia immediately turned to Lin yuelan and said seriously, "I'll change my name according to my master's wishes!"

The other three looked at their big brother's actions and immediately imitated him. As long as they didn't betray her, many years later, they could also change back to the Wu surname and wouldn't bring shame to their ancestors.

Lin yuelan nodded in satisfaction at their tactfulness and said, "well, your names are now Lin Qingzhu, Lin Jinmei, Lin Jinlan, and Lin Shuangju!"

Lin Qingzhu was Wu Jinwu, Lin Jinmei was Wu Jinmei, Lin Jinlan was Wu Jinhua, and Lin Shuangju was, without a doubt, the Wu family's eldest brother, Wu Jinxia.

When Wu Jinxia heard this, his expressionless face cracked, but he quickly accepted the new name.

"Thank you for the new names, master!" The four siblings said in unison.

"As for the others, other than changing their surname from Wu to Lin, their names will remain the same!" Lin yuelan pointed at the remaining nine people and said.

"This servant thanks master for your grace!" The other nine people said in unison.

Jiang Zhennan and Little Six, who was watching from the side, were simply dumbfounded.

They would never have thought that this was how Lin yuelan had subdued these people.

One must know that these people must have come from a family with some background. Since they were from a family with high status, they must have a lot of pride.

Although they were servants, it was difficult for them to change and accept that fact. Therefore, it would take some time for them to accept the fact that they had a master.

However, Lin yuelan had such an ability. With just a few words, she convinced them wholeheartedly and made them acknowledge her as the master.

Lin yuelan said, "I'll get someone to arrange accommodation for you in a while. As you can see, my house is not finished yet, and this small house can't accommodate so many people. So, during this period, you can only squeeze in with the other workers. When the house is finished, you can move into the new house."

After saying this, Lin yuelan glanced at the people in ragged clothes and said to Lin Jinmei, "Jinmei, measure everyone's clothes in a moment. Tomorrow, you and Jinlan will go to town and make three new sets of clothes for everyone at Linyue Pavilion. Remember, although the Lin

family can't wear the best, they can't wear the worst either. You guys can decide what to wear!"

Lin yuelan's words made the person who had just become a servant of the Lin family feel happy.

Was she going to make new clothes for them?

Three sets?

This was really ...

Some people were secretly wiping their tears.

Since they were servants, it was really hard to find a master who would buy them three sets of clothes at once.

Lin Jinmei and Lin Jinlan looked at each other and immediately bowed to Lin yuelan in joy, "yes, master! Thank you, master!"

Lin yuelan nodded slightly, then said to Little Six, "brother Little Six, please take them to the workers' dormitory to have a look. Separate the men and women!"

Little Six nodded and replied, "yes, miss Lin. I'll bring them over now!"

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Lin yuelan had bought 13 maidservants at once. It was as if she had suddenly become a nouveau riche overnight. The news made people envious and jealous.

They already knew that Lin yuelan was rich because she was the granddaughter of Lin Deshan. The Lin medicine shop in the town was now under Lin yuelan's name. She had become a rich person in one day.

However, they didn't know that Lin yuelan was so rich.

She had spent a lot of money to buy more than a hundred mu of land from the villagers. To build a big house on this hundred mu of land was even more surprising and shocking. How much money would it cost? It would cost at least four to five thousand taels.

For a farmer to have four to five thousand taels of silver in savings was already very impressive. He could become the richest man in the village.

However, the person who had spent four to five thousand taels could still spend a large sum of money to buy so many servants and maids. This was the enjoyment of a truly rich family.

Lin yuelan was born into a poor family. She was abandoned by her biological parents and cut off from her family. What kind of fortune did she have to enjoy this? This simply made people jealous and hateful.

If one day Lin Deshan suddenly decided not to have his jinx granddaughter and took back everything he had, she might be penniless again. It would be great if that happened.

This was the mindset of the villagers. They could sympathize with a family that was even poorer than them, but they did not want anyone to have a better life than them. To put it bluntly, they were jealous.

At this moment, Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were in the woodshop, continuing their research on rice windmills.

"Do you think it looks like this?" Jiang Zhennan said to Lin yuelan as he held a template in his hands with some excitement.

Lin yuelan took the model and looked at it, from the mouth of the windmill to the handle. After a creak, the dry rice husks and straws came out from the back of the windmill. In front of the handle, there was an exit, which was especially for producing full grains.

Lin yuelan finally nodded in satisfaction. "not bad. This is it." She turned the small pinwheel over and over again to check it. Then, she continued, "we can now make a completed rice windmill."

In her heart, she muttered, 'it seems that this masked uncle does have the talent to be a Carpenter. With just this little effort, we've managed to create a windmill model.'

She continued, "after we're done with the rice mill, we can cart 40-odd stone of rice first and then lend it to Grandpa Li Zheng. I believe that this thing will be as popular as the threshing machine."

Hearing Lin yuelan's praise, Jiang Zhennan's handsome face turned red. It was unknown whether it was shyness or excitement. He took the model windmill and nodded. "not bad." This type of rice windmill could filter out all the broken husks and dry leaves. It was much more convenient than using a dustpan to scoop them out manually.

Its effect was as time-saving, labor-saving, and worry-free as a threshing machine, so it would definitely be very popular with farmers.

At this point, Jiang Zhennan's blushed and shy expression suddenly became serious again. He said, "whether it's a threshing machine or this kind of windmill, I'm afraid it will attract the attention of the government. It's more likely to attract the ambitions and inflated desires of those greedy officials, which may cause some trouble in the future."

In fact, what he was more afraid of was that even if he later announced his identity as the defender-general and his relationship with Lin yuelan, he might not be able to protect her well. He might even be used by those parties.

Jiang Zhennan frowned deeply. For a moment, he didn't know whether to let Lin yuelan continue selling these two things or stop the business.

No matter what, he didn't want anything to happen to Lin yuelan.

However, Lin yuelan said nonchalantly, "in the future, we'll deal with whatever comes our way. If they dare to come, I'll dare to take them on. I am not afraid of trouble." She was afraid of trouble, but when trouble came, she would never choose to retreat.

Jiang Zhennan's expression changed slightly when he heard this.

Looking at Lin yuelan's beautiful face, which was calm and composed, he felt calm and composed too.

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That's right, Miss Yue 'Er has never been a person who was afraid of trouble.

A few months ago, she had saved him and his subordinates from the deep mountains and wild forests. This meant that she would definitely have a lot of trouble in the future, but she still saved them.

Now, she was preparing for the best and the worst. How could she not know that when she did these shocking things, it would definitely attract the attention of many powerful people?

Jiang Zhennan said, "Miss Yue 'Er, don't worry. My brothers and I will return to the capital as soon as possible. With our protection, no one will dare to cause you trouble." Jiang Zhennan blurted out the words hidden in his heart without any reason.

Lin yuelan smiled and shook her head, "masked uncle, let's talk about the future in the future. Now, let's hurry up and build the windmills. We need to transport the grains out as soon as possible so that we don't have to move them out again."

After Jiang Zhennan returned to Beijing, it would be best to cut off all contact with her.

In the Imperial court, the crown prince's faction and the third Prince's faction fought. The members of the two factions fought each other to the death, and the secret battles were even more heated.

Whether intentionally or not, the crown prince's faction and the third Prince's faction had been fighting openly and secretly for many years. The power of the two sides was already equal. Today, you killed my person, tomorrow, I would harm your person, and so on. In short, the crown prince's faction and the third Prince's faction rose and fell. In short, the

power of the Imperial court could always reach a balance. No one could win, and no one would lose to the other.

Jiang Zhennan was personally promoted by the Emperor. Other than the Emperor, he did not listen to anyone else. He did not stand in any camp but just stood on the side and maintained a neutral state.

Therefore, winning over Jiang Zhennan was equivalent to having the emperor's position firmly secured.

However, it was a pity that Jiang Zhennan was never swayed. Whether it was bribing, enticing, or threatening, Jiang Zhennan had never retreated, let alone compromised.

Therefore, the third Prince's gang hated Jiang Zhennan to the core, but they could not do anything to him.

However, since he couldn't be won over, the best way to prevent him from being won over by the opponent was to destroy him.

Since he couldn't get it, he would rather destroy it!

This was one of the methods that the third Prince had always adhered to.

He had already sent people to assassinate Jiang Zhennan and almost succeeded. However, he was saved by Lin yuelan.

After that, because of his suspicion, he did not openly investigate Jiang Zhennan's whereabouts.

However, he was certain that once he found out that Jiang Zhennan was saved by someone and survived, it would be strange if he did not catch the person who saved Jiang Zhennan and took revenge.

At first, Jiang Zhennan thought that it would be a way to protect her by telling the public about her savior's kindness. In fact, the greatest protection was to hide their relationship.

The two stopped talking about this, and Lin yuelan left the woodshop, leaving Jiang Zhennan alone to hammer and cut. She believed that in less than two days, the rice windmill would definitely be done. She just had to wait and see the ready-made one.

As soon as she left the woodshop, Guo Bing ran over and looked very excited at Lin yuelan. At the same time, he said anxiously, "Miss Lin, it's done, it's done, it's done!"

Lin yuelan was baffled.

Seeing that Lin yuelan didn't understand, Guo Bing calmed down and said embarrassedly, "Miss Lin, I mean the house has been built. Look ..." Guo Bing pointed at the two-story courtyard with three entrances and three exits.

He had thought that Lin yuelan would be as excited as he was, but he saw that she was very calm. She nodded and said, "Oh, I know."

Guo Bing was dumbfounded.

Just like that?

Shouldn't she be jumping up and down in joy and excitement?

After all, it had already taken two to three months from the foundation to the construction.

In the past two to three months, he had personally inspected and supervised the construction of the house.

This was like raising a child. As the child slowly grew up, it was filled with a sense of gratification and pride.

Guo Bing asked in a daze, "that's it? Didn't you have anything else to say?"

Lin yuelan rolled her eyes at him as if she was looking at an idiot. She then said calmly, " of course, that's it. What else do you want me to say? I've already estimated that it would be completed in these few days."

Guo Bing couldn't keep up with Lin yuelan's thoughts at all and could only say, "shouldn't you show a little excitement and joy? Why do you look so calm?"

When Lin yuelan heard this, she responded indifferently, "Oh."

Then, she left straight away and walked in the direction of the small thatched house where she currently lived. After that, a sentence softly fell into Guo Bing's ear.

She said, "since everything is completed, let's build some furniture and get ready to move in!"

The paint used in ancient times was all natural. There was no need to air it for months or half a year after painting and renovation. Otherwise, the smell of formaldehyde in the paint would not have dissipated, and it could easily trigger diseases, especially leukemia.

However, there was no such thing here. After it was done, they would be able to move in.

Guo Bing was stunned again, and then he jumped up in the excitement and shouted in surprise, "I finally have a new house to live in. I don't have to sleep in that narrow tent to feed mosquitoes anymore."

These few months had really exhausted him to death.

He had been poor since he was a child. Although he also used a tent in the Army, it was wide and airy, so it was comfortable to sleep in.

But here, sigh...

Fortunately, he was finally welcoming a comfortable life.

## **Chapter 544 - Moving Into A New House**

"We can live in a new house now! We can live in a new house!" Little six, little third, and the others were the happiest.

After living in a small tent for a few months, not only was it not breathable, but it was also so narrow that it was difficult to even turn over. When he woke up, he felt sore all over. That cool feeling was really indescribable.

Now, they finally had the chance to live in a new house.

The rooms in the new house were spacious and bright. The furniture was new, beautiful, and multi-functional. It was simply the best room, many times more beautiful than the best inn they stayed in in the capital.

Before they built the house, Lin yuelan had already planned out the house for Doctor Zhang and Lin Deshan due to their age.

Their house was on the first floor of the third courtyard, and the first room on the left and right was theirs.

The third courtyard was the host's room, and Lin Yuelan chose the second floor as her bedroom.

The second courtyard was a guest room. Of course, it was used to entertain guests.

The first courtyard was where the Lin family's servants stayed.

There were twenty rooms in each courtyard, ten upstairs and ten downstairs. Overall, the number of rooms was quite a lot.

Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing, and the rest were staying in Lin yuelan's house as guests, so the rooms they chose were in the second courtyard.

Jiang Zhennan, Guo Bing, little three, little six, and little twelve were allowed to choose any of these rooms.

Guo Bing's eyes fell on the sunny east direction.

"I want this one." Anyway, he just wanted this room. Even if Jiang Zhennan was his boss, he would not be modest in the slightest.

However, Jiang Zhennan didn't make a sound and directly chose a room that faced north.

The two well-lit rooms were occupied by the general and the first lieutenant respectively. The others could only take a step back and look for other rooms.

However, the other rooms were also beautiful beyond words.

As Little Six lay on the soft and warm bed, he sighed in comfort. "it's so comfortable. I really hope I can continue living here!"

However, they knew that they were just passersby in the Lin family Village. Peace was a luxury for soldiers like them, especially the trusted aides of the general of the state, Jiang Zhennan.

Little Three and Little Twelve lay on the bed together and echoed Little Six's words. "that's right, living here, although going down to the fields and planting crops, it's a kind of leisure and peace. However, we're not destined to stay here."

As soon as they received news from the capital, they would immediately return to the capital, but they could only keep the matter of the Lin family Village to themselves.

After all, the Lin family Village and the capital were far from each other.

"but if there's a chance, we'll definitely be able to return to the Lin family Village." Little twelve was even more reluctant to leave the Lin family Village. In their days in the Lin family Village, the most pleasant thing for

them was to eat Lin yuelan's cooking, and the most exciting thing was to personally collect the grains.

"Yes, as long as boss returns to the Lin family Village, we'll definitely have the chance to return." Little three and little six chimed in at the same time, "however, I absolutely believe that boss will return to the Lin family Village. Have you guys realized that boss treats miss Lin completely differently from how he treats other people?"

"Yeah, I noticed that too." Little twelve nodded in agreement and said, "our boss sometimes blushes when he talks to Miss Lin. Did you notice?"

Little three and little six looked at each other, then immediately nodded and said, "yes, I did."

"Hehe, do you think our boss really has this chemistry with miss Lin?" Little twelve mysteriously stretched out his two thumbs and touched them. He could not suppress the curiosity on his face. "you know, our boss has always avoided women. The only exception is miss Lin."

"Mm, that's right. It doesn't make any sense to say that he's treating miss Lin differently because she saved his life." Little three analyzed, "you should know that our leader, the defender-general of the state, can definitely repay miss Lin's life-saving grace in other ways, right?"

"Yes, that's right," The other two agreed.

"What are you guys talking about?" Guo Bing lay in his room for a while before coming out to look for the others. He did not go directly to Jiang Zhennan, but when he pushed open Little Six's door, he heard what they were talking about, so he asked curiously.

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As soon as they saw Guo Bing, the three of them immediately jumped out of bed. Then, they looked at each other and smiled at Guo Bing. "brother Guo, do you think our boss has feelings for miss Lin?"

Guo Bing rolled his eyes and snorted disdainfully at the three of them. "Tsk, why don't you three care about our boss? Did you just realize that our boss has feelings for miss Lin?"

The three of them were a little shocked, but before they could react, Guo Bing continued, "our boss has treated miss Lin completely differently since the first time he saw her. Didn't you notice?"

Thinking back to that day, that twelve-year-old child had the appearance of a seven or eight-year-old, appearing in front of them in an unexpected way.

At that time, no one would have thought that a child they had only met once would actually save all of their lives.

After hearing Guo Bing's reminder, the three of them suddenly remembered.

When their boss first met Lin yuelan, she held his hand and ran around, even ordering him around.

"So, brother Guo, you've already realized that boss has a different feeling for miss Lin, right?" Little three said secretly.

Guo Bing replied matter-of-factly, "yes!"

The three of them looked at each other again and said excitedly, "that's great! Our boss is finally in love."

Just when the three of them were happy about Jiang Zhennan's new feelings, where was Jiang Zhennan?

After Jiang Zhennan moved his luggage back to his room, he left the room and went to the woodshop.

That was because he had become the director of the woodshop.

Among the 13 official servants, there were four women and two old people, and the rest were young men, including one who had been cured by Lin yuelan.

Lin yuelan arranged for two older and thinner men to do some work while the remaining five, except for Wu Jinwu, were sent to the woodshop to learn carpentry.

Because it was the busy harvesting season, the threshing machines and rice windmills were loved by the villages in the surrounding area. Basically, every village would either buy one as public farming equipment or pay 30 taels of silver for it with their own money. They would use it for themselves or rent it out to get paid.

Lin yuelan had received orders for five threshers and three rice windmills.

When Lin Shuangju entered the woodshop and saw the so-called threshing machine and rice windmill, he was shocked beyond words, especially when he learned their uses.

In the past, he was the Wu family's eldest young master. From a young age, he lived a life where he was given everything he needed, but that didn't mean that he didn't know how difficult it was to make the rice they usually ate.

But now, with this threshing machine, it could do the work of 10 to 20 people. It was a new type of farming equipment that saved time, effort, and worry.

Such a great breakthrough in the livelihood of the people was simply shocking.

Lin Shuangju's eyes widened in disbelief as he said, "master, are you really going to let me manage the woodshop?"

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. In the future, I'll let you take care of the woodshop. I hope that in three years, there will be a woodshop that has blossomed all over the world!"

Back then, she had seen Wu Jinxia's ambition at a glance in the prison cell. At the same time, she had also learned from Little Green that this person was not only ambitious but also capable.

If it wasn't for the Wu family being framed, perhaps this person could have a brighter future.

However, now that he was her subordinate, she would allow him to use his abilities to the fullest.

When Lin Shuangju heard this, he nodded very excitedly and said, "alright, I will definitely not let you down, master."

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "yes, you should know that my Carpenter workshop isn't just building threshing machines and rice windmills. Its development direction is to create new furniture and become the number one carpenter workshop in the world. Can you do it?"

Lin Shuangju was stunned for a moment before he said, "I can do it. I will definitely do it!"

The number one woodshop in the world!

Based on his understanding of the furniture in his new house, the world's number one woodshop would be in his hands sooner or later.

Jiang Zhennan had been in the woodshop, doing the work at hand. He did not express any opinion on Lin yuelan's arrangement for Lin Shuangju.

Even if he felt a little uncomfortable in his heart, he wouldn't interrupt Lin yuelan's actions, let alone point out what to do.

In fact, up until now, he still didn't know why he felt uncomfortable when Lin yuelan spoke to every man.

When Jiang Zhennan finished the last procedure, another rice windmill was freshly produced.

Jiang Zhennan said to Lin yuelan, "you said that you would give him his freedom after three years. Are you sure that you can give him full authority over the woodshop?"

His words were very obvious. He had left these matters to Lin Shuangju, afraid that he would take over the property before he obtained freedom.

Upon hearing Jiang Zhennan's words, Lin Shuangju, who was working, felt his heart tighten.

Ever since he had become a servant, he had been looking forward to freedom.

Now that he finally had a chance to be free, he couldn't let it die like this, right?

Lin Shuangju didn't wait for Lin yuelan's response and began to swear in a hurry.

### **Chapter 546 - The Arrangements**

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### Chapter 547 - The Arrangement

Now that Lin yuelan's house had been built, they could see that Lin yuelan's house was spacious, bright, tall, and beautiful. They couldn't help but feel proud.

This was the most beautiful house they had ever built, and he believed that not many rich people would be able to refuse such a beautiful house.

Previously, from his conversation with Lin yuelan, he could tell that Lin yuelan had a lot of ideas and all kinds of new houses that people liked at first sight.

Therefore, after a long period of consideration and evaluation, the brothers felt that it was a good deal to cooperate with Lin yuelan.

Master Hu nodded and said, "Lan 'Er, we're here to give you an answer." After exchanging a glance with each other, the brothers made a decision, "we agree with your proposal."

Lin yuelan wasn't surprised by their answer, so she nodded.

Then, master Hu asked curiously, "then, Lan 'Er, what should we do after this?"

However, to their surprise, Lin yuelan shook her head.

Lin yuelan's shake of her head made master Hu and the others' hearts thump. They thought that this matter was over.

"I will provide the funds, and then, I will leave this matter to someone else to arrange." Lin yuelan said with a smile.

Master Hu and the others were surprised.

Before this, they had never heard that this matter would be arranged by someone else. They had always thought that it was Lin yuelan herself who would handle it.

Master Hu was stunned for a moment before he asked, "Lan 'Er, why do you say that?" They were worried that the people Lin yuelan had arranged were here to fight for their benefits.

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "don't worry. I handed this matter over to her so that she could help me do these things. In other words, she's the boss in the front, and I'm the big boss behind the scenes." Lin yuelan explained to them.

"Who is she?" master Hu asked in surprise. Who was this person who could actually gain Lin yuelan's trust?

Lin yuelan smiled and shook her head, saying, "you'll know who this person is in two days."

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Lin yuelan called Lin Jinmei over and said directly, "master Hu and I are going to set up a real estate company. I want you to be the boss in the front."

Lin Jinmei's eyes widened in shock.

"Boss?" She was only a servant. How could she replace her master and become the boss.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. Your brother Lin Shuangju, I'll give him the woodshop and let him build it into the world's number one workshop. Now, I'm planning to give the real estate company to you, and you must also build the world's number-one construction company for me!"

Listening to these words, that seemed to be a little difficult.

After all, Lin Jinmei used to be a girl from a big family who didn't go out or even step out of her house. She didn't know anything about trading or

business. It was like a fantasy for her to suddenly accept the test.

However, there was a reason why Lin yuelan had given such a big task to Lin Jinmei.

One was that Lin Jinmei had fallen from a rich family's daughter to a cheap servant overnight. This kind of blow and fall was hard to imagine, but Lin Jinmei had endured it.

A woman who had been through this would be stronger than the average person and would be calmer and more rational when dealing with things.

Secondly, Lin Jinmei was also a talented woman who was familiar with poetry and literature. She could read words. When it came to handling major matters, she would be more organized and not blindly make judgments.

Third, Lin Jinmei had already sold herself to Lin yuelan. Unless Lin yuelan really opened her mouth to set her free, she would be a servant for life. If a servant betrayed his master, then even if he ran to the end of the world, he would be found out. Then, he might be sentenced to death by the government for being an escaped servant.

Not a single servant would have the courage to commit such a serious crime.

Of course, because Lin yuelan had promised to give them freedom, her situation was similar to Lin Shuangju's. It was very likely that she would transfer all her rights, interests, and assets away before she recovered her freedom.

However, since Lin yuelan had chosen them, she wasn't afraid of their betrayal. She believed that with Little Green around, she would be able to deal with them before they betrayed her.

Lin yuelan needed people to help her in her career, so she decided to train them herself. Whether it was good or bad, she would think about it later. Therefore, the best people to train now were the four Wu siblings.

At first, she had gotten Wu Jinxia because of the ambition and unwillingness in his eyes.

However, to her surprise, Wu Jinxia's other siblings were also diamonds in the rough. As long as they were carefully polished, they could become bright jade.

And she needed to become a sculptor.

Lin Jinmei was extremely shocked. She almost couldn't believe it as she said excitedly, "master, can I? I ... I don't have any experience."

Lin yuelan replied, "You can always learn. Therefore, you don't have to worry about not being able to do it well without any experience."

Lin Jinmei didn't know what to say.

In short, other than being excited, she suddenly felt touched.

With tears in her eyes, she said, "Alright, alright, master. I will definitely not let you down. Don't worry. I will never betray you."

Of course, Lin Jinmei knew that Lin yuelan had taken the risk of betrayal since she handed this matter to her. So, she also had to give Lin yuelan a guarantee and let her be at ease.

"If I betray you, I'm willing to suffer the pain of being struck by lightning!"

## Chapter 548 - The Manager Of The Lin'S Medicine Hall

"Master Hu, this is my assistant, Lin Jinmei. From now on, I'll give her full authority over the real estate construction company. She'll represent me in handling the company's affairs," Lin yuelan told master Hu and his five brothers bluntly.

Master Hu and the others looked at the serious expression on Lin yuelan's small face, then looked at the girl who seemed to be only eighteen or nineteen years old. They were really surprised.

Previously, Lin yuelan had negotiated with them. Her maturity was unexpected to them. This child had given them surprise and shock time and time again, making them almost think that this child was not a human at all but a god-like figure.

But now, this child wanted to cooperate with them, and she actually let another young person take over all of this. It made them feel as if they were in the clouds.

Master Hu suppressed the surprise in his heart and said suspiciously, "Lan 'Er, this ..." would she be able to do it?

Lin yuelan said, "master Hu, don't worry. She will definitely be able to do it." Lin yuelan said directly as if she had seen through master Hu's thoughts.

Lin yuelan was the one who had paid the money, and since she was willing to hand everything over to an eighteen or nineteen-year-old girl, they had nothing to say.

Master Hu nodded and said, "alright then. Lan 'Er, I'll leave everything to you!" They had nothing to say since the one who paid was the boss.

At this point, the initial intention to set up a real estate company was officially established.

After that, Lin yuelan named the real estate construction company Lin's real estate construction company and Lin's architectural design Institute, which would merge into Lin's group.

Although Lin Jinmei and master Hu didn't know what companies, design institutes, and groups meant, they knew that these things were closely related to what they were going to do.

After planning the division of labor and cooperation, Lin yuelan immediately arranged for Lin Jinmei and master Hu to take the other two brothers to the county city to set up the Lin group. They also promoted the company's main business to the whole county and recruited workers from all over the county to form an engineering team.

As for master Hu's other two brothers, they stayed behind and continued to complete the other two buildings on Lin yuelan's blueprint.

After this matter was settled, Lin yuelan started to make arrangements to expand Lin's pharmacy to the county.

Lin yuelan was in charge of the Lin medicine shop. Anyone who knew about the shop would know that the owner of the shop was a teenager with superb medical skills. She could bring the dead back to life and even regrow bones.

Therefore, Lin yuelan didn't plan to hide behind the scenes.

Of course, Lin yuelan still needed to hire a steward.

Because her usual job was to farm and go to the fields, she didn't have much time to go to the county city, so she needed to hire an acting steward.

Unfortunately, the person Lin yuelan was after was the younger brother of the four Wu siblings, Wu Jinwu, who had changed his name to Lin Qingzhu.

Lin Qingzhu used to be the youngest brother in the Wu family. His brothers and sisters usually doted on him. Even if he became an inmate, he did not suffer much in prison with the protection of his family and brothers and sisters.

Therefore, even after Lin yuelan had hired him, he still wanted to put on the airs of a young master.

However, that was then, and this was now.

Some time ago, Lin yuelan discovered his talent in medicine. Without a word, she had handed him over to Doctor Zhang to train. As for how Doctor Zhang trained him, or how Lin Qingzhu was unwilling and resisted, Lin yuelan had completely ignored it.

Fortunately, Lin Qingzhu found that no matter how unwilling or how much he resisted, he had to accept everything obediently. He could only accept his fate and accept it.

However, as he studied, he suddenly found himself particularly interested in medical skills. Immediately, without anyone urging him, he enthusiastically learned from Doctor Zhang and Lin Deshan.

"What?" Lin Qingzhu's eyes widened in shock and disbelief. He pointed at his own nose and said, "you want me to be the manager of Lin's medicine shop? "Was there a mistake? He was only sixteen years old, and he was even a servant.

Wasn't she afraid that an official servant would take away all her assets if he were to become the manager of Lin's medicine Hall?

Lin yuelan nodded and replied, "yes, I'm not mistaken. I'm talking about you."

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## Chapter 550 - Lin Jinlan'S Whereabouts

After Lin yuelan had arranged the woodshop, the real estate Corporation, and Lin's medicine Hall, only Lin Yue Pavilion and Meng Yue Pavilion needed a steward.

However, the manager of the Linyue Pavilion and the Mengyue Pavilion was Li Huaisheng. If they rashly arranged for another manager to go over, it was likely to cause Li Huaisheng to feel uncomfortable.

"Jinlan, I'm planning to arrange for you to find a family," After some consideration, Lin yuelan still felt that such an arrangement was necessary.

Of the four Wu siblings, Wu Jinxia handled the woodshop, Wu Jinmei handled the housing construction company, and Wu Jinwu handled Lin's pharmacy. The only one left was the third daughter, Wu Jinlan. Lin yuelan still planned to let her take over the Linyue Pavilion and Mengyue Pavilion.

Since she intended to let Lin Jinlan take over these two shops, she must have a fair and square reason, which could not only make Li Huaisheng not mind at all but also fool those who had been harboring evil intentions for the Lin Yue Pavilion and the Meng Yue Pavilion.

Li Huaisheng and his wife didn't have any children, so Lin yuelan planned to let Lin Jinlan recognize li Huaisheng and his wife as her godparents. Then, she would take over the Linyue Pavilion and Mengyue Pavilion from Li Huaisheng as his daughter.

Wu Jinlan, who had changed her name to Lin Jinlan, was surprised to hear Lin yuelan's words.

She was an official servant. With such a lowly status, she was not qualified to acknowledge anyone as her family.

Could it be that the person she wanted to acknowledge as her relative was also a lowly person?

Lin Jinlan looked at Lin yuelan in surprise and confusion. She nodded respectfully and replied, "as you wish, master!"

Lin yuelan nodded and didn't say anything.

Not long after, Lin yuelan took Lin Jinlan to Ning An town.

Li Huaisheng hurriedly rushed from the front store to the back hall. When he saw Lin yuelan sitting in the main seat with a 17-or 18-year-old girl standing next to her, he was slightly puzzled, but he still immediately went forward and greeted her respectfully, "miss Lin!"

As he was not sure of the identity of the lady beside Lin yuelan, he still addressed her as lady Lin in front of outsiders.

Lin yuelan held a cup of tea and took a sip. When she heard li Huaisheng, she nodded gently and replied, "well, uncle li, please take a seat!"

Li Huaisheng nodded and immediately sat down in the first seat on Lin yuelan's left.

Then, he suddenly heard Lin yuelan's question, "Uncle Li, I heard that you had a child 20 years ago, but after the child died in an accident, you never had a child, right?"

Li Huaisheng's face was sad at the mention of his sad past. He nodded and said, "yes."

Lin yuelan then asked in a serious tone, " if I ask you to acknowledge a goddaughter who will be responsible for taking care of you when you're old, would you be willing?"

Li Huaisheng's pupils contracted violently from the shock of these words. He was stunned for a moment, but after he reacted, his emotions became extremely excited. He suddenly stood up and replied in a somewhat eager tone, "yes, of course, I'm willing!"

He and his wife had no children and had always wanted a child. However, his wife had been too sad twenty years ago and had injured her body. She could no longer conceive, so they had always wanted to adopt a child.

However, as soon as the news of his adopting a child came out, those people who wanted his family's property immediately sent their children over. Their purpose was, of course, his family's money.

After this happened a few times, he became disheartened and announced to the public that he would not adopt any children from any family and would be with his wife until they grew old.

However, when his wife suddenly became seriously ill, he had to manage both his career and his wife. There was no one to help him. He was so busy that he was so tired. At that time, he thought that it would be great if he had a child by his side. At the very least, he could help take care of his wife. Then, he would not be so tired and suffer so much.

However, he only thought about it at first. If he really sent out the message, it would definitely be the same as more than a decade ago. Those families would send their descendants over. After he and his wife passed away, those adopted children would take family assets back to their original family. Li Huaisheng would lose everything.

Therefore, until now, he did not dare to have any hope of gaining any godchildren.

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But now, his boss had asked him to acknowledge a goddaughter.

His relationship with Lin yuelan was, in a sense, an employer-employee relationship. Lin yuelan was the employer, and he was the servant. However, they were not servants who had signed a contract, so they were in a cooperative relationship.

Therefore, it was reasonable to say that this matter of recognizing his family and daughter was Li Huaisheng's private matter. Even if Lin yuelan was the main employer, she couldn't interfere.

However, Li Huaisheng and Lin yuelan had been working together for a long time, and he was very clear that Lin yuelan definitely didn't suggest this for no reason. She must have some other purpose.

Of course, if he didn't want to, Lin yuelan wouldn't force him.

However, he and his wife really wanted to have a child by their side.

If this person was introduced by Lin yuelan, it meant that Lin yuelan had other motives and good intentions.

Therefore ...

After Li Huaisheng agreed, he immediately fixed his gaze on the 17 or 18-year-old girl standing next to Lin yuelan and guessed, "could it be her?"

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. It's her."

However, there were some things that she didn't want to hide from Li Huaisheng, so she said bluntly, "she's a servant that I bought from the government. However, I promised them that as long as they create enough value for me within these three years and are loyal to me, then, three years later, I will return them their freedom."

This also told Li Huaisheng that although the daughter he wanted to acknowledge was a servant now, she would be a commoner in three years. He shouldn't be too calculative about her status.

When Li Huaisheng heard that this child was actually an official servant, he was immediately surprised.

He would never have thought that the daughter Lin yuelan wanted him to acknowledge was a servant.

Although he was a merchant, he was also from a commoner's family. To acknowledge an official servant was obviously a little lowering his own status.

However, Lin yuelan also said that after three years, the child would be free. This meant that there was no problem with the child.

Li Huaisheng thought for a moment and said, "this child's eyes are pure and calm. She's a good child. In that case, child, if you are willing to be my Goddaughter, then I will be your Godfather!"

Lin Jinlan was shocked. She didn't expect it to go so smoothly. Then, without thinking about anything else, she immediately bowed to Li Huaisheng and called out sweetly, "Godfather!"

When Li Huaisheng heard her call him Godfather, he immediately wiped the tears from the corner of his eyes. He gave Lin Jinlan fake support and said, "Okay, okay. From now on, you're my good daughter!"

Lin yuelan, who was sitting next to him, was speechless.

It was beyond her expectations that things would go so smoothly.

After all, with Lin Jinlan's status as an official servant, most people wouldn't stoop so low as to acknowledge a servant as their family.

She originally thought that she would at least have to find some reasons or benefits to convince Li Huaisheng.

In fact, Lin yuelan didn't know why Li Huaisheng made the decision after thinking for a moment. It was because he believed that Lin yuelan, the owner, would never harm him. She herself was not simple, so the child she found must not be simple either.

Rather than making things difficult for Lin yuelan, he might as well just accept it.

However, Lin yuelan had to make it clear now why she was proposing. Otherwise, Li Huaisheng would think that she was lying to him, and the trust between them would be like walking on a tightrope, very dangerous.

Lin yuelan waved her hand and said, "uncle li, don't rush. Please let me finish."

Her eyes were sharp, and she looked at Li Huaisheng with a serious expression. She said bluntly, "uncle li, in fact, the other reason I want you to recognize Jinlan as your daughter is that I want her to gradually take over the Linyue Pavilion and the Mengyue Pavilion.

"Now, other than you, me, and little li, who know that these two shops belong to me, the others think that they belong to you.

"However, I have a very clear goal for my development. Not only do I want to open these two shops in Ning An Town, but I also want to open shops in the county, prefecture, provincial, capital, and even the whole world.

"Therefore, I need a young and capable person to carry out all of this on my behalf. Do you understand what I'm saying, uncle li?"

In fact, Lin yuelan's words to li Huaisheng were to hint that Li Huaisheng was a little old and wasn't suitable to run around for these things. In fact, the most important thing was that Li Huaisheng's ability was limited, and he didn't have the ability to execute it.

Li Huaisheng, of course, understood what Lin yuelan meant, but he was even more shocked by Lin yuelan's ambitions.

To open the Linyue Pavilion and the Mengyue Pavilion all over the world, how great of an ambition did she have? and he was only content with the status quo, living in a shop in Ning An town.

Li Huaisheng's heart trembled as he asked, "boss, are you really going to open up the Linyue Pavilion and the Mengyue Pavilion all over the world? Will this really work?" One must know that to complete these things, other than ability, one must also have connections.

On the other hand, Lin yuelan had been born and raised in the Lin family Village, so how could she have developed her connections?

Lin yuelan replied, " of course." If this still didn't work, then her plan would have been in vain.

Li Huaisheng looked at Lin yuelan's confident look and immediately calmed down. After thinking for a moment about Lin yuelan's words, he also asked very seriously, "so, after I acknowledge this child as my goddaughter, she will become a daughter in the Li family. As long as I gradually hand over the Linyue Pavilion and the Mengyue Pavilion to her, there won't be any suspicions. There won't be any suspicions that these two shops are related to you, right?"

Lin yuelan nodded and replied, "that's right. I don't want to be exposed now, so I can only find someone to represent me. Before that, everyone knew that these two shops belonged to you."

Li Huaisheng nodded and replied, "yes, I understand. How about this? Three days later, I'll hold a three-day banquet and invite all the neighbors to have a meal. At the same time, I'll tell everyone that I have a daughter."

Lin yuelan replied, "yes, that would be great."

## Chapter 552 - Step By Step

Li Huaisheng, the boss of Linyue Pavilion and Mengyue Pavilion, had adopted a goddaughter.

This matter caused a huge commotion in Ning An town.

Li Huaisheng acknowledged her as his goddaughter, so almost everyone knew that this goddaughter was the most likely heir to inherit all of li Huaisheng's assets.

Soon, many people were filled with curiosity about li Huaisheng's goddaughter.

When li Huaisheng held a banquet and invited all the neighbors to drink with him, they saw a tall and beautiful woman with a delicate oval face, fair and smooth skin, and beautiful facial features walk out of the house. Everyone was surprised.

This girl was simply a fairy that had walked out of a painting. She was really beautiful.

Where did Li Huaisheng's luck and fortune come from? He found such a beautiful child to be his goddaughter.

Of course, there were also people who suspected that the girl's sudden appearance might have an ulterior motive.

When Li Huaisheng saw Lin Jinlan come out, he raised his hand and introduced her to the crowd, "everyone, this is my goddaughter, Lin Jinlan. In the future, I may have to trouble all of you to take care of her!"

Li Huaisheng's words once again surprised everyone.

The meaning behind his words was obvious. He was implying that she might inherit the Li family's business in the future.

Someone whispered in each other's ear, "isn't this Li Huaisheng being too sloppy? His family business is no longer the same as before. It used to be a small cloth shop, but now it has two big shops. I heard that the monthly business profit is no less than three to four thousand taels. Most importantly, the design and production costs of customized clothes are skyhigh, and the profits are even bigger.

"They just handed over the family business to a little girl who came out of nowhere. Are li Huaisheng and his wife out of their minds?"

"That's right. This li Huaisheng has been talking about adopting a child for the past ten or twenty years, but there has been no movement for the past ten years. I didn't expect that, in the blink of an eye, he would acknowledge a woman whose background is unknown. Isn't this too hasty?"

"look at such a beautiful woman. She must be the reincarnation of a Vixen. Then, she must have used some kind of method to confuse Li Huaisheng and his wife. That's why they suddenly told everyone to acknowledge their family and plan to hand over the inheritance rights. This is simply an unreasonable decision."

In short, everyone was full of doubts about the fact that li Huaisheng suddenly recognized a daughter and intended to hand over the family business to her to inherit. They were suspicious and speculated.

More people thought that this woman, who Li Huaisheng recognized as his relative, had evil intentions.

After all, this woman was not born and raised in Ning An town. Instead, she was a complete stranger to everyone who had appeared out of nowhere.

Of course, they said what they wanted. As for li Huaisheng and his wife's thoughts, only they knew.

Li Huaisheng looked at the surprised and bewildered expressions on everyone's faces and immediately said, "this child's name is Lin Jinlan. She's my savior." After being introduced to Lin Jinlan, she bowed to the crowd and said in a clear voice, "Jinlan greets all of you. From now on, I'll be in your care!"

When li Huaisheng mentioned their she was his family's savior, everyone was a little stunned. They didn't know where she had come from.

Judging from the way she spoke, this woman was also a well-mannered person.

Li Huaisheng explained to everyone, "some time ago, I was bitten by a venomous snake when I passed by a mountain path. At that time, Jinlan happened to pass by and saw that I was seriously injured. Without saying anything, she helped me suck out the venom on my leg.

"That's why I'm able to stand here safe and sound and talk to everyone."

"Manager Li, how could there be such a coincidence? You were just bitten by a venomous snake, and she passed by. Without a word, she risked being poisoned to save you?

"Could it be that she was the one who released the venomous snake? You were bitten by the venomous snake when you were passing by, and then she passed by as well and coincidentally saved your life?"

This person's words were clearly suspicious. This was all Lin Jinlan's scheme.

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Li Huaisheng didn't answer, but Lin Jinlan replied with a smile, "Uncle, if I didn't know the situation, I would probably have the same suspicion. However, now that it's related to me, I have to explain it to avoid any misunderstandings.

"I am originally from the city of Qing. Because of my family's decline, I took my maidservant to seek shelter with my relatives. However, unexpectedly, I was separated from my maidservant. But I didn't expect ..."

At this point, Lin Jinlan was on the verge of tears, her face sorrowful and pitiful. In an instant, many people pitied her, and they continued to ask curiously, "Miss, don't be sad. Please continue."

Lin Jinlan wiped her tears with a silk cloth and continued with a worried expression, "I just didn't expect that my relative's entire family would die in a disaster. I had no choice but to turn back. Coincidentally, on my way back, I saw my Godfather sitting on the ground with a pale face as soon as I entered the forest. After asking him, I found out that he had been bitten by a poisonous snake.

"At that time, I thought that since I had no family or friends, I would save as many people as I could! So ..." At this point, Lin Jinlan didn't continue, and everyone understood.

Therefore, she saved li Huaisheng with the intention of dying.

"She saved me just like that," li Huaisheng said with a moved expression. "this child is really lucky. She saved me, but she was poisoned. Fortunately, I sent her to the young Divine Doctor, Lin yuelan, for treatment in time, and her life was finally saved.

"This child no longer has any relatives, and this old man has no children. So, I suddenly had the idea of acknowledging this child as my goddaughter so that my wife and I can enjoy a peaceful and happy old age in our later years!"

Li Huaisheng and Lin Jinlan made up the story. The final goal was to tell everyone that it was li Huaisheng who first proposed to acknowledge Lin Jinlan and not the other way around. Therefore, all those ill intentions, conspiracies, and so on were not valid.

After hearing li Huaisheng and Lin Jinlan's explanation, everyone finally understood the origin of this family recognition.

Some people envied li Huaisheng's fortune to have such a beautiful daughter to serve him in his old age. Some people were even more envious and jealous of Lin Jinlan's good luck. An orphan girl with no relatives or friends suddenly became the heir of a family business.

Li Huaisheng and Lin Jinlan recognized each other as family. Then, as planned, li Huaisheng slowly handed over the authority of Lin Yue Pavilion and Mengyue Pavilion to Lin Jinlan.

Time passed by unknowingly.

During this time, Lin yuelan temporarily distributed all the properties she owned.

Lin Shuangju was in charge of the woodshop, Lin Jinmei was in charge of the housing construction company, Lin Jinlan was in charge of the store, and Lin Qingzhu was in charge of Lin's medicine hall.

The four of them took the plans given by Lin yuelan and developed their respective industries step by step, waiting for the day when they would amaze the world with a single feat!

As for the true boss, Lin yuelan, apart from planning to open a unique restaurant with Zhou Wencai, she didn't idle around in the Lin family Village.

After the rice was harvested, dried, and cleaned, it was time to shell the grain.

Lin yuelan invented a new grinding method for peeling off grains.

This method of grinding and peeling off the shell was much more effective than their previous method.

Once this thing appeared, it shocked everyone in the surrounding villages.

However, this thing was much larger than the previous threshers and rice carts, and it could be operated by several people at the same time, so the effect was fast and good.

In the countryside, rice was usually grown for sale.

As for how the villagers sold the rice, it would depend on the quality of the rice.

Some people sold grains at 200 copper coins per stone, while others planned to peel off the shells and sell rice.

The price of rice was relatively high. Ordinary rice was seven or eight Wen per catty. The more refined rice could be sold for thirteen or fourteen Wen. It was obviously more cost-effective to sell husked rice.

Therefore, even if the grain were unhusked, no matter how bitter and tiring it was, they would rather unhusk it to sell.

The millstone invented by Lin yuelan solved a huge problem for them.

This thing was big and efficient. The people in the surrounding villages all planned to buy one for private use. This time, not many people bought it and rented it out to get paid.

This was because many villagers had to thresh the grains and were in a hurry. They could not take their time and wait. Therefore, no one was willing to rent these things.

Lin yuelan had earned a lot of money again.

As time passed, winter slowly approached.

In the winter of ancient times, it was hard to have a bite or two of green vegetables.

Lin yuelan didn't lack any manpower at home.

Other than Jiang Zhennan and a few others, there were four or five other servants.

Lin yuelan directed everyone to build a large greenhouse vegetable garden.

"What? we can eat tender vegetables in winter?!" When he heard the purpose of Lin yuelan building the greenhouse, Guo Bing was shocked again.

One had to know that the winter was too cold, and it was impossible to grow any vegetables.

Usually, if they wanted to eat vegetables, they would have to be watered down and dried in the sun.

The dried vegetable was tasteless and chewy, and it was really unpalatable.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. I'm going to grow vegetables in winter!"

Guo Bing immediately asked curiously, "Miss Lin, how do you grow vegetables in this greenhouse?"

## **Chapter 554 - A Big Movement**

As winter approached, the vegetation in various places dried up. At a glance, it was a withered yellow land without any green at all.

In this way, the farmers who lived on their own land for three meals a day suffered unspeakable hardships.

Originally, the living standard was low, and there was no money to buy meat. Therefore, they could only eat cabbage in soup. In winter, they could only eat dried vegetables or salted vegetables.

In short, in winter, they couldn't eat any green vegetables at all.

Lin Yuelan had been preparing to build a large shed in the early morning when the weather was slowly turning cold, and the plants were slowly withering.

Although there was no white transparent plastic here, Lin yuelan used a certain method to boil and filter the white canvas over and over again. After that, it slowly became somewhat transparent.

As long as it was somewhat transparent, it was good enough to let some light in. However, these window papers were too expensive, and it was not very cost-effective to use them to build a greenhouse.

"Hey, did you guys hear? The jinx is now building some greenhouse vegetable projects. She said that she can eat fresh vegetables in the middle of winter." Curiosity and gossip were everywhere, not to mention that it was targeted at Lin yuelan.

"Yeah, I've heard about it too," Someone immediately echoed, "but is it reliable?"

Naturally, some people questioned.

"Maybe," Someone said hesitantly. "In the past six months, what kind of miracles hasn't she performed?"

Before she knew it, Lin yuelan had already been here for half a year.

In the past six months, not only had Lin yuelan's transformation been amazing and unbelievable, but the entire Lin family Village had also changed.

The most obvious thing was that although the Lin family villagers still said that Lin yuelan was a jinx and that they were still wary of her, whenever she created something new, they would come over to please her, hoping to gain some benefits from it.

Of course, it also depended on Lin yuelan, who could get the benefits from her.

Lin yuelan would give some visible benefits to those who had helped her in the past. As for those who hit her when she was down, they should be thankful that she didn't take revenge on them. They were dreaming if they thought they could get any benefits from her!

However, Lin yuelan wasn't a narrow-minded person, so she didn't care about taking revenge too much. She just turned a blind eye to those people who took advantage of her.

As a result, the Lin family Village's villagers received obvious benefits, and their living standards improved significantly.

Therefore, Lin yuelan's every move was paid special attention to. Every time, the villagers would talk about it.

Now, in the middle of winter, it was simply crazy that she could grow green vegetables in winter.

The people in the ancient countryside didn't know that the growth of vegetables, in addition to sunlight and water, was mainly based on the suitable temperature for each kind of vegetable.

As long as this temperature was maintained, it could grow, and this was the purpose of building a greenhouse. In fact, it had nothing to do with defying the natural order.

"If that girl can really grow vegetables in winter, I'll definitely buy some to try. I want to see if there's a difference in taste in winter and in summer." Someone said with curiosity.

"I have the same thought as you. A whole winter without any meat, fish, or green was simply annoying. If there are really fresh vegetables, I will try them no matter what."

Just as everyone was discussing the greenhouse vegetables, Lin yuelan took over the title deed for more than 100 Mus of land from Lin Dawei.

"Uncle Wei, this is one hundred and twenty-five taels of silver. Please accept it!" Lin yuelan took out some silver and handed it to Lin Dawei.

They had previously agreed that Lin Dawei would buy the land from other villagers, and she would buy it from him. Lin Dawei got one teal of silver for each Mu of land he got for Lin Yuelan.

Lin Dawei had bought 120 mu of farmland from the silver Lin yuelan had given him. Lin yuelan needed the farmland to plant greenhouse vegetables and cultivate some fruit seeds.

## **Chapter 555 - A Big Commotion**

When Lin Dawei received the 1000 taels of silver from Lin yuelan and bought the fields from the villagers, he had not shown any greed on his face. His face was calm, and there was no joy or anger. He had only been doing his own things conscientiously.

However, at this moment, when he took the one hundred taels from Lin yuelan, he lost his composure and was touched. He couldn't suppress the excitement on his face. His hands trembled as he held the silver and said, "it's really more than a hundred taels!"

They had to risk their lives to hunt in the mountains in order to get some harvest and sell it for some money. However, they had to prepare some medicine for their injuries. Therefore, they could only save a few dozen taels of silver in a year.

But now, all he had to do was run an errand and speak a little, and he had already gotten his hands on a hundred taels.

Of course, he knew that Lin yuelan had offered this to him because she was kind. Therefore, he also knew how to be grateful.

Lin yuelan looked at Lin Dawei in surprise.

She had always thought that Lin Dawei was a man who was calm and emotionless. She didn't expect that just a hundred taels of silver would make him so excited.

After Lin yuelan waited for Lin Dawei to calm down, she said to him, "Uncle Wei, I told you that I wanted brother Jiawei to be my family's butler and supervisor. Now, I plan to hire a group of helpers to build a greenhouse and plant these seeds. They need to be checked and managed every day, so brother Jiawei might be busy."

"No problem, no problem!" Lin Dawei immediately replied, "I'll ask him to come to you when I get back." He had always thought that Lin yuelan had forgotten about this matter.

After all, this matter had been told a few months ago. After seeing that Lin yuelan hadn't made any moves, he didn't know how to ask.

Now that Lin yuelan had taken the initiative to ask him, he naturally wouldn't refuse.

Back then, Lin yuelan analyzed the benefits of having Jiawei as a supervisor.

Jiawei was his only child. Of course, he would take everything to heart. He didn't want his child to be like him, living a life of adventure and fear every day.

After buying 125 Mus of land from Lin Dawei and Lin Jiawei came to report, Lin yuelan started to build a greenhouse with people.

In terms of manpower, Lin yuelan recruited people from all the villages in the area. She only recruited honest people who spoke less and worked more.

Although some of the Lin family villagers had their opinions, thinking that Lin yuelan had invited outsiders instead of her own village, it was impossible for her not to take it to heart after they had offended her so badly in the past. Especially those who had hit and scolded her when she was down. There was no need to even consider them. Moreover, these people made up 80 to 90 percent of the Lin family Village.

Lin yuelan would not even consider recruiting these people to be her helpers.

In the past, some people were afraid that Lin yuelan was their jinx and that interacting with her would bring bad luck to them. Therefore, some people were more or less afraid. However, after seeing that the people who came to build houses for Lin yuelan were not plagued by bad luck and were even

provided with good food and drink, they immediately became envious. Therefore, every time Lin yuelan recruited people, many people would fight to work for her.

Guo Bing was the supervisor of the building, and there were still two buildings left. According to Lin yuelan, there was still one dormitory building that had not been completed, so he had to continue to be his supervisor.

Therefore, he could not participate in the construction of the greenhouse and the planting of vegetables for the time being.

As for Jiang Zhennan, Little Six, Little Three, and Little Twelve they gradually had nothing to do after the rice was harvested and the rice fields were tidied up.

Now that they were going to build a greenhouse of more than 100 mu, they were short of manpower, so of course, they had to participate.

Since they were building a large shed, the first important thing was to have a large number of canvas.

Through Li Huaisheng's channels, these fabrics were directly bought at the most favorable and cheapest price, and they were worth hundreds of feet.

After receiving the cloth, they had to follow Lin yuelan's method. They had to drip vinegar, add alkali, and use a chemical method to process the canvas into a transparent color. Of course, they didn't have this technique yet. They could only process it into a very vague translucent color, just like the transparent window paper.

After that, some of the helpers went up the mountain to chop wood and bamboo to build the frame of the greenhouse.

Then, they turned the soil over.

In short, each process required a lot of manpower and resources, which seemed to be time-consuming and energy-consuming.

The greenhouse caused a great commotion. It was very more exciting than when she was building her house.

"Yes, that's right." Someone immediately echoed, "there are more than a hundred of these helpers. The salary is a huge sum. Speaking of which, why is the girl that rich? she just built a house, and I heard that she spent at least five to six thousand taels of silver. She bought land before, and now, she bought more land. She must have spent quite a lot of money. Now that she's doing this, just buying cloth alone costs more than a thousand feet. The cheapest cloth costs twenty Wen a foot. How much does it cost?"

In short, every time Lin yuelan wanted to do something that involved money, it would be discussed.

They only knew that Lin yuelan had earned a few thousand taels from selling the tiger and ginseng. However, as Lin yuelan spent money like dirt, they were more and more confused about how much money she had left.

"Where do you guys think this girl got all this money from?" Someone asked curiously, "could it be that it was all given by shopkeeper Lin?" They had already gotten used to calling Lin Deshan shopkeeper Lin.

# Chapter 556 - The Resentment Of Lin Sanniu'S Family

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Just as Lin yuelan's family was busy growing vegetables in the greenhouse, Lin Sanniu, who hadn't come to ask for money or alimony for the past few months, suddenly caused trouble again.

Ever since Lin Sanniu had been chased out of the Lin family, he had been living with his wife and children in the cowshed of a nearby villager.

They had left the family with nothing. Other than the clothes they were wearing, they didn't even get a single cent. This made the Lin family villagers even more disdainful of Lin Laosan's family. They all secretly cursed Lin Laosan in their hearts. He didn't treat Lin Sanniu like his biological son at all.

The villagers didn't know what Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua were thinking. His third son was so obedient and filial to him, but they looked down on him.

As for Lin Sanniu, although he was filial, he was foolish. The consequence of such foolish filial piety was that he had to suffer with his wife and children. Even when his family wanted him to kill his own daughter, he did so without a second thought.

Now, his parents didn't want him anymore. His daughter didn't want him anymore. Moreover, his daughter had become the richest person in the Lin family Village.

He was stupid and fake.

This was how many people evaluated Lin Sanniu.

On this day, Lin Sanniu brought his wife and son to the fields to dig up the soil. He wanted to see if there were any wild game hidden in the soil, such as frogs, hibernating snakes, or field mice.

The reason why Lin Sanniu was looking for these was that there was really nothing to eat in his house.

Ever since he was chased out of the house, they had no house, no land, and it was difficult to support themselves.

Fortunately, Lin Sanniu was known for his diligence. During those busy days, as long as the family was slightly well-off and needed more time, they would call Lin Sanniu over to help out. The salary was paid daily, so Lin Sanniu earned some money during this period.

However, when li Cuihua heard that Lin Sanniu had money on hand, she repeatedly asked for most of the salary in the name of filial piety.

Not only did she take the money, but she also complained to Lin Sanniu that he had hidden the money. Otherwise, how could he have so little money? She left while cursing.

Li Cuihua was really cruel. Did she forget that her third son's family was chased out with nothing? Once she took his salary, they would really starve to death.

Fortunately, Chen Xiaoqing was smart this time. When Lin Sanniu handed her the wages, she really hid a part of it. Otherwise, they would starve to death in the cold winter.

"Aiya, I say, Sanniu, look at how rich your eldest daughter is. Look at your own tattered appearance. What a pity!" Some of the villagers mocked.

This Lin Sanniu was like the kind of person who would kill his own daughter.

Chen Xiaoqing, his wife, had never had a good day since she married him. She worked hard and was tortured by Lin Laosan and his wife every day.

Her three children were now sallow and skinny. Their clear eyes had become dull and numb.

Parents should protect their own children. However, Lin Sanniu was a unique case.

His elder daughter was sentenced to death because of a casual word from the Taoist priest. The younger son and daughter, who were only three or four years old, had to take care of all the household chores in the Lin family and even work in the fields with their parents.

All in all, Lin Sanniu was an irresponsible and stupid man.

Now that he had been driven out of the house by his parents, not only did he not hate his parents for being biased, but he also had to return to li Cuihua's house when the farm was busy. He returned to give her his wages.

This was simply bizarre.

"Aiya. Sanniu, if you didn't have such a ruthless heart and wanted to kill your eldest daughter, perhaps you would have already become the Lin family's old master by now. Why would you need to hunt for food in the middle of winter? That girl has more than enough money for your family to eat well, wear well, and stay warm."

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Three taels of silver were enough to feed a family of ten farmers for half a year. If Lin Sanniu's family were to obtain this amount of silver, it would be enough to cover their living expenses for a year or two.

Unfortunately, everyone knew that Lin Sanniu couldn't use the money that Lin yuelan had. Even if he got money from her, it would only go to li Cuihua's pocket.

Therefore, everyone was now ridiculing Lin Sanniu.

"If they had known that Lin girl would suddenly become so rich one day, I'm sure Lin Laosan and the others wouldn't bear to kill her. They would definitely treat her like a treasure."

"I think your joke is really funny. Lin girl was judged to be a jinx, so how could Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua be nice to her?"

"Hehe, you're right. I say, Sanniu, you've already left the family with nothing, no food, no clothes, and your wife and children are also suffering from hunger and cold with you. Why don't you ask the girl for some money?" Someone immediately asked Lin Sanniu curiously.

Lin Sanniu had gotten used to the gossip of the villagers. In the beginning, he turned a deaf ear to the pointing of outsiders and focused on his own business.

However, as the days became more and more difficult, they often had no next meal. They were so hungry that their eyes were dizzy, and the weather was slowly turning cold. They did not even have warm clothes to wear. Gradually, resentment grew in his heart.

He didn't hate Lin Laosan and his wife, who were the cause of all this. He just forced his hatred on Lin yuelan.

He believed that if Lin yuelan had given him 3500 taels of alimony, he definitely wouldn't have been chased out of the house by his own parents. He wouldn't have been forced to leave the family with nothing. This was simply a huge blow to him.

He had always thought that as long as he did a good job at home, his parents would notice him. In this way, they would care more about him and value him more. That way, no matter how hard and tired he was, he would be willing.

However, Lin yuelan was a jinx. As a result, he became the target of his parents' anger. They vented all their dissatisfaction with their eldest daughter on him.

However, what was even more unacceptable to him was that he was even chased out of the Lin family because of this.

Therefore, the main culprit of all this was his eldest daughter.

Now, because of his eldest daughter, he was also ridiculed and ridiculed by the villagers.

Therefore, Lin Sanniu's weird thoughts took a turn. He hated the innocent Lin yuelan.

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Lin Yueru and Lin Darong stood outside the wall of Lin yuelan's house and looked at the magnificent house in the distance. Lin Yueru curiously stared at the tall building inside the wall and asked with anticipation, "father, does this house belong to our big sister? It looked huge. Father, can you tell big sister if we can stay here? We're staying in the cowshed of the old master's house. It's really stinky and cold, and we're freezing to death."

After all, they were still young. Three years ago, when Lin yuelan was forced to break off all ties with them, they were still crying and waiting to be fed. They didn't know what had happened and only knew how to cry.

In the past three years, when they had gradually become more sensible, everyone had told them that their big sister Lin yuelan was a jinx and that they had to stay away from her, or else bad things would happen.

With the irrigation of this kind of thinking over the years, they gradually developed anger and resentment towards Lin yuelan.

They thought that it was because of their elder sister that they were having a hard time now. They were sad and scolded by their grandparents and aunts every day.

However, now everyone was telling them that the person who built the big house in the village was their eldest sister. Now that their eldest sister was rich, as her younger brother and sister, they should be to enjoy the fruits of her labor.

As more and more people said this, they thought that as long as they visited, this big sister would definitely provide them with good food and drinks.

However, even if they met Lin yuelan on the road, she would only look at them coldly. Then, she would follow them and pass by, completely ignoring them.

In the beginning, they really thought that Lin yuelan had not seen them. So, the second time they called her 'big sister', but Lin Yuelan reacted the same way.

Then, they understood that this big sister didn't want to acknowledge them at all. This made them hate Lin yuelan again.

As for Chen Xiaoqing, she was someone who followed her husband wherever he went.

Lin yuelan was her eldest daughter, but when everyone in the Lin family, including her husband, hated Lin yuelan's existence, she chose to hate her and turned a blind eye to it.

When Lin Sanniu blamed all his misfortunes on Lin yuelan and developed a grudge against her, she also resented her eldest daughter. She also believed that Lin yuelan was the cause of all their misfortunes.

This time, they had come to Lin yuelan's house in order to live in the most beautiful and spacious new house they had ever seen because that was what they deserved.

## Chapter 558 - Giving Food And Clothes

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Lin yuelan was in her room, entering the farming space to look for all kinds of seeds. When she heard the noise outside, she frowned slightly and immediately appeared in her room and then walked out.

However, when he saw Lin Yueru and Lin Darong, the younger brother and sister of the original Lin yuelan, kneeling in front of his house door, Lin Daniu standing between them with a gloomy face, and Chen Xiaoqing crying beside them, Lin yuelan's calm aura suddenly became fierce and intimidating.

From the looks of it, Lin Sanniu was insistent on clinging onto her. Thus, he used the two young ones and public opinion to force her to give him money or to make them stay.

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As soon as Lin Yueru saw Lin yuelan, her eyes immediately lit up. She looked at Lin yuelan and shouted with excitement, "big sister!"

On the other side, Lin Darong was a little timid. He only called out to Lin Yueru and Lin yuelan in a low voice, "big sister!"

Lin yuelan's sharp eyes coldly looked at the two children. Their clothes were tattered and could not cover their bodies. Their small faces were thin and pale, especially in the approaching winter. The cold weather had made them blue and purple from the cold, but the two children knelt in front of Lin yuelan's house.

Lin yuelan glanced at the two children, then at Chen Xiaoqing, who was crying and hesitating to speak to her. Finally, she looked at Lin Sanniu, who

had a gloomy expression as if she owed him a million taels of silver. She raised her eyebrows and asked, "what's the matter?"

Lin Sanniu looked at Lin yuelan's arrogant and overbearing appearance. He could not contain his anger as he roared at Lin yuelan, "Don't you see your brothers and sisters kneeling in front of you pitifully?"

Lin yuelan looked at the angry Lin Sanniu and sneered, "younger brother or sister? Third uncle Lin, you must be mistaken. I, Lin yuelan, only have a grandfather. I don't have any parents, so how could I have siblings?"

No matter what, Lin yuelan would never acknowledge them.

If they were of good character, she could consider helping them or improving their lives. However, she looked into her brother and sister's eyes, which revealed a kind of indignation, unwillingness, and greed. They had inherited the greedy nature of Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua.

Once she agreed to take them in or help them, they would be like bloodsucking bugs, sticking to her and sucking her blood.

When Lin Sanniu heard Lin yuelan's words, he roared even more angrily, "Lin yuelan, are you really going to disown your own family?"

Lin yuelan sneered and said, "My family? Are you talking about you or them?" Lin yuelan pointed at her two younger brothers and sisters and said sharply, "ever since I cut off all blood relations with the Lin family, I have become an orphan with no father, mother, brothers, or sisters. Where would I have a family?

"Since I've become rich and have a new house, suddenly you're not afraid of the jinx anymore? You want to acknowledge me again."

At this point, Lin yuelan's eyes were full of mockery and sarcasm. She continued, "But don't you need to see if they'd agree or not?" She was talking about Lin Laosan's family.

"Even if they agree," Lin yuelan said sharply, " even if all of you agree to let me return to the Lin family, you have to see if I agree or not."

Of course, she wouldn't agree.

Lin Sanniu choked, and his rebuttal words were stuck in his throat. His face was a mixture of red and green, and it kept changing.

He understood his parents. As long as Lin yuelan had the reputation of being a jinx, no matter how rich or wealthy she was, they wouldn't acknowledge her.

It wasn't that they didn't want the money, but they were afraid that they wouldn't have the life to spend it. They were very clear about this.

Of course, they were still preparing to grab Lin Yuelan's money. They were waiting for the right time.

When Lin Sanniu caught his breath, he asked again, " are you sure you don't care about your biological siblings, your parents?"

Lin yuelan immediately laughed and said, "Hmph, third uncle Lin, I've already told you that I only have one family now. He is my grandfather, Lin Deshan, who used to be the shopkeeper at Lin's Medicine Hall in town. As for my biological parents, younger brothers, and younger sisters, they didn't care about me during my most difficult three years. So why should I care about them three years later? "

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Lin Sanniu pointed at her angrily and said fiercely, "you're good! I'm going to the government to sue you for being unfilial!"

When Lin yuelan heard this, she didn't look nervous or afraid at all. She only said coldly, "fine. You can go ahead!"

Then, her sharp eyes swept across the few of them, and he said coldly, "now, please leave my house!"

After Lin yuelan asked them to leave, Chen Xiaoqing's tears immediately fell like rain.

Her face was full of guilt as she said to Lin yuelan, "Lan 'Er, please take pity on your younger brother and sister. They had been starving for three days, and their bodies were shivering and turning purple from the cold. Lan 'Er, you have money now. Can't you take care of your younger brother and sister?"

His words were pitiful, but at the same time, they also made Lin yuelan sound cold-blooded.

Was this Chen Xiaoqing's motherly love for Lin yuelan?

Lin yuelan could feel guilty, helpless, and sad about her, but not a trace of motherly love.

If Chen Xiaoqing had even a trace of motherly love for her eldest daughter, she would not have allowed her father-in-law and husband to kill her daughter three years ago.

In the past three years, Lin yuelan had been so miserable and sad. If Chen Xiaoqing, her mother, had given Lin yuelan food and clothes, Lin yuelan would still care feelings for them.

However, Lin Yuelan could barely survive, and her family didn't even give her any thought.

Looking at Chen Xiaoqing's pitiful expression, Lin yuelan sneered and said, "Oh, Auntie, I'm sorry. I have money now, but this money didn't fall from the sky. I exchanged it with my life. So, how I use this money and how I spend it is my own business. So, I'm telling you now. I'd rather give 1200 taels of silver to a beggar than give you a single copper coin. You can give up!"

Hearing this, Chen Xiaoqing cried even more sadly.

Mother and children were connected by the heart.

As Chen Xiaoqing cried, the other two younger ones also started crying.

Lin Yueru cried loudly and said to Lin yuelan, "big sister, I'm really hungry. I'm really cold. Can you give me some food? I know you have a lot of good food at home. Big sister, please?"

Lin Darong heard his sister's words and added, "big sis, I'm hungry too. It's so cold. I want to eat my fill and wear warm clothes."

Although she disliked the two children, she pitied them.

Lin yuelan ignored them and said to a servant beside her, "go to the kitchen and get two bowls of rice and two steamed buns. Then, find two sets of clothes that little Chunmei doesn't wear and little Zhu Zhu's clothes can't wear anymore. Bring them over."

Little Chunmei and little Zhu Zhu were Lin yuelan's servants. They were the same age as Lin Yueru and Lin Darong.

"Yes!" The servant replied respectfully.

After a while, two servants came over, one carrying rice and the other carrying a few sets of clothes. Then, they stood in front of Lin yuelan respectfully.

Lin yuelan took the bowls from the servant and handed them to Lin Yueru and Lin Darong. She gave them a big bowl each and said, "didn't you say you were cold and hungry? Hey, you guys can finish the rice and mantou."

The two bowls of fragrant rice and the meat on the rice made Lin Sanniu and his family swallow their saliva.

During this period of time, not to mention eating well, even having a full stomach was a luxury.

Now, the two bowls of hot and fragrant rice immediately attracted them.

Then, Lin Yuelan said to Lin Yueru, "these two sets of clothes are for you and your brother!" One set was light red, and the other was dark green. The fabric was fine and soft, so it was really comfortable.

When Lin Yueru took the rice, she didn't even pick up the chopsticks and immediately took a few mouthfuls. When she saw Lin yuelan take out the clothes, her eyes immediately became brighter, especially when she heard Lin yuelan say that the clothes were for them to wear.

In an instant, she couldn't be bothered to eat as she grabbed her new clothes and put them on.

After Lin yuelan gave them food and clothes, she turned to Lin Sanniu and Chen Xiaoqing and said, "I took pity on them and gave them food and clothes. I've already done what you asked. Don't think I'll pity them again!"

Lin Sanniu and Chen Xiaoqing's faces turned ugly when they heard that.

Their goal wasn't to ask Lin yuelan to only give them two bowls of rice and two pieces of clothing.

Their goal was to move into the new house and then get money from Lin yuelan. Then, they could rush home to please Li Cuihua and prove that they could get money from the jinx whenever they wanted.

But now, Lin yuelan only gave them two bowls of rice and a few steamed buns as a way to send them off.

How detestable!

"Hmph!" Lin Sanniu snorted heavily.

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In the dead of the night, in the yard, two figures were meeting.

"I still have one more request. I'll add another five taels of silver after you've met this requirement. With these five taels of silver, your family won't have to suffer from hunger and cold!"

"What request?"

"I need to mix into the greenhouse and cause some destruction!"

## Chapter 560 - Lin Sanniu Enters The Greenhouse

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Guo Bing looked at Lin Sanniu, who was standing in front of him, as if it was a matter of course. He was a little speechless and also had a headache.

He asked suspiciously, "I say, uncle Sanniu, did I hear you wrong? Do you want to apply to work here?"

"Why? Can't I work here?" Lin Sanniu said arrogantly.

Guo Bing thought to himself, 'of course not.'

When Guo Bing heard Lin Sanniu's words, the corners of his mouth immediately curled up into a sarcastic smile. He said, "uncle Sanniu, it's not that you can't work here. It's just that we're all a little worried about you working here."

Lin Sanniu's heart skipped a beat. He thought that Guo Bing had seen through his intention. His dark face covered the changing colors. He guiltily defended himself loudly, "I'm working for my daughter. What kind of damage can I do?"

Guo Bing squinted and replied indifferently, "who knows? Although you're miss Lin's biological father, you severed your blood ties with miss Lin years ago. Now that miss Lin has become rich, I don't know if you're feeling balanced in your heart, but you've done some crazy things."

When Lin Sanniu heard this, he was so angry that he glared at Guo Bing with his round eyes. He roared as if he was guilty and trying his best to defend himself, "don't talk nonsense!"

Guo Bing pouted, but it was Lin yuelan's decision to use Lin Sanniu.

After all, no matter what, Lin Sanniu and Lin yuelan were related by blood. There were some things that she had to do, or she'd be labeled as unfilial.

Guo Bing had no choice but to wave his hand and say, "Alright, I got it. I'll go ask miss Lin and see what she has to say."

Guo Bing had now become the steward of Lin yuelan's family. Whether it was building houses or building greenhouses to hire workers, he was in charge of everything.

Fortunately, his eyes were sharp, ruthless, and accurate. The people he recruited were all honest and sincere people.

However, when Lin Sanniu suddenly said that he wanted to work in the shed, Guo Bing was unable to accept it and had doubts in his heart.

After Guo Bing told Lin yuelan that Lin Sanniu was going to work in the shed, Lin yuelan pondered for a moment and said, "arrange for him to work in the shed in the 12th District. Then, tell the workers to pay attention and report immediately if anything is wrong."

The land was not in one area. They were scattered across the land. Lin yuelan divided them into districts one to twelve.

It was easier to arrange things.

The reason why Lin yuelan had Lin Sanniu go to the 12th District was that it was the furthest and smallest district from the Lin family Village. However, it grew the most precious vegetables.

As long as Lin Sanniu made any move or did anything unfavorable, Lin yuelan would have an excuse to punish him.

Guo Bing nodded and said, "alright. I'll tell Lin Jiawei to get someone to monitor Lin Sanniu."

In reality, a nobody like Lin Sanniu didn't even need them to spend any effort on him. However, the difficulty was that they had to treat Lin Sanniu with the utmost respect because of Lin yuelan.

Lin Sanniu was brought into the 12th District in a blue worker's uniform.

As soon as he entered the greenhouse, he was stunned when he saw the rows of tender yellow vegetable seedlings.

Previously, when Lin yuelan said that she'd grow fresh vegetables in the cold winter, everyone had been skeptical. They didn't believe that fresh vegetables could really grow in winter.

However, now that he had seen the tender shoots of the vegetables with his own eyes, he was shocked and in disbelief.

"uncle Sanniu, uncle Sanniu," Lin Jiawei held a small book that was sewn together by needle and thread. There were squares drawn on the small book. He also held a pen made of charcoal in his hand. He stared at Lin Sanniu with a serious face. When he saw Lin Sanniu in a daze, he shouted a few more times.

When Lin Sanniu heard the shout, he came back to his senses. He saw Lin Jiawei looking at him with a serious expression and asked, "what is it?"

Lin Jiawei took the book and a red clay box beside it. He handed it to Lin Sanniu and said, "uncle Sanniu, everyone who comes to work must sign here every day for check-in. Here, stamp your thumbprint!"

Lin Sanniu was puzzled, "check-in? What check-in?"

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Lin Jiawei explained patiently, "Oh, it's like this. In order to prevent the workers from slacking off, they must go to the foreman and sign in during the first two hours of the day. Then, the foreman of each area will report to me.

"However, uncle Sanniu, I'm personally supervising the 12th District, so you can just come to me to check-in and then come to me to sign your fingerprint after work."

Lin Sanniu had been working for someone for a long time, but this was the first time he had heard of someone signing in with their fingerprint every day.

"What if they didn't come in time or leave early?" Lin Sanniu asked, puzzled.

"If you tell me that you can't come because of something serious, that means you're on leave, and I won't deduct your pay. However, you'll lose your salary for that day. However, if you don't tell me before and don't come for half a day without any reason, one day's salary will be deducted. If you didn't come for one day, three days' salary would be deducted. If you didn't come for two days in a row, we would treat it as a dismissal. We won't let you continue to work here."

Lin Jiawei explained with a serious face.

"as for those who are late, if they are late for an hour or leave early for an hour, half a day's salary will be deducted. If they are late for three

consecutive days without any reason, then I'm sorry, and they will also be dismissed."

Lin Sanniu was confused, but he understood the general meaning. If he wanted to work here, he couldn't be late or leave early for no reason. He couldn't be absent for no reason. Otherwise, they would have their salary deducted and be fired.

Lin Jiawei was still handing the book to him and said seriously, "uncle Sanniu, do you understand? If you understand, please press your handprint on this grid!"

In a daze, Lin Sanniu pressed a red handprint on the grid of the book.

Lin Jiawei put away the book and pointed to the vegetables at the side with a serious face, "uncle Sanniu, you are responsible for watering the vegetables and pulling out the grass. And most importantly, uncle Sanniu, these vegetables are very expensive. You can't pull them out by mistake. If you break one, you have to pay ten copper coins. Please be careful, uncle Sanniu."

After saying this, he shouted to a man in the same blue uniform nearby, "uncle Liu, please show uncle Sanniu the vegetables. Show him how to differentiate them from weeds."

Uncle Liu straightened his back and laughed heartily. "haha, sure, manager Lin. I will definitely take good care of uncle Sanniu."

Lin Jiawei nodded and said, "Okay, uncle Liu, I'll leave uncle Sanniu to you!"

"Manager Lin, you're too polite! Don't worry, I'll teach him how to recognize vegetables." Uncle Liu agreed readily.

After Lin Jiawei left, uncle Liu immediately said to Lin Sanniu enthusiastically, "come, brother, come with me. We'll learn how to identify them. One had to know that these seedlings were very precious. Each one

was worth ten copper coins, which could be spent in half a day's work. You'll have to be careful."

Lin Sanniu's heart skipped a beat when he heard that he would be fined 10 copper coins for plucking a vegetable. His heart was beating very fast because he was so scared.

However, when he thought of the money he was about to get, he clenched his fists and then released them.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the greenhouses rising from the flat ground, especially the rows of tender vegetables emerging from the inside of the greenhouses. He felt an indescribable excitement in his heart.

In this way, the winter in the future would no longer be winter without fresh vegetables.

Jiang Zhennan was wearing a blue uniform as he walked through the greenhouse area as if he was a leader inspecting.

As soon as the workers saw Jiang Zhennan, who was tall and strong, with a serious and dignified face and a fierce aura exuding from his body, all of them became nervous and uneasy. Their hearts were beating rapidly, and they were so afraid that their palms were sweating. They did not know what was going on either. In any case, they felt as if there was heavy pressure on their shoulders, and they could not breathe.

"boss." as soon as Little Six saw Jiang Zhennan, he ran over excitedly, stood in front of him, and said, "boss, come and take a look. What kind of vegetable is this? We have never seen it before, nor have we ever eaten it. Its leaves are red."

Jiang Zhennan walked closer to take a look. Indeed, the leaves of this kind of vegetable were red. However, it was not the entire leaf that was red, but the middle of the leaves. The whole plant looked quite cute.

When he saw the vegetable, he seemed to be reminded of someone's appearance. The corners of his mouth curled up slightly, and a joyful smile

appeared. He nodded and said, "it looks quite cute."

Of course, it was impossible for Little Six to guess that Jiang Zhennan was thinking of a certain someone. When he heard Jiang Zhennan say that the vegetables were cute, he immediately nodded and replied, "yes, these tender shoots are all red and green. They're quite cute. Oh, by the way, boss, did you know that miss Lin went to the county again this morning? Why do you think she has to go to the county every few days?"

Jiang Zhennan was a little stunned.

He really didn't know that Lin yuelan had gone to the county town this morning.

He woke up early in the morning and went out for a stroll. Although it was winter, he could not be lazy.

As for why Lin yuelan went to the county every few days, he knew.

This was because Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai had opened a restaurant together. They were talking about the restaurant.

Jiang Zhennan frowned slightly. No matter what, Lin yuelan was still a child. It must be very dangerous for her to go to the county alone. What if something happened to her?

Immediately, Jiang Zhennan said to Little Six, "Little Six, you guys supervise their work. I'm going to the county town."

Then, without waiting for Little Six's response, he left.

Little Six was shocked and whispered, "boss, miss Lin is more capable than you. Even if you rush to the county, you won't be able to do anything."

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Lin yuelan was wearing a light white dress. She sat in a carriage and directly entered the county.

The soldiers guarding the city gate had received orders from their superiors to report to young master Zhou the moment they saw Lin yuelan.

The coachman stopped the carriage in front of a restaurant. As soon as Zhou Wencai, who was waiting in front of the door, saw the carriage, he came over and waved his hand at Lin yuelan. He said, "sister yuelan!"

Lin yuelan jumped out of the carriage and asked Zhou Wencai with a polite smile, "brother Zhou, how have you been?"

Zhou Wencai chuckled and said, "thanks to sister yuelan, I'm fine! Please!" Zhou Wencai made an inviting gesture.

The restaurant that Zhou Wencai had invited Lin yuelan into was the restaurant that he and Lin yuelan had invested. It was called Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant!

Zhou Wencai only owned 20% of the investment shares, so the remaining 80% was naturally Lin Yuelan.

The restaurant had five floors and was designed by Lin yuelan according to the model of a modern hotel. The builders were, of course, master Hu and the others. They hired dozens of people and worked day and night. It took more than one month's time to complete the construction.

As for why it was built faster than in the Lin family Village, there were two main reasons. First, the area of the restaurant was much smaller than Lin

yuelan's house. Second, master Hu and the others already had experience working with Lin yuelan. Third, in order to complete the construction as soon as possible and reach the opening date of Lin yuelan restaurant, master Hu and the others hired a large number of workers.

Therefore, Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was built in Ning An County's business center in a short time.

The hall on the first floor was a place for entertainment and leisure. People could drink tea and chat, people could meet friends to recite poems, play chess, and do other activities here. However, the only thing was that one must have good manners and not make a loud noise or cause trouble. Otherwise, they were forbidden to enter the restaurant in the future!

The dining hall was on the second floor.

The restaurant had a variety of modes. You could choose to order a single dish, eat a buffet, and also have a private room.

However, what everyone was curious about was the buffet.

Buffets have a wide variety of food, and you can choose and eat as you like until you're full.

Of course, the average person would not be able to afford it.

It was thirty-five copper coins for a buffet, which was more than their salary for a day's work. They were really reluctant to part with it.

However, it was still possible to spend 30 to 40 copper coins to eat it once in a while.

As for the third and fourth floors, there were ordinary rooms, single rooms, double standard rooms, and business rooms. The cost was different.

The fifth floor was the Presidential Suite, which was extraordinarily expensive.

However, the decorations in the Presidential Suite were all refreshing and high-end.

"sister yuelan, I understand a single room or a standard double room, but what is a Presidential Suite?" Zhou Wencai asked curiously.

The corners of Lin yuelan's mouth twitched when she heard Zhou Wencai's question. Then, she said in all seriousness, "the Presidential Suite is a room for those who are rich, powerful, and influential. In her heart, she was thinking, 'President is the title of the head of state. Of course, you don't understand.'

When Zhou Wencai heard that, he still had his doubts, but he nodded in a seemingly confused manner.

Lin yuelan inspected the floor from the first floor all the way to the fifth floor to see if there was anything wrong. Lin yuelan pointed to a chandelier in the corridor and said to master Hu, "this chandelier is hanging too low, causing the corridor to be too bright. It's a little glaring, and it doesn't match the romantic atmosphere. Have someone adjust it later."

Master Hu nodded and said, "alright!

Zhou wencai was rather puzzled. 'It's just the lights in the corridor. Is there a need to be so serious?'

Lin yuelan didn't know what Zhou Wencai was thinking as she continued her inspection.

"This flower is placed next to the window."

"Move the table a little more!"

"Oh, and this lounge chair. It's a little hard and low. Add a quilt!"

Lin yuelan was very serious in pointing out the flaws. The moment she pointed them out, the employees immediately made adjustments.

Zhou Wencai, who was following by the side, felt that Lin yuelan was making a fuss at first. However, after Lin yuelan's guidance and adjustments, it was indeed more comfortable than before. This left Zhou Wencai with no choice but to think deeply.

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This seemingly insignificant change could very well change the entire structure and momentum.

When Lin yuelan finally finished checking from the first floor to the fifth floor, Jiang Zhennan came to the county town in a hurry on Liefeng. He soon found the restaurant.

When he saw a five-story building, he was a little surprised, but he quickly hid his expression and quickly walked into the restaurant.

There were guards at the restaurant. Zhou Wencai had used his connections to temporarily hire bailiffs from the court.

They had seen Jiang Zhennan and Lin yuelan come here two or three times before, so they didn't stop Jiang Zhennan from entering the restaurant.

As soon as Jiang Zhennan entered the restaurant's lobby, he saw Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai coming down the stairs.

There was no electricity in this ancient era, so there were no elevators. However, there were elevators, which looked the same as the elevator rooms of today. The only difference was that this elevator was designed by Lin yuelan using the principle of roller cogwheels. Then, she used human power to turn the shaft to lift the ladder.

The moment this design came out, Zhou Wencai was so shocked that he couldn't speak. Following that, his eyes revealed a look of worship and reverence.

'This Lin yuelan is not a human, but a monster, a God.'

If it was an older person, it would still make sense. However, this was a child, a child who was about twelve or thirteen years old.

Zhou wencai could not help but sigh. The children nowadays were truly impressive.

When Jiang Zhennan saw Lin yuelan coming down, he quickly walked up to her. His expression softened slightly as he called out, "Miss Yue 'Er!

When Zhou Wencai saw Jiang Zhennan approaching, he immediately stepped forward and greeted, "young master Nan!"

In his heart, however, he was constantly puzzled. "why does the general call Lin yuelan miss Yue 'Er? why is it such a unique way of addressing her?"

Jiang Zhennan nodded at Zhou Wencai before scanning the entire restaurant with his sharp gaze. Following that, he said to Lin yuelan, "miss Yue 'Er, this restaurant's design is really not bad!"

Even the largest and most luxurious restaurant in the capital, jingxuan restaurant, could not compare to this restaurant. If Jing Yuan saw the design and layout of this restaurant, she would probably feel bad.

Jiang Zhennan was very curious about what his good friend Jing Yuan would look like when she saw the restaurant.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "thank you for the compliment!

She then looked at the sky outside. The sun was already in the middle of the sky. She asked doubtfully, "brother Nan, why did you come to find me in such a hurry? is there something wrong?"

Looking at Jiang Zhennan's travel-worn appearance, one could tell that he had been in a hurry.

When Jiang Zhennan heard Lin yuelan's words, he was stunned.

To be honest, he didn't know why he had rushed over. He had only heard that Lin yuelan had come to the county alone and was afraid that something

had happened to her, so he had rushed over without thinking.

But he couldn't admit that.

That was because he knew that Lin yuelan knew that she did not need to worry or protect her.

Jiang Zhennan's face was embarrassed, and he was at a loss. He stammered, "I've been looking for you because of ... because of..." Jiang Zhennan stammered but couldn't give a reasonable reason.

Lin yuelan's mouth twitched. She could only wave her hand and chuckle, "forget it. It's getting late, and it's time for lunch. You've come all the way from the Lin family Village, so you must be hungry."

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, she heard a few rumbling sounds. It was obviously the sound of hunger.

Zhou Wencai was stunned for a moment upon hearing that. Then, he came to his senses and could not help but smile.

Lin yuelan also stared at Jiang Zhennan with a knowing look.

Suddenly, Jiang Zhennan's handsome face turned red and white. He muttered, "I'm really hungry!

Lin yuelan chuckled and said, "since you're hungry, I'll cook for you this afternoon to fill your stomach." Then, she walked toward the restaurant's kitchen.

Although the restaurant had not yet opened, the kitchen could be used already.

Lin yuelan didn't like to eat outside, so every time she came here, she would send someone to buy ingredients and then cook a few dishes for everyone to eat together.

At that moment, all the helpers in the restaurant felt extra happiness and joy. Even County Magistrate Zhou, who had heard that Lin yuelan was very

good at cooking, would follow Zhou Wencai to the restaurant as soon as he heard that Lin yuelan was there and was personally cooking.

After eating it once, he felt that the food Lin Yuelan cooked was the best in the world.

Unfortunately, he could only have such a delicious meal once in a while.

Besides, County Magistrate Zhou already knew that the restaurant was jointly opened by his son and Lin yuelan. Zhou Wencai had already informed him, so he didn't stop him.

In fact, he knew that he had been placed in this small county for the past few years because they did not have enough money to bribe the higher-up. Even the main family had some disdain and neglect towards them, which made him very uncomfortable.

Now, there was nothing wrong with them working hard to raise money.

Although he doubted his son's decision to work with Lin yuelan, he still supported it.

However, the result was beyond his expectations. When he saw the magnificence of the restaurant, he was a little amazed.

While Lin yuelan and the others were preparing for the restaurant's opening in the county, Lin Sanniu, who was in the Lin family Village, was wandering around the large shed. His eyes kept looking around, and his expression was guilty, uneasy, and nervous.

# Chapter 564 - Selling Himself To Bury His Father

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Lin yuelan had planned to open the restaurant when the vegetables in the greenhouse could be harvested. She wanted to design the restaurant and make the reputation of the restaurant and the vegetables in the greenhouse famous at the same time.

The matters of the restaurant's opening were already prepared.

However, the only thing that made Lin yuelan frown was that the manager of the restaurant had not been found.

Previously, Zhou Wencai had introduced two or three candidates, but Lin yuelan wasn't too satisfied with them.

This was because these people were either too old or had sealed their own thinking and were not willing to make progress and change.

This was absolutely unacceptable for a restaurant that wanted to develop.

On this day, Jiang Zhennan and Lin yuelan were walking on the street.

Jiang Zhennan was originally a dull man. He was usually slow-witted and didn't know how to say anything, so he had been silently accompanying Lin yuelan on the streets.

As they walked, they saw a large group of people gathered at the corner of the wall in front of them. From time to time, there were some people talking in the crowd. Some were regretful, some were pitiful, and some were gloating. In short, they seemed to be targeting only one person.

"Sigh, it's a pity for this scholar Zhang. I heard that he had the highest chance of passing the Imperial examinations, but I didn't expect that such a thing would happen, making a scholar like him sell his body to bury his father."

"Tsk, who said he'll definitely pass? Haven't you heard of it? It's rare for elementary scholars to pass. Who can guarantee that elementary scholar Zhang will pass?"

"Regardless of whether scholar Zhang can pass or not, he has been removed from the Zhang family. He can forget about continuing his official career."

"That's true. Scholar Zhang is really pitiful. After his father passed away, before the seventh day had even passed, he was already expelled from the Zhang family. Not to mention continuing his studies, he even had to sell his body to pay for his father's funeral. However," At this point, the man shook his head and said, "if he were a woman, it would be better. He could be bought back by those rich families as a concubine or something. But he's selling his body. Plus, he's asking for about ten teals. Tsk tsk, I'm afraid that not many people are willing to pay that moment!"

"Hehe, it seems like this scholar Zhang can only beg for a living!" He was obviously gloating over his misfortune.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan squeezed into the crowd and saw a young man in his twenties, who looked like a scholar, in the corner. There was a sign in front of him that read: Ten taels of silver to sell my body to bury my father!

In front of him, there was a corpse wrapped in a straw mat.

Due to the cold weather, the evil aura emitted by the corpse was not obvious.

Lin yuelan stood in front of him and looked around.

In the eyes of this scholar, he had encountered such a major change, but he did not become numb, wallow in self-pity, or vent all his misfortune on the

innocent.

Although there was strong anger and unwillingness in his eyes, there was more grief and sadness from losing a loved one.

In the cold weather, he knelt on the ground with his hands clenched into fists. However, he was so cold that his skin had turned purple and black. However, he still did not give up the thought of earning money to bury his father.

Lin yuelan lowered her eyes and pondered for a moment. Then, her clear and tender voice rang out in the crowd. She asked, "what if I ask you to give up your studies and go into business?"

She went straight to the point.

Hearing the sudden voice of a child, scholar Zhang's expression froze for a moment. He immediately reacted and said politely, "I'm willing to obey all the arrangements of my master!

He was telling Lin yuelan that as long as she bought him, she could turn him into whatever she liked.

Lin yuelan nodded slightly, "yes."

Then, she took out 20 taels of silver and said to scholar Zhang, "here, this is 20 taels of silver. First, arrange your father's funeral and deal with other matters. After that, you can come to my restaurant!

The moment Lin yuelan took out the silver, the surrounding crowd was shocked.

This person's selling price was clearly ten taels, but she took out twenty taels. Most importantly, she was just a child, and she could take out twenty taels so casually. Where did this daughter of a rich family come from?

However, when they heard that Scholar Zhang was to report to a restaurant, they were shocked again.

This restaurant had appeared out of nowhere, and County Magistrate Zhou's son frequently visited it. Sometimes, one could even see County Magistrate Zhou there. Therefore, anyone could guess that this restaurant must have a relationship with County Magistrate Zhou's family.

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The reason why scholar Zhang knelt here for so long and no one dared to buy him with ten taels of silver was not only because he was a man, but also because they were afraid of the Zhang family.

The Zhang family was one of the three big families in An ding County. Buying scholar Zhang was equivalent to offending the Zhang family. Hence, no one would take the risk.

However, a child who came out of nowhere took up his offer for twenty taels. This was an offense to the Zhang family.

However, when this person announced the Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant, everyone fell silent.

Everyone knew that county Magistrate Zhou of the Zhou family was behind this restaurant, so that was why the girl was not afraid of offending the Zhang family.

Scholar Zhang took the two silver ingots and looked at Lin yuelan with gratitude and hope in his eyes. At the same time, there were also feelings of bitterness and determination.

With gratitude and tears in his eyes, he said to Lin yuelan, "thank you, thank you! After that, he said firmly, "master, don't worry. After I settle my father's funeral and personal affairs, I will definitely report to the restaurant in three days!"

As he spoke, he handed over the slave contract he had written to Lin yuelan.

Unexpectedly, Lin yuelan didn't take it. She only shook her head and said, "No."

When Lin yuelan shook her head, it made scholar Zhang's heart thump. He was extremely nervous and uneasy.

Lin yuelan continued, "scholar Zhang, I didn't buy you as a slave. I'm just paying you in advance."

So much?

No matter if it was scholar Zhang himself or the crowd watching the show, they were all confused and didn't know what was going on.

Pay in advance? What was scholar Zhang going to do in this restaurant?

Lin yuelan didn't explain much. She said, "you'll know when you get to the restaurant in three days!"

After that, she and Jiang Zhennan left the place.

She didn't accept the contract, nor did she restrict his movements. She wasn't afraid that scholar Zhang would run away with the silver.

This caused the surrounding people to be shocked once again.

They were certain that this child was really too stupid. The money had been given, but there was no contract or action. Who would be so stupid as to come to her door and become a slave?

Lin yuelan didn't care what others thought.

When she and Jiang Zhennan walked out of that place and came to the end of the street, a young man dressed like a manservant stood in front of them and said to them with an unfriendly expression, "my master would like to see you two!"

When the Zhang family heard that Lin Yuelan had bought Zhang Yuanbin, the Zhang family immediately sent people to stop them.

Lin yuelan raised her brows and pursed her lips into a faint smile. She pretended to be puzzled and asked, "your master wants to see you? Do I know who your master is? Brother Nan, is this someone u know?" Lin yuelan turned around and asked Jiang Zhennan curiously.

Jiang Zhennan was very cooperative with Lin yuelan. He shook his head and said, "I don't know their master."

Lin yuelan tilted her head and said in confusion, "you don't know him, and I don't know him either. That's strange. Who is this person who suddenly appeared?" Hey, who is your master?" In short, Lin yuelan was just pretending.

With his nose up, the manservant said arrogantly, "Hmph, my master is master Zhang Xingwang from the Zhang family, one of the three big families in An Ding County!" The Zhang family was one of the three big families in An Ding County. As a slave, he had the right to be arrogant.

Lin yuelan immediately nodded in understanding and said, "Oh, so your master is the old master of the Zhang family."

This manservant's nose was still up in the air, and he snorted at Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. He was full of disdain and contempt as if it was a great honor for them to be able to be addressed by that so-called old master Zhang.

However, his face immediately turned livid.

"But what does it have to do with me whether your family is one of the three great clans or whether your master is old master Zhang?" Lin yuelan sneered and said, "he said he wanted to see us, and we have to go to him obediently? Go and reply to your old master Zhang that I, Lin yuelan, am not free. When I am free, I will go and meet old master Zhang!"

The manservant's face turned livid with anger.

He pointed at Lin yuelan angrily and shouted, "you... you're too impudent! Do you know the consequences of offending my master?"

Lin yuelan sneered and said, "I, Lin yuelan, will accept any consequences! Big brother Nan, let's go!"

Looking at their backs, the manservant stomped his feet in anger. In the end, he could only run to the Zhang mansion in an imposing manner to report to old master Zhang.

At the Zhang mansion, a bearded middle-aged man in silk and satin heard the servant's report and his face turned green. The expression in his eyes was dark and unclear. He asked sternly, "did she really say that? Are you sure she's only twelve or thirteen?"

The manservant added fuel to the fire and said, "she really said that. She said, 'he said he wanted to see us, and we have to go to him obediently? Go and reply to your old master Zhang that I, Lin yuelan, am not free. When I am free, I will go and meet old master Zhang!' Hmph, old master, listen to this. A lowly girl like her doesn't even put you in her eyes. Old master, we have to teach her a lesson. Otherwise, Zhang Yuanbin might escape from your hands, old master!"

Zhang Yuanbin was the scholar Zhang who had sold himself to bury his father.

"Master, you've won back the position of the head of the Zhang family with great effort. You should not lose your position because of this accident!"

Even if this manservant didn't remind him, Zhang Xingwang would never let any accidents happen, especially letting Zhang Yuanbin escape from his palm.

He immediately instructed the manservant, "go and send a letter of a visit to County Magistrate Zhou. Say that I, Zhang Xingwang, want to pay him a visit!"

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At the Zhou mansion, the servant took out a letter of a visit from the Zhang Manor and handed it to County Magistrate Zhou. He said, "Old master, this is a letter of a visit from the old master of the Zhang Manor!

County Magistrate Zhou didn't take the letter immediately. Instead, he asked expressionlessly, "what's the matter?"

The servant replied, "master, the servant who sent the invitation said that master Zhang has a pot of wintersweet and wants to send it over for you to appreciate!"

In the winter, all things withered, and only the wintersweet bloomed in the snow, receiving the admiration of some scholars.

However, wintersweet was also hard to find.

County Magistrate Zhou's eyebrows twitched slightly when he heard that. After a moment of silence, he said, "go to the Zhang mansion and reply that I'll accept the invitation!

"Yes!" The servant replied.

When the person turned around, County Magistrate Zhou stopped him. He said, "wait, did something happen in the Zhang Manor?"

The servant replied respectfully, "the Zhang family's scholar Zhang sold his body to bury his father. I heard that he was bought by a mysterious child who has some connections with Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant." Hearing this news, County Magistrate Zhou's eyes narrowed. He said in disbelief, "Zhang Yuanbin sold himself to bury his father, and he was bought by a mysterious child who has connections with Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant?" That child was most likely Lin yuelan.

Other than her, there shouldn't be any other child who would be so generous and bold as to spend money to buy a weak scholar.

"Yes!" The servant replied respectfully.

County Magistrate Zhou waved his hand and said, "you may leave!"

He was now guessing that Zhang Xingwang's greeting letter might be about Zhang Yuanbin being bought by Lin yuelan.

But then again, why did Lin yuelan want to buy a scholar?

It should be known that as long as a scholar was sold as a slave, no matter how talented he was or how bright his future was, it would be cut off. So, buying such a weak scholar was pointless.

County Magistrate Zhou was puzzled.

After Zhang Yuanbin received the 20 taels of silver from Lin yuelan, he settled his father's funeral in a grand manner. After that, he went to the county government to report that he had nothing to do with the Zhang family in An ding County anymore. In the future, whether he was rich or poor, it had nothing to do with the Zhang family.

It was unnecessary for him to do this, but Zhang Yuanbin was resentful. Plus, in order to prevent more trouble in the future, he had to do this.

After this matter was spread to the Zhang family, the Zhang family immediately showed disdain and contempt, saying, "Hmph, he just wants to attract the attention of our Zhang family on purpose. Does he think that we will go back on our word and bring him back to the Zhang family? This is simply a dream!"

As for the attitude of the Zhang family, Zhang Yuanbin couldn't care less.

Three days later, he carried a small bag and went straight to Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant.

"What? You want me to be the restaurant manager?" Zhang Yuanbin looked at Lin yuelan in surprise, his eyes full of disbelief. However, he suddenly said with a lack of confidence in himself, "but I only knew how to study in the past. I didn't know anything about restaurant accounting and management."

Lin yuelan said, "you can learn! My restaurant is lacking a manager, and you've arrived just in time."

Zhang Yuanbin was still hesitant and unconfident. He said, "but..." but he really didn't know anything about business. Was he really going to be forced to do this?

However, looking at Lin yuelan's sharp eyes, Zhang Yuanbin swallowed his saliva and said with some caution, "alright, I'll try my best!" Anyway, he could learn if he didn't understand.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. Oh, let me tell you first, you're still free. I'm just hiring you to be the manager.

"I'll give you a three-month trial period.

"As for wages, the probation period is three months, and it's one tael of silver per month. When you receive your wages every month, half of it will be deducted to repay your debt, and the other half will be given to you.

"After the three-month trial period, if you pass the assessment, you will continue to be the shopkeeper. Your salary will be doubled, but it will still be half-deducted and half-paid.

"However, if you don't pass the test in three months, then I'm sorry, I'll have to get you to draft a servant contract. That's the only way you can continue to work here."

She was telling Zhang Yuanbin that he had to be the shopkeeper even if he couldn't. Otherwise, he would be turned into a servant.

But to Zhang Yuanbin, he was still a free man for now, and there was no better news than this.

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In order to not lose his freedom, he had to learn how to be a good restaurant manager in these three months.

Zhang Yuanbin cupped his fists at Lin yuelan and said gratefully, "thank you, boss. I will definitely learn how to be a restaurant manager in the next three months."

He was grateful to Lin yuelan because she had bought him. She could have bound him with a servant contract. However, Lin yuelan gave him freedom and kept a good record for him. He would never forget such great kindness!

He then bowed to Lin yuelan and thanked her, "Miss Lin, I will never forget your great kindness. I will do my best in my job and not let you have any worries!

Lin yuelan was quite satisfied with Zhang Yuanbin's tactfulness and awareness. She nodded and said, "then I'll see how you perform!"

At the Zhang mansion, the manservant hurriedly ran into the room. As he ran, he shouted without any care for his image, "master, master, I have found out!"

Old master Zhang walked out of a concubine's room. His clothes were not even tidied up yet. It was the concubine who tidied up his clothes while walking and said in a coy voice, "old master, this servant is too unruly. Don't you need to rest? He just ran over with such a loud voice."

Then, she turned around and scolded him loudly, "Zhang San, do you have any manners? How can you make such a big fuss?"

Zhang San's face turned pale. He immediately lowered his head to apologize and hurriedly explained, "I'm sorry, third Madam. I have something urgent to report to the master. I've lost my manners. Please forgive me this time, Third Madam!"

The third wife was currently the most favored concubine. It was better for him not to offend her, or else he would suffer.

The third Madam said unhappily, "what kind of urgent matter is it that you need to disturb master's rest time to report?"

The servant looked at the third madam with some difficulty and then looked at old master Zhang, "this..."

However, old master Zhang waved his hand and said to Third Madam, "alright, you can leave first. Zhang San, come with me!"

After saying that, old master Zhang turned towards the study.

As soon as he entered the study, old master Zhang asked sternly, "what did you find out?"

The servant replied, "old master, Zhang Yuanbin was not bought by that child. He was hired to be the manager of the restaurant. I heard that he would be paid every month, and the twenty taels of silver would be deducted from his monthly salary."

Old master Zhang frowned, "what's going on? What was the relationship between Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant and that child? Why did the owner of the restaurant follow that child's nonsense?"

The servant hesitantly reported, "old master, I've also found out that this restaurant was actually owned by that child."

"What?" Zhang Xingwang was extremely shocked, and he said in disbelief, are you sure that such a large restaurant was really owned by that child? And it's not owned by the person behind that child?"

The manservant shook his head and said, "master, this is what I've heard. That child is called Lin yuelan, a farmer's daughter from the Lin family Village. She doesn't have any background."

Zhang Xingwang immediately thought of a crucial matter and hurriedly asked, "then what is her relationship with Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou?"

However, the manservant frowned and shook his head. "old master, I didn't find out what relationship she has with young master Zhou or County Magistrate Zhou. However, I heard that every time she entered the city, it was young master Zhou who personally entertained her. It was also said that the location of the restaurant was also personally found by young master Zhou."

His words made Zhang Xingwang feel that the relationship between Lin Yuelan and County Magistrate Zhou was even more complicated. However, in order to avoid future trouble, he had to clarify the relationship between this person named Lin yuelan and County Magistrate Zhou.

He then ordered, "send someone to the Lin family Village to find out more about this farmer's daughter named Lin yuelan. Then, report to me immediately!"

"Yes, master!"

At the Zhou mansion, a servant came over and reported to County Magistrate Zhou, "old master, old master Zhang from the Zhang Manor has brought a pot of wintersweet and is waiting at the door!

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "please!"

Then, he turned to Lin yuelan, who was sitting beside him and said, "this old master Zhang sent me a visiting note three days ago. He said that he had brought wintersweet for me to try. I couldn't reject him, so I agreed.

Lin yuelan nodded with a smile. "my Lord, you sure like to joke."

County Magistrate Zhou was well aware of old master Zhang's purpose in coming. Therefore, he asked his son, Zhou Wencai, to invite Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan over.

It was better to squash enmity than keep it alive.

For the sake of An Ding County's peace, he didn't want the Zhang family to have any conflict with Lin yuelan.

When old master Zhang brought in two servants carrying a pot of wintersweet filled with plum blossoms and saw that in the courtyard, other than County Magistrate Zhou and young master Zhou, there was also a young man and a young woman, he was slightly stunned.

However, he quickly reacted. He cupped his fists and bowed to County Magistrate Zhou. "Your Excellency Zhou!" Following that, he shouted at Zhou wencai, "young master Zhou!

Zhou wencai nodded and replied, "old master Zhang!"

However, after he called out to Zhou wencai, his gaze shifted to Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan. He had already guessed their identities, but he still pretended to be puzzled and asked, "may I know who the two of you are?"

County Magistrate Zhou immediately said to old master Zhang in a dignified manner, "they are Wencai's friends, miss Lin and young master Nan. This is Miss Lin, the owner of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant. You can just call her Miss Lin!"

Hearing County Magistrate Zhou personally introduce their identities, the expression on Zhang Xingwang's face clearly froze!

#### **Chapter 568 - Poetry**

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When Zhang Xingwang heard County Magistrate Zhou's introduction of Lin Yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, the smile on his face clearly froze.

He had thought of any relationship County Magistrate Zhou might have with them, such as familial relations, but he had never thought that they were only friends with young master Zhou.

Being friends with young master Zhou and being friends with County Magistrate Zhou were vastly different.

The Zhang family could not afford to offend County Magistrate Zhou's friends, but they could look down on young master Zhou's friends.

Old master Zhang was stunned for a moment before he reacted. His expression turned slightly cold as he nodded to Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan.

Then, he turned to County Magistrate Zhou and said, "my Lord, I found a wintersweet by the Liuyang River by accident. I've specially brought it here for you to appreciate and evaluate it."

As he spoke, Zhang Xingwang pointed at a flower pot that was half the height of a person. A wintersweet that bloomed alone in the biting cold wind stood proudly and bloomed. It was also half the height of a person.

Zhang Xingwang had three or four servants carry such a wintersweet over.

County Magistrate Zhou was also a person who loved wintersweet.

Lin yuelan used to be a Southerner. She had heard of wintersweet in books, but she had never seen it with her own eyes.

It could be said that this was the first time she had seen wintersweet in her two lives.

Although the wintersweet did not have the charm of peony, the flirtatiousness of a rose, or the extreme beauty of a poppy flower, it was a very pure little flower that bloomed in the cold wind. However, it was the only one flower that could stand proudly in the snow, strong and unyielding.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the appreciation and love in Lin yuelan's eyes for the wintersweet.

He lowered his head and whispered into Lin yuelan's ear, "Do you like wintersweet? When I get back, I'll find a lot of wintersweet and bring them to the Lin family Village. How about that?"

Jiang Zhennan's warm breath blew on the tip of Lin yuelan's small ear, causing her ear to suddenly turn red and hot. Then, the blush crawled all over Lin yuelan's cheeks. Her small face was red, like a red apple, very delicious.

Zhou Wencai's sharp eyes noticed Lin yuelan's flushed face. He asked in puzzlement, "sister yuelan, are you very hot?"

As he spoke, he looked at the sun in the sky.

It was a good day. There was no cold wind or rain. It was a sunny day. It was a good day to come out and bask in the sun. Therefore, they all sat in the courtyard and admired the wintersweet.

Lin yuelan, who had always been calm and composed, felt embarrassed for no reason at Zhou Wencai's question. However, she immediately restrained her expression and said very calmly, "it's fine. The sun is good today. It's indeed a little hot." As she said that, she covered her face with her two small hands.

When she did this, she was simply too adorable, causing Jiang Zhennan and Zhou wencai to be in a daze.

Being stared at by four burning gazes, Lin yuelan asked in a daze, "what's wrong? Is there something dirty on my face?"

Jiang Zhennan and Zhou Wencai had only just regained their senses. Their faces were instantly flushed red. Soon after, the two of them shook their heads at the same time and said shyly, "no, no. There's nothing dirty on your face at all."

After Jiang Zhennan answered Lin yuelan with slightly red ears, he immediately reacted. Zhou Wencai seemed to be staring at Lin yuelan's face in a daze.

His expression instantly darkened as he glared at Zhou wencai with his sharp eyes, as though he wanted to bore a hole in him. It also seemed to be giving Zhou Wencai a stern warning.

Only then did Zhou Wencai receive two intense, scorching gazes that seemed to be able to pierce him. His body trembled as his body immediately stiffened like a taut string.

Did he offend Jiang Zhennan? But he didn't do anything.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhang Xingwang only looked at him suspiciously when they heard Zhou Wencai ask Lin yuelan. However, he was a child, after all, so they didn't pay much attention to the subtle atmosphere between them.

County Magistrate Zhou was admiring the blooming wintersweet while stroking his beard with one hand. He couldn't help but nod and say, " not bad, not bad. This winter wintersweet has its own fragrance."

Zhang Xingwang immediately echoed, "A lone shrub of cold wintersweet

Leans against the bridge over the stream;

Away from the village,

Its white jade offshoots neglected.

The buds closer to the water

Bloom first,

But they are perhaps taken for frozen snow

Yet to melt."

When County Magistrate Zhou heard the poem recited by Zhang Xingwang, he was immediately in a poetic mood. He also composed a poem and said, "To white plum blossoms,

Each night just dawning,

Evermore."

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"Good poem, good poem!" As soon as County Magistrate Zhou finished speaking, Zhang Xingwang clapped his hands and cheered. "Your Excellency is indeed a knowledgeable and talented scholar."

Although County Magistrate Zhou's poetry was not bad, looking at Zhang Xingwang's excitement, it was very obvious that he was trying to curry favor with County Magistrate Zhou.

Lin yuelan secretly pouted, but she didn't say anything.

Who would have thought that such a small action would be discovered by Zhang Xingwang's sharp eyes?

Zhang Xingwang had previously been apprehensive about Lin yuelan's relationship with County Magistrate Zhou, but now that he knew that she was only a friend of Zhou Wencai's, he had no more apprehensions.

'Hmph, who asked you to offend me? If I don't embarrass you, I'm not the head of the Zhang family!'

Zhang Xingwang laughed out loud and said, "looking at miss Lin's confident appearance, and since you are friends with young master Zhou, you must be a talented woman. Why don't you compose a poem with 'plum' for everyone to appreciate?"

This Zhang Xingwang doesn't even have any shame.

He actually wanted a child to compose a poem. Most importantly, this person didn't give Zhou Wencai any face at all. He clearly knew that Lin yuelan was his friend, but he actually made things difficult for her in front of him.

This was really intolerable!

Zhou Wencai's expression was cold as he said, "old master Zhang, this friend of mine is only a girl. Don't you know that a woman without talent is a virtue? You want her to compose a poem for you to appreciate. How unreasonable is that?"

Lin yuelan was just a farmer's daughter who had never gone to school. It was already good enough that she could read, but he still wanted her to compose a poem for the occasion. Wasn't this making things difficult for her?

Zhang Xingwang had made things difficult for Lin yuelan without any qualms earlier. At this moment, his heart thumped when he heard the obvious anger in Zhou Wencai's tone. He thought to himself, 'oh no.'

Zhou Wencai's attitude was different from what he had imagined. It was obvious that he had taken a fancy to her as a friend.

However, words that were spoken could not be taken back.

Since he couldn't take it back, he could only try his best to save it.

Zhou wencai might not be an official, but his father was.

Besides, everyone in An Ding County knew that county Magistrate Zhou doted on his son like a Pearl. Whoever bullied his son, he would definitely return the favor tenfold.

Just as Zhang Xingwang wanted to salvage the mistake of his previous estimation, he was stunned.

"Among the multitude of fallen flowers, its shining beauty warms;

full of grace, centre of attention, it leans into a little garden.

Delicate, tilting branches reflected on clear and shallow water,

its subtle fragrance drifts with the rising moon at dusk.

The snowy cranes long to land and sneak a glance,

if butterflies could only see, their souls would depart!

How fortunate I am, for the presence of this muse, for my clappers no longer need wine's company in song."

Lin yuelan's clear voice resounded in the small courtyard, shocking everyone.

Jiang Zhennan, in particular, was staring at Lin yuelan with sparkling eyes. He looked at Lin yuelan as if he was looking at shining gold.

"Good, good, what a good poem!" Only then did Zhou Wencai recover from the aftertaste of Lin yuelan's poem. "sister yuelan, your poem is really well done."

Lin yuelan nodded and said with a smile, "big brother Zhou, you've gone too far! I just made it up, I don't have the talent of Lord Zhou and big brother Zhou." She was humble, but she was also complimenting County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai.

Zhou Wencai laughed out loud and said, "sister Yuelan, you're really too humble. Such a poem embellishes the pure and noble character of the plum blossoms, and it's full of divine charm. If you say that you made this up on the spot, then what kind of masterpiece would it be if you were to seriously compose a poem?"

Lin yuelan only smiled, but she thought to herself, 'what masterpiece? I only copied an existing poem.'

But he replied, "big brother Zhou, you're exaggerating. I only know a few words. I really can't compose a poem!"

Zhou wencai didn't believe Lin yuelan's words at all. All he did was shake his head with a smile and say, "sister yuelan, that poem of yours can be considered a classic!

Looking at the two of them going back and forth, praising each other and being humble, Jiang Zhennan immediately felt sad.

He was a boorish man. Other than being able to read a few words, he did not understand the elegance and humor of a scholar, much less a poem.

Now that he saw the interaction between Lin yuelan and Zhou Wencai, he felt a little upset.

Zhang Xingwang and County Magistrate Zhou were very surprised at the poem that Lin yuelan had blurted out.

County Magistrate Zhou once again looked at Lin yuelan in a new light.

He didn't expect Lin yuelan to be such a talented child.

Such a smart, business-minded, and talented child was simply hard to find in the world.

At this moment, County Magistrate Zhou truly considered Lin yuelan's value.

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At the Lin family Village's twelfth greenhouse vegetable area, after work in the afternoon, Lin Sanniu left his fingerprint in Lin Jiawei's notebook and paced around the greenhouse.

Uncle Liu came out of the shed and saw Lin Sanniu walking back and forth around the shed. He immediately shouted, "brother Sanniu, it's already time to get off work. Why are you still here?"

Lin Sanniu smiled stiffly. "You go first. I'll stand here for a while."

Uncle Liu blinked his eyes in confusion, but he still nodded. "Okay."

The employees of the vegetable area of the twelfth greenhouse left one after another. When the sky was completely dark, a figure appeared at the entrance of the greenhouse.

The figure sneakily looked around, but it didn't seem to notice anyone. Then, it slithered inside the greenhouse.

A moment later, he sneaked out of the shed again.

Then, he headed back to the Lin family Village.

After he left, Lin Jiawei and uncle Liu came out from a dark corner.

Uncle Liu asked Lin Jiawei curiously, "manager Lin, what is Lin Sanniu doing in there? Also, how did you know that he would go in again tonight?"

### Chapter 570 - Story

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County Magistrate Zhou smiled at Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Lin, you're really talented!

Lin yuelan chuckled and replied, "you flatter me, my Lord!"

At this moment, Zhang Xingwang had to re-evaluate the status of this Lin yuelan in front of the Zhou father and son.

However, he was still unwilling to give up.

Scholar Zhang, which he had expelled from the family, was taken in by a little girl with no background. This was a hidden danger that caused him to be in the Zhang family, and he had to get rid of this hidden danger.

Immediately after, Zhang Xingwang first smiled and echoed County Magistrate Zhou, praising, " not bad. You have such talent at such a young age. It's really amazing." Then, the look in his eyes changed, and he asked somewhat unintentionally but sharply, " I heard that Miss Lin opened Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant?"

When Lin yuelan was working with Zhou wencai, she didn't hide anything from anyone. She nodded slightly and said, "that's right. I opened it. What's the matter? Is there a problem?" She asked back with the same sharp aura.

Zhang Xingwang's expression immediately turned gloomy as he asked again, "no problem. However, I heard that this restaurant bought a person on the street. Is that true?"

He had specifically used the term 'bought' because he didn't know Lin Yuelan had actually offered Scholar Zhang a working contract."

Lin yuelan nodded expressionlessly and replied, "that's true. I have indeed hired a poor scholar who wanted to sell his body to bury his father. I wonder if old master Zhang has any opinions?" Since Zhang Xingwang wanted to feign ignorance, she would also follow suit.

Zhang Xingwang immediately ignored County Magistrate Zhou's presence and said sternly, "do you know who the person you bought was?"

Lin yuelan replied sternly, "it doesn't matter who he is anymore. What's important is that he's working for me now."

When Zhang Xingwang heard Lin yuelan's words, his anger instantly became apparent, and he shouted loudly, "the person you bought is my Zhang family's direct descendant, Zhang Yuanbin. He's the eldest son and grandson of the Zhang family's direct descendant. How can he be a servant? If you know what's good for you, quickly undo his indenture. My Zhang family will forgive your ignorance."

Zhang Xingwang had probably forgotten that he was ordering Lin yuelan in front of County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai. Was he trying to show Lin yuelan his authority as one of the three great clans?

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai's expressions were extremely unsightly at this moment.

They wouldn't care about the internal strife, power struggles, and schemes of the Zhang family. After all, it was an internal matter of the Zhang family.

However, Zhang Xingwang flew into a rage in front of their guests. He was not giving them any face.

The father and son's faces were dark and gloomy, and their eyes were also staring sharply at Zhang Xingwang as if they were warning him.

Hearing Zhang Xingwang's forceful words, Lin yuelan sneered twice in a low voice and said with a mocking expression, "old master Zhang, I'm sorry. I'm afraid I can't do anything like that.

"When I first hired this person, he was poor and couldn't bury his dead father. He chose to sell his body to bury his father, and I only helped a filial son.

"I've heard that the Zhang family is one of the three big families in anding County. It must be a rich and powerful family. Does such a family really need a direct descendant to sell his body to bury his father? Wouldn't that be a joke? So, old master Zhang, are you mistaken? Oh, right."

At this point, Lin yuelan seemed to have thought of something and said in surprise, "I remember. When I first arrived in the county town a few days ago, I heard a story about a family who secretly harmed their own brothers for the position of the family head.

"In the end, after his brother had just passed away and his body was still warm, the elders of the family worked together to exterminate his only son, his nephew, who was a scholar, from the family. They couldn't wait to kick him out of the family. He had no choice but to sell himself to earn money for his father's burial.

"I wonder if such a cold and ruthless family battle were true or false. Old master Zhang, since you're one of the great clans in An Ding County, your information must be more accurate and well-informed than an outsider like me. Why don't you tell me if this story is true or not?"

### **Chapter 571 - Story**

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Since Zhang Yuanbin had become her subordinate, she had to protect him.

She had always been very protective of the people she wanted to protect.

So, she wanted to help Zhang Yuanbin vent his anger.

Hearing Lin yuelan say this, especially after she told the family story, Zhang Xingwang was furious. However, he couldn't respond to Lin yuelan. Although she said that it was only a story, it was actually an internal struggle within their family.

As a result, his originally dark and livid face turned red and white. He glared at Lin yuelan with a pair of angry eyes and denied guiltily, "you said it's a story. How would I know if it's true or not?"

Lin yuelan nodded in understanding. "Oh, so old master Zhang doesn't know. I thought that old master Zhang would be very familiar with this story. In this story, the scholar who sold himself to bury his father was hired by me. And,"

At this point, Lin yuelan's tone changed, and she said sarcastically, "old master Zhang said that I bought the Zhang family's direct descendant as a slave and so on."

As soon as Lin yuelan finished speaking, Jiang Zhennan's deep and charming male voice echoed, "that's right, old master Zhang did say so just now.

This time, Zhang Xingwang was completely angered by Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan's words to the point that his face turned green, red, and white.

He did not expect this child to be so scheming at such a young age. She was actually playing tricks in front of him.

But now, regardless of whether he admitted to it or not, it was a matter of his reputation being damaged.

A legitimate direct descendant being removed from the family and even being bought to be a slave, no matter how one looked at it, it was an existence that would make people laugh.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai were already dissatisfied with Zhang Xingwang when he was impolite to Lin yuelan.

They wanted to teach him a lesson and let him know where he was and who he was in front of.

However, they never thought that this Lin yuelan was so smart and had such a sharp tongue. With just a few words, she had dealt with Zhang Xingwang.

Now, seeing Zhang Xingwang's face, which was full of anger, annoyance, and embarrassment, he secretly laughed in his heart.

But very quickly, County Magistrate Zhou restrained his expression and very seriously and sternly said to Zhang Xingwang.

"Zhang Xingwang, although that Zhang Yuanbin is a direct descendant of your Zhang family, according to what I know, the Zhang family has already removed Zhang Yuanbin's name from the family. In that case, it's Zhang Yuanbin's own choice about what to do with his life, and it has nothing to do with you.

"How is it Young Lady Lin's fault then?"

Zhang Xingwang's old face was red, and he nodded at County Magistrate Zhou in embarrassment and anger. "you're right, my Lord. Since Zhang Yuanbin is no longer a member of the Zhang family, I really shouldn't ask miss Lin to do anything for me."

County Magistrate Zhou nodded in satisfaction at Zhang Xingwang's tactfulness. "mm, since that's the case, don't mention this matter again in the future!"

"Yes, my Lord!" Zhang Xingwang responded unwillingly and helplessly.

In his heart, he was wondering if he could cause some trouble for the two of them in the future.

Since Zhang Yuanbin was already the restaurant's manager, he would have to bear the responsibility if anything happened to the restaurant! At that time, he would probably not have a good life.

Zhang Xingwang, who had thought it through, immediately looked a bit better.

Lin yuelan looked suspiciously at the change in expression on Zhang Xingwang's face. Light flickered in her eyes, and she was somewhat wary!

However, since County Magistrate Zhou wanted to be a peacemaker and let Zhang Xingwang and Lin yuelan bury the hatchet. He didn't want their friendship to be hurt because of Zhang Yuanbin's matter.

County Magistrate Zhou nodded at Zhang Xingwang's tactfulness. He then turned to Lin yuelan and said, "Miss Lin, old master Zhang was only a little impulsive because he was worried about the Zhang family's reputation. For my sake, can you let bygones be bygones?"

Lin yuelan wasn't really a twelve-year-old child who didn't understand the ways of the world.

When she Heard County Magistrate Zhou's words, she guessed that he didn't want her to have any conflicts with the Zhang family and wanted her to get along with them.

However, with old master Zhang's narrow-mindedness, it might be difficult for him to be on good terms with her.

However, Lin yuelan still had to give County Magistrate Zhou some face.

She pretended to be puzzled and replied, "eh, did old master Zhang do something impulsive? Why didn't I know about this?" Lin yuelan immediately changed into a child's face and said with a smile, "I'm just enjoying the plum blossoms with master Zhang and you, Sir!

Her words, of course, were to tell County Magistrate Zhou that she had not bothered about this matter.

As for whether Zhang Xingwang bore a grudge in his heart or not, only he himself knew.

Hearing this, County Magistrate Zhou immediately laughed loudly.

"Haha, right, right. We're all enjoying the plum blossoms, right?" In the second half of the sentence, County Magistrate Zhou asked Zhang Xingwang.

Zhang Xingwang had a belly full of anger, but at this moment, he could only raise a smile and echo County Magistrate Zhou, "yes, yes, we're all very happy to admire the plum blossoms."

The somewhat stiff atmosphere was finally over.

When Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan returned to the restaurant, they saw little twelve standing in front of the restaurant.

As soon as he saw Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, he immediately went up to them. Then, he said impatiently, "Miss Lin, it's just as you expected. Lin Sanniu did have the conspiracy to apply for work in the shed!"

## **Chapter 572 - Colluding**

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At Lin Laosan's family, many people gathered.

"What? San 'Er, is what you said true?" Lin Laosan took a puff of his cigarette as he asked Lin Sanniu with a serious expression. "did the head of the Yan family really give you five taels of silver for you to Sue that brat for being unfilial?"

Li Cuihua's focus was different. When she heard that Yan Lin was going to give Lin Sanniu five taels of silver, her eyes immediately lit up. "San 'Er, does Yan Lin really plan to give you five taels of silver?" she asked excitedly. "Has he given it to you? Hurry up and give it to me. " She couldn't wait to get the five taels of silver.

To them, five taels of silver was not a small amount.

When Lin Sanniu heard his mother's words, a troubled expression appeared on his face. He said, "mother, this money is the complaint fee that I need to pay to the county court to sue that girl." Once he handed it over to his mother, he would not be able to Sue that girl for being unfilial.

Li Cuihua was a short-sighted old woman. She wanted the five taels of silver to belong to her, but she also wanted the girl to disappear from her sight.

Thus, she rolled her eyes and immediately waved her hand as if it didn't matter. "leave the money to me for safekeeping first. I'll return it to you when you set off on the day you leave. How about that?" When that day came, he could get Lin Sanniu to ask for another five taels of silver from Yan Lin. He could just find an excuse to say that it had been stolen.

She believed that Yan Lin, who hated Lin yuelan, would not refuse to pay Lin Sanniu more money.

Li Cuihua's little plan was well thought out.

However, she should not think of everyone as fools who were so easy to deceive.

Lin Sanniu was in a difficult position.

He had never rejected any request from his mother, and he did not know how to reject anything his mother said.

Lin Sanniu looked helplessly at his father.

Lin Laosan's eyes swept across the room, and he immediately knew what his wife was up to.

He immediately rebuked sternly, "What for? Can you still take it out after he gives it to you? Why are you so shallow? This is the money San 'Er was going to use to Sue that wretched girl. As long as we can Sue that wretched girl, not to mention five taels of silver, even five hundred taels or five thousand taels of silver will be yours."

That girl's net worth was more than five thousand taels of silver just from her house, not to mention the hundred mu of land. The Lin's medicine shop and other things added up to at least ten thousand taels of silver.

Li Cuihua heard Lin Laosan's reprimand and then heard five hundred taels. Five thousand taels of money in hand. Her expression immediately flashed with greed and the joy of getting money.

She immediately chuckled and said, "yes, yes, the old man is right. San "er, you should keep the five taels of silver for yourself. Mother is waiting for you to bring big money to show your filial respect to mother. After that, our whole family can sit happily in that big courtyard."

She imagined a beautiful future.

What a whimsical idea!

When Lin Sanniu heard that the whole family would be staying in the big courtyard, he could not help but feel excited. He had done so much because he wanted to live with his parents and be filial to them.

Lin Sanniu had always wanted to be filial to his parents, but he never gave any thought to Lin Yuelan. Now, other than coveting her money, he was even trying to occupy that big house. He was simply not worthy of being a father.

Lin Sanniu left his parent's house and made a detour to the Yan residence.

When they arrived at the Yan residence, Lin Sanniu looked around warily before knocking on the door.

A moment later, the door was opened.

The moment Lin Sanniu entered, he saw Yan Lin basking in the sun in the courtyard.

Yan Lin's eyes were closed as he lay on the recliner as if he was asleep.

After a moment, he closed his eyes and said, "you're here!" It was obvious that he was referring to Lin Sanniu.

After that, he made a gesture.

The servants immediately retreated from the courtyard.

Yan Lin's eyes opened slightly. Then, he pointed to a chair at the side and said, "sit down!" His tone was neither cold nor indifferent. Then, he closed his eyes as if he had fallen asleep again.

After Lin Sanniu sat down, he said, "I've already followed your instructions and mastered the technique of growing vegetables in winter. I've brought you some vegetable seedlings and destroyed some of them in the greenhouse. When can I get the five taels of silver?"

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When Yan Lin heard Lin Sanniu, his eyes widened in shock. He sat up and asked Lin Sanniu in surprise, "you really know how to grow those vegetables in winter?"

If that was the case, then his family's more than 100 acres of land could also grow winter vegetables.

Lin Sanniu nodded. "that's right. The main requirement is to build a greenhouse. After we've built the greenhouse, planted the seeds, and watered them, those vegetables will be able to take root and germinate to grow into vegetables!"

"is it really that simple?" Yan Lin asked suspiciously.

It would be great if it were that simple. However, he was afraid that it was not that simple and that Lin Sanniu was hiding something from him.

"You don't believe me?" Lin Sanniu glared at him with his tiger-like eyes.

Yan Lin immediately shook his head and said, "it's not that I don't trust you, but isn't this thing too simple?"

Lin Sanniu immediately snorted.

"Hmph, I don't know if this thing is simple or not, but I know that no one has ever tried to build a greenhouse to grow vegetables before!"

Yan Lin thought about it and agreed.

He thought to himself, 'perhaps the key to growing these winter vegetables is to build a greenhouse.'

He immediately smiled and said, "alright, I believe you. Oh, then what about the vegetable seedlings that you stole? Did you bring them?"

Lin Sanniu replied, "no, it's in my room. If we bring those things over in broad daylight and get discovered, that won't be good."

Yan Lin laughed. "so what if you were found out? You've only plucked a few vegetables, and you're that wretched girl's biological father. Who can do anything to you?"

Then, Yan Lin took out five taels of silver and gave them to Lin Sanniu. "brother Sanniu, I'll be waiting for good news at home!"

Yan Lin watched Lin Sanniu's back as he left. The smile on his face immediately turned into a mocking one. "Lin Sanniu, Oh Lin Sanniu, it's rare to see a father as cold-blooded as you!"

However, he was secretly pleased with himself.

He said, "Lin yuelan, you've embarrassed me and caused me to lose a capable Butler. If I don't get my revenge, I'll never rest easy. Now it's time for your biological father, to deal with you. How nice would that be!"

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Little twelve sat down on a chair in the restaurant and started drinking the pot of tea. After a few gulps, the pot of tea was completely empty. He wiped his mouth with his sleeve and said loudly to Lin yuelan, "Miss Lin, your father, Lin Sanniu is a jerk."

When Jiang Zhennan heard what little twelve said, his brows furrowed slightly. Then, he looked at Lin yuelan with some worry, afraid that she would be sad.

It was just that his worries were a little unnecessary.

Lin yuelan was sitting in front of the table with her legs crossed. She was playing with a white jade cup in one hand. Her eyes were fixed on the cup,

and the corners of her mouth were slightly raised. She was obviously sneering and mocking.

She chuckled and asked, "why is this Lin Sanniu so useless? Brother little twelve, tell me."

Little twelve immediately nodded and said, "back then, Lin Sanniu wanted to work in the large shed. Miss Lin, you also arranged for him to go in. However, Lin Sanniu has been harboring evil intentions since the very beginning."

"What evil intentions?" Jiang Zhennan asked in a deep voice.

"The purpose of his entering the greenhouse was to familiarize himself with the winter vegetable planting technique. However, just last evening, for some reason, he pulled out most of the vegetable seedlings in the greenhouse in the 12th District."

"Is there such a thing?" Jiang Zhennan could not believe that Lin yuelan's biological father was really so vicious that he would treat his own daughter like this.

Little twelve nodded and said, "yes. That's not all. After I heard Jiawei's report, I followed him quietly. After that, I heard him return to Lin Laosan's house and tell his parents that the Yan family gave him five taels of silver and asked him to come to the county office to complain about miss Lin's unfilial behavior...."

At this point, little twelve's face was filled with anger. He gritted his teeth and said, "that family is daydreaming. They are waiting for Lin Sanniu to sue miss Lin so that they can move into the big house!"

Jiang Zhennan's face turned black, and the aura around his body suddenly spread out. He was so majestic that no one dared to look at him directly, and people had to kneel at their feet.

Little twelve also felt the spread of his leader's fierce and majestic aura. However, they were Jiang Zhennan's subordinates and were somewhat

immune to this aura, but they still couldn't help but feel frightened.

As for Lin yuelan, her own aura was strong and sharp, on par with Jiang Zhennan, so she was basically unaffected.

Lin yuelan watched as little twelve looked at Jiang Zhennan and then shrank his neck. She then said indifferently, "continue."

Little twelve immediately asked curiously, "eh, miss Lin, how do you know that I haven't finished?"

Lin yuelan gently sipped her tea but didn't answer.

Little twelve pouted and continued, "after Lin Sanniu left Lin Laosan's house, he sneaked around and headed back to the Yan residence.

"What happened after that? Are they in cahoots?" Lin yuelan asked in a light tone.

Little twelve gave Lin yuelan a thumbs up and exclaimed, "Miss Lin, you're really amazing. You've guessed it again. That's right. Lin Sanniu was in cahoots with the Yan family.

"It turns out that the Yan clan gave Lin Sanniu five taels of silver to launch a case against Miss Lin. However, the Yan family head has another request. He wants Lin Sanniu to master the winter vegetable planting technique, steal some vegetable seedlings, and then destroy the remaining vegetable seedlings in the large shed!"

It turned out that the Yan family had their eyes on her family's greenhouse vegetables.

"Lin Sanniu has already received five taels of silver from the Yan family. He can't really be thinking of coming to the county to Sue Miss Lin, right?" Little twelve said worriedly.

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Little twelve's worry was not without reason.

The Longyan Kingdom ruled with 'filial piety', and to those who were unfilial, whether they were really unfilial or not, as long as their biological parents complained, they had to accept severe punishment.

Lin yuelan curled her lips and smiled as she comforted him, "don't worry! If he wants to sue me, then let him do it. This time, as long as they fail this time, they won't be able to pester me anymore."

Little twelve immediately asked curiously, "Miss Lin, do you have any countermeasures?"

Lin yuelan smiled but didn't answer.

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Everything was ready, and Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant officially opened.

The opening of this restaurant shocked everyone.

The restaurant was famous for its magnificence and height. It had five floors, a resplendent design, and decoration. The most famous thing was that this restaurant served fresh vegetables.

The appearance of fresh vegetables in winter was very rare. It was simply impossible. Then, it happened to appear in this restaurant. Moreover, there were all kinds of vegetables, familiar and unfamiliar to them.

Therefore, in short, the opening of the restaurant also made the designer and winter vegetables famous.

"wow, this is cabbage. This is rapeseed."

"hey, this purple dish looks so nice. What dish is it? Why haven't we seen it before?"

"Look, what kind of vegetable is this? It's so beautiful even with red leaves."

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For the first three days of the restaurant's opening, all the food was free.

However, only the first 100 customers would be given that privilege.

These one hundred people had to line up in front of the restaurant to get the bamboo card issued by the restaurant. Each person was limited to one card, which was effective on the day. After leaving the restaurant, the bamboo card had to be returned.

Originally, when they saw such a beautiful restaurant, everyone wanted to go in and take a look at the restaurant's true appearance. Not to mention, the restaurant's sudden appearance of fresh winter vegetables aroused everyone's curiosity and desire to go in and try it. Most importantly, all the food in the restaurant was free, even though it was only for the first100.

Lin yuelan told Zhang Yuanbin to do a good job in promoting the restaurant.

Therefore, on the day of the restaurant's opening, there were two long lines of people waiting in line to get the card. The line stretched from the entrance of the restaurant to the end of the street. There were about 500 people. It seemed that more than half of the people in An Ding County, regardless of gender or age, had come to line up.

After the top 100 names were taken, Zhang Yuanbin walked out as the manager of the restaurant. He raised his hand and bowed to the people in

the queue. He said apologetically, "I'm sorry, my fellow villagers, but we have already served our first 100 customers today. If you still want to eat free food, please come back tomorrow and wait. If you want to try it in the restaurant, you will get a 50% discount for today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow. It will be 15 copper coins for all three days.

"After three days, the shop will return to the normal price of thirty copper coins per person. Similarly, after three days, there will be no more free spots. Please understand!"

Since he was running a restaurant, it was naturally impossible for people to have free food every day. Everyone could understand this.

However, if one wanted to pay for a meal in a restaurant, one had to pay 15 copper coins first. Oh, that's not right. After three days, one had to pay 30 copper coins. What kind of logic was this?

These people didn't quite understand what a buffet meant.

They thought that if they paid 15 or 30 copper coins, it would be the same as the entrance fee to a theater.

This immediately provoked some people.

Someone immediately asked angrily, "shopkeeper Zhang, we've never heard of anyone who has to pay the entrance fee to eat in a restaurant. Furthermore, you're so greedy that you want 30 copper coins. This restaurant is simply robbing us. Don't you guys think so?"

As soon as his words fell, of course, he received the unanimous support of everyone.

"That's right, that's right, this restaurant is really black-hearted. We actually had to pay the entrance fee before entering to eat. Are they crazy for money?"

"Even if that's true, I heard that this restaurant is backed by County Magistrate Zhou. Is that why they're so unscrupulous in asking for money?"

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"Eh, County Magistrate Zhou is also considered a good official. How could he tolerate such a thing? This is a problem that involved his reputation as an official. Could it be that he also wants money?"

"Shush, lower your voice. Don't let County Magistrate Zhou's men hear what you said."

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Lin yuelan was in a private room in the restaurant on the second floor. She was holding a jade cup in one hand and watching every movement downstairs with sharp eyes.

When the people heard that the restaurant was doing it buffet-style, they actually thought of the restaurant as a black-hearted and unscrupulous shop. What was even more outrageous was that this had caused everyone to be dissatisfied with County Magistrate Zhou. This was a matter that would tarnish County Magistrate Zhou's reputation.

Her face immediately darkened.

These people's imagination was really rich.

Zhang Yuanbin looked at the people who were talking one after another and were dissatisfied with the restaurant and County Magistrate Zhou, and he suddenly felt a little flustered.

He had always been a scholar who only read books. He turned a deaf ear to the matters of the outside world, let alone put them in his heart. Therefore, he was still a little confused about how to deal with these things. However, in these three months, he had to train himself to be a good shopkeeper. Otherwise, he would lose his freedom.

Zhang Yuanbin clenched his fists and suppressed the panic and uneasiness in his heart. He took a deep breath, then clasped his hands together and said to the guests at the door, "everyone, please be quiet! Everyone, please listen to my explanation!"

However, some people were too angry and paranoid about the restaurant charging the entrance fee, and Zhang Yuanbin's voice was a little weak and couldn't suppress the crowd, which caused some chaos and noise.

Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were watching from upstairs, and they could see that trouble was about to happen.

Jiang Zhennan asked worriedly, "will he cause a big mess later? How about I go down?" After all, he had internal strength. When he was referring to Zhang Yuanbin's somewhat timid appearance.

However, Lin yuelan shook her head and said lightly, "since he wants to be the manager of the restaurant, he must get through this by himself.

Otherwise, I won't keep him around."

This was Zhang yuanbin's first test. If he couldn't even pass this test, then Zhang Yuanbin would be abandoned.

She wouldn't want a burden.

When he heard Lin yuelan, Jiang Zhennan was a little jealous.

However, he looked at Zhang Yuanbin, who was obviously flustered and had cold sweat on his forehead. He said seriously, "there are too many people down there, and these people are obviously stubborn and irritable. If you're not careful, these people might break into the restaurant without caring about anything. Can a weak scholar like Zhang Yuanbin really control them?"

It wasn't that he looked down on scholars, but in his impression, those scholars were all weak, arrogant, and self-righteous people.

He believed that Zhang Yuanbin was no exception.

However, Lin yuelan wanted to test this scholar. Without her permission, he couldn't help.

Therefore, he could only wait by the side!

Zhang Yuanbin looked at the chaotic scene and was so anxious that he was sweating.

He kept trying to calm himself down.

Then, he really calmed down slowly.

Since he couldn't stop these people's restlessness with a loud voice, he might as well think of a way to make these people quiet down and listen to him.

He looked around, and suddenly, he saw someone holding a drum.

He immediately came up with a plan and took the drum from the man's hand. Then, he suddenly struck it a few times.

The sound of the drum was indeed loud, deafening to the ears.

Therefore, the people who were talking and looking angry stopped and looked at Zhang Yuanbin with confusion.

The people in front stopped first. When the people behind saw that the people in front had quieted down, they were curious and immediately quieted down. They followed the direction of their gazes.

In this way, it didn't take long for the entire place to finally quiet down.

Zhang Yuanbin returned the drum to the people next to him. Then, he clasped his hands and said to the crowd, "everyone, please be quiet and

listen to me. I know that everyone doesn't understand the matter of paying 15 copper coins and 30 copper coins in advance, so I'll explain it to you now.

"Whether it's 15 copper coins or 30 copper coins, it's not the ticket to the restaurant that everyone thinks it is, but ..." he glanced at the people in front and back and said seriously, "it's the food fee."

As soon as he said this, many people were surprised.

Someone immediately asked in confusion, "shopkeeper Zhang, what do you mean?"

Zhang Yuanbin continued to explain, "I'll explain it to everyone. The first floor of this restaurant is for entertainment and leisure, listening to books, drinking tea, and eating snacks. The second floor is the restaurant. However, it was a bit special for the customers to eat here. All the dishes of the restaurant were placed on a platform, and the customers could choose what they liked to eat. They can eat as much as they like until they are full.

"This is called a buffet.

"However, this place is a restaurant, after all. Other than some special free food, there will be a certain fee for everything else.

"Since Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant has just opened, the customers who did not manage to get a free slot in the first three days only need to pay 15 copper coins. As long as you pay 15 copper coins, you can get to eat vegetables that are fresh in the winter. You will have enough to eat. Hurry up and take action! First come, first served!"

"Pfft!"

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"You can eat until you're full! First come, first served!"

As soon as he said that, someone next to him burst out laughing.

When Zhang Yuanbin heard the laughter, his face turned red unnaturally when he realized what he had just said. However, he immediately restrained his expression and looked toward the source of the laughter.

When Zhang Yuanbin saw who it was, he immediately cupped his hands and said with a smile, "Your Excellency, young master Zhou!

That's right, the people who had come were County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou wencai.

County Magistrate Zhou only nodded. However, Zhou wencai laughed and teased, "brother Zhang, when did you become so open? I clearly remember that you used to be a shy scholar. It's good that you're promoting the shop, but you sound just like those pimps at the Cuilan courtyard.

"they would say said, 'my Lord, the girls in our courtyard are all as beautiful as flowers. Come in and have a look!"

Zhou Wencai and Zhang Yuanbin were both scholars. They had previously studied at Junlin Academy and were both scholars. Anding County was only this big, so they were familiar with each other.

However, before Zhou Wencai could help Zhang Yuanbin's family in time, Lin yuelan bought Zhang Yuanbin, who had sold himself to bury his father, for twenty taels of silver. However, he later found out that Lin yuelan didn't buy him but just hired him. The money he owed Lin yuelan was paid back with his wages.

Zhang Yuanbin had already been removed from the Zhang family. According to the imperial examination system of the Longyan Kingdom, Zhang Yuanbin had no hope of becoming an official in the imperial examination unless he had the ability to open his own clan, build his own ancestral hall, and establish a new Zhang family.

However, this method was comparable to ascending to heaven.

However, people had to live. Since he had no hope of taking the imperial examination, he could only accept his fate and become a businessman.

Fortunately, the owner he met was not bad. He did not force him to abandon his scholarly background. This allowed him to do something else in the future and not just be a businessman.

Zhang Yuanbin had always been against being a businessman. However, when he saw the restaurant he ran to become bigger and bigger, and he couldn't help but marvel at himself. He was not a scholar, but he had a talent for business. He had to admire his master, who was only twelve years old, for her good judgment.

At this moment, he had completely regarded himself as a qualified businessman, and he was proud of being a businessman.

That's right. He was proud of being a merchant in the end. Because of Lin yuelan's appearance, the status of merchants in this era had risen by a large margin.

Upon hearing Zhou Wencai's teasing, Zhang Yuanbin's face turned slightly red. He smiled at Zhou Wencai and said, "I'm sorry to have embarrassed myself, brother Zhou!

After that, he said, "Sir, eldest young master, please come in! The owner is already waiting for you in the private room on the second floor!"

Immediately after, he instructed a waiter beside him, "bring the Excellency and the eldest young master to the private room!"

The waiter replied, "yes. Your Excellency, eldest young master, please!"

When the customers in the line saw Lord Zhou and young master Zhou, they all kept quiet out of fear, not daring to make any noise.

After all, these commoners rarely saw officials and were afraid of them. When they saw officials, they couldn't help but feel fear and respect.

However, when they saw County Magistrate Zhou and the eldest young master Zhou appear at the opening ceremony of this restaurant, they had some guesses in their hearts. County Magistrate Zhou was probably the backer of this restaurant.

In an instant, those customers who were restless and wanted to make a noise didn't dare to make a sound. They quietly lined up, but their eyes carefully looked at this tall and beautiful restaurant, and their hearts felt a little strange.

When Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan saw County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai coming from the private room on the second floor, they walked out of the door to welcome them.

The moment Zhou Wencai saw Lin yuelan standing outside the door, he immediately clasped his hands and said with a smile, "sister yuelan, congratulations!"

Then, he also addressed Jiang Zhennan respectfully, "young master Nan!" This restaurant wasn't his, so Zhou Wen didn't think he was doing anything to congratulate Jiang Zhennan.

Lin yuelan also cupped her hands in return and said with a smile, "big brother Zhou, congratulations to you too!"

Although Zhou Wencai had shares in this restaurant and could be considered a quarter of the boss, this secret was only known to the four of

them. Outsiders only knew that the backer of this restaurant was County Magistrate Zhou.

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Even so, it was enough to deter the other merchants, and they did not dare to have any thoughts about this restaurant.

Ever since County Magistrate Zhou had guessed from his son's description that this Nan Zhenjiang was the famous defender-general of the Long Yan Kingdom, Jiang Zhennan, he had been suppressing his excitement.

However, since Jiang Zhennan wanted to hide his identity, he could not expose him. Therefore, he could only treat him as an ordinary person.

However, after seeing Jiang Zhennan, County Magistrate Zhou's attitude could not help but become respectful.

After County Magistrate Zhou glanced at Jiang Zhennan, he said to Lin yuelan, "congratulations!"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "Thank you, sir!"

Then, she made an inviting gesture and said to the two of them, "Your Excellency, big brother Zhou, please!"

The group walked into the private room.

The four of them sat in the private room and could see everything that was happening below through the open window.

Zhou wencai watched as Zhang Yuanbin dealt with the customers in an orderly manner. He said with a smile, "sister yuelan, you really have a good eye for people. Zhang Yuanbin was just a weak scholar, but in just a few days, you've trained him into a decent shopkeeper.

"You have to know that Zhang Yuanbin used to be a proud scholar. It's not easy to make him lose face and become a legitimate businessman!"

Lin yuelan watched as Zhang Yuanbin's panic gradually turned into calmness. She looked back, took a sip of tea, and said indifferently, " that was then, and this is now. He used to be the young master of the Zhang family, a proud scholar, but now he's down and out, and he's carrying a deep hatred."

Therefore, even if he was unwilling, he had to force himself to do what he was unwilling to do.

This was the reality.

Of course, the other three could understand Lin yuelan's implied meaning.

However, this made County Magistrate Zhou even more curious and suspicious of Lin yuelan.

A child could actually see so thoroughly and understand people's hearts so well.

County Magistrate Zhou also smiled and asked curiously, "Miss Lin, why did you choose Zhang Yuanbin to be the manager of the restaurant?"

How could a child with such a transparent state of mind be able to tell a person's talent with a single glance?

Why did County Magistrate Zhou ask this?

In fact, when he was standing at the door of the restaurant, he saw Zhang Yuanbin's ability to deal with things. For example, he had the ability to make people quiet down in a noisy place.

Also, the tone of his voice was obviously able to stir up the customers 'intense excitement and curiosity. This was completely in line with the quality of a businessman.

Lin yuelan was quite satisfied with Zhang Yuanbin's handling of the restless guests.

After all, Zhang Yuanbin didn't let the customers in line cause an uncontrollable riot and let them rush into the restaurant. Otherwise, she would really doubt whether Zhang Yuanbin was qualified to be the manager of the restaurant.

Fortunately, Zhang Yuanbin did not let her down.

Upon hearing County Magistrate Zhou's curious question, Lin yuelan chuckled and replied, "it could be said that this was a complete coincidence. I've embarrassed myself in front of Your Excellency!"

Of course, she couldn't tell him that she had decided to let Zhang Yuanbin be the restaurant manager because she had seen the hatred, bitterness, and unwillingness hidden in his eyes.

Hearing Lin yuelan's words, County Magistrate Zhou knew that she wouldn't say anything more. He was a little displeased, but he wasn't angry.

He nodded expressionlessly and said, "Oh!"

Looking at County Magistrate Zhou's expression, Lin yuelan could guess that he was unhappy with her. However, she did not want to explain too much.

Seeing the tense atmosphere, Zhou Wencai immediately came out to smooth things over. He changed the topic and said with a smile, "sister Yuelan, I heard that this restaurant has fresh vegetables. Is that true?"

He had only found out that Lin yuelan had sent truckloads of fresh vegetables from the Lin family Village when the restaurant opened today.

This gave him a huge shock.

How could there be fresh vegetables in such a cold winter? This was too unbelievable.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right. In a moment, Your Excellency and big brother Zhou will be served a good meal. There will be an unexpected surprise!"

Zhou Wencai's eyes immediately lit up. He said with a slightly excited expression, "Oh!"

At this moment, a waiter came in and asked, "Young miss, everything is ready. Are we serving the dishes now?"

Since her background and identity were public, all the waiters in the restaurant knew that Lin yuelan was the owner of this restaurant.

However, at the same time, they were also instructed not to spread this news. They only wanted outsiders to think that the restaurant was opened by the person backing Lin yuelan.

Lin yuelan indifferently said, "Okay."

A moment later, the waiters appeared. There were both men and women among these waiters. They were dressed in professional clothes specially designed by Lin yuelan. They pushed open the door and entered the private room with a food cart.

Three waitresses arrived.

County Magistrate Zhou and Zhou Wencai were very surprised when they saw that the female staff. Then, when they saw the moveable cart, they were even more shocked.

What was this thing?

Before they could react, the female waiters brought out plates of freshly washed fresh vegetables from the dining cart in an orderly and practiced manner. There were also plates of fresh meat, which were placed on the dining table in order.

Zhou Wencai was dumbstruck when he saw the raw vegetables and meat being served on the table!

It wasn't cooked. Were they supposed to eat the vegetables and meat raw?

County Magistrate Zhou looked at the fresh vegetables and raw meat and frowned. He didn't know how Lin yuelan wanted them to eat.

Zhou Wencai pointed at the dishes and said in puzzlement, "sister Yuelan, do you want us to eat these things raw? "

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Zhou Wencai pointed at the raw vegetables and meat and asked in puzzlement, "sister Yuelan, what's going on? Don't tell me you want us to eat these raw?"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "big brother Zhou, the things are not here yet. Don't worry. I told you I would give you a surprise. Please wait for a while!"

Eating hot pot in winter was the best way to warm up the body.

Upon hearing Lin yuelan's words, Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou could only suppress the curiosity and suspicion in their hearts and patiently wait for the surprise.

Jiang Zhennan looked at the expressions of the two of them and knew that they didn't quite believe what kind of surprise these raw vegetables and meat could give.

He was suspicious too.

Looking at Jiang Zhennan sitting upright next to Lin yuelan, County Magistrate Zhou suppressed his excited expression several times and wanted to talk to Jiang Zhennan. After all, with Jiang Zhennan's identity, these small officials rarely saw him, let alone talk to him in close proximity to building a relationship with him.

In the past, there were rumors that Jiang Zhennan's appearance was so ugly that it could shock the heavens and earth. It was so frightening and terrifying. However, now that he knew that this handsome and dignified young man in front of him was the God of War, he secretly heaved a sigh of relief. The fear he had before also slowly relaxed.

County Magistrate Zhou looked at Jiang Zhennan and asked, "Young master Nan, I heard that you are a guest of miss Lin's house. However, your accent seems to be from the North. May I ask if young master Nan is from the North?"

County Magistrate Zhou was carefully testing the waters and trying to get closer to him.

Because Lin yuelan needed to maintain a good relationship with County Magistrate Zhou, Jiang Zhennan would not be too cold and indifferent to him.

Jiang Zhennan nodded and replied, "that's right. I'm a person from the North."

County Magistrate Zhou asked again, "then, which part of the North are they from? Youzhou, Beilin, Yanzhou, or the capital?"

When he spoke of the capital, his tone was slightly heavy, as if he wanted to confirm something.

However, County Magistrate Zhou was a little uneasy.

He was a little worried that asking such a question would anger Jiang Zhennan.

Jiang Zhennan took a glass of wine and took a sip. Then, he placed it on the table.

His sharp eyes looked at County Magistrate Zhou for a moment, then he said coldly, "the capital! County Magistrate Zhou, if there's anything else you want to ask, I'll definitely tell you everything I know!"

County Magistrate Zhou was a little nervous. He knew that his probing had made him unhappy.

He sighed with some regret in his heart. 'Forget it. I'll just guard my own duty.'

Zhou Wencai's smile dimmed when he saw the atmosphere turn stiff. Moments later, he smiled again and asked Lin yuelan, "sister yuelan, what's the surprise you were talking about? I'm really curious."

Lin yuelan smiled as she walked toward the door and said, "It's here."

Zhou Wencai immediately turned his head to the door in suspicion. Then, he saw two waitresses walking in with a pot furnace and a Copper Basin.

"What are they doing?" Zhou wencai asked curiously, " are we going to cook and eat on the spot?"

Lin yuelan smiled and said, "that's right."

The two female service staff put down the things and lit the brazier. A blue flame gradually lit up, surrounded by black charcoal the size of a fist.

Zhou Wencai looked at the burning white crystal in the middle and asked curiously, "What is this?" Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou were extremely astonished when they saw the blue flames emitted by the white crystal.

Lin yuelan explained, "this is solid alcohol made from paraffin wax!"

Zhou Wencai exclaimed in surprise, "paraffin wax? It is paraffin wax! But what is solid alcohol?"

Lin yuelan, "..." He really has a lot of questions. "It's something that can be burned."

When the flames started to burn, the surrounding charcoal started to catch on fire, and the water in the copper Basin started to boil, Lin yuelan put the spices on the side into the copper Basin. The basin was split, so one side of the soup was spicy and the other side was not.

Looking at the red liquid, Zhou Wencai asked again, "What is this?"

Lin yuelan said, "chili!"

"Chili?"

"What is this?"

He pointed to a bowl with a dark red color on the table and asked.

"This is soy sauce!" She said.

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"What's soy sauce?"

"How about this?"

"Vinegar!"

"Sesame sauce!"
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In the past, it was Jiang Zhennan who was a curious baby. Now, it was Zhou wencai who was a curious baby. In addition, there was another adult with a suspicious expression and a pair of puzzled eyes.

After the seasonings were prepared and put into the pot, a fresh and attractive fragrance wafted out of the pot.

"It smells so good!" Zhou wencai sniffed. He was about to drool when he looked at the soup in the pot. "are we only going to eat this soup?"

Lin yuelan shook her head. Then, she picked up a plate of vegetables at the side. First, she used chopsticks to drop one-third of the vegetables into the pot and then used the chopsticks to stir them. When the vegetables changed color and were cooked, Lin yuelan said, "Your Excellency, big brother Zhou, try it and see how it tastes."

As soon as Lin yuelan's words fell, Jiang Zhennan picked up his chopsticks and picked up some food for Lin yuelan. He put it on her plate, then picked up another piece and put it on his plate. Then, he began to eat with the sauce and seasoning.

At first, Zhou Wencai and County Magistrate Zhou were dumbfounded by Jiang Zhennan's actions. Then, the father and son looked at each other, but they quickly reacted and placed the vegetables in the pot on their plates.

Then, he mimicked Jiang Zhennan's eating style and started to eat.

However, as soon as the food entered their mouths, the burning sensation immediately filled their entire mouths, making them want to spit it out immediately. However, the spicy and fragrant taste made them really reluctant, so they quickly chewed a few times and swallowed it down.

Soon, the burning and warm feeling spread from their stomachs to their whole bodies.

"Woo..."

Zhou Wencai was wailing from the spiciness. He was in a hurry to find water to drink, so he used his hand to fan his mouth. His mouth was constantly screaming about the spiciness. With a few gulps, he gulped down the cup of water.

By the time he recovered, his face was already red from the spiciness, and he was sweating all over.

"What is this? It's so spicy!" Zhou Wencai asked while panting. His chopsticks were still picking up food from the half of the pot that was covered in red chili oil.

He felt that although the taste was spicy, it was extremely spicy and satisfying. The spicier it was, the more he wanted to eat it. Therefore, he couldn't help but reach for the chili hot pot again.

Lin yuelan explained, "this is a mixed hotpot. One side of the pot has a spicy soup, and the other side is clear soup. If big brother Zhou and the Lord can't stand the spiciness of the chili, you can eat the clear soup here."

"no, no, I want to eat the soup with the chili." Zhou Wencai's face was flushed red from the spiciness, but he could not bear to part with the taste.

It's really spicy and delicious!

Although County Magistrate Zhou didn't say anything, it was obvious that he also had a special liking for this kind of soup with chili in it.

After that, the four of them didn't talk much. They were all fighting to pick up the dishes they liked to eat, afraid that their favorite dishes would be snatched away by others. Even between father and son, the desire for food would not be compromised.

After eating for two hours, the four of them finally finished the table of dishes.

As Zhou Wencai leaned back in his chair, he rubbed his large belly and asked curiously again, "sister Yue Lan, this thing is really fresh and delicious. It's really satisfying. Oh, by the way, sister Yue Lan, you haven't told us what this new way of eating is called? It's not like they're stir-fried or steamed."

Lin yuelan said, "this is hotpot!"

Zhou wencai and County Magistrate Zhou furrowed their brows.

No one had ever heard of this 'hot pot' eating method, be it in the capital or other places.

"Could it be because we have to use a hot fire source while using the pot for cooking the food, so it's called hotpot?" Zhou Wencai said jokingly.

Lin yuelan nodded seriously and said, "that's pretty much the case. Hotpot is very suitable for eating in winter. Eating hot pot in winter can warm your body and stomach!"

County Magistrate Zhou listened and asked very seriously, "so, you plan to mainly promote hot pot in this restaurant?"

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "that's right."

"But we've eaten most fresh vegetables. This restaurant is so big. Can you really provide so many fresh vegetables?" County Magistrate Zhou asked suspiciously.

It was already amazing to be able to cultivate some vegetables in winter but to grow a large number of vegetables was simply a fool's dream.

Lin yuelan replied seriously, "my Lord, don't worry! Since I'm planning to launch a new hotpot eating method, I must be prepared. I've planted more than one hundred and thirty mu of vegetables in the Lin family Village, enough to supply for this winter's sales."

County Magistrate Zhou was very surprised. "more than 100 mu?"

He had heard that Lin yuelan was a child who had been expelled from the family and cut off from all her relatives.

To think that a child would have such capabilities to build a house, inherit Lin's medicine Hall, work with a restaurant, and even open her own restaurant.

Now, he suddenly heard that she had planted more than a hundred Mus of vegetable land. If he counted this child's net worth, it was at least ten thousand taels.

This was only a twelve or thirteen-year-old child!

Zhou Wencai was equally shocked when he heard that Lin yuelan had planted more than a hundred Mus of vegetables. He widened his eyes and asked in surprise, "so many! Other than supplying to this restaurant, do you sell to others?"

If she did, he would send people to the Lin family Village to buy vegetables every day.

Fresh vegetables were much better than dried vegetables and salted vegetables.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "the vegetables we have can not only be supplied to our own restaurant and Yuelai Inn but can also be sold to the public. Of course, the price would be higher. However, the price will be reduced by 30% for the Zhou family. I'll send someone to deliver the vegetables every seven days."

Zhou Wencai nodded in delight and said, "alright. Thank you, sister Yuelan!"

# Chapter 580 - 580 Famous Restaurant, Unfilial Complaint

580 Famous Restaurant, Unfilial Complaint

Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant became famous.

Lin Jinlan, the person in charge of the restaurant's construction, and Hu Dayi, the craftsman, had become famous.

The restaurant's fresh winter vegetables had become famous.

The buffets of the restaurant became famous.

The hotpot at the restaurant became even more famous.

In short, everything related to Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant seemed to have become famous.

Now, everyone in An Ding County knew about the restaurant. They all excitedly talked about the restaurant's various specialties and its various delicious dishes.

As soon as they met, they would ask, " are you going to have a buffet or hot pot today?"

Three days before the opening of the buffet restaurant, the price was half and fifteen copper coins per person. At that time, the restaurant was full every day. On a cold day, there were people lining up outside every night just to try something new.

However, three days later, because the fee was a little higher, the number of customers in line was relatively less. However, the restaurant was still full every day.

As for hotpot, although the price was a little higher, it didn't stop their enthusiasm for hotpot, especially for those who came from families with more money.

Because anyone who had eaten hot pot before knew that eating hot pot on such a cold day had a different taste.

As soon as the food entered one's stomach, one's whole body felt warm.

The restaurant also had a secret ingredient. It was red and sharp, and it was so spicy. However, this spiciness made people love and hate it.

Of course, many people loved the taste of this spiciness. The more one ate, the more addicted one became. It was so spicy that his face turned red, and his whole body sweated. He only wanted to drink water.

In short, hotpot was a favorite way of eating for those who were slightly rich.

Even Zhou Wencai, the second boss, didn't expect the business of restaurants to be so booming.

He was now secretly regretting that he had provided fewer funds and occupied a smaller share. As a result, his share of the profits was less.

Looking at the booming business, the restaurant must have made a lot of profit, but he could only watch Lin yuelan make money, while he could only count his pitiful amount.

The business of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was gradually on the right track. Zhang Yuanbin was a little panicked on the first day, but now he was able to manage all kinds of affairs of the restaurant calmly.

It was a waste of time to stay here, so Lin yuelan decided to return to the Lin family Village.

After all, the Lin family Village still had many things to do.

Just as Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan were about to return to the Lin family Village, someone 'cried' and 'beat the drum' in front of the county office.

Little twelve hurriedly ran in from outside. When he saw the bags in Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan's hands, he immediately asked in surprise, "Miss Lin, boss, what are you doing?"

Jiang Zhennan replied, "Miss Yue 'Er and I are planning to return to the Lin family Village. Did something happen for you to rush over here?"

"Miss Lin, Lin Sanniu has brought a written complaint and is beating the drum in front of the court!" little twelve immediately recalled the reason he had rushed over.

Even though Lin yuelan had said that she was prepared for this, little twelve could not help but worry.

After all, in the Long Yan Kingdom, it was always possible for a father to win a lawsuit against his children.

It was rumored that three years ago, a high-ranking official was abandoned by his parents when he was young. However, when his unscrupulous parents found him, they accused him of being unfilial, causing his reputation to be ruined. In the end, he could only atone for his sins with his death.

Even a high-ranking official could be sued, not to mention Lin yuelan, who was just a farmer's daughter without any backing.

Little twelve asked worriedly, "Miss Lin, is it really okay to let him come and sue you like this?"

A mocking sneer appeared on Lin yuelan's face. She said, "You'll know soon enough". Then, she comforted little twelve, "brother little twelve, don't worry. Let's take one step at a time!"

The three of them didn't talk for long before the constables came over.

These two bailiffs came to the Lin family Village to invite Lin yuelan.

Now, when the two of them saw Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan, they were a little stunned. Then, the two of them looked at each other and suddenly became a little confused.

Lin yuelan looked at the two familiar faces and immediately went forward to greet them. "uncle Zhou, uncle li, how are you?"

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581 Famous restaurant, unfilial complaint

The two bailiffs nodded and said, "thanks to Miss Lin, we're doing very well!

Because the restaurant had invited the off-duty bailiffs to temporarily act as guards to deter those who had ulterior motives, the restaurant would usually treat them with good food and drinks.

Therefore, when the court runners and constables were not on duty, they were very happy to take up the part-time job of the guard. Other than some extra pay from the restaurant, the more important thing was that they could satisfy their own appetite.

Therefore, the court runners and constables of the county government had a good relationship with the innkeeper and the waiter of the restaurant.

Lin yuelan had been in the restaurant during this period of time. The bailiffs vaguely knew that Lin yuelan had a close relationship with the restaurant, but they didn't know that she was the real owner of the restaurant. However, this didn't prevent them from being familiar with Lin yuelan.

As for why Lin yuelan wanted to hire a bailiff as a part-time guard?

In addition to deterring those who wanted to cause trouble, the most important thing was that this restaurant had broken tradition and hired some women to be waiters. Therefore, in order to prevent those guests from harassing the female waiters, they needed someone to protect them.

As for these female waiters, most of them were orphans and widows. Their lives were really poor. When they heard that this restaurant was recruiting female waiters, they came over.

After all, women who showed their faces in public would always be pointed at, gossiped about, and scolded as shameless whores. It took a lot of courage to apply for this job.

But they were forced by life!

They had thought that they would be harassed by men when they came here to be waiters, so they were prepared to tolerate it. However, they didn't expect that this restaurant would protect their safety and prevent them from being harassed and violated.

This made them feel respect and happiness!

They knew that all of this originated from one person. This person was the owner of the restaurant, Lin yuelan.

The two bailiffs looked at each other and asked, "Miss Lin, you are Lin yuelan from the Lin family Village. Is your father Lin Sanniu?"

A child who was only 12 or 13 years old was being accused of being unfilial by his biological parents. Furthermore, this person was someone they knew. This was something they could not accept.

After all, a person who was disrespectful and unfilial to his parents would be despised and pointed at by the public. The unfilial person would be severely punished by the government.

Thus, the two bailiffs were a little frightened and hoped that Lin yuelan would answer, "No."

Lin yuelan shook her head and said, " no!

In an instant, the two bailiffs 'hearts were at ease. However, it seemed that they had let go of their breath too early.

Lin yuelan continued, "He wasn't my family since three years ago."

"What do you mean?" the two bailiffs were confused.

Lin yuelan replied, "it means that three years ago, Lin Sanniu was no longer my biological father. Three years ago, Lin Sanniu broke off all ties with me. Are relatives who have broken off blood relations still considered relatives?"

The two bailiffs were clearly in disbelief. They shook their heads and said, "of course not. If it still counts, then why would there be severance blood relations?" The two of them immediately reacted and asked, "so, that means you really have nothing to do with Lin Sanniu? He's not your biological father.

"It's just that they separated you from the family three years ago and cut off all ties with you. You were only nine years old then, right? Were they planning to leave you to your own devices?"

How was a nine-year-old child going to support herself?

"Yup," Lin yuelan nodded and said, " in the past three years, apart from the occasional relief from the villagers, I've been looking for food everywhere. If I was lucky, I might pick up some unwanted vegetables and leaves. If I'm unlucky, I can only go up the mountain to find something to eat. You know how dangerous it is for a child like me to go up the mountain. However, in order to have something to eat, I had no choice but to go up the mountain."

After hearing Lin yuelan's words, the two bailiffs suddenly felt that the child was pitiful. They said angrily, "they're really disgraceful!

However, they asked in confusion, "Miss Lin, why did the family cut off their blood relations?"

"because a Taoist priest said that I brought bad luck to my husband. Then, everyone immediately said that I was the jinx of the family, "Lin yuelan replied indifferently. "So, on the second day of the rumor, they couldn't wait to drive me out."

### Chapter 582 - 582 Famous Restaurant, Unfilial Complaint

582 Famous restaurant, unfilial complaint

When they heard Lin yuelan say that she was a jinx, the two bailiffs looked at each other with subtle expressions.

Bailiff Li frowned and asked doubtfully, "could it be that you're the jinx from Ning An Town?"

Lin yuelan was slightly stunned. She didn't expect that the reputation would spread so far.

"Nonsense!" Before Lin yuelan could react, Jiang Zhennan was furious. "these people are saying these things about such a poor child. Do they even have any sympathy? Would they be willing to talk about their own children like that?"

Every time he heard someone say that Lin yuelan was the jinx of her family, Jiang Zhennan's chest would be filled with anger, and he would fight for Lin yuelan's justice.

Lin yuelan was a little stunned by Jiang Zhennan's sudden anger, but she immediately reacted and comforted Jiang Zhennan. She said calmly, "big brother Nan, I'm not even angry, so why are you angry? In any case, their mouths are their own, and we can't control them. If I get angry every time I hear someone call me a jinx, then I'll be angry all the time. It's not worth it, don't you think?"

Jiang Zhennan was still a little indignant. "but you're still a child, after all. A child shouldn't have to bear all this."

Lin yuelan casually said, "who wasn't a child once? Big brother Nan, don't worry. Even if I'm a child, I'm also a strong child. I won't be angry because

of these rumors. So, brother Nan, don't be angry. After you've heard those words, just treat them as farts."

"Pfft!" When the two bailiffs heard Lin yuelan's metaphor, they immediately found it funny. "miss Lin's attitude is really good."

Then, they immediately said in a serious tone, "Miss Lin, we've been delayed here for too long. It doesn't matter if Lin Sanniu is your father or not. Now that he has brought a complaint to us, we will have to ask miss Lin to come with us!"

Although they were very familiar with each other, they had to be official.

Lin yuelan didn't refuse and said, "okay." Then, she called a waitress over and handed the bag to her. "take our bags back to the room!" she ordered.

"Yes," the waiter replied respectfully.

Zhang Yuanbin had been dealing with logistics. When he heard the report that someone from the court was looking for Lin yuelan, he immediately walked out in a panic.

As soon as Zhang Yuanbin came out, he bowed to the two bailiffs and asked anxiously, "Big Brothers, did my young miss cause any trouble? If she really did cause trouble, I'm here to apologize. Please don't make things difficult for my young miss, okay?"

The two bailiffs were a little confused, but when they came back to their senses, they smiled and replied, "shopkeeper Zhang, don't worry. Your young miss didn't cause any trouble. however, "they said with a smile, "she's indeed in some trouble, so she has to go to the court."

Zhang Yuanbin's mind went blank when he heard trouble.

In his heart, although Lin yuelan was young, she was an omniscient and intelligent person. In his eyes, she could solve anything with a wave of her hand.

However, it seemed that she was caught in big trouble this time.

"What kind of trouble?" Zhang Yuanbin asked, trembling.

The two bailiffs didn't hide anything. "someone is accusing miss Lin of being unfilial!" they said bluntly.

Zhang Yuanbin's face turned pale.

This wasn't just some trouble. It was a huge problem.

After the children were accused of being unfilial, they would most likely be severely punished.

In addition to having to listen to one's parents unconditionally and support one's parents unconditionally, one also had to carve the word 'unfilial' on one's face. Wherever one went, one would be looked down upon.

However, the young master was still a child. How heartless were her parents to treat their own daughter to such an extent?

Lin yuelan looked at Zhang Yuanbin's pale face and immediately comforted him, "big brother Zhang, don't worry. It'll be fine. I'll definitely settle this properly."

Zhang Yuanbin was still a little worried.

Little twelve saw that Zhang Yuanbin's worried face had turned pale. He couldn't bear it and came over to comfort him, "shopkeeper Zhang, don't worry. From my understanding of miss Lin, if she says she can solve it, then she can definitely solve it."

## Chapter 583 - 583 Confrontation In Court

583 Confrontation in Court

When Lin yuelan and the others rushed to the court, li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang suddenly jumped out of nowhere and blocked Lin yuelan's way.

Li Cuihua had changed from her domineering and shrewdness in the Lin family Village and cleverly pretended to be a pitiful grandmother.

Li Cuihua stood in front of Lin yuelan, her expression disappointed and heartbroken. She said, "Lan 'Er, it was grandma's fault in the past. Grandma has let you down. But even if grandma did you wrong in the past, you can't just leave Guixiang to her own devices. She's your biological mother, after all! Now that you have money, you can treat your mother's illness as long as you give her some money. Why won't you do it?"

Li Cuihua's short words left Lin yuelan with the impression that she was disrespectful, unfilial, and ungrateful.

There were three meanings to her words. First, she was Lin yuelan's grandmother. She only had a small conflict with Lin yuelan, but Lin yuelan was so against her grandmother. This was disrespectful.

Secondly, Lin yuelan's mother was sick and needed money for treatment. Lin yuelan was a rich lady, but she was unwilling to take out money to treat her mother. This was obviously unfilial.

Third, no matter what happened in the past, her family had raised her. Now, she was ignoring his family as if they were strangers. This was ungrateful.

As a result, the onlookers looked at Lin yuelan with strange expressions. They were clearly condemning her and angry.

As soon as li Cuihua finished speaking, Zhou Guixiang burst into tears and was about to kneel in front of Lin yuelan. Jiang Zhennan immediately shouted, "big sister, do your legs hurt? If your leg hurts, you should go see a doctor. Otherwise, if you fall in front of miss Lin, everyone will think that you're kneeling to a child. You must know that miss Lin is still a child, but she can't accept eldest sister's kneeling."

Zhou Guixiang's action was obviously to kneel down in front of Lin yuelan. This would attract public opinion and force Lin yuelan to agree to any of her requests.

However, it was obvious that her intentions had been exposed.

Jiang Zhennan's imposing manner, his tone, and his eyes were sharp. However, his words made Zhou Guixiang, who was about to kneel down, feeling shaken. In an instant, fear and uneasiness surged in her heart, so she did not dare to kneel down further.

However, her face was full of hope, pleading, pity, and pain, all kinds of expressions intertwined so that everyone could see it at a glance.

She said, "Lan 'Er, your second uncle knows that he's in the wrong. Can you forgive him? can you ask the adults to let your second uncle out?"

Even though not a single word mentioned that Lin Erniu was in prison, those few simple words were enough for the crowd to immediately understand the underlying meaning.

The second uncle was currently in prison. Furthermore, it was unknown what crime this second uncle had committed that his niece had sent him to prison.

A niece had personally sent her own uncle to prison!

For a moment, the dissatisfaction and condemnation of Lin yuelan's unfilial behavior from the crowd became stronger. They criticized Lin Yuelan.

"I didn't expect that this child, at such a young age, would be such an unfilial, ungrateful, and cold-blooded person."

"That's right. She is an unfilial, ungrateful, cold-blooded, and heartless person. Disrespecting your own grandmother and turning a blind eye to your own mother's illness is unfilial. Personally sending your own uncle to prison, this is cold-blooded and heartless."

"Eh, isn't this child the one who bought scholar Zhang? Oh, I heard that this child has a close relationship with the recently popular Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant. I think his name is Lin, Lin something. Oh, right, Lin yuelan."

"Yes, it's Lin yuelan. I even heard manager Zhang call her young miss."

"ah, the man who was drumming just now, the one who lodged a complaint. He said he was going to sue Lin yuelan. Could it be her?"

"look at these two women. They're blocking this girl and calling her Lan 'Er. They came here with the man who lodged a complaint. That's right. She's the person they want to sue for being unfilial."

"However, I heard that Lin yuelan has a very good relationship with Lord Zhou and young master Zhou. If they want to protect her, wouldn't it mean that this demon would be able to escape the law's punishment?"

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584 Confrontation in Court

"No, we can't allow her to go free!"

"That's right!"

Looking at the crowd around them, who had strong anger and condemnation towards Lin yuelan, li Cuihua, and Zhou Guixiang were secretly happy.

They couldn't help but think, 'landlord Yan's plan is really good. We stopped Lin yuelan halfway and gave everyone a strong first impression. We made everyone believe that he was an unfilial and unrighteous person. After that, no matter what kind of relationship County Magistrate Zhou has with Lin yuelan, in front of everyone, he will have to deal with it impartially and sentence Lin yuelan as 'unfilial'. At that time, it will be easy to get her to surrender her money.'

From the moment li Cuihua stopped her, Lin yuelan only sneered slightly and let li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang act pitifully in front of the crowd, but she didn't say a word.

When everyone was scowling at her and pointing fingers at her, she only glanced coldly at li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang. She said lightly, "let's go see his Excellency! If all of you want justice, you can come along. Justice will always prevail. Am I the unfilial one, or are they the heartless party?"

After listening to the child's words, some people began to mutter in their hearts. 'What exactly is going on? Why did it seem like there was something else going on?'

However, regardless of whether there was a hidden reason, she was unfilial.

Therefore, someone immediately began to criticize, "it doesn't matter if they're heartless or not. You're in the wrong for being unfilial."

"That's right. It doesn't matter if these people were heartless in the past. At the very least, they raised you for so many years. Now that you are rich and your mother is sick, you actually ignore her. You are worse than an animal."

In short, there were still waves of self-righteous people who repeatedly condemned Lin yuelan and scolded her for being unfilial.

They could not be blamed.

This "filial piety" had already sealed their thoughts and feelings.

They had been taught to be filial since they were young, and they were filial to their parents without any conditions. Now that an unfilial foreign species had suddenly appeared, it must have made them angry.

When Jiang Zhennan heard the person who was scolding Lin yuelan, his originally cold face immediately became colder. His eagle-like sharp eyes swept over the crowd, and he said coldly, "if you were poisoned by your so-called relatives and father when you were nine years old, forced to cut your tendons and bleed three large bowls of blood, and then starve and freeze for three years, being beaten and scolded all day long, do you still want to filial to your almost murderers?"

He was a bloodthirsty war god who killed people on the battlefield. The murderous aura on his body became stronger and stronger as time passed. Therefore, his awe-inspiring and majestic aura shocked everyone.

Their expressions were blank as if they were frightened.

Jiang Zhennan did not care about their expressions. He turned to Lin yuelan and said softly, "Miss Yue 'Er, let's go in!"

The two bailiffs, who had been acting like statues, immediately reacted and nodded when they heard Jiang Zhennan. "yes, yes, miss Lin, let's go in first. Just as you said, justice will always prevail."

The two of them did not expect that Miss Lin's family would jump out on the way to court. However, they had not entered the court yet, so it could only be said that it was a family matter between them. It was not appropriate for them to interrupt.

Li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang, like the others, were shocked by Jiang Zhennan's fierce aura. They were stunned and didn't know what to do.

After Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan entered the court, li Cuihua believed that Lin yuelan's "unfilial and disrespectful "behavior had already been publicized, which was greatly beneficial to them.

However, Zhou Guixiang looked at Lin Yuelan and felt a faint sense of uneasiness in her heart. However, she did not know where this uneasiness came from.

"No, that's impossible." Zhou Guixiang shook her head to deny this uneasiness. In court, as long as the parents sue for unfilial piety, the child will be punished.

When Lin yuelan and Jiang Zhennan walked into the county government's main hall, they felt a sense of solemnity and majesty.

County Magistrate Zhou was sitting upright in front of the table. The court runners on both sides were standing with wooden sticks in their hands, looking serious.

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585 Confrontation in Court

"Your Excellency, the defendant, Lin yuelan, has been brought here!" Officer Li reported to County Magistrate Zhou with his hands folded.

County Magistrate Zhou nodded. Then, he took the gavel and smacked it heavily. "Court is in session!" he said in a dignified manner.

As soon as he finished speaking, the bailiffs on both sides stepped on the ground with sticks in their hands and shouted loudly, "Wei Wu!"

As soon as the voice stopped, County Magistrate Zhou immediately asked Lin yuelan, "Are you Lin yuelan from the Lin family Village?"

Lin yuelan folded her arms and said to County Magistrate Zhou, "Yes. I am Lin yuelan of the Lin family Village!" She would kneel to the heavens and the earth, but she would never kneel to anyone!

County Magistrate Zhou saw that Lin yuelan was just standing there without kneeling down. His brows furrowed slightly, and he looked dissatisfied. However, when he saw Jiang Zhennan standing next to Lin yuelan, he could only suppress his dissatisfaction. Then, he calmly asked Lin Sanniu, "Lin Sanniu, is the person standing in front of you the eldest daughter you said you wanted to sue?"

This was the first time in Lin Sanniu's life that he had met the highest-ranking official other than the town chief. Thus, he could not help but feel nervous, afraid, and uneasy, both inwardly and on the surface.

He stammered and trembled as he replied, "Replying to my Lord, this is indeed my eldest daughter, Lin yuelan!

County Magistrate Zhou immediately turned to Lin yuelan and asked, "Lin yuelan, is this Lin Sanniu from the Lin family Village your biological father?"

However, to County Magistrate Zhou's surprise, Lin yuelan answered directly, "no, Your Excellency!"

The people who were listening were shocked and immediately exclaimed, "what happened? Didn't this Lin Sanniu accuse his eldest daughter, Lin yuelan, of being unfilial? This person is clearly Lin yuelan from the Lin family Village. So why doesn't she admit it?"

Of course, those who were listening by the side were more inclined towards Lin Sanniu.

This was because no one would actually sue a stranger.

County Magistrate Zhou knew the inside story.

To be honest, he felt sorry for Lin yuelan for encountering such coldblooded, emotionless, numb, and foolishly filial parents.

However, the law was greater than love.

In the Long Yan Kingdom, the 'law of filial piety' was fixed on everyone's head, and no one could resist it.

No one could surpass it.

County Magistrate Zhou shouted sternly, "how dare you, Lin yuelan! The witness's testimony is here. How dare you lie to me in the county office?"

If it were an ordinary person, they would definitely be frightened by County Magistrate Zhou.

However, Lin yuelan calmly said to County Magistrate Zhou, "Your Excellency, please allow me to report in detail. I was once Lin Sanniu's daughter. However, three years ago, I cut off my blood and flesh to return to

my father and mother, cutting off all ties with them. May I ask, my Lord, are they still my family then?"

After hearing this reason, the bystanders nodded in understanding.

In that case, Lin Sanniu and Lin yuelan were no longer father and daughter. It made sense that Lin yuelan did not acknowledge her father.

County Magistrate Zhou held the gavel in one hand and stroked his beard with the other. His expression was still serious as he asked loudly, " are you telling the truth? When I find out that you have lied to me, you will be punished with 20 whips. I'll ask you again, are you telling the truth?"

Lin yuelan cupped her fists and replied firmly, "my Lord, I'm telling the truth. If I hide anything, I'm willing to suffer the punishment!"

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and turned to Lin Sanniu, who was still kneeling on the ground. He asked seriously, "Lin Sanniu, is what Lin yuelan said true? Quickly tell me the truth. If you lie, you will be punished with twenty wooden planks to the ass!"

When Lin Sanniu heard that Lin yuelan refused to acknowledge their father-daughter relationship, a wave of anger surged in his heart. He even wanted to stand up and give Lin yuelan a few slaps. However, when he saw the magistrate sitting high up in the air and the surrounding constables holding wooden sticks in their hands, he put away the thought of beating her.

He could only kneel in front of the hall and listen carefully.

However, the more he heard Lin yuelan's words, the angrier he became. At the same time, he felt more afraid.

Lin yuelan had actually revealed the matter of severing ties with her family three years ago.

As long as this matter came out, even if he had the right of filial piety, he could also be criticized by others at the same time.

However, what Lin yuelan said was the truth. Even if he wanted to refute her, he didn't know how to.

## Chapter 586 - 586 A Confrontation In Court

586 A Confrontation in Court

Lin Sanniu looked carefully at County Magistrate Zhou. His heart was filled with respect and fear. When he heard County Magistrate Zhou's words, his heart tightened. He opened his mouth and stammered, "yes, yes, yes, yes, Your Excellency. This..."

Lin Sanniu rambled on for a long time, but he could not come up with an explanation.

County Magistrate Zhou smacked the gavel and asked sternly, "Lin Sanniu, you just have to answer me yes or no."

Hearing that, Lin Sanniu was so scared that he shrunk his neck. Cold sweat broke out on his forehead, and his face turned pale.

This time, he was so scared that he couldn't speak. He didn't even have the strength to answer "yes" or "no".

Lin Laosan was calmer than Lin Sanniu. He replied on behalf of Lin Sanniu, "my Lord, there is indeed such a thing. However, this lowly one's family has their own difficulties in severing ties with Lan 'Er, so please listen to this lowly one's explanation!"

As soon as County Magistrate Zhou heard that it was Lin Sandou who replied, he slammed the gavel on the table again. His sharp eyes shot at Lin Sandou, and he shouted sternly, "Lin Sandou, I didn't ask you a question, but you interrupted me. Now, I will give you ten smacks for disturbing the court. Men, execute this immediately!"

Lin yuelan gave County Magistrate Zhou a thumbs-up in her heart.

County Magistrate Zhou was really awesome.

He gave elder Lin 10 big slaps as soon as he came up, which was really satisfying.

When Lin Sanniu heard that his father was about to be punished, his foolish filial heart flared up. He didn't care about his nervousness or fear as he directly kowtowed to County Magistrate Zhou and said, "my Lord, my Lord, my Lord, please spare my father's life. My father is old and can't take these 10 slaps. Why don't you let me take the punishment in my father's place?"

When County Magistrate Zhou heard this, he nodded slightly and said, "alright, considering your filial piety, you will be the one to receive the ten punishments in your father's place! Men, execute this immediately!"

After that, other than Lin Sanniu's muffled groans and Lin Laosan's occasional flame-like glare at Lin yuelan, the entire court was silent.

As for li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang, even though they had the upper hand in the Lin family Village and could argue with anyone in this court, they couldn't help but shrink back, not even daring to let out a fart.

Even Lin Sanniu, who was going to be flogged ten times, did not dare to make a sound.

If they were in the Lin family Village, they would have pounced on Lin Yuelan already.

After a short while, Lin Sanniu was done with his ten slaps.

He was already half-dead after only ten beatings.

His originally pale face had become even paler after being flogged. Although there was no blood on his buttocks, he lay on the stool weakly.

The two constables quickly pulled him down from the stool and did not do anything to him. They let him lie on the ground, and the court proceeding continued.

However, such a situation left the bystanders dumbfounded.

He was clearly here to sue his daughter for being unfilial, but in the blink of an eye, he, the father of the original plaintiff, was the first to be flogged.

After Lin Sanniu returned to his original position and knelt down, County Magistrate Zhou slammed the gavel again and asked sternly, "Lin Sanniu, your father said that Lin yuelan cut off all ties with you. There was a hidden reason. What's the reason? Quickly tell me!"

In the hall, Lin yuelan pouted and thought to herself, 'what kind of difficulties could there be? They were scared that I'd jinx the family, so they were forced to make such a choice...'

In the end, as expected ...

## Chapter 587 - 587 Confrontation In Court

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Lin Sanniu was injured, and his heart was filled with fear. He recounted the entire story of how he had cut off all ties with Lin yuelan.

Of course, they had discussed this in the Lin family Village and prepared a draft. Lin Yuelan was a jinx to her husband and family. Everything was done because they had no other choice.

"my Lord, that's what happened," Lin Sanniu said carefully, "because Lan 'Er is the jinx of her family, and for the safety of the Lin family, we had no choice but to do this. My Lord, everything I said is true. Please investigate!"

When the crowd heard Lin Sanniu's explanation, they nodded in understanding. For a moment, the crowd in the court began to whisper to each other.

"So this child is the jinx of bringing bad luck to her husband and family. No wonder all of this child's relatives want to cut off all ties with her."

"That's right. If my family had a jinx, I would definitely cut off all ties with her. No one would be willing to have a jinx that would bring down their own family."

"So, in that case, it's also fated that they cut off this child. However, why is a father accusing his daughter of being unfilial now?"

"That's right. Logically speaking, they would do anything to avoid her. So why is the father suing his daughter for being unfilial? Are they really not afraid of the jinx?"

"Hmm, it seems like there's something more to it."

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When County Magistrate Zhou heard this, he also held the gavel in one hand and stroked his beard with the other. His brows furrowed slightly, and he asked Lin yuelan, "Lin yuelan, is what Lin Sanniu said true?"

But who would have expected that Lin yuelan would softly spit out three words, shocking the surrounding people?

Lin yuelan replied, "no, my Lord!"

County Magistrate Zhou shouted sternly, "Lin yuelan, I'm going to ask you one more time. Is what Lin Sanniu said true?"

"no!" Lin yuelan replied in a clear and loud voice.

The surrounding people were shocked!

What was going on?

It was a fact that they had cut off their blood relations, but why did the child refuse to admit it?

While County Magistrate Zhou and the others were still in shock, Lin yuelan told them everything.

"my Lord, although the reason why I cut off my blood relations with the Lin family is that I'm a jinx, "Lin yuelan's sharp and clear eyes swept over Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan, then swept over the audience next to her. Finally, she looked at County Magistrate Zhou very seriously and said in a clear and sharp voice, "But the real reason is that I want to live!

These few simple words were easy to understand.

However, the true meaning of it shocked everyone and made them tremble in fear!

These words coming from a child's mouth made people feel even more shocked and frightened.

County Magistrate Zhou's expression was very serious. He asked loudly, "what do you mean?"

Lin yuelan said, "when I was nine years old, I met a Daoist monk who passed by the Lin family Village, and he asked for a bowl of water from the Lin family. I was kind enough to scoop a bowl of water for him. After drinking from the bowl, he immediately said that I would bring bad luck to my husband in the future. This matter was heard by a woman in the village, and the rumors became that I would jinx my family and relatives.

"Just like that, my fate was sealed. My family was afraid of being jinxed by me. It was fine if they just wanted to cut me off. I would have understood that. I accepted my fate. In the end, they are my family. If they are really jinxed, I might as well pay with my life.

"However, on the second day of the rumor,"

When Lin yuelan said this, her originally light tone suddenly became cold and angry.

Seeing the change in the child's expression, everyone guessed that something must have happened here to cause the child to be so cold and heartless toward his biological father and all his relatives.

Everyone perked up their ears, wanting to listen quietly to what would happen next.

Lin yuelan continued, "however, on the second day of the rumor, my socalled relatives, including my grandfather, grandmother, and uncles threatened my father to drown me in a large water tank in the courtyard.

"And my biological father did as he was told without a second word."

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588 Confrontation in Court

"If it weren't for this commoner's survival instinct, taking advantage of the time when they were discussing how to deal with this commoner, perhaps this commoner would be dead already."

Lin yuelan's description gave the person who made the complaint a sense of fear.

"This was my family." What a heartless father. They didn't give a child a way out. And this child was their granddaughter, niece, and biological daughter.

Just as this child had said, if they were really afraid of being jinxed, then they should directly cut off all blood relations first and cut off all kinship. Then they would not be so-called relatives. Since they weren't family, then the jinx wouldn't be able to harm them.

However, how did these people do it?

It was only the second day of the rumor, and they were already so cruel to their own granddaughter, niece, and even daughter.

This was too terrifying!

After hearing Lin yuelan's story, Lin Laosan and Lin Sanniu's expressions turned ugly and angry.

This wretched girl had actually aired the "family scandal".

This really made them angry and annoyed.

Lin Laosan's face turned ashen as he scolded Lin yuelan angrily, "Damn girl, what nonsense are you talking about? If the Lin family really wanted to kill you back then, would you still be standing in court and being so disrespectful to your own grandfather and father?"

"you wretched girl, you should die. Otherwise, our Lin family will not have a good life!" A sharp female voice was heard from the side.

County Magistrate Zhou smacked the gavel heavily and said sternly, "who is it that dares to roar in court? do you know what crime you should be charged with?"

This sharp and shrill voice could only come from li Cuihua.

When she heard Lin yuelan say that they wanted to kill her, she was as angry as Lin Laosan. That was why she instinctively cursed at Lin yuelan.

At this moment, after being shouted at by County Magistrate Zhou, she was so scared that she immediately shrank her neck and kept quiet. She avoided her eyes and did not dare to look at County Magistrate Zhou in the High Hall.

After intimidating the people who were making a scene, County Magistrate Zhou immediately shouted sternly at Lin Sandou, "how dare you, Lin Sandou, shout loudly in court. Do you know what crime you should be punished for?"

Lin Laosan was immediately jolted awake by County Magistrate Zhou's words. He kowtowed and begged for mercy. "please forgive me, my Lord. I know my mistake."

County Magistrate Zhou said loudly with a serious expression, "alright, I'll spare you this time on account of your good attitude in admitting your guilt. If you do it again, you will be punished ten times, and no one will be able to take the punishment for you, do you understand?"

When Lin Laosan heard this, he couldn't help but kowtow. "thank you, Your Excellency."

County Magistrate Zhou nodded and said, "Good."

Then, County Magistrate Zhou confirmed with Lin yuelan, "Lin yuelan, are you telling the truth? Do you have any evidence to prove it?"

When Lin Laosan heard this, he immediately wanted to interrupt, but when he thought of County Magistrate Zhou's words, he immediately didn't dare to say anything.

Lin yuelan cupped her fists and replied, "my Lord, everything I said is true. When I escaped from the Lin family's courtyard, I ran into the village chief and the other villagers. They can vouch for me that it was the Lin family who wanted me dead."

When County Magistrate Zhou heard this, he immediately turned to Lin Sanniu and asked, "Lin Sanniu, is what Lin yuelan said true? Were you the ones who wanted to poison your own daughter?"

Lin Sanniu was lying on the ground. He didn't dare to answer County Magistrate Zhou's question, but he had no choice. He braced himself and said, "Your Excellency, it's true!"

This matter could be verified in the Lin family Village, so even if he wanted to lie, he couldn't.

The moment Lin Sanniu admitted to this, the crowd by the door immediately went into an uproar.

They couldn't believe this.

Such a truth was truly too terrifying.

County Magistrate Zhou smacked the gavel again, and the heavy sound immediately resounded throughout the entire court.

County Magistrate Zhou asked sternly, "Lin Sanniu, Lin Sandou, do you know that killing someone is a capital crime?"

The moment Lin Sanniu heard about the death penalty, the pale Lin Sanniu immediately panicked. He kept kowtowing and said, "please spare me, my Lord! I know I was wrong!"

County Magistrate Zhou continued, "since you didn't commit any serious mistakes in the past, Lin Yuelan was spared, and you can be spared from death. However, you cannot escape from the punishment!

"As the head of the Lin family and Lin yuelan's grandfather, Lin Laosan had ordered his own son, Lin yuelan's father, to kill Lin yuelan in secret. This was a serious crime, and he would be flogged thirty times. Lin Sanniu, you have committed the crime of intentional murder. Since you were following orders, you had no choice but to do so. Your sentence will be reduced to twenty flogs of the wooden plank. Execute it immediately!"

Very quickly, a bailiff pulled the two of them to a long bench and laid them down. Then, the rod that was as thick as a baby's arm immediately landed heavily on them.

Everyone was shocked by this unexpected result.

Didn't the father come to sue his daughter for being unfilial?

Why did this result seem to be so awkward?

The accused was fine, but the plaintiff listed a few crimes and then was punished.

In reality, this result shocked the Lin family members who had come with Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan.

When they came, they were confident that they could sue Lin yuelan and get her money, house, shop, and everything else. Then, they could live a good life with a group of servants and be served.

However, in this court, they had never expected that before the case was filed, they, the plaintiff, would already be charged with a crime.

What went wrong?

## Chapter 589 - 589 Confrontation In Court

589 Confrontation in Court

Before they could launch the complaint, the Lin family father and son had already been charged with a bunch of crimes and were covered in injuries.

The Lin family, especially the seriously injured Lin Laosan, had lost half of their lives after being hit thirty times. Fortunately, they had been working in the fields all year round and were strong. Otherwise, they might not even be able to return to the Lin family Village alive.

However, after thirty hits, his butt was already swollen, and there was blood oozing out. It was a ghastly sight, but Lin Laosan endured it. His face was pale, and cold sweat dripped from his forehead, but he didn't faint.

Otherwise, not only would he suffer a great crime, but he would also not get anything. How could he be satisfied?

As for Lin Sanniu, he was obviously young and strong, and his body was in better shape than Lin Laosan's.

After the previous ten beatings, there were now twenty more beatings. In addition to his pale face, his forehead was also covered in a cold sweat. However, he gritted his teeth and did not let himself shout in the court.

The punishment that should have been given to the two parties involved had already been given.

However, the case to sue for unfilial piety had to continue.

County Magistrate Zhou slammed the gavel on the table and said to Lin yuelan in a serious tone, "Lin yuelan, regardless of whether you and Lin

Sanniu have severed your father-daughter relationship in the past, as long as your parents need you, you must show your filial piety.

"The Longyan Kingdom ruled the world with 'filial piety'.

"No matter how wrong your parents were, no matter how big a mistake they made, as children, you should not speak of your parents 'mistakes. All children in the world had to repay the kindness of their parents for raising them.

"The Lin family Village's Lin Sanniu is now suing his daughter, Lin yuelan, for being unfilial. This official is hearing this case in accordance with the laws of this country.

"The plaintiff, Lin Sanniu, is the Father, and the defendant, Lin yuelan, is the daughter." County Magistrate Zhou tried the case in a serious manner.

Then, he slammed the gavel once more and shouted at Lin Sanniu, "Lin Sanniu, why are you suing your eldest daughter, Lin yuelan, who you cut off three years ago?"

After being flogged 30 times, Lin Sanniu's face was pale, and he had no strength left in his body. When he got up and knelt down again, he lay on the ground. He raised his head slightly and said in a nervous, scared, and old-fashioned manner, "Master, I feel deeply guilty for what I did three years ago. I had originally planned to have no contact with her other than to silently care for her.

"In these three years, although I didn't care about my elder daughter, my wife cried day and night after my elder daughter was separated. Her body collapsed day by day, until a few days ago, she was so seriously ill that she couldn't get out of bed.

"It was just that my family had no money and could not hire a doctor to buy medicine for his wife.

"On the contrary, the life of the eldest daughter, Lin yuelan, was getting better and better. She built a big land and also spent a lot of money to buy hundreds of acres of land.

"My wife is dying, but my daughter is thriving.

"In order to treat my wife's illness so that she wouldn't be tortured by her illness, I made up my mind and decided to ask my elder daughter to give me some money.

"but," his pale face showed an expression of hatred as he said angrily," this unfilial daughter actually used the incident three years ago as an excuse. What's more absurd is that she actually said that we owed her money because we made her work when she was young. She said that the Lin family owed her and didn't give her a single cent. She even called all the elders of the Lin family by their names.

"Now, this woman is rich and arrogant, but the Lin family has fallen on hard times. We simply can't argue with the rich and powerful Lin yuelan."

In front of everyone, Lin Sanniu lied about what had happened back then to make himself look pitiful. He blamed everything on Lin Yuelan.

He was clever because other than Chen Xiaoqing's illness, everything else Lin Sanniu said was true.

However, the meaning was completely different.

Therefore, to everyone's ears, Lin Sanniu didn't do anything that bad. He didn't pressure his daughter for money. It was because his wife was terminally ill and needed money for medical treatment.

However, as their daughter, when she saw that her mother's condition had worsened and she was bedridden, she actually rejected her father's request to help treat her mother.

#### Chapter 590 - 590 Confrontation In Court

590 Confrontation in Court

Such cold and heartless children who did not respect filial piety would be struck by lightning.

At this moment, everyone's pitiful and sympathetic expressions toward Lin yuelan instantly changed. They began to condemn and curse Lin yuelan.

"Such a cold-hearted daughter, no wonder she's called the jinx of her family."

"That's true. It's no wonder that the family wanted to deal with her in secret. They had long recognized her ungrateful personality."

"so, the family didn't do anything wrong," someone said, and then exclaimed, "didn't they get beaten up for nothing?"

"That's right. In that case, the father and son's beatings were in vain."

"tsk, tsk, look at this. Although she cut off all family ties three years ago, she still owes her family nine years for raising her. How can she just watch their own grandfather and father get flogged?"

"That's right. Such an unfilial person should receive the most severe punishment."

"Punish her, punish her...."

A series of shouts of "punish her" rang out in the court.

County Magistrate Zhou frowned. His expression was unusually serious. He did not expect that these people's emotions would be affected by the Lin

father and son.

He looked at Lin yuelan with some worry. After all, the situation was not in her favor.

After a moment, he slammed the gavel on the table and shouted, "Silence!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the constables on both sides stepped on the floor with sticks and shouted, "Wei Wu!"

After all, the dignity of the officials was still present in the court. These people immediately fell silent. Soon, the court became quiet.

"Lin yuelan, is what Lin Sanniu said true?" County Magistrate Zhou asked loudly.

When Lin Sanniu drummed for a case, Lin yuelan knew that they had come prepared.

She had been in the county recently, so she did not know if Chen Xiaoqing was sick or not.

However, she now knew that even if Chen Xiaoqing were not sick, she would be made sick by these people in order to frame her.

She lowered her eyes and pondered for a moment. Then, she cupped her fists and said to County Magistrate Zhou, "Your Excellency, some of the facts are true. I don't know much about Auntie Lin's illness. This was because I had been in the county all this time. Before I came to the county, auntie Lin was still working in the fields with a hoe in high spirits.

"Therefore, third uncle Lin's claim that I didn't pay for Auntie Lin's treatment was complete nonsense. Besides,"

Lin yuelan changed the topic and said sharply,

"I know a little about medicine. Although I'm not very proficient in it, I've earned the title of 'young Divine Doctor' in An Ding town.

"May I ask my Lord, when auntie Lin is sick, third uncle Lin didn't ask me to treat her but instead wanted me to give him money. What kind of logic is this?

"Could it be that I need to pay a fee to treat my mother? Or, is third uncle Lin going to pay me the medical fees?"

The 'Mrs. Lin' whom Lin yuelan was talking about, was Chen Xiaoqing, so it was obvious that third uncle Lin was referring to Lin Sanniu.

No one in the court thought that such a form of address was wrong.

After all, they had already cut off all blood relations, so they could no longer call each other 'father' and 'mother'.

As soon as Lin yuelan's words left her mouth, the crowd in the court gasped in surprise.

This child was actually a Master of Medicine. She was hailed as the "little Divine Doctor". It could be seen that her medical skills were not ordinary.

If that was the case, then Lin Sanniu's excuse that the child's mother was sick was not valid.

Although the town's doctors were not very good, they were already the best for these villagers. Since this child was called a young Divine Doctor, it was obvious that her medical skills were better than all the doctors in the town.

"Moreover, it's true that third uncle Lin, third Grandpa Lin, and grandma li did come to me to ask for the so-called alimony. But, Sir, do you know how much they asked me for?" Lin yuelan asked in a serious manner.

The corner of County Magistrate Zhou's mouth twitched, and he asked very cooperatively, "how much do they want?"

Lin yuelan raised a hand and spread her fingers. She swept her gaze across the surroundings and said, " five hundred taels!

"What?" The bystander was immediately shocked, " five hundred taels!"

Five hundred taels. They actually asked a child for five hundred taels of alimony. How could they ask for that?

Lin yuelan continued to elaborate on the process of their demand for alimony, "back then, I happened to obtain divine power and fought a big tiger on Mount da ao. When they saw this, they immediately rushed over and used the excuse of family support to snatch the big tiger that I had risked my life to hunt. I was not willing, so I used the excuse that I started to work in the fields when I was three years old and took on all the housework to hold them off.

"At that time, I thought that they would no longer ask me for alimony. Who would have thought that after I came to the county town for a few days, they would raise five taels of silver that could have been used to treat aunt Lin's illness and use it to sue me? Your Excellency, I am truly wronged!"

Zhou Wencai's lips twitched when he heard the truth in Lin yuelan's words. He couldn't help but admire Lin yuelan's alertness. She was able to beat them at their own game and turned everything around.

Lin Sanniu used Chen Xiaoqing's illness as an excuse to frame Lin yuelan. The only thing Lin Yuelan made was a claim that she noticed Lin Sanniu's wife was not sick at all before she came to the county.

Moreover, Lin yuelan's medical skills were so good that she could treat her mother. It was unreasonable for Lin Sanniu to ask for money from Lin Yuelan to get someone else to treat his wife.

Besides, didn't Lin Sanniu say that he didn't have the money to treat his wife? Then, where did he get the five taels of complaint fee for suing Lin yuelan for being unfilial?

The truth of Lin Sanniu and Lin yuelan's story confused everyone. They didn't know which side was telling the truth and which side was lying.

However, regardless of whether it was true or not, they were happy to watch the show from the side.

#### Chapter 591 - 591 Not Guilty

591 Not Guilty

Whether the matter was true or false, it wasn't just the words of the two parties involved. They had to find relevant witnesses.

However, the stingy Lin Laosan and Li Cuihua didn't call the Lin family Village's villagers over. They were afraid that they would have to spend their money if they called them over. At the very least, a bowl of green soup noodles would cost them money if they were to come to the county.

County Magistrate Zhou smacked the gavel again and shouted sternly, "Lin yuelan, if what you said is true, then Lin Sanniu and the others' accusation of you being unfilial is false. We suspect that they are framing you.

"Lin Sanniu, you asked Lin yuelan for 500 taels of family support. Is that true?" he asked Lin Sanniu in a stern voice.

Lin Sanniu was shocked, and his mind was in a state of panic.

The things that had been revealed were completely different from what they had expected. They had thought that as long as they went to court and reported Lin yuelan for being unfilial, the magistrate could judge Lin yuelan as unfilial without asking for any reason.

However, the magistrate was obviously biased toward Lin yuelan.

Lin Sanniu replied, "my Lord, I asked her for 500 taels. I had no choice. I have old parents, three or four insensible children, and a weak and sickly wife. Look, she has a thousand taels of silver and a big house, but she doesn't care about my family. In a fit of anger, I asked her for five hundred taels of alimony. My Lord, since she already has so much money, shouldn't she be given three to five hundred taels of family support?

"Since ancient times, it was natural for children to be filial to their parents. According to the rules of the country, the children must unconditionally show filial piety to their parents without asking for any reason, even if they have been cut off!

"Your Excellency, this lowly one is now suing Lin yuelan in the name of unfilial piety!"

Lin Sanniu's words were clearly overbearing, and he was forcing County Magistrate Zhou.

This was a hint to County Magistrate Zhou that no matter what they had done in the past, now that he had come to court to file a complaint, County Magistrate Zhou had to judge Lin yuelan as unfilial without any reason.

Although his words were a little out of line, as a citizen of the Long Yan Kingdom, no matter how many reasons Lin yuelan had, there was no doubt that she was already a great unfilial daughter.

Thus, regardless of whether Lin yuelan was truly unfilial or not, as long as her parents lodged a complaint, she would be considered unfilial and would have to bear the crime. In addition to accepting the punishment of being "unfilial ", she would also have to follow her parents 'requests and be filial to all their conditions.

County Magistrate Zhou, Zhou wencai, little twelve, Jiang Zhennan, and the rest heard Lin Sanniu's words and looked at Lin yuelan with worry in their eyes.

Lin yuelan stood beside Lin Sanniu. The corners of her mouth curled up into an arc that was obviously filled with mockery and sarcasm.

She was rather surprised that the usually clumsy and foolish Lin Sanniu would have the courage to say those words.

This made her think of a saying, 'birds die for food, and humans die for wealth.'

Lin Sanniu had obviously made up his mind to Sue her for being unfilial. Then, they would get everything from her.

Lin yuelan sneered in her heart. 'you must be dreaming!'

County Magistrate Zhou had no choice but to ask Lin yuelan, "the defendant, Lin yuelan, do you have anything else to say?"

However, everyone knew that no matter what Lin yuelan wanted to say, her 'unfilial' reputation had already been set in stone.

Lin yuelan did not respond to County Magistrate Zhou's question. Jiang Zhennan was the first to step forward. His sharp eyes looked at Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan. He asked sternly, "three years ago, Lin yuelan cut her veins and bled three bowls of blood to return her bloodline to her father. Is that true?"

This matter had been mentioned earlier, but after everyone was confused by Lin Sanniu and Lin yuelan's words, no one thought of it.

Now, this matter was brought up again, and everyone came to a sudden realization.

However, why did this man bring this up? Could he change the fact that Lin yuelan was 'unfilial'?

When Lin Sanniu met Jiang Zhennan's eagle-like sharp gaze, his heart could not help but tighten. The expression on his face was also filled with panic. He stuttered in fear, "this... this..."

#### Chapter 592 - 592 Not Guilty

592 Not Guilty

There was a moment of silence in the court. For a moment, everyone did not know what this could do. Lin Yuelan was still unfilial.

Jiang Zhennan nodded and then turned to County Magistrate Zhou and said coldly, "three years ago, Miss Lin had already returned her blood to her father and her flesh to her mother. So, she has returned all the kindness of raising her. If that's the case, how can there be filial piety?"

When he said this, everyone was stunned and could not react in time.

County Magistrate Zhou was also stunned. He could not help but nod and say, "that's right! Blood returned to father, and flesh returned to mother. The debt of raising a child had been cleared, and there was indeed no such thing as filial piety. Lin Sanniu, do you still have something to say?"

County Magistrate Zhou asked Lin Sanniu sternly.

However, Lin Sanniu's reaction surprised Lin yuelan.

Could this be his potential that was stimulated by a difficult situation?

Lin Sanniu said with conviction, "my Lord, I didn't force her to return blood and flesh. It was only because she wanted to leave the Lin family that she made the decision. Besides, the body is inherited from her parents. It's unfilial of her to bleed and cut her flesh."

Well, that made sense.

Jiang Zhennan said sternly, "if she didn't do this in the first place, she would have been killed by her so-called family and parents. Don't you know that she just wants to live?"

She just wanted to live.

Each word was sharp and deafening!

In order to survive, some people would do anything. Moreover, this child was only forced to leave the family in a way that would hurt herself. She was forced to do this by her family.

Such parents were even more cruel and heartless.

However, filial piety was greater than everything!

Lin Sanniu replied, "so what? Isn't she fine now? As long as she didn't die, did she think that she could deny that Lin Sanniu was her biological father just because she had lost two or three bowls of blood? As long as we're her parents, no matter if it was before, now, or in the future, she has to be filial to us."

When everyone heard this, they took a deep breath. It was sad for this child to meet such unreasonable and despicable parents.

County Magistrate Zhou frowned slightly. It was impossible for him to protect Lin yuelan in front of such unreasonable, shameless, and aggressive parents.

The crisp sound of a few claps could be heard.

Everyone turned to look at the voice and was stunned again.

The person who clapped was none other than Lin yuelan.

However, what did she mean by this?

"That's right. No matter what, I have to be filial to my parents." after Lin yuelan clapped a few times, her loud and clear voice resounded in everyone's ears in the court. "So, Your Excellency, it's indeed as third uncle Lin said. It's only right and proper for me to be filial to them. There's no room for argument!"

Upon hearing this, everyone was very surprised. County Magistrate Zhou, Zhou wencai, little twelve, and Jiang Zhennan all thought doubtfully, 'could it be that Lin yuelan really intended to be filial to these shameless relatives?'

"However," Lin yuelan suddenly changed the topic, "according to the laws of the Long Yan Kingdom, all children need to be filial to their parents only when the men pass the age of 20, and the women reach the age of 15."

As soon as Lin yuelan said this, the eyes of the people who were worried about her immediately lit up, and they couldn't help but feel excited.

Zhou Wencai immediately patted his head and said loudly, "that's right. In article 1633 of the 'law of filial piety,' there is indeed such a written rule!"

County Magistrate Zhou's furrowed brows immediately relaxed. He stroked his beard and nodded. "that's right. There is indeed such a written law!"

"Your Excellency, what a coincidence," Lin yuelan immediately cupped her fists at County Magistrate Zhou and said, I'm more than 12 this year, not yet 15. I'm still two or three years away from the required age!

Lin yuelan was only twelve years old, and it would take three years to reach 15.

So, at her current age, even if her parents wanted her to be filial, they would have to wait until she was of age.

Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan, as well as li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang, who was listening from the outside, were all flustered.

All of them only wanted to sue Lin yuelan for being unfilial and then get the house and money from her. They didn't even consider the issue of age.

Besides, they only knew that as long as the parents went to the county government to sue their children for being unfilial, as long as the government took the case, then the child would definitely be charged with the crime of "unfilial."

They had never heard of such a law. It was too unfair and disadvantageous to them.

"that's impossible," Lin Sanniu shook his head in disbelief, his face pale. "that's impossible. Why haven't we heard of it before? You are definitely trying to scam us!"

As for why he had never heard of it?

As far as they knew, most of the cases where parents sued their children for unfilial piety were when the children were already of age, so there was no need to mention this at all.

Pa!

County Magistrate Zhou once again slammed the gavel on the table and shouted, "Lin Sanniu, are you questioning the laws of our country? Are you questioning me? If you don't believe me, someone, go to the judicial Library and bring me the "law of filial piety"!"

"Yes, my Lord!" Someone immediately went to do it.

As Lin Sanniu and the rest were feeling uneasy, someone quickly brought a thick book over. This book was obviously the "the laws of filial piety".

When the advisor flipped to article 1633, he first showed it to the Lord. Then, County Magistrate Zhou showed the law to the bystanders.

Some of the bystanders, who were literate, read out loud for everyone to hear.

In the end, County Magistrate Zhou picked up the gavel and slammed it on the table. He said with a serious expression, "silence! The plaintiff Lin Sanniu has sued his daughter Lin yuelan for being unfilial, but Lin Yuelan is not guilty of the crime!"

#### Chapter 593 - 593 Unfilial Reputation Spread

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Lin yuelan used the excuse that she was too young. No matter how many reasons Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan had to accuse her of being unfilial, in the end, they could not establish the crime.

Lin Laosan and the others were dumbfounded by the result.

Not only did they spend money, but the two men were also beaten up and in pain. In the end, they didn't get anything. Money, houses, shops, all of them flew away in an instant.

Lin Laosan and the others were so angry that they felt pain all over their bodies. Other than their swollen buttocks bleeding and their pale faces, their lungs, and livers hurt. In short, they felt pain everywhere. However, their hearts hurt the most.

However, so what?

This was also the first time they had heard of that law. This was the first time they knew that the wretched girl had not even reached the age of fifteen, so she did not need to show them filial piety yet.

They were really infuriated.

Looking at their pale and ashen faces, Lin yuelan slightly curled her lips and secretly sneered. Then, she immediately restored her sad and helpless but magnanimous expression and said, "Your Excellency, although I do not need to show filial piety, my former mother, Chen Xiaoqing, is sick, so I still need to show filial piety. My medical skills may be insignificant to those godly doctors and great scholars, but I'm still confident that I can cure auntie Chen's illness.

"It's just that I need you to be my witness."

Lin yuelan's words were telling the Lin family and everyone else that although she didn't need to be filial to the Lin family now, she still wanted to show filial piety.

'Didn't you say that I didn't pay for Chen Xiaoqing's treatment? That's fine, I still won't pay, but I'll treat her personally until she's cured. No one can say anything then, right?'

Such an approach had actually disgusted the Lin family. They had resentful and helpless expressions.

County Magistrate Zhou immediately asked, "what kind of witness do you need me to be?"

Lin yuelan said, "Sir, the Lin family said that auntie Chen's condition is serious, but I have not seen it with my own eyes. How severe is her condition? Thus, I would like to ask you to send someone to the Lin family Village with me. From the time I treat auntie Chen until she fully recovers, I need this person to be involved."

What she was trying to say was that while she was treating Chen Xiaoqing, the Lin family could torment Chen Xiaoqing again, so that Chen Xiaoqing's condition would not have any effect.

In fact, Lin yuelan's purpose was to prevent the Lin family from doing all kinds of dirty tricks behind her back.

Lin yuelan and the Lin family were well aware of this, but the others were confused.

This treatment was clearly a good and filial act, so why did she need a witness?

"Sir, I would like to request permission to follow miss Lin to the Lin family Village!" Zhou wencai immediately volunteered himself.

Because this was in court, they didn't address each other as father and son but as the higher-ups and lower-ups in the court.

When County Magistrate Zhou heard Zhou Wencai's request, he frowned slightly and said, "alright then."

He had thought that the case would be over.

However,

"Your Excellency, this commoner has a complaint!" Suddenly, Lin yuelan's cold voice resounded in the court.

Everyone thought that the case would end there, but then, a shocking scene appeared!

County Magistrate Zhou held the gavel in his hand and shouted sternly, "what charges do you have? Bring them up!"

Immediately, Lin yuelan took out a piece of accusation paper from her sleeve and handed it over, "my Lord, I want to make a complaint. First, Yan Lin of the Lin family Village used temptation and threats to instruct Lin Sanniu to come to my field to steal the vegetable seeds and destroy the seedlings. The total value of the stolen and destroyed goods is 1400 taels of silver. The second is Lin Sanniu from the Lin family Village. He was ordered to pretend to be a worker and sneak into the greenhouse to steal the vegetable seeds and destroy the seedlings. The total value of the stolen and destroyed items was 1400 taels! Your Excellency, please investigate!"

As soon as Lin yuelan's case fell, the bystanders at the entrance of the court immediately burst into a commotion.

They felt that this was too inconceivable and too treacherous.

The person she was going to sue was Lin Sanniu, the person who had wanted to sue her before, her biological father.

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In the past, it had always been the case of the parents accusing the children and not the other way around. This was good. She found an excuse not to be filial to her parents and relatives, and she even directly accused her biological father of being a thief.

When Lin Sanniu heard Lin yuelan's complaint, he was furious, shocked, and terrified. He loudly denied, "you're slandering me!"

When Lin Laosan heard Lin yuelan's complaint, he was so angry and anxious that he fainted. As for li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang, they were only concerned about whether they could get money from Lin yuelan. In the end, they were disappointed. As a result, they were extremely disappointed and resentful of Lin Sanniu, blaming him for being useless.

Therefore, they didn't care whether Lin Sanniu was dead or alive. Not only did they not care, but when they heard that Lin yuelan was going to Sue Lin Sanniu, they felt a sense of pleasure in their hearts. They believed that Lin Sanniu deserved it.

Therefore, li Cuihua said from the back of the crowd, "there was indeed such a thing! The vegetable seedlings that were stolen are still in his cowshed."

This time, everyone around looked at li Cuihua with a strange look.

What was the relationship between this person and the man kneeling in court? Why did she frame him at this moment?

County Magistrate Zhou didn't care about the others 'gazes. He immediately said, " men, bring this person up and make her repeat what she

just said as evidence in court!"

Li Cuihua was immediately brought to court by two constables.

Li Cuihua's face was pale with fear. She cried out at County Magistrate Zhou, "my Lord, I've been wronged! I've done nothing!"

County Magistrate Zhou slammed the wooden door and asked sternly, "Who are you? What kind of relationship did he have with Lin Sanniu? Hurry up and tell me. If there's any lie, I'll punish you severely!"

After all, li Cuihua was just a peasant woman who had not seen much of the world. When she heard County Magistrate Zhou's stern and dignified question, she was so frightened that she immediately confessed, "my Lord, I, li Cuihua, am Lin Sanniu's mother! My lord, everything this commoner has said is the truth. I'm not lying!"

The appearance of li Cuihua once again surprised all the spectators.

They would never have thought that the old lady was Lin Sanniu's mother. What was even more ridiculous and unbelievable was that the mother would treat her own son in such a way.

Shouldn't she be protecting him?

She, on the other hand, had betrayed her own son.

County Magistrate Zhou shouted again, "li Cuihua, repeat what you just said outside the court! If there's even the slightest lie, you'll be severely punished!"

Li Cuihua trembled in fear and said, "Yes, sir!"

Then, she repeated what she had just said.

This was great. Lin yuelan didn't need to find any other witnesses or evidence. Li Cuihua, Lin Sanniu's mother, was the best evidence.

Lin Sanniu's eyes were filled with disappointment and despair as he looked at his mother, whom he had been filial to since he was young.

In the past, he knew that his mother was biased. She was all biased towards the eldest, second, and fourth brothers, and he was like an adopted child.

However, the more it was like this, the more he wanted his mother and father's care and love. So, he worked hard and did everything to please them.

But now ...

The case was clear and distinct.

However, Lin yuelan had another suggestion as to how to judge Lin Sanniu. She said, "my Lord, Lin Sanniu is my father, after all. I should bear the responsibility for his mistakes. It can be considered as my filial piety. However, he has now stolen and destroyed my property for a total of 1400 taels. I do not intend to pursue the matter, nor do I need Lin Sanniu to compensate me. I ask for Your Excellency's discretion to give him a light sentence!"

However, Lin yuelan secretly made a hand gesture to County Magistrate Zhou and gave him a secret signal.

County Magistrate Zhou immediately understood and said, "Lin Sanniu, you are found guilty of stealing and destroying Lin yuelan's fields. However, in view of Lin yuelan's plea for leniency, I will now announce your verdict. Lin Sanniu was supposed to go to jail for three years and pay Lin yuelan five hundred taels of silver for her losses after taxes. However, someone had pleaded for him. Therefore he will continue working in Lin yuelan's family's fields until all the losses are paid! The execution will begin in three days!"

This was the result. Lin Laosan and his group received nothing. They returned to the Lin family Village, full of hatred for Lin yuelan.

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However, Lin yuelan had personally invited a carriage to bring Lin Laosan and the others back to the Lin family Village. They couldn't say that Lin yuelan was unfilial.

However, after this incident, Lin yuelan's identity as the boss of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was exposed. This made many people know that Lin yuelan, a twelve-year-old child, was actually the young boss of the restaurant. In addition to being surprised, they were more critical of Lin yuelan.

Although Lin yuelan was only twelve years old, her status was obviously high. Did such a rich person have to wait until she was fifteen to show filial piety to her family? Couldn't she be filial now?

Looking at this, she was clearly not a filial person.

In addition, from the family, they found out that this child was born to be a jinx to her family. It was also understandable that the family would treat her like this. This child was really petty and unforgiving. She treated her family so coldly and ruthlessly. She had money and a house, but she didn't want to show filial piety to her biological parents. She wanted to wait until she was 15 years old. What was even more incredible was that she actually accused her biological father of being a thief.

Therefore, the name of Lin yuelan, a twelve or thirteen-year-old child, who was cold-blooded and merciless, and a jinx, soon spread throughout An Ding County.

This also made many people who were indignant and wary of this, and they were resistant to going to Ni Lai Wo Wang.

Many people refused to eat at the restaurant. For a while, the business of the restaurant was affected.

Of course, this only had a slight impact. It did not completely affect the restaurant's overall business and operation.

This was because the food in this restaurant was too delicious. It was as if it would make people addicted to it. They would want to eat it every day. Moreover, some rich people felt that their bodies were getting better and better after eating the food in this restaurant every day. Those who had some chronic illnesses in the past could clearly feel that they were slowly recovering.

Therefore, the people who were angry and condemned Lin yuelan were actually poor people. They were jealous of Lin yuelan's wealth at such a young age.

To the rich, they didn't really care if Lin yuelan was being filial or not. However, her jinx nature was taboo.

However, these taboos were defeated by the desire for good food.

Thus, these series of incidents didn't affect the business of the restaurant. Those people who liked the food came every day and those who didn't would stay away.

On the carriage heading back to the Lin family Village, Zhou Wencai held the folding fan in one hand and glanced at the people in the carriage behind him. When he saw their faces filled with anger and resentment, he laughed mockingly. Then, he asked curiously, "sister Yuelan, are you really the young Divine Doctor from Ning An town?"

He remembered that when he first met her, he didn't notice that she knew medicine.

How did she turn into a young Divine Doctor in the blink of an eye? Wasn't this person too monstrous?

Lin yuelan didn't reply, so little twelve immediately said angrily, "young master Zhou, are you suspecting that miss Lin is lying?"

Zhou Wencai looked at the infuriated little twelve and immediately smiled awkwardly. He said, "no, no, no. I don't dare to doubt sister Yuelan's abilities. I am just really curious. When I saw sister Yuelan three or four months ago, I didn't hear that she had any medical skills. In such a short time, she has become a little Divine Doctor. How can this young master not be surprised?"

At this point, little twelve nodded in agreement, then said very proudly," young master Zhou, you might not know this. Our miss Lin has been learning medicine from Doctor Zhang for two months, and her medical skills have surpassed Doctor Zhang's.

"After that, miss Lin used her superb and pure medical skills to save a few patients who were on the verge of death. Therefore, the people in Ning An Town and the surrounding villages all call miss Lin the young Divine Doctor."

This time, Zhou wencai was truly astonished.

She had only been studying medicine for two months, and he had already become a young Divine Doctor. This kind of talent and intelligence was too heaven-defying.

Zhou Wencai stammered in disbelief, "is this... real?"

Who didn't know that it took at least eight to ten years for a person to learn a thing or two?

However, this person had only learned it for two months!

It had been two months!

Little twelve crossed his arms in front of his chest and turned his head away. He looked very proud and said, "of course it's true. You'll know when you get to Ning An Town."

The corners of Jiang Zhennan's mouth also lifted slightly. He chimed in from the side, "miss Yue 'Er is an excellent person!"

The corners of Zhou Wencai's lips twitched upon hearing that.

He finally understood the general's character.

Although he had always been a man of few words, he would definitely spend some time praising Lin yuelan.

Zhou Wencai nodded in understanding. "yes, sister Yuelan is indeed an excellent person."

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When Lin yuelan and Lin Laosan returned to the Lin family Village at the same time, the entire village was shocked and confused.

They didn't understand why Lin yuelan and Lin Laosan had come back together.

When Lin yuelan wasn't in the village, didn't Lin Sanniu tell everyone that he was going to the government court to sue Lin yuelan for being unfilial?

Could it be that Lin Sanniu had really brought down Lin yuelan?

So, they came back together? Did Lin yuelan have no choice but to yield to Lin Laosan's family?

If that were the case, then, like what li Cuihua had said in the village before, the Lin family's wealth, house, and Lin's medicine shop would all belong to the Lin family.

When she returned, she would have a group of servants waiting on her.

After all, it was a well-known fact that Lin yuelan had bought more than a dozen servants to serve her.

However, with Lin yuelan's haughty and arrogant personality, would she really compromise so easily?

One had to know that she had mercilessly thrown her uncle and grandmother into Mount da ao to spend the night there.

After that, she personally made the few murderers who tried to kill Lin Mingqing hate each other before sending Lin Erniu to prison. There was no love at all.

Would Lin yuelan, who had been so cold and heartless to the Lin family, obediently hand over all her money, house, and shop to them?

No matter how they thought about it, they felt that it was impossible.

As expected, when the two carriages neared the Lin family Village, the villagers realized that even though they had returned together, the situation was completely different from what they had imagined.

The Lin family, who should have been in high spirits after receiving Lin yuelan's fortune, were now sitting in the carriage behind with pale faces. Li Cuihua's body was still trembling as if she had suffered a serious shock. There was an unknown yellow liquid under her feet. Zhou Guixiang, who was sitting beside her, frowned slightly. Her face was very ugly as she distanced herself from li Cuihua. One hand was still covering her nose.

However, what made everyone even more surprised was the father and son pair, Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan.

The two of them were lying side by side in the cart with their butts facing the sky. Obviously, anyone who saw their high butts would know that this was definitely not normal. Not to mention, their butts were covered in red blood, and Lin Laosan's butt seemed to be still bleeding.

What on earth happened?

Didn't Lin Sanniu and the rest go to the county office to sue Lin yuelan for being unfilial?

Even if he couldn't sue Lin yuelan, he wouldn't have been beaten up, right?

Why did they all come back in such a sorry state?

Lin Daniu, li Hehua, and a few other children ran out from the crowd and asked in surprise, " father, mother, what's wrong with you? Who did this to

you?"

Both of them wanted to help li Cuihua, but as soon as they got close, they smelled a strange smell. The two of them couldn't help but wrinkle their noses.

Lin Daniu asked doubtfully, "mother, why is there an unpleasant smell around you?"

"That's right. It smells like urine. Mother, why do you have the smell of urine on you?" Li Hehua quickly caught it, but then shouted in surprise, "Father, what's wrong with you? Why do you raise your butt so high, and there's blood on it?"

At first, everyone only saw Lin Laosan and Lin Sanniu lying down, while li Cuihua and Zhou Guixiang's faces were pale. It was a little strange. Now, Lin Daniu and Li Hehua revealed that li Cuihua had a strange smell on her body, and it was the smell of urine. This was telling everyone that li Cuihua had peed and that Lin Laosan had really been beaten up.

Some people couldn't help but laugh. "you're already so old, but you still have urinary incontinence. This is really funny, hahaha!"

"hey, li Cuihua, weren't you showing off to us before that your family would soon be rich, have a new house, and have a group of servants to serve you?" Some of the old women who didn't get along with li Cuihua immediately began to mock and ridicule her, "how did you become so embarrassed and disheveled in just half a day? What a joke."

"Look at their pale faces and dazed expressions. Lin Laosan and Sanniu are injured. What happened to you?" Some of the elders who were around the same age as Lin Laosan asked in confusion, "Laosan, are you alright? What was going on? Erniu's wife, you tell us."

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Originally, Lin Daniu and Li Hehua were supposed to accompany Lin Laosan and his wife to the county. However, on that day, Lin Daniu ate something that he shouldn't have eaten. After having diarrhea for a whole day, he was so weak that he couldn't go to the county at all. Li Hehua had to stay behind to take care of Lin Daniu. As for Lin Siniu, he had to stay behind to work. Chen Xiaoqing, who was involved in this, was currently bedridden by the Lin family.

Hence, only Lin Laosan, li Cuihua, and Zhou Guixiang accompanied Lin Sanniu to the Yamen.

However, Zhou Guixiang was filled with regret. If she had known this would be the result, she would have stayed in the Lin family Village instead of having to worry and fear for the whole day and endure the unpleasant smell of urine.

Zhou guixiang jumped off the carriage and glanced at Lin yuelan nervously. Then, she answered carefully, "fourth master, father, and third brother was punished by the county Magistrate and got 30 flogs."

When they heard that Lin Laosan and Lin Sanniu had been caned at the county government office, they were all shocked.

"Er Niu's wife, can you be more specific? What's going on? Didn't they go to the county government to complain about the girl being unfilial? How did they become punished?"

Zhou guixiang said, "fourth master, there's something you don't know. That girl brought up the incident three years ago, and then father and third

brother were sentenced for attempted murder. Then, they were both beaten up."

"Bastard!" Fourth uncle flew into a rage. "how dare you to spread this in public!"

Although this was Lin Laosan's family, it could also be said to be the Lin family Village's family scandal.

Since it was a family scandal, of course, it was better to cover it up. How could it be revealed?

"that girl, does she even think of herself as a Lin family villager?" Fourth uncle said angrily, "besides, one is her biological grandfather, and the other is her biological father. How could she be so unfilial and ask the magistrate to punish them in court?"

Hearing the fourth master's harsh criticism of Lin yuelan, Zhou guixiang was secretly happy. However, she still looked very afraid and carefully said, "fourth master, I'm afraid you don't know, but the magistrate and this girl are very close. It seems that the magistrate is obviously biased toward that girl. And that girl just stood aside and watched coldly when her own father was beaten."

"What?" Upon hearing that the magistrate was very familiar with Lin yuelan, the surrounding villagers were immediately surprised, "that girl is actually familiar with the magistrate?"

Zhou guixiang nodded, then pointed to the elegant young man beside Lin yuelan and said, "that's the son of the county Magistrate!"

When everyone heard this, they immediately turned around and looked at him with shock on their faces. "I remember that he came to the Lin family Village before. Is he really the son of the county Magistrate?"

Zhou Guixiang nodded and replied, "yes!

For people like them who had only lived in the mountain village, they had never seen the world. To be able to see the mayor and say a few words to him was the greatest and most dignified official they had ever seen.

As for the district Magistrate, they didn't even dare to think about it. Unless they were involved in a lawsuit, it was simply unimaginable to see the district Magistrate and be on good terms with him.

But now, even though they hadn't seen the magistrate, his son had appeared in the Lin family Village. This made the Lin family villagers excited and happy but at the same time, nervous and afraid.

"Hey, if you're so free, hurry up and move her away. I still have to rush back before dark."

Just as everyone was surprised by the appearance of the Zhou family's eldest son, an unfamiliar voice suddenly rang out.

The man continued, "even though that lady offered me a high price to bring you back, your Lin family Village is too remote. If I return late and something happens on the way back, are any of you going to pay me?

"I thought I could make a profit by offering a high price, but this carriage is full of blood and urine. The smell is really bad. How can I do business in the future?" Although the last few sentences were muttered by himself, his voice was not soft.

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After he said this, everyone finally understood, but some people started to feel embarrassed.

After all, he was talking about the Lin family Village.

The father and son, Lin Laosan and Lin Sanniu, were carried down by a few young men, but li Cuihua had not said a word since just now. She also had an unpleasant smell on her body, so not many people wanted to get close to her.

"Come down!" One of the older men shouted sternly. Then, he ordered li Hehua and Zhou guixiang, "pull your mother-in-law down. Don't you feel ashamed?"

Hearing their elders 'instructions, li Hehua and Zhou guixiang had no choice but to endure the stench on li Cuihua's body. With one hand covering their noses, they tried to pull li Cuihua down with the other. "mother, we're home. Come down!" they shouted.

After pulling and calling for so long, li Cuihua finally woke up.

However, as soon as she woke up, she began to reveal her true colors.

She asked loudly, "where's that bitch?"

The driver and fourth master's faces darkened, and they reprimanded her sternly, "What bitch? If she's a bitch, then what are you as her grandmother? Just look at yourself, hurry up and get back home, don't embarrass yourself here!"

Li Cuihua, however, was unconvinced and scolded loudly, "that bitch actually caused us to lose five taels of silver for nothing. You go and find that bitch to ask for silver!" Originally, she had said that she would go and ask for the silver herself, but she had an instinctive fear of Lin yuelan, so she had instructed Zhou Guixiang to go.

Zhou Guixiang's face turned pale, and she said awkwardly, "this... this... mother!" she was even more terrified of that girl.

The elder chided again, "What are you going to go for? Hurry up and go home. Then, go and get Doctor Zhang to take a look at Laosan and Sanniu's injuries. Are we just going to let them rot their butts like this?"

It was really embarrassing in the eyes of outsiders.

Very quickly, a few young and strong men carried Lin Sanniu and Lin Laosan back to the Lin family's courtyard.

Lin yuelan and her group, who were walking in front, didn't know what happened after that.

However, no matter what had happened just now, as long as it didn't involve her, it was none of her business. She just pretended not to hear or see it.

From the moment they entered the village, the villagers only watched from a distance. Although they were curious and puzzled, no one dared to go up and ask.

When he arrived at the large compound, which was Lin yuelan's new home, Zhou Wencai alighted from the car. When he saw such a spacious and beautiful residence, his eyes were filled with surprise.

He asked little twelve in disbelief, "brother little twelve, does this house really belong to sister Yuelan? Did she really order people to build houses like this?"

Little twelve rolled his eyes in a very inelegant manner and said to Zhou Wencai, "young master Zhou, I've already told you five times. This house does indeed belong to miss Lin alone. She was the one who hired someone to build it."

When he saw Zhou Wencai's expression, he said with slight disdain, "If young master Zhou has nothing else to ask, then this lowly one will have to bring the horse back to the stable. I'm very busy, and I don't have the time to answer your silly questions like this."

Zhou Wencai was taken aback by little twelve's words. By the time he reacted, his face immediately flushed red. It was obvious that he was embarrassed.

Indeed, he was like an idiot, asking the same question over and over again. It was no wonder that he was tired of it.

However, he couldn't be blamed. He had only been away for three or four months. Who would have thought that when he came back, that dilapidated little thatched house would become a large house with carved beams and painted rafters? This was simply a divine turning point. What was even more unbelievable was that this was built by a child from scratch.

Zhou Wencai watched as little twelve led the horse to the stables. He then held the fan and touched the back of his head before stepping into the large courtyard. Then, he looked around with a curious gaze.

As for Lin yuelan, once she got off the carriage, she didn't even enter the house and went directly to the vegetable greenhouse in the 12th District.

Jiang Zhennan followed.

The greenhouse in the 12th District was in the Lin family Village.

Thus, they arrived there after a short while.

Lin Jiawei held a notebook in his hand and lowered his head as if he was thinking about something.

"Brother Jiawei!" Lin yuelan shouted.

Lin Jiawei heard Lin yuelan's voice and immediately looked up. His eyes lit up, and he said happily, "sister Lan, you're back!"

Counting the days, Lin yuelan had left the Lin family Village for nearly half a month.

Lin yuelan nodded and said, "yes, brother Jiawei, I'm back. I saw that you were thinking about something. Did you encounter any problems?"

When Lin Jiawei heard this, he immediately showed the book in his hand to Lin yuelan. He pointed to a few places and said,

"Sister Lan, I did as you said. I replaced the seedlings damaged by Lin Sanniu. However, for some reason, a large portion of them grew in a crooked manner. They didn't seem to be able to grow big. Some of the leaves even started to turn yellow and rot.

"I invited some experienced women over to see if the vegetables were sick. However, they shook their heads and said that it didn't seem like they were sick. As for the reason, they didn't know.

"Now that you're back, sister Lan, come and take a look. What's going on? Is it really impossible to plant the vegetables after being pulled out once?"

Lin yuelan handed the book back to Lin Jiawei and said, "let's go in and see what the problem is."

In fact, Lin yuelan was well aware of what the problem was.

These vegetables weren't sick or had worms growing on them. It was because she had been away for more than half a month, and there wasn't a timely supply of spiritual spring water.

Therefore, it looked like it was growing very slowly, and its leaves were yellow and rotten.

The group entered the greenhouse.

The seedlings that were destroyed by Lin Sanniu previously had already been replenished.

As for why she had prepared these vegetable seedlings in advance?

That was because Lin yuelan had already predicted that Lin Sanniu would have some ulterior motive for working in the shed. It was very likely that his biggest purpose was either to secretly learn the technique or to cause destruction.

Therefore, she had already instructed people to raise the seedlings in other greenhouses.

After Lin yuelan looked at it, she said to Lin Jiawei, "don't worry, brother Jiawei. These vegetables just lack water at the roots. You just need to add some water."

"Water?" Lin Jiawei was a little confused, "I have been watering the plants these days. Why is there a lack of water?"

However, he still followed Lin yuelan's instructions.

He got a few workers to bring a few buckets of water over.

Then, under the cover of her long sleeves, Lin yuelan quietly dripped a drop of spiritual spring water into each bucket and said, "these vegetables only need some water, so it's fine to pour 20% of this ladle on one vegetable."

"Yes, boss!"

# **Chapter 599 - 599 Business Is Booming**

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The night was quiet and the moon was as cold as ice!

A white Pigeon was standing in front of the window with a small bamboo tube tied to its leg.

Jiang Zhennan took down the small bamboo tube from under the messenger pigeon's feet expressionlessly. After he opened it, his expression was serious and complicated.

He clenched the paper in his right hand, and a wisp of white powder fell from his hand.

He sighed softly. "What's going to come will come!"

Lin yuelan's winter vegetables were famous in the county city's Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant.

In a short period of time, not only did everyone in anding County know that there were all kinds of fresh vegetables in winter, but the reputation had also spread to the Counties around anding County.

Every county would have some rich and powerful people. They were not afraid of spending money. What they needed was to spend money to enjoy life.

Therefore, when they heard that anding County produced vegetables in winter, they were intrigued

Therefore, the rich and powerful old men and women in Lin County came and went in luxurious carriages, one after another, to Ni Lai Wo Wang

#### restaurant.

For a time, the traffic was heavy, and the endless stream of people made all the guest rooms on the third, fourth, and fifth floors of the restaurant, as well as all the empty presidential suites, full of guests.

"Manager, what should we do? There's another group of guests coming to the rooms, but there aren't any left." The waiter asked Zhang Yuanbin anxiously.

Zhang Yuanbin said to the man unhappily, "what else can we do? Of course, we have to introduce them to another restaurant! Do you want us to chase away the current guests?"

The waiter said awkwardly, "manager, but they just want to stay in our restaurant. They are still outside. They look like they are going to cause trouble."

Zhang Yuanbin was getting used to handling these things. He said, "Okay, go and tell them that they can stay in our restaurant, but they have to register first and line up slowly. When the guests check out, we will inform them to come and stay."

When the customers heard the waiter's words, anger welled up in their hearts. They shouted sternly, "your restaurant actually made us wait? Is there a mistake? Which restaurant did we go to that wasn't respectful and arranged for us to stay in advance? But you guys actually made us line up and wait to check-in.

"No, we have to stay here today. Even if there are no rooms, you have to find a way for me."

'I've heard that the rooms of this Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant are different from those of other inns and restaurants. In addition to the luxurious decorations, the bed is especially comfortable, soft, and elastic.' He had never slept in such a bed before, so he really wanted to go in and enjoy it. However, he didn't expect that one would need to book in advance and wait in line to stay there.

The waiter smiled and said, "Sir, I'm sorry! We need to treat all guests equally. Even if it's a beggar, we won't drive out the guests at will! So, objectively speaking, if you want to stay in this restaurant, you can only go to the front desk to register and line up."

The customer was so angry that he almost stomped his feet. He pointed at his nose and asked, "do you know who I am? Do you know that you can't afford to offend me?"

Zhang Yuanbin walked out and cupped his fists at the customer. "Sir, the rules of our shop are that we will treat our customers well regardless of their status, or background. If there are any troublemakers, then I'm sorry, but we'll have to kick them out of the restaurant and blacklist them!" As he spoke, he pointed to the guards standing in front of the restaurant.

This was telling him, and also telling everyone, that those who stayed here had to follow the rules and regulations, regardless of their status.

The man's face was livid with anger, but he didn't know how to explain himself. He could only go to the so-called front desk with an unsightly expression, make a reservation, line up, wait for a room, and then find another place to stay in first.

Because the business of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant was so popular and there were such rules, it also drove up the business of other restaurants in the county. Even the restaurant that used to have the least business was able to attract some customers to stay every day since the Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant opened.

All of a sudden, the owners and managers of these restaurants and inns had a love-hate relationship with Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant.

# **Chapter 600 - 600 Business Is Booming**

600 Business is Booming

Love, of course, was because the reputation of Ni Lai W Wang restaurant had spread to the nearby Counties, leading to groups of guests coming from other counties, thus boosting their business.

Hatred, of course, was because of the booming business of Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant, which made them envious and jealous, and, at the same time, indignant. On what basis could they refuse guests while they had to rack their brains to attract guests? Moreover, the guests they attracted were those who had no empty rooms at Ni Lai Wo Wang. As a result, these guests had no choice but to come to their restaurants.

One had to know that these guests who had temporarily come to their place to rest were all guests who had lined up to make reservations at the Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurant.

Of course, in reality, these guests not only wanted to enjoy the fun of staying here, but they also wanted to try the fresh vegetables in the winter. Most importantly, they wanted to bring some vegetables back.

Since winter had come, they had basically forgotten what the vegetables tasted like.

There are all kinds of vegetables at Ni Lai Wo Wang restaurants. There were green ones, red ones, purple ones, and more.

"Manager Zhang, I came here to buy some vegetables. Can you make an exception and let me bring some back? I have the elders and the children at home, and I can't wait for them to taste these dishes." A well-dressed rich old man said to Zhang Yuanbin in a flattering manner.

Zhang Yuanbin shook his head and said, "I'm sorry, master Liu. Due to the limited amount of vegetables in winter, in addition to providing for our restaurant's demand, my boss also has cooperation with other restaurants and needs to supply them as well. Therefore, the amount of vegetables we can sell is very limited.

"Moreover, the vegetables for takeaway had to be pre-ordered, just like the hotel. Each customer could not order more than 50 kilograms of vegetables. Old master Liu, you can also register at the front desk first, and then we will quickly send the ordered amount to the place of production. Seven days later, you can bring these vegetables home."

Master Liu was a little dumbfounded. "I can't believe that I have to wait seven days before I can buy these ingredients. Why do I need such a long time?"

Zhang Yuanbin explained, "because we have to wait for the new batch of vegetables to grow. That's why we choose to pick vegetables once every seven days."

Master Liu frowned and said, "seven days is too long. I have something to do at home, so I can't wait forever."

Zhang Yuanbin smiled and said, "master Liu, you can arrange for a servant to wait here, or you can come back to pick up the vegetables in seven days."

After hearing that, old master Liu thought for a while. "I'll arrange for a servant to wait here!" He was afraid that the vegetables would be taken away again if he came back seven days later.

Zhang Yuanbin nodded and said, "Okay, master Liu, please go to the front desk to register and pay half of the deposit!"

Old master Liu nodded and sent a literate servant to the front desk to register. However, a moment later, the servant ran back and said angrily, "old master, this restaurant is a scam!"

Without waiting for master Liu to respond, Zhang Yuanbin's face turned black, "this little brother, please be careful with your words! Our shop has always been fair and just, honest and transparent. How are we scamming the customers?"

Old master Liu's face was also slightly ugly as he reprimanded, " if you don't know how to speak, then you should talk nonsense. Tell me, what exactly happened that made you come back and talk nonsense in anger and panic?"

The servant immediately said angrily, "old master, the vegetables here are too expensive. A catty of cabbage costs 20 Wen, and a Jin of celery costs 30 Wen."

Old master Liu wasn't familiar with these purchases, so he asked in confusion, "is this very expensive?"

The servant nodded and said, "of course, it's expensive. Old master, do you know how much these vegetables usually sell for? The cabbage is two Wen per 500 grams, and the celery is three Wen per 500 grams. The vegetables here were ten times more expensive than usual, old master! This restaurant sells vegetables at such a high price. If it's not a scam, what is it?" When he said this, his heart was filled with indignation.

What was so great about these vegetables? They were actually sold at an astronomical price. The price of one catty of vegetables was equivalent to the money a worker earned.

When Zhang Yuanbin heard this, he immediately sneered and retorted, "little brother, you said that these vegetables should be sold at their usual prices. But are we at the usual time? It's winter now. Besides this restaurant, have you seen any other place selling vegetables?"

